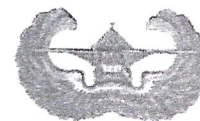




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Chapter Delegate

Chapter member Dave Mauro has been elected as a National Director and due to that fact, he can no longer hold the office of Chapter delegate, if any member is willing to serve as our delegate, please let

2026 Chapter Officer Election

The NJ – CPL Steven Koch will be conducting the election of the 2026 Chapter Officers at the November 22 meeting. All members are encouraged to attend as any member in attendance at the meeting will be able to cast a vote. The election of officers to lead the direction of the chapter for the coming year is crucial for the Chapter. Any member that would like to place their name in consideration for one of the Chapter posts please let the Chapter Chairman know so that he can add your name to the election slate.

VOTE



The Chapter Facebook page and website are currently active. Please visit both the “82nd Airborne Division Association New Jersey CPL Steven Koch Chapter” Facebook page and chapter website for recent news and articles.

Posts and submissions are always welcome.

The Chapter is requesting donations from its members to support the 82nd Airborne Association’s Wounded Warrior Fund. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Please forward any donation to the Chapter PO Box.

CURRENT CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

#2 - NJ – CPL Steven Koch Chapter
462

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES

(927 Issued)



Contact Vic Balint at 732-721-3997 for Information

Norwegian Foot March - 2025

Members of our Chapter, along with the members of the NJ Special Forces Chapter #19, will again take part in providing support during this year’s Norwegian Foot March In Lakehurst. The march occurs on October and starts at midnight. Any chapter members that would like to volunteer

CHAPTER MEETING

PLACE

AMERICAN LEGION

Post 25

4 J.F. Kennedy Drive
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MEETING TIMES

Meetings Begin

12:00 PM

On the 3rd Saturday
of the month

MEETING DATES 2025

September 20

October 18

November 22

December 20

MEETING DATES 2026

January 17

February 21

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Norwegian Foot

March

October 11, 2025

Chapter Officer

Elections

November 22, 2025

Chapter Christmas

Luncheon

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Airborne Soldiers,
Hope all of you are healthy and doing well. Boy, this summer past by quickly, it seemed that way to me anyway. We just finished our annual National Airborne Day along with Special Forces Group Chapter 19 and from the reports I must say we had a pretty good turn out and event. We had some very good guests and of course a very Special One, our very own chapter member Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Jack Jacobs. It is always a great Honor to be in Jack's company. In just a few weeks from now our chapter will help Special Forces Group Chapter 19 with their 3rd annual Norwegian Foot March, which will be held at Lakehurst Naval Air Station. This event has grown by leaps and bounds this year there will be over 200 marchers with 100+ on the waiting list. We have been fortunate this year concerning our increase of attendance at our meetings, thanks to some people giving their time to come and make phone calls and go through our roster list of all members, getting us new members and members who haven't been to meetings lately....Great job! Thanks to the generosity of Steve Ezring we will have the chapter newsletter going back to 4x/per year. We all owe Steve a Great Big AIRBORNE for that, Thank You Steve. Finishing up here Guys we will need some volunteers for the Norwegian Foot march coming up shortly. Guys this is a good time event during the night and again supporting our Brothers over in Special Forces Chapter 19 and then also come December we will have the breakfast for the West Point Marathon team. To all please stay safe and I want to remind all you troopers to carry on the Airborne Tradition, 'We are not legs' If I can help anyone or you just need to talk, you can call me 24-7 (732-735-4017).

Airborne, All The Way, Mike Vasquez

News & Views from the Secretary

This issue of the newsletter will be the third issue to be released this year. Previous years have seen the newsletter mailings reduced to two times per year due to the ever-increasing costs of printing and postage for the mailings of approximately 300 newsletters each time. This year we have had a Chapter member offer to subsidize the costs of the newsletter and we will be able to increase it to three, and sometimes four, times per year. I am hoping that everyone who receives these newsletters enjoys the information presented and looks forward to the next mailed issue. If anyone has any suggestions, please let me know. I am always looking for contributors and articles to include. Hoping that everyone is happy and healthy and if there is anyone that needs any assistance from the Chapter, please contact one of the Chapter officers and we will try our best to help you.

Airborne, Bob

Pictures from National Airborne Day Ceremony



Philadelphia Chapter Honor Guard presenting the colors



404th CA (Airborne) Troopers with NJ Senator Greenstein and Medal of Honor recipient Col. Jack Jacobs



New Jersey Senator Linda Greenstein and Assemblywoman Tennille McCoy presenting New Jersey Senate Proclamations to 404th CA (Airborne) Commander New Jersey-Cpl Steven Koch Chapter Chairman and Special Forces Association Chapter 19 President

SICK CALL

Please take time to contact your Airborne Brothers...

Ray LoLargo 68 Worden Ave Hopelawn, NJ 08861

Larry Taylor 26 Congressional Rd Jackson, NJ 08527

Don Martin 33 Roosevelt Pl Somerville, NJ 08876

TAPS

A final salute to our departed Airborne Brothers

None to Report

A Message from Newly Elected National Director

Chapter Member Dave Mauro

I was elected to the position of National Director during the Annual Convention this year. I had campaigned to find grant monies and corporate sponsorships to help the Association with staffing the National Offices. Having the appropriate staffing in the office would greatly improve the timely communications between the local chapters and National. This helps getting the members informed and membership increased. I am a life member of the Association along with being a life member of 325 AIR Association and the American Legion – Post 164. I had served as Chapter delegate at this year's All American Week and the Convention. I served as a squad leader with A Co. 2nd Battalion 325th AIR from 1979 – 1982. If anyone has any questions or comments for me to relay to National, I am more than willing to present them to the Association board. As I have now assumed the position of National Director, I cannot hold the position of Chapter delegate, so if there is anyone that would like to assume that position, please let me or one of the Chapter Officers know.

Chapter News - National Airborne Day

Our Chapter, with the help of the NJ-Special Forces Chapter 19, had again conducted a ceremony on National Airborne Day, August 16th, to commemorate the US Army's Test Platoon training right here in New Jersey. A monument, located in Robbinsville, NJ, has been erected to honor all New Jersey paratroopers and to commemorate the U.S. Army Parachute Test Platoon which trained here during the summer of 1940. Amelia Earhart was the first person to test a parachute off of the Switlik towers in Jackson, New Jersey in 1935. It is believed that these test jumps by Earhart led to the eventual expansion of parachutes in the military. The US Army Test Platoon did ten days of training on the two parachute towers located in Hightstown, NJ. One tower had cables to control the opened, descending canopy; the other was free-falling. The Test Platoon training was the beginning of the elite military paratrooper units, including the 82nd Airborne Division, who have served our country proudly in war and in peace since that time.

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PARAGLIDE Website Address

www.82ndairborneassociation.org/paraglide.html

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

82nd Division News

The 82nd Airborne Division has recently conducted a change of command. On August 28, 2025, Maj. Gen. James "Pat" Work has passed the command of the 82nd Airborne Division to Maj. Gen. Brandon Tegtmeier. Maj. Gen. Pat Work will serve as the deputy commanding general for the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg in his next assignment. Before assuming command, Maj. Gen. Tegtmeier served as the division's deputy commanding general for support and as Chief of Staff for U.S. Central Command. MG Tegtmeier is from Naperville, IL and commissioned into the Infantry from the United States Military Academy at West Point. MG Tegtmeier served in Ranger, Airborne, and Stryker units throughout his career to include serving as Commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment. Prior to his post at XVIII Airborne Corps, he served as the Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Army Times Statistics

Global War on Terror

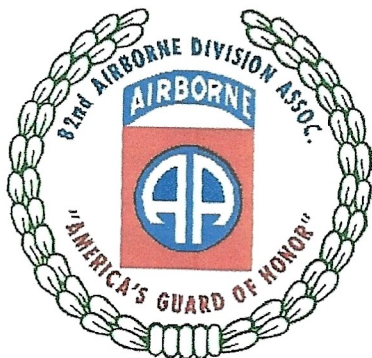
KIA – 2369 WIA – 20,245

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.

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

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82nd Airborne Division Association Membership Application
NJ – CPL Steven Koch "All Airborne" CHAPTER



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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
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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:

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include a copy of your DD214 for new member applications