



82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.
NJ – CPL Steven Koch “All Airborne” Chapter



The “Jump In”

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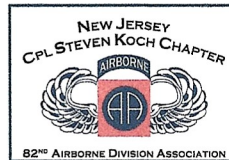
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National Airborne Day
August 16, 2024

The NJ Chapter will once again conduct a ceremony to honor those who have served and currently serve as Airborne troops. Future plans will be detailed in this newsletter for all who would like to take part.

2024 Chapter Officer Elections

The NJ – CPL Steven Koch Chapter will once again have its election of officers during the November meeting, November 18, 2023. All members present at the meeting will be able to cast a vote for the 2024 officers. The slate of officers elected to the 2024 positions will be installed at the December meeting and will lead the Chapter in the coming year. As always, if there is someone who would like to serve in any of the positions up for election, please indicate your preference and request formal nomination to the slate to be voted on.



The Chapter Facebook page has been re-established for the members. Please visit the “82nd Airborne Division Association New Jersey CPL Steven Koch Chapter” Facebook page for recent news and articles. Posts are always welcome. The Chapter is requesting donations from its members to support the 82nd Airborne Association’s Wounded Warrior Fund. A donation made out to the Wounded Warrior Fund would be greatly appreciated. Please forward any donation to the Chapter PO Box.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

#1-Fayetteville #2- North Jersey #3- Washington DC
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AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES

(882 Issued)



Contact Henrik Moe at 732-721-3997 for Information

82nd Airborne Division Association Veterans Day Activities

Every Veterans Day, for decades, the 82nd Airborne Division Association Members have come together to continue our promise to “NEVER FORGET” our fallen. In continuance of this promise, they will lay wreaths at several sites at Arlington National Cemetery, and at the National War Memorials on the National Mall on November 10 and 11.

CHAPTER MEETING PLACE

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

MEETING TIMES

Summer Meetings
6:00 PM
Every 4th Tuesday in
June, July & August

Winter Meetings
12:00 PM

On the 3rd Saturday of
all other months

MEETING DATES 2023

November 18
December 16

MEETING DATES 2024

January 20
February 17
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 25 - 6 PM
July 23 - 6 PM
August 27 - 6 PM
September 21
October 19
November 16
December 21

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Chapter Officer
Elections**
November 18, 2023
**Chapter Christmas
Luncheon**
December 16, 2023

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Paratroopers,

Today is Friday, October 20, 2023. Veteran's Day is just a few weeks away. Monday, October 23, is the fortieth anniversary of the Marine bombing in Beirut, and Wednesday, October 25, is the fortieth anniversary of the Grenada Invasion.

Terrorism in the Mid-East is in the news daily and has spawned demonstrations and protests throughout the world. The war in Ukraine seems to be deadlocked with much of Europe feeling threatened. Our military is in a heightened state of readiness with many of them being deployed to the trouble spots. These are turbulent times. I hope our leadership is up to the task and able to avert larger conflicts.

Let us keep all those veterans in our thoughts and prayers during this critical time.

The Holiday Season is growing near. It is a time for family interaction and a time to count your blessings. Stay safe and appreciate what you sometimes take for granted. Don't be afraid to offer help to someone in need. By helping others, we often help ourselves.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 5. Also, if you know a Marine, wish them a Happy Marine Corps Birthday on November 10, the day before Veterans Day.

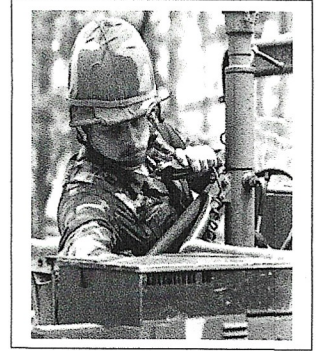
Airborne, All The Way,
Chairman - Vic Balint 732-713-5782

News & Views from the Secretary

This newsletter is the first that is being completed remotely as I have recently completed my move out of New Jersey. I will continue to be involved with the NJ-CPL Steven Koch Chapter by way of editing this newsletter for as long as the Chapter officers would like me to do it. I do want to stay involved in the Chapter and help out as best as I can, even from afar. I would hope that all of our Chapter members who are able have the same devotion and enthusiasm and are able to help out the Chapter in some way, either by volunteering for some of the Chapter events, by running for one of the officer positions or by way of trying to attend the Chapter meetings. It is a great way to meet your fellow paratroopers and you may even make a few new friends. The election of Chapter officers for 2024 will be upcoming next month and, if you are able, I would encourage you to run for one of the officer positions and help the Chapter going forward. The Chapter is in good hands and I hope that the members benefit from the future Chapter events during the year.

Airborne, Bob

Chapter Member Highlight Frank Fisler



After graduating from high school

In 1979, Frank enlisted in the US

Army and was sent to Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas for Basic Training. His MOS was 16R – Vulcan Air Defense Systems and 16P – Handheld Stinger Air Defense Systems. After graduating basic training, Frank was sent to Lackland Air Force Base in Lackland, Texas where he attended classes in security training. Once Frank completed the security training, he went to Airborne School in Fort Benning. After completing airborne training, Frank was assigned to Fort Bragg with the 82nd Airborne Division. Frank had many different assignments and training while at Fort Bragg. Frank ended his active military career in 1985 and then joined the New Jersey National Guard, 50th Military Police Company at Fort Dix. In the National Guard Frank trained to become a Military Police Officer. Frank resigned from the National Guard in 1992. He married in 1991 and had two children. Frank then became a grandfather in 2023. Franks states that he is honored to serve his country and is proud to be a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. Frank states that he went into the military as a naïve young man and left a proud and humble veteran.

Veterans Benefits

The deadline to enroll in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), the plan that allows for surviving spouses and children to any continuation of the military retirement pay after the death of the soldier, has been announced to be December 31. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service, or DFAS, announced in late September that it wants potential enrollees to start the process of buying into the program or opting out by Nov. 1. Typically, the decision whether to enroll in SBP is made at the time of military retirement. For this open season, almost all military retirees may revisit their SBP decision. The first step is to submit a Letter of Intent to DFAS before Nov. 1. This is a nonbinding inquiry to get more specific information for your situation. DFAS will calculate your buy-in amount, monthly premiums and projected benefits. At that point, you can decide whether you want to proceed.

SICK CALL

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

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TAPS

A final salute to our departed Airborne Brothers

None to Report

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PARAGLIDE Website Address

[www.82ndairborneassociation.org/](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/paraglide.html)

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Take a look at the new format of the Paraglide, it is much easier to read.

82nd Airborne Division Deployment

Soldiers stationed with the 82nd Airborne Division are being deployed to U.S. Central Command for a routine rotation of forces. The 82nd Airborne Division Combat Aviation Brigade "Pegasus," stationed at Fort Liberty, will replace a Mississippi National Guard aviation brigade. According to the 82nd Airborne, this is a routine rotation of forces in which it is replacing the 185th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade of the Mississippi Army National Guard in Operation Inherent Resolve. The operation supports partnering forces in Iraq and Syria fighting terrorist groups. However, the operation also holds other missions around the world. Officials said the 82nd Airborne has had several deployments for this operation since 2015. They also confirmed about 1,500 troops with aircraft and ground equipment will be sent out for this deployment. The Department of Defense also announced more security assistance for Ukraine in its war with Russia, dispatching air defense, artillery and medical vehicles to support Ukraine.

82nd Division News

A U.S. Army-led High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, live-fire exercise demonstrated the weapons system's capabilities and enhanced allied interoperability with NATO allies in Estonia, Sept. 27, 2023. U.S. Army Soldiers with Task Force Voit, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 18th Field Artillery Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, supporting the 3rd Infantry Division, demonstrated M142 HIMARS operations to multinational troops comprising NATO's enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group Estonia during the exercise. Task Force Voit Soldiers support the 3rd Infantry Division-led Task Force Marne. The 3rd Infantry Division's mission is to continue working alongside NATO allies and regional security partners to provide combat-credible forces to V Corps, America's forward deployed corps in Europe.

Norwegian Foot March

Several Chapter members along with members of the Special Forces Chapter 19 of NJ took part in providing support and manning one of the rest stops during the recent Norwegian Foot March that took place at the Naval Air Station in Lakehurst, NJ. The Norwegian military has for years demonstrated their combat readiness by completing a 30-kilometer (18.6 mile) march with combat equipment within a specific time and are then awarded the Foot March medal by the Norwegian Consulate. The marchers started the course at midnight and marched the designated route within the Lakehurst Base. The final results of the 90 participants are 37 who completed the course under the required time, 31 who completed the course over the required time and 22 who did not complete the course.

Army Times Statistics

Global War on Terror

KIA – 2369 WIA – 20,245

Please note that recent casualty information is not included in these numbers. The *Army Times* does not update these figures anymore. As known to all, these numbers increase and will be updated as formal numbers are given.

Chapter News

The Chapter has drawn the annual 50/50 raffle at the September meeting and the winner are as follows:

1st Prize – Frank McClement (\$600)

2nd Prize – Bernie Foster (\$300)

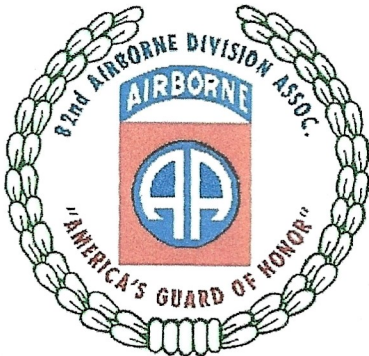
3rd Prize – Henrik Moe (\$100)

The Chapter thanks everyone who had participated and congratulates the winners in this year's raffle. The raffle helps support the Chapter in its annual activities.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Please contact the editor with any information pertinent to the chapter. Members can always contribute to the newsletter or the Facebook page. Member updates of Chapter and Association records can be made by using the application on the newsletter or by the association website.

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JOIN US AT OUR MEETINGS



82nd Airborne Division Association Membership Application
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Personal Information;

Name (Print): _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last) _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ (No email address will restrict your access to information)

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

Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

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

Occupation: _____ Spouse: _____

Please check one _____ Annual Membership (\$35.00) _____ All American Life Member \$350.00

-----Reinstate _____ Transfer _____ New Card (\$5.00) _____ New Certificate (\$10.00) _____ Update

I would like to donate _____ \$10.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100 _____ Other Amount

To _____ Association General Fund _____ Chapter General Fund _____ Education Fund _____ Wounded Warrior Fund

Service Information:

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: _____

Please include a copy of your DD214 for new member applications