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North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter
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The "Jump In"

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The lifeline for Paratroopers and Glidermen

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ALL AMERICAN WEEK

18 – 21 May 2020

Celebrating the 75th
Anniversary of V-E Day.
The Association
President and Board of
Directors invite all
Association Members to
join them at Fort Bragg to
celebrate All American
Week with the Division.

North Jersey Chapter 2019

Christmas Luncheon



The North Jersey Chapter has scheduled their Christmas luncheon to follow the final Chapter meeting of the year on December 21. All members and their spouses are invited to attend after an abbreviated meeting to be held at the American Legion Post. This year's luncheon is to be held at Roberto's Restaurante located in South Brunswick. Please make an effort to attend and support the chapter. If anyone needs transportation to the meeting, please contact the chapter officers for assistance.

A new webpage is being created for the Chapter. Please visit the "82nd Airborne Division Association North Jersey Chapter" Webpage at www.NJC82AbnAssociation.org

The North Jersey Chapter is requesting donations from its members to support the 82nd Airborne Association's Wounded Warrior and Educational Funds. Please contact Bob Dritschel for further information.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

#1-Fayetteville	#2-North Jersey	#3-Washington DC
1472	479	419

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES (792 Issued)



Contact Henrik Moe for Information

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE US ARMY

The National Museum of the US Army is scheduled to be open to the public on June 4, 2020. This museum is the first and only museum to tell the entire 244-year history of the US Army. The history will be told thru soldier stories from the earliest militias to the current day. The museum is located on a publicly accessible area of Fort Belvoir, Virginia and admission is free.

CHAPTER MEETING

PLACE

AMERICAN LEGION
Post 25
4 J.F. Kennedy Drive
Milltown, NJ 08850

MEETING TIME

12:00 pm – Officers Meeting
12:30 pm – Members Meeting

MEETING DATES 2019

November 16
December 21

MEETING DATES 2020

January 18
February 15
March 21
April 18
May 16
June 20
July 18
August 15
September 19
October 17
November 21
December 19

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Veteran's Day
Activities

November 10-12, 2019
Washington, DC

North Jersey Chapter
Christmas Lunch
December 21, 2019

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Troopers of the North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter, Summer has ended, the leaves are falling from the trees, and the weather is getting cooler. We had our Chapter Picnic with the Milltown American Legion Picnic on September 7, 2019. The weather for the Picnic was great and the food was terrific. Everyone had a wonderful time, thanks to the Milltown American Legion and it's Commander, Ron Dixon.

Despite everyone's busy Summer schedule, we typically had 10 to 12 people show up for our monthly Chapter Meetings. This is a significant improvement and hopefully, we can encourage more members to attend. I understand that everyone is busy nowadays, but if you could attend just one monthly meeting per year, your input would benefit our Airborne Chapter and members. Lunch is normally provided by the Chapter after the meeting.

On a more somber note, we lost WWII veterans Teddy Fahrenholz and Joseph Hecht recently. Both were 95 and were some of the few remaining WWII Veterans in our Chapter. Also, Vietnam veteran Edward Delnero passed away suddenly. Farewell and Godspeed. Airborne!

The Chapter has designed gray T-shirts with our chapter logo on the front and large jump wings on the back. They look great and are made with high quality material. The design is printed locally and the current batches of shirts are all made in the USA.

Last but not least, when you wear your Airborne hat or shirt, remember, 94% of the U.S. population have never been in the Military and have no one in their family currently serving. They know nothing about the Military and will, consequently, judge the entire Military and specifically, U.S. Paratroopers, by your appearance and conduct. Make us proud!

Airborne - All the way! - Vic

News & Views from the Secretary

As I look back on another successful year for the North Jersey Chapter, I am pleased to see some new members attending the meetings and getting involved in the Chapter activities. If not for the new members starting to take over some of the actions formally held by the older members of the Chapter, this Chapter would undoubtedly follow the Central Jersey Chapter in needing to dissolve. It is great to see that will not happen here.

Within the past couple of months I have had the solemn opportunity to visit the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery for a couple of services held there for departed veterans. The cemetery is located in Arnetown, NJ and welcomes all honorably served veterans of the United States in order to secure a final resting place befitting their service to the country. There is no charge for services provided by the cemetery including the use, preparation and maintenance of the grave site and a Government-provided headstone, niche cover, or grave liner. The cemetery is run by the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and is staffed by military representatives who perform the required functions for the families. I strongly recommend contacting the cemetery for information on this important benefit.

Airborne, Bob

Chapter Member Highlight

DON MARTIN



Don's military service began on February 14, 1957. Enlisted at Pittsburgh, PA, then on to Fort Knox, Kentucky for basic training. After basic and a "delay in transit" home, it was on to Fort Bragg for A.I.T. and jump school while assigned to the 505/82. Don was awarded his jump wings on August 2, 1957. In September Don went to Germany on the USS Upshur for his initial duty as a rifleman with D/504 of the 11th Airborne Division in Augsburg. In the spring of 1958, Don transferred to A/503 of the 11th Airborne Division in Munich. The 11th was deactivated on July 1, 1958 and was replaced by the 24th I.D. Don stayed with A/503 in the 24th Airborne Brigade of the 24th I.D. as a BAR man. During this Pentomic Era, the regiments were designated as Airborne Battle Groups. Don returned to the USA in January 1959 on the USS Wm O. Darby and was soon after discharged at Fort Dix as an E4 on January 20, 1959, returning home to Pittsburgh.

Army/Navy Game Football Run

Each year, members of the West Point Marathon team run the Army/Navy Football game ball from West Point to the stadium which is hosting that year's game, which is in Philadelphia this year. Along the route the cadets from West Point are honored and encouraged by a show of support from the local residents and businesses. During their 157-mile run, the cadets are cheered on by everyone along the way. One business in Hunterdon County, Reagent Chemical, has hosted a breakfast for the cadets for the past 10 years. The cadets look forward to the break and to the motivational speeches given by the local business employees and the dignitaries that are excited to see them also. Cheer on the cadets this year so that the current winning streak over the midshipmen can continue.

Special Forces Picnic

Several members of the North Jersey Chapter had attended the Special Forces Association Chapter 19 picnic held on September 15 in Farmingdale. An invitation had been extended by SFA member Larry Taylor. The food was great and the camaraderie between the Special Forces members and the 82nd Airborne Division North Jersey Chapter members was tremendous. A special thanks goes to Larry Taylor and all of the Special Forces Association members for the hospitality.

SICK CALL

Please take time to call or write your Airborne Brothers...

John Carlson

Ed Busch

TAPS

A final salute to our departed Airborne Brothers

Fahrenheit, Theodore (Ted), (1924-2019)

Ted served as part of the B/511 of the 542nd Parachute Battalion of the 11th Airborne Division during World War II.

Delnero, Edward, (1946-2019)

Ed served in the 82nd Airborne Division in Vietnam from 1968 – 1970.

Hecht, Joseph, (1924-2019)

Joseph served with the 82nd Airborne Division as a gliderman during World War II, participating in the invasion of Holland and the Battle of the Bulge.

Annual Chapter Picnic Raffle

This year's Chapter raffle was pulled at the picnic on September 7th. The winners are as follows: 1st Prize (\$200) – Bill Bauman, 2nd Prize (#100) – Charlie Moe, and 3rd Prize (\$25) – Michael Granata. The winner's checks were placed in the mail the week following the picnic. The Chapter thanks all who had participated in the raffle and looks forward to next year's raffle being even bigger.

Veteran News and Benefits Feature

New Jersey (Statewide)

Many municipalities offer free or reduced fees on numerous services that are provided by the local government. These can range from pet license fees, recycling fees, building permit fees and many others. Please inquire at the municipality that serves you to determine where you may be able to take advantage of these benefits.

Nationwide

Veterans and widows of veterans can be eligible for monies to help pay for their care. Aid and attendance benefits can range upwards to \$2000 per month to help defray the costs borne by the veteran or their widow. A company, VeteranCare Services, can help you apply for these benefits. If you would like more information you can contact Shira Yerike at 732-453-5790 or by email at shira@veterancareservices.com

Chapter News

The North Jersey Chapter has purchased an inventory of items that will allow you to show off your affiliation with the 82nd Airborne Division Association and the North Jersey Chapter. Anyone wishing to purchase any of the items can utilize the enclosed order form to request the items from the Chapter Secretary, Bob Dritschel. Please consider purchasing a shirt or decal to show your airborne pride and help support the Chapter.

National Association Website & Email

Website: www.82ndairborneassociation.org

Email: execdir@82assn.org

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PARAGLIDE Website Address

www.82ndairborneassociation.org/paraglide.html

Take a look at the newest issue of the Paraglide, its format now is much easier to read on-line.

82nd Division News

A Fort Bragg softball team of female players has recently claimed the world championship. The United States Specialty Sports Association held their world championship tournament this year in Veira, FL. Teams from all over the United States were represented at the tournament and it included 5 separate divisions with about 11 teams in each division. The three teams from North Carolina, the Fort Bragg team, the Band of Sisters Softball team, a Fayetteville area team, the Lady Klutch, and a team from the Camp Lejeune area, the Jacksonville Stack, earned first, second and third places, respectively. In the championship game, the Fort Bragg team beat the Lady Klutch, 8-6.

Army Times Statistics

Global War on Terror

KIA – 2352 WIA – 20,065

Please note that recent casualty information is not included in these numbers. The *Army Times* does not update these figures due to the formal notice of conclusion of the War on Terror. As known to all, these numbers increase and will be updated as formal numbers are provided. The US currently has about 14,000 troops in Afghanistan. Current KIA's noted thru the media for the 2019 calendar year is 14. The most recent being 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper SFC Elis Barreto Ortiz.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Please contact the editor with any info pertinent to the chapter. Anyone wishing to submit a column to include in the newsletter is welcome. Updates of your Chapter and Association records can be made by using the application on this newsletter or by the association website.

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82nd Airborne Division Association Membership Application NORTH JERSEY "All Airborne" CHAPTER



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Chapter Preference: _____ Affiliate Chapter (Active Duty Only): _____

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SSN (last four only)/ASN: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____ Spouse: _____

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To _____ General Fund to benefit the Association's Programs _____ Education Fund _____ Wounded Warrior Fund

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Current Status: _____ Retired Military/Veteran _____ Active Duty/Reserve/National Guard _____ Rank

****Time In Service: Entered Service (month/year) _____ ETS Date (month/year) _____ ****

Unit: _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Combat Tour/Conflict _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____