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North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter
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The lifeline for Paratroopers and Glidermen

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North Jersey Chapter 2019 Officers Installation



The North Jersey Chapter installation of the 2019 officers was conducted on December 15th, at the monthly chapter meeting. The slate of officers elected for 2019 are Vic Balint – Chairman, Tom Balint – Vice-Chairman, Bob Dritschel – Secretary & Treasurer, Charlie Moe – Chaplain and Henrik Moe – Sgt at Arms. Please support your newly elected officers.

A facebook page has been created for the Chapter. Please visit the "82nd Airborne Division Association North Jersey Chapter" facebook page.

The North Jersey Chapter is requesting donations from its members to support the 82nd Airborne Association's Wounded Warrior Fund. A donation from each member of the chapter would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bob Dritschel for further information.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

#1-Fayetteville
1472

#2-Washington DC
419

#3-North Jersey
359

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES (771 Issued)



Contact Henrik Moe for Information

2019 National Convention

The National Convention is to be located in Washington, DC. 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 2019

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All American Week
May 20-23, 2019

National Convention
Washington, DC
August 7-10, 2019

National Airborne Day
August 16, 2019

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,

Greetings from your new Chairman. My name is Vic Balint and I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year! Last December, after an election of new Chapter Officers, I moved from Vice-Chairman to Chairman. Hopefully, I will be able to fill the shoes of the previous Chairman, Don Martin. Thank you, Don, for your service. I will probably seek out your advice when dealing with future issues. Also, thanks to the previous Treasurer, Dave Perry. He is moving soon and his knowledge and insight will be missed. Dave insists that he is only a phone call away, so he can expect a call now and then from me or the other officers. My brother, Tom Balint accepted the Vice-Chairman position. He was a member of the 101st Airborne Division before he joined the Marines. Bob Dritschel is doing double duty as both the Secretary and Treasurer. Bob received a Combat Infantry Badge from the Grenada Campaign and liked the island so much, he vacationed there with his wife. Bob is also the Editor of the North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter Newsletter.

As most of you know, our new meeting place is at the American Legion Post in Milltown, NJ on 4 JFK Blvd. The Edison American Legion Meeting Hall is undergoing some changes so we had to find a new location. Meetings are the same time as before, the third Saturday of every month. The Milltown American Legion Post has excellent leadership and has a very nice building with a picnic area.

We have 359 members, but most meetings seem to draw only 5 to 8 people. I realize that nowadays, everyone leads busy lives and it is very difficult to find time on a Saturday afternoon, but if you could make one or two meetings per year, it would benefit both you and the Chapter. The Central Jersey Chapter had to close their doors because of lack of participation and it would be a shame for us to suffer the same fate. If you were in an Airborne Unit, we would love to see you.

By the time this Newsletter comes out, I hope to have Airborne business cards completed with information about our Chapter and the time and place of our meetings. These cards will be distributed at our monthly meetings. I encourage all members to wear their Airborne Hats and T-shirts to solicit interest in our Chapter. When another Airborne Trooper stops you on the street or in a store and says he also was in an Airborne Unit, give him a card and ask him to stop by one of our meetings.

Last but not least, I want to encourage the "Band of Brothers" type of "Esprit De Corps". We want to help out fellow Troopers who may have problems. Even if you have never attended a meeting, please don't be afraid to call me or another officer with a personal issue. I can't guarantee anything, but we do have some great guys with different skills and knowledge. There is no need to suffer when there is a fellow Trooper who may be able to help. Vic

News & Views from the Secretary

I am hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a good New Year. I have tried to put together a newsletter that has information that is of interest to all, I am hoping that you enjoy it. The Chapter Officers would like to stay in contact with all members of the chapter and are going to continue to try to contact all of its members that are currently on the roster. I look forward to hearing from you, or better, seeing you at the next meeting.

Airborne, Bob

Chapter Member Highlight Dave Perry



Dave's military service started in 1952

with his basic training at Fort Dix, NJ and then on to Weapons School and Jump School at Fort Benning, GA. He served with "K" Company, 505-AIR from July 1953 to Jan. 1955. During Dave's time with the 82nd, he was involved in the transition from the T-7 to the T-10 parachutes. After Dave's time in the 82nd, he went on to serve in the US Navy, receiving his commission as a Naval Supply Officer in 1965. Dave initially was selected for naval flight school, but due to being 3 months beyond the maximum age for naval trainees, Dave did not attend and instead earned his civilian pilot's license in 1984. Dave went on to serve in Naval Intelligence, eventually becoming the Commanding Officer of the NCIS unit. Dave retired from military service as a Naval Captain (O-6) in 1991.

Dave first became a member of the North Jersey Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division in 1963. Dave has held every officer position in the chapter and has remained an active member to this day.

Airborne Test Platoon Marker Beautification



The historical marker for the Army Airborne Test Platoon was dedicated by the State of New Jersey. The Marker is located in Robbinsville Township, New Jersey, on north side of NJ 33, just east of Voelbel Road 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. Forty-eight enlisted men were selected from a pool of 200 volunteers to become the first US Army paratroopers.

The North Jersey Chapter had taken to the task of beautifying the area around the marker. A local nursery, Tidbury Creek Farms, located in Monroe Township, donated all of the plants and shrubs that were used. Many Thanks to Charlie Moe for spearheading this beautification effort.

SICK CALL

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

Jack Hilbert

John Carlson

Ed Busch

TAPS

A final salute to our departed Airborne Brothers

Novembre, Ronald (Ron), (1931-2018)

Ron was a US Army veteran at the time of The Korean War. Ron served with the 82nd Airborne Division from 1952 to 1954, most notably with HQ Company, 2-Bn 504-AIR. Ron was awarded his Jump Wings during his time at Fort Benning and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal during his service time. Ron was a very active member of the 82nd Airborne Association.

North Jersey Chapter Raffle

The third annual chapter raffle was conducted and the raffle winners are as follows:

\$200 – Rich Tarn, \$100 – Carl Paczkowski,

\$50 – Larry Taylor.

The raffle for 2019 is included in this newsletter to be drawn at the September meeting in 2019.

Please consider purchasing these tickets as it supports the chapter activities. Thanks to all who support the chapter by purchasing the raffle tickets.

Veteran News and Benefits Feature

Lowes Home Improvement Stores

Lowes offers a 10% discount on all purchases made by active duty and veterans who have registered with them. The registration can be accomplished on-line and all that is needed after registering is that the purchases are identified with the use of the phone number that had been used in the registration process by the veteran.

Chapter News

The North Jersey Chapter has made a change in the Chapter meeting place. This change is due to the fact that the Edison meeting place is being sold. The Milltown American Legion had opened their doors to us and offered their hall for our meetings. With the help of Charlie Moe, who had served as the liaison between the North Jersey Chapter and the Milltown American Legion, all of the articles and artifacts of the Chapter were moved to the new meeting place at the end of November. The Chapter looks forward to the members of the Chapter getting together for the monthly meetings, now at the Milltown American Legion.

National Association Website & Email

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PARAGLIDE Website Address

[www.82ndairborneassociation.org/
paraglide.html](http://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 1,000 paratroopers with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division recently were put to the test during an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise, which took place from Nov. 30 through Dec. 4 at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. The exercise was a joint operation with the 18th Air Force. Air Force C-130 and C-17 aircraft took the Fort Bragg paratroopers to Fort Irwin. The exercise included numerous enemy engagements, small- and large-unit movements, command post relocations and unexpected mission changes. The primary objective was to seize and secure a large town that was serving as an enemy stronghold.

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. Current KIA's noted thru the media for this period is 6.

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: _____