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NJ – CPL Steven Koch “All Airborne” Chapter



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77th National Convention
The 82nd Airborne Division Association invites all members to join them in Washington, DC during August 9-12, 2023. Pre - Registration for the Convention is just \$150 per attendee, which covers food, snacks, and drinks, in the hospitality room, plus 2 formal dinners.

Chapter Election of Officers

The NJ – CPL Steven Koch Chapter will once again have its election of officers during the December meeting, December 17, 2023. All members present at the meeting will be able to cast a vote for the 2023 officers. The slate of officers offered to the membership for election is as follows: Chairman – Vic Balint, Vice-Chairman – Dave Chelak, Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Dritschel, Chaplain – Charlie Moe, Sgt at Arms – Henrik Moe. As always, if there is someone else who would like to serve in any of the position 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. Forward any donation to the Chapter PO Box.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

#1-Fayetteville	#2- North Jersey	#3- Washington DC
1472	439	419

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES (855 Issued)



Contact Henrik Moe at 732-721-3997 for Information

2023 All American Week

The 2023 All American Week has been scheduled to take place on 22 -25 May, 2023. The 82nd Airborne Division Association President invites all Association Members to join him as they celebrate All American Week with the 82nd Airborne Division. Hotel reservations have been arranged, for registered Association members, at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall). 910-853-7624 Group Code - AAW

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 2022

November 19
December 17

MEETING DATES 2023

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Annual Veteran’s Day
Activities**
November 11-14, 2022
Washington, DC
**Chapter Christmas
Luncheon**
December 17, 2022

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings, fellow Paratroopers,
As I write this, today is Thursday, November 3, 2022. Election Day is next Tuesday. Hopefully, by the time you read this you all will have performed your civic duty and voted. Veterans Day is a few days later. Please remember the veterans who have sacrificed so much for our great country.

Inflation, with it's constantly rising prices, is putting stress on all families. As paratroopers, we are used to adversity and things not going according to plan. Please remain flexible and deal with each issue as it presents itself. We may be required to help others who are not as well equipped to deal with unpleasant problems.

Don't forget to keep track of your airborne buddies, just as you keep track of your families. Check in with each other and it will lighten the load for all.

Have a plan for the future and be prepared to deal with shortages. Many people will be looking to you for leadership.

As always, remember that you are an airborne soldier. Conduct yourself accordingly in appearance, thought and deed.

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

News & Views from the Secretary

I am hoping this this newsletter finds everyone safe and secure. As Vic noted above, Election Day is upon us and it is up to every single citizen to take advantage of their opportunity to participate in the election process. An individual that does not participate in the process has not right to complain about outcome. No matter who you vote for, your participation ensures that the elected officials are truly chosen by the people. The electoral system that we have here in the United States is the best the world has to offer and it is up to each and every US citizen to ensure it remains that way.

Also, as Veterans Day approaches, the Chapter has sent out Veterans Day cards to its members. These cards a just a token of appreciation from the Chapter membership and it is hoped that their reception acknowledging the service and sacrifice of our US veterans does that. Each veteran should be proud of his or her service and should remember that it is the 1 percent of the US population that serves in the armed forces that ensures the way of life that the rest of the 99 percent enjoy. Thank you all for your service and sacrifice on this Veterans Day and every other day of the year.

Airborne, Bob

Chapter Member Highlight Victor Balint



Victor enlisted in the Army in 1970 and volunteered for Airborne Infantry.

Vic was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and took part in the NATO Operation "Deep Furrow" in Turkey in 1971. In 1973, Vic joined the Army Reserve and served in the 11th Special Forces, the 78th Division and the 198th Army Security Agency. He attended Warrant Officer Flight Training in 1979 and graduated as a OH-58 "Kiowa" Pilot and a UH-1 "Huey" Pilot. Vic joined the NJ National Guard in 1987 as a Test Pilot in the AH-1 "Cobra" Attack Helicopter for the 1-150th Attack Helicopter Battalion. In 1995, he joined the NJ Counterdrug Program, working with the FBI, Secret Service, DEA, Customs, US Coast Guard, NJ State Police and various city police departments as a OH-58 Counterdrug Pilot. When the World Trade Center was attacked on 9/11, Vic was part of the initial military response and directly supported the FBI. After Hurricane Katrina, Vic deployed to Louisiana and provided helicopter support for the New Orleans Police Department. In 2006, he visited Albania to share aviation maintenance techniques with the Albanian Military. In 2008, he deployed as a UH-60 "Blackhawk" pilot in support of "Operation Iraqi Freedom", where he performed missions throughout Kuwait and southern Iraq. Vic achieved the grade of Master Aviator with over 6500 flight hours. Vic had received numerous awards from the military and various federal, state and law enforcement agencies. Vic's highest accommodation was the awarding of the Legion of Merit in 2011. Vic, and his wife, Andrea, have one daughter and two sons. Both of Vic's sons were members of the 108th Aerial Refueling Wing of the Air National Guard. His youngest son is currently a US Army Blackhawk Pilot.

Veteran's Benefit Information

The National Park Service is making available a new lifetime pass to veterans for free entrance to the National Parks. This in addition to the free annual passes that are available to veterans. This benefit is available to all veterans and Gold Star family members. Current members of the armed forces are eligible for free annual passes also. The annual and lifetime passes provide free access to more than 100 National Parks, with at least one in every state. For information. visit [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)

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

Joseph Spallone, Sept 26, 1959 – July 20, 2022

Don't fall victim to scammers charging for Military Records - They are available free.

Veterans Affairs has noted a substantial increase in scammers offering services to veterans that are otherwise available for free. Scammers have also set up fake websites to charge veterans to access their military records or medical records (i.e., medical identity theft). There is generally no charge for military members and their families to access basic personnel or medical records. Note that any veteran that is in need of getting copies of their military or medical records, those records are available free of charge by contacting the official website. If you're looking for military records, contact the Veterans Administration directly or the National Archives.

New Jersey State Service Medals

The state of New Jersey has several service medals that are awarded to New Jersey Residents that fulfill the qualifications. These medals are awarded by the NJ Veterans Benefits Bureau. Various medals include the New Jersey Distinguished Service medal, the New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal, the New Jersey Korean Service medal, the New Jersey Vietnam Service medal, the New Jersey Desert Storm Service medal and the New Jersey POW/MIA Service medal. For more information and current eligibility requirements, please contact the NJ Veterans Benefits Bureau at 609-530-6954 or visit <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/awards/index.html>.

Chapter News

The Chapter has new ball caps, T-shirts and polo shirts that have the new chapter identification on them. Please visit the chapter webpage or Facebook page to order yours. You can also contact one of the Chapter Officers for these items. The Chapter also had its annual 50/50 raffle drawing conducted at the Chapter picnic on September 17th. The winners are as follows: First Prize - \$500 – John Adams, Second Prize - \$200 – Rich Allen and Third Prize - \$80 – Catherine Satterthwaite. Our Chapter thanks everyone for supporting our activities by purchasing the raffle tickets.

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PARAGLIDE Website Address

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

82nd Division News

Paratroopers from the 18th Airborne Corps arrived back at Fort Bragg in late October after an eight-month deployment in Europe. The soldiers, who are part of the 3rd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment, rapidly deployed to Germany on Feb. 28 in support of the 18th Airborne Corps and the immediate response force's mission to bolster NATOS's eastern flank and support NATO in deterring Russian aggression after Russian invaded the Ukraine. The regiment transferred responsibilities to the 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Regiment from Fort Sill, Oklahoma recently. 82nd Airborne paratroopers returned to Fort Bragg in July, while the 18th Airborne Corps' headquarters has remained in Germany since February. During the deployment, the regiment took part in several training events across Europe including in Germany and Poland.

Army Times Statistics

Global War on Terror

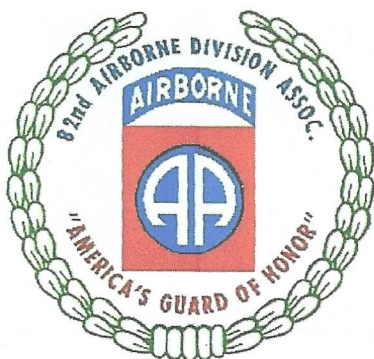
KIA – 2369 WIA – 20,245

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 association website.

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JOIN US AT OUR MEETINGS



82nd Airborne Division Association Membership Application
NJ – CPL Steven Koch “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 _____ 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