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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: _____



82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.

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



The "Jump In"

Spring Issue April 2020

The lifeline for Paratroopers and Glidermen

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ALL AMERICAN WEEK ACTIVITIES CANCELLED

The Division has made the decision to cancel the activities associated with All American Week, which was to occur at the end of May. Further information can be found of the Division website.

North Jersey Chapter Summer Picnic



The North Jersey Chapter is planning on the annual picnic to occur in September. The exact date will be forwarded as the Chapter is planning on combining their picnic with the picnic of the American Legion in Milltown. The usual date of the Legion Picnic is the first of second Saturday in September. The Chapter will forward a postcard to all active members at the time the decision is made regarding the picnic date.

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 1472 #2- North Jersey 457 #3- Washington DC 419

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES (804 Issued)



Contact Henrik Moe at 732-721-3997 for Information

2020 National Convention

The 74th National Convention is to be held in Houston, TX. The convention is dedicating this convention to the contributions of the 82nd Airborne Division during WWII and the Gulf War. For further details and information, please visit 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

Anticipated

May 16
June 20
July 18
August 15
September 19
October 17
November 21
December 19

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

National Airborne Day
August 16, 2020

**Annual Veteran's Day
Activities**

November 7-11, 2020
Washington, DC

**Chapter Christmas
Luncheon**
December 19, 2020

CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Troopers:

It is early April and it seems that we are smack dab in the middle of the shutdown for the Corona Virus Pandemic. I hope everyone is weathering the “Social Distancing”, “Sheltering in Place”, and “General Shutdown” well. If your job or business has been affected adversely, it sounds like the “Stimulus” plan will help you. If you have any issues, please do not hesitate to call me or one of the other Officers listed in this Newsletter.

We had to cancel our March and April meetings and I understand the American Legion and VFW Posts have been closed. Hopefully, the situation will stabilize enough for us to hold future meetings later this year at the Milltown American Legion Post #25.

I’m not sure how many of you received the letter from the U.S. Army Fort Knox Human Resources (usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.rpmd-ord-hq@mail.mil) regarding the “Voluntary Recall of Retired Soldiers due to the Corona Virus”. They are primarily looking for people with Medical Backgrounds, but I responded to my letter and said I was available, although I don’t know how many 69-year old Blackhawk Pilots they need.

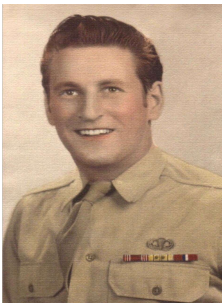
Again, these are trying times for everyone and it is important to understand that you are not alone. If you need someone to talk with about a personal problem or any help you need at this time, please do not hesitate to call me or any other Chapter Officer or Member.

I have complete confidence in America’s Leadership. We have been through worse and we will weather this storm. God Bless our President and his Administration, and God Bless America.
Airborne, All The Way
Vic Balint, Chairman
Cell: 732-713-5782

News & Views from the Secretary

This edition of the Chapter newsletter is being sent a little earlier than most years. The Chapter is doing that because the Officers understand the separation and anxiety that is about at this time. It is with profound wishes that this newsletter reaches all members and that all are in good health at this time. It is also hoped that by receiving this newsletter, the Chapter members will be able to direct their attention away from the continuous coverage of this pandemic and would get relief from the articles contained inside. The Chapter will rebound from this situation and will reach out to all members at such time the Chapter activities are restarted. Please take advantage of those Chapter activities and try to attend the monthly meetings when they are restarted.
I hope to see you there.
Airborne, Bob

Chapter Member Highlight
Kenneth P. Roth



In 1943, just shy of his 20th birthday, Kenneth was drafted into the United States Army, where he proudly served with the 11th Airborne Division as a Gliderman and as a Paratrooper with the 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He served in New Guinea with the 221st Air Base Medical Company and saw action in the battles in the Philippines. Notably, Ken participated in Leyte (Nov-Dec, 1944), where the 11th Airborne troopers moved from a staging area into the central mountain passes to confront the Japanese and Luzon (Jan-Feb, 1945) where, being part of the “X-Ray Day” airborne operations, The 11th Airborne paratroopers seized a nearby bridge from the surprised Japanese defenders prior to it being demolished, and then turning toward Manila to remove the occupying Japanese from the island. Proud to serve his country, he endured the hardships and unspeakable horrors of that World War II service in the Pacific Theatre and considered himself one of the lucky ones who returned.

Airborne Test Platoon Marker Commemoration



The Commemoration of the Airborne Test Platoon Marker is still scheduled to occur on August 16th, 2020 (National Airborne Day). The East Windsor American Legion, located just north of the Test Platoon Marker, has offered their hall for the luncheon that is to occur after the commemoration activities. The hall and luncheon are going to be sponsored by the 82 Airborne Division, North Jersey Chapter and the Special Forces Association, SFA 19. Several local politicians and Airborne dignitaries have already committed to attend. More details will follow in the chapter correspondence and all are invited to attend.

SICK CALL

Please take time to call or write your Airborne Brothers...
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732-864-1141

Ed Busch 46 Yates Rd Manalapan, NJ 07726
732-303-0357

Kenneth Roth 69 Columbus Ave Totowa, NJ 07512

TAPS

A final salute to our departed Airborne Brothers
McGuire, Robert, (1957-2020)
Robert served with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Passing of Lt. Col James “Maggie” Megellas

The 82nd Airborne Division has bid farewell to an All American icon, Lt. Col. James “Maggie” Megellas.

Lt. Col. Megellas was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division during World War II and first saw combat in Italy where he was wounded in action. He parachuted into The Netherlands during Operation Market Garden and made the legendary Crossing of the Waal River. He also served in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge where he was awarded the Silver Star for his leadership and valor.

He was one of the original Devils in Baggy Pants and paved the way for the Paratroopers who serve in the Division today.

He passed away April 3rd at the age of 103. This loss will be felt by us all. Remember, Paratroopers never die they, just slip away

Veteran News and Benefits Feature

New Jersey Combat Veterans Disability Entitlement
Combat veterans who are New Jersey residents and totally or permanently disabled may qualify for a payment of \$62.50 a month from the state. To qualify, the veteran must have served during a period of war and been a New Jersey resident at the time of entry into military service and when applying for the entitlement. Surviving spouses are also eligible

Chapter News

Chapter Member Dave Chelak has put a lot of work and effort into restarting the Chapter Facebook page. Thanks, Dave. If you have the opportunity, please visit the North Jersey Chapter Facebook page as it has current information from both the Chapter and the Division. Dave, being the administrator of the Facebook page, is always willing to add items of interest that have been offered by our members. You can contact Dave by way of a Facebook message or by email at dchel@outlook.com

National Association Website & Email

Website: www.82ndairborneassociation.org
Email: execdir@82assn.org
execsec@82assn.org
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

Earlier this month, Fort Bragg welcomed home the remaining paratroopers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team from their 9-month combat deployment in Afghanistan in support of Operation Resolute Support and Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

Fort Bragg also welcomed home the first set of paratroopers of the 1st Brigade who had deployed as part of the Immediate Response Force that had deployed to Iraq. Nearly two months after the rapid-response force was activated amid tensions with Iran, instantly deploying 3,000 soldiers to the Middle East, some are returning home.

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. Members can always contribute to the newsletter or the Facebook page. The chapter newsletter is mailed to all active 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.