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North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter
20 YEAR NATIONAL AWARD WINNING NEWSLETTER



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 2020 Officers Installation



The North Jersey Chapter installation of the 2020 officers was conducted on January 18th, at the monthly chapter meeting. The slate of officers elected for 2020 are Charlie Moe – Chaplain, Tom Balint – Vice-Chairman, Vic Balint – Chairman, Bob Dritschel – Secretary & Treasurer, Henrik Moe – Sgt at Arms and Don Martin – Trustee. Please support your newly 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. 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	480	419

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES (801 Issued)



Contact Henrik Moe at 732-721-3997 for Information

2020 National Convention

The National Convention is to be located in Houston, TX. The convention is dedicating this convention to the 75th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion. For further details and reservation information, please go the Association webpage.

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 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

All American Week
May 18-21, 2020

National Convention
Houston, TX
August 5-9, 2020

National Airborne Day
August 16, 2020

Annual Veteran's Day Activities
November 7-11, 2020
Washington, DC

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings, fellow Troopers!

As I write this, today is January 10, 2020 and I hope that everyone has had a Happy New Year!

A few days ago, the terrorist "Soleimani", who was responsible for thousands of dead and wounded American Soldiers and civilians, had his lights turned off for good by a Precision American Weapons System (PAWS). It's been reported that Soleimani had ties to the invasion of the American Embassy in Tehran in 1979, the invasion of the American Embassy in Benghazi where four American were killed, and the invasion of the American Embassy in Iraq a few days before he met the PAWS. As a result of the attack on the American Embassy in Iraq, 100 Marines and 500 Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division were immediately sent to Iraq with another 4,000 put on Alert. The Mid-East has always been a very volatile part of the world. Please keep these Marines and Troopers in your prayers. The North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter will be seeking ways to support this deployment.

On a lighter note, we have increased the inventory of our North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter items. This is all high quality merchandise. The vast majority is 100% Cotton and made in the U.S.A. As you know, Made in the U.S.A. merchandise is hard to find these days. We have tried to keep the prices reasonable and the Chapter makes very little on each sale. But it is by way of these sales that the Chapter is able to produce and mail this newsletter, along with other ways that the Chapter supports both the Chapter members and the active troopers. Please support your Chapter!

To the families of the deployed Paratroopers, please remember: "I have never felt more secure or safer than when I served as a member of a Rifle Company in the 82nd Airborne Division".

God Bless our President, God Bless our Military, and God Bless America! Airborne - All the Way!

- Vic

News & Views from the Secretary

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a good New Year. This past Christmas year the Chapter sent out cards to all members of the Chapter with current addresses. These cards were part of the archive materials that the Chapter had stored away and it was thought that forwarding these airborne-themed cards would bring a smile to all that received them. I hope that was true. The Chapter is trying to engage the members any way they can. Recently, while I was driving around town, I had noticed that the car in front of me had airborne license plate AB1750 and I offered an acknowledgement of the airborne fraternity as we both went on our way. Just being able to connect this way goes a long way to keeping the camaraderie up. The Chapter has also reactivated the Facebook page and created a website to try to reach more members. I do hope this works as intended as it would be sad for this chapter to follow the path of so many others and had to dissolve due to lack of membership participation. Please take advantage of the Chapter activities and try to attend the monthly meetings. I hope to see you there.

Airborne, Bob

Chapter Member Highlight Rich Allen



Rich's military service started when he enlisted in 1954 and went to Basic and AIT at Fort Dix, NJ. Out of his entire Basic/AIT company, Rich was one of six to volunteer to go to jump school, but when it was time to go to Fort Bragg, Rich was the only one that went. In June 1954, Rich went to Fort Bragg and was immediately assigned to G Company, 325th Infantry. Rich completed the 3-week jump school at Fort Bragg and after getting leave to get married in December, 1955, upon his return, Rich was assigned as a replacement troop to K Co., 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division in Korea. After the cross-country flight and 14 days on the troop ship, Rich landed in Korea, only to be marched 25 miles upon arrival to the forward position located just 3 miles from the DMZ. Rich's platoon regularly went on patrols and the first one he was on was ambushed and he had to use his rifle grenade against the enemy position to safely exit the area. Rich went to NCO school in Korea and was assigned platoon sergeant up until he rotated back from Korea and exited the service in January 1957. Rich was also honored to be able to pin the jump wings on his grandson during the award ceremony in Fort Benning in February, 2014.

Airborne Test Platoon Marker Commemoration



The North Jersey Chapter, along with the Special Forces Association, Chapter 19, are planning an Airborne Test Platoon commemoration this year that is to occur on August 16th, National Airborne Day. The historical marker for the Army Airborne Test Platoon was dedicated by the State of New Jersey. The Marker is located in at the site of the former Safe Parachute Company's wooden test towers. The U.S. Army Parachute Test Platoon began training at the Safe Parachute Company site in Hightstown, NJ in July 1940. The 250-foot tall parachute drop towers located there were used during the Army training and then for the training of Marine Corps paratroopers. More details will follow in the chapter correspondence and all are invited to attend. With the attendance of an active airborne platoon and local dignitaries, it should be a memorable day.

SICK CALL

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

John Carlson

Ed Busch

TAPS

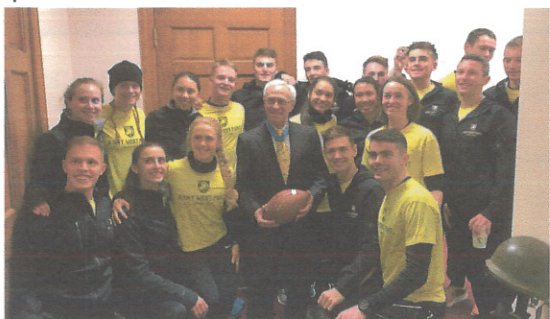
A final salute to our departed Airborne Brothers

Zloty, Edward, (1943-2019)

Edward served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Korea.

West Point Marathon Team Football Run

For the last 10 years, the West Point Cadet Marathon Team has had a rest break at a local business in Ringoes, NJ during their football run from West Point to the stadium in which the Army/Navy game is played. This year at Reagent Chemical, North Jersey Chapter member, Medal of Honor recipient Jack Jacobs was there to inspire the cadets. Jack's talk about service and commitment, along with an account about his time leading the Cadet Marathon team, will be remembered by all in attendance. Below is a picture of Col. Jacobs with the members of the team.



Veteran News and Benefits Feature

New Jersey Income Tax Benefit

New Jersey has doubled the income tax exemption benefit for all honorably discharged veterans submitting a New Jersey Income Tax return. The new benefit is now \$6,000.00. For veterans that had previously applied for the benefit, no new application is necessary. For veterans that need to apply, please visit the NJ Taxation website to download the appropriate forms.

Chapter News

The North Jersey Chapter has reactivated the Chapter Facebook page. Please take a moment to visit the page and to add or submit information for the chapter members to enjoy. The Chapter website is now up and running and it displays a large amount of information related to the Chapter, its members and the Association. In addition to the information presented, the Chapter now offers items for sale thru the website.

National Association Website & Email

Website: www.82ndairborneassociation.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.

82nd Division News

More than 3,500 paratroopers with the 82nd Airborne Division recently were sent to the Middle East in response to rising tensions in the region with Iran. This follows the approximately 500 paratroopers that had arrived in the area on Jan. 1st. The troops will deploy to Kuwait in response to increased threat levels and actions against U.S. personnel and facilities in the region. The Immediate response readiness of the troopers of the 82nd allows such quick response to emerging threats worldwide. As described in a Defense Department statement, the troops will initially assist in reconstituting the reserve in the region.

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 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 casualties noted in 2019 is 17 KIA and 180 WIA.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Please contact the editor with any information pertinent to the chapter. Anyone wishing to submit a column to include in the newsletter is welcome. The chapter newsletter is mailed to all members listed on the Chapter roster. 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 (After 5 years there is an annual maintenance fee equal to 50% of the then current annual membership fee.)

-----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: _____