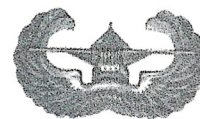




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2021 National Convention

The Association's 2021 national convention is scheduled to take place in Houston, Texas, sponsored by the Lone Star Chapter. Information on the details will be forthcoming thru filers and web postings.

North Jersey Chapter 2021 Officers



The North Jersey Chapter had its election of Officers at the December 2020 meeting. The chapter members have selected Vic Balint – Chairman, Dave Chelak – Vice-Chairman, Bob Dritschel – Secretary/Treasurer, Henrik Moe – Sgt at Arms and Charlie Moe – Chaplain. Please support your 2021 elected officers.

The Chapter Facebook page has been re-established for the members. Please visit the "82nd Airborne Division Association North Jersey Chapter" Facebook page for recent news and articles. Posts are always welcome.

The North Jersey Chapter is requesting donations from its members to support the 82nd Airborne Association's Wounded Warrior Fund. A donation would be greatly appreciated. Forward any donation to the Chapter PO Box.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

#1-Fayetteville	#2- North Jersey	#3- Washington DC
1472	459	419

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES (816 Issued)



Contact Henrik Moe at 732-721-3997 for Information

2021 All American Week

The planning of All American Week - 2021 has started and more information is to become available in the coming months. Moon Hall will be used as the main venue and registration and hotel reservations can start to be made in January 2021.

CHAPTER MEETING PLACE

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

MEETING TIME

Officers Meeting
12:00 PM

Members' Meeting
12:15 PM

On the 3rd Saturday of
every month

MEETING DATES 2021

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All American Activities

May 24 - 27, 2021
Fort Bragg, NC

Annual Veteran's Day Activities

November 11-14, 2021
Washington, DC

Chapter Christmas Luncheon

December 18, 2021

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Troopers,

Today is Sunday, 17 January 2021. I hope everyone is doing well and working through the confusion brought on by the virus. The Covid Vaccine has been available for about a month. Hopefully, this will eventually end the "lockdowns" and put our country on the path towards normalcy. The 2021 Presidential Inauguration is scheduled for next Wednesday, 20 January, and there are now 25,000 troops in Washington, DC to maintain order. There is considerable polarization between political parties and there may be some protests with some uncompromising viewpoints.

This Newsletter will be delivered well after these events and I expect these issues to be resolved by then, but it's always a good idea to have some water and nonperishable food stockpiled for emergencies. During these historic times, it is important that we count our blessings. Be thankful for your friends, your family, your fellow Americans, and last but not least, your fellow Airborne Soldiers. Some people are dealing with the situation better than others, and some people sincerely need help. Please remember, no matter how bad things may seem, you can always call a fellow soldier to share your situation. Although we can't guarantee a solution, we can probably lighten the load. There is truth to the old adage: "Things are never as bad as they seem".

On a somber note, the Chapter lost two members recently. Richie Tam passed away on December 23, 2020 and he will be sorely missed. He served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam and worked as a "Tunnel Rat", a truly dangerous job. He was also instrumental in the implementation of our Raffle Events and was a great problem solver. Rest in Peace, Rich. John Carlson also passed away last year. I attended his Wake in Toms River, NJ. He was dressed in a perfectly pressed Desert Battle Dress Uniform. He had a white ascot around his neck with an 82nd Airborne Division Patch at his throat. Forever Airborne. God Speed, John.

Again, don't ever feel alone. If you have a problem, please reach out to someone.

Airborne, All the way! Vic 732-713-5782

News & Views from the Secretary

The 2020 year has been very trying for everyone. The required quarantining and isolation that results from it has not benefitted anyone, especially members that have limited contact with others. The Chapter has tried to continue with its normal activities and will try to do so this year, as much as possible. I ask that anyone that can participate in any of the activities of the Chapter, do so. Whether that is attending one of the monthly meetings or attending one of the other published activities. We would greatly appreciate it. The Chapter is going to conduct a reach-out to the members on our roster this year to try to contact all. We look forward to getting back to a normal state of affairs soon and would like everyone to stay connected.

Airborne, Bob

Chapter Member Highlight Joe Holloway



Joseph Castin Holloway 3rd born August 24, 1946 to Joseph Castin Holloway Jr and Juanita Quentina Perez Holloway.

I am the oldest of eight siblings and I take my rank seriously as the third in command.

In summer of 1963, I decided with the help of my neighbor, an Army recruiter, to join the Army after my seventeenth birthday on Friday August 24, 1963, on Monday August 27, 1963 I was enlisted and sent to Fort Dix for Basic Training.

My goal was to get my GED, become a Medic, get out of the Army and go to college to become a doctor. I did get my GED and became a Medical Corpsmen in 1963. However, I got the adventure bug to go Airborne. In February 1964 I attended Jump School at Fort Benning, GA. After graduation I was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, 307th Medical Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. As a member of the 82nd with all the training (war games & maneuvers), I became a professional soldier with skills and confidence to perform my duties. In May 1965, the 82nd was tasked to a campaign in the Dominican Republic to counter Communism. We engaged in combat operations that involved a lot of house to house fighting. This mission was concluded in October 1965.

In December 1965, I was ordered to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Viet Nam but upon arrival to Viet Nam in January 1966 I was sent to the 1st Air Cavalry Division 3rd Brigade, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry. There I was assigned to "D" Company Reconnaissance Platoon as their medic (Doc Holiday). I participated in numerous combat and recon missions with some of the most courageous American young men I have ever known. I served in combat until my last week in country on July 24, 1966. I was discharged August 1, 1966 in San Francisco.

I was married in December of 1966 and from that union I have three daughters and nine grandchildren. I retired in 2017 from Dassault Falcon Jet where I worked as an Accountant for 19 yrs.

Veteran News and Benefits Feature

The Middlesex County Veterans Outreach program run thru the Middlesex County's Veterans Service Program works with federal, state, local and non-profit groups to provide different forms of aid to all veterans. Any veteran requiring assistance or additional information may contact Doug Breen, Middlesex County Veteran's Services Coordinator, at 732-745-4051

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

Tarn, Rich (1950-2020)

Rich served with the 173rd in Viet Nam, primarily assigned as a "Tunnel Rat" during his time there. Rich was a very active member of the North Jersey Chapter and other several veteran's groups including being past commander of the American Legion Post 324 in Edison.

US Army Heritage & Education Center

In 2021, The US Army Heritage & Education Center intends to continue its webinar series with two webinars each month. Most often these will be scheduled the first or second and fourth Wednesday each month at 7pm Eastern. You can view them on their website –

www.armyheritage.org. In the event that you miss one, the Center does re-broadcast their seminars on YouTube. Recent seminars included:

George Washington's Development as a Military Leader
with Tom Ricks

When the Marines Came to Gettysburg with Rich Kohr

Tragedy and Triumph: Escape from Chosin with Dr. Michael Lynch

Letter from the Vice Chairman

Hello Airborne!

I would like to take time to introduce myself. My name is Dave Chelak. I have been an 82nd Airborne Division Association lifetime member since the 1980s. I want to thank the officers of the chapter for nominating me for the position of Vice- Chairman. It is an honor to be a part of the team that keeps our organization solvent.

Recently, I have taken on the responsibility to bring our Facebook page back to life. It has been dormant for the past 3 years. As an administrator, I am always looking for material to post. The purpose of this social media page is to trigger interaction amongst our group. It is a necessary alternative for our group to get to know each other especially during these COVID-restricted times. Feel free to contact me via e- mail with personal stories and/ or pictures if you are uncomfortable or unfamiliar with posting on Facebook pages. I also have the ability to scan in old photos if they have not been converted to digital files. We want to hear about and see your airborne experiences. We may be the 2nd largest chapter in the association however we need to catch up with participation.

AATW! Dave P.S. My e-mail address is dchel@outlook.com

Chapter News

The Chapter included in this newsletter a 50/50 raffle. The proceeds from this raffle will support the activities of the Chapter. The officers ask that all who can, please support the Chapter by way of purchasing the enclosed raffle tickets. You may mail the ticket stubs and payment back to the Chapter. The address is NJC – 82nd Airborne PO Box 82 Milltown, NJ 08850

National Association Website & Email

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Email: execdir@82assn.org

execsec@82assn.org

PARAGLIDE Website Address

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

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

82nd Division News

Troopers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team – 82nd Airborne Division arrived back at Fort Bragg in early January after participating in Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve. This homecoming was the second phase of returning paratroopers of the 2 BCT, which had initially deployed in May, 2020. The mission is deemed a success as the joint forces were able to retake the land that the ISIS terrorists had been using as the caliphate. The reduction in US troops in Iraq is an example of the weakening of the infrastructure that ISIS had built up in the previous years. It is with this joint resolve between nations that the lawful order of the region will be restored and the terrorists will have no place to hide or assemble.

Army Times Statistics

Global War on Terror

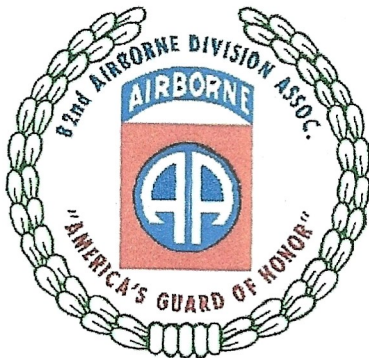
KIA – 2369 WIA – 20,245

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 provided. The casualties noted in 2020 is 17 KIA and 180 WIA.

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



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 _____ General Fund to benefit the Association's Programs _____ 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: _____