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Reunions - To Be Or Not To Be?

Chairman's Message



As I indicated to you in my initial message to you as your chairman I had three goals to accomplish in the next two years. One was to continue the growth of the Chapter. This goal has been reached and surpassed for the

year 2002! We now have a total membership of 483 Red Devils. Affiliates number 60; AAM (Life) 204 and Annual Members 219. For the purposes of National's counts we have a membership of 423 since Affiliate members are counted against their home chapter. 423 makes the 508th Chapter the second largest chapter again for the past several years. I am sure we will continue our growth pattern in the next year as well.

You may have noticed the headline and ask yourself just what does it mean. My second objective was to solve the problem of where, when, how and whether the chapter is going to have sponsored reunions. Your chapter has been grappling with this challenge for several years and has yet to reach a solution. This is mainly due to not receiving a significant input from you, the members. I personally sponsored a mini reunion in Punta Gorda some years ago with no assistance from the membership. In May of last year we had our first reunion at All American Week at Fort Bragg. Basically Bob Murray and I ran the whole kit and caboodle with the able assistance of my wife Ruth. Bob and I had made a trip to Fort Bragg at our expense to set this reunion up and had little help once the reunion got under way. To say the least, it was a very difficult undertaking.

There are several ways we can have a reunion. Listed below are some options.

1. Have a stand alone reunion for chapter members only in various geographical locales in the country.

Chapter members would have to step forward to arrange and support this option.

- 2. Have a co-reunion with the Rodger Jacobson Chapter, 320th Abn FA Assn in Clarksville, TN (Ft. Campbell) every other September. This could be accomplished as many members of the 508th already attend this reunion.
- 3. Have a reunion in conjunction with AAW at Fort Bragg. As noted in a previous paragraph this was accomplished in May, 2001. There was some discontent concerning the hospitality suite being too small, not open enough hours, and no food in the hospitality suite. It takes volunteers to keep the suite open and manned more hours. In addition, there are no large rooms available at either Tower's location to accommodate large groups. Breakfast and dinner facilities are available for a reasonable price. Other pluses are the Division Review where veterans's have the opportunity to march, the Airborne Assault at Sicily DZ, static equipment displays, 82d Museum and the Airborne Special Operations Museum, and more than adequate social functions.
- 4. Have a reunion in conjunction with the 82d Abn Div Assn National Convention. This has appeal since the convention is located in various locales throughout the country. A dinner on Wednesday evening of the convention could be arranged. The 504th PIR Association does this every year and it seems to be quite successful.
- 5. Continue to have mini reunions of a more informal nature such as those held in the past in CA, MA, TX and the upcoming one in Peoria, IL in October.

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6. Piggy back on one of the 82d Association Chapters annual offerings. They are open to all members of the 82nd Association. These activities include The Annual Mid-Winter Airborne Conference in Tucson, AZ in Feb. or March; The Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter Spring Fling in Lynchburg, VA in May; The Annual Southwest Memorial Airborne Days, Corpus Christi, TX in June: The All Ohio Airborne Days held in a different Ohio city each year in October and Annual All Florida Days held in a different Florida city each year in mid October. This is a very viable format and we may be able to co-host one of these activities. I am currently investigating this possibility. It would also provide your chapter with additional funds if this proved worth while.

I have presented several options. Thought should also be given to whether a reunion should be held on an annual or bi-annual basis. Remember, reunions just don't happen. People make it happen! I hear from members from time to time about this subject but what I don't hear is what can I do to support a reunion?

I would like to have everyone give this subject some thought. If you aren't interested in having a chapter reunion, no reply is needed. If you are interested, write me or email me and give me your ideas as to what should be done. If you have any ideas other than the above, please express them. My address is located else where in the newsletter.

On a related subject of a chapter reunion, members are reminded of the Associations 56th Annual Convention to be held in Norfolk, VA August 21 - 24. Details can be found in the Spring 2002 Paraglide. For those of you who did not receive a Paraglide, and are interested in attending, contact me and I will send you information. If you are going, let me know and maybe it's not too late to set up and informal dinner on the evening of the 21st. Time is of the essence.

Red Devils Found



Again this issue we have quite a few newly found Red Devils. I again ask that if you recognize any of the Red Devil troopers, email me or drop me a

line and I will furnish you their complete address and telephone #. You can help your chapter by being our "Recruiting Sergeant!" Surely everyone remembers the Re-Up NCO.

New former members found are: Amaya, Edward, Corpus Christi, TX (H&H/52-54); Andres, Ben, Pacifica, CA (598/55-56); **Bettelli, Aldo**, APO, AE (H&H/51-53); Bitala, Joseph A., Hollywood, FL (51/51); Burns, Jack, Houston, TX (HQ320/51-53); Campanale, Luigi J., Nipoma, CA (598/51-53); Caulfield, Warren H., Colonie, NY (B/51-52); Civitell, Caesar J., St. Petersburg, FL (K/51-53); **Defoor, James**, Lakeland, FL (F/51-54); Demjanick, John, Emmaus, PA (HQ3/51-53); Dexter, George E., Albquerque, NM (H&H/51-53); Dover, Olaf D., Glendale, AZ (A/51-54Dupra, Loren L., Victor, NY (A320/53-56); Eidel, Curtis B., Cummings, GA (M-HQ3/51-54); Ellmer, Andrew H., Monroe Township, NJ (HQ3/51-53); **Fairley, Paul D.,** Lucedale, MS (M/54-56); Farnham, Clarence D., Somers, CT (HQ3/51-54); Fastuca, Salvatore E., (HQ3/51-53); Fee, Kenneth, Norwood, OH (G/55-56); Girgen, Frank G., Sun City, AZ (HQ@/51-53); Keller, Joseph, Tunkhannock, PA (K/51-54); King, Gene P., Woodridge,, VA (52-54); King, Samuel L., Washington, DC (G/51-53); Krebs, Charles A. Falls Church, VA (HQ1/51-52); LaCroux, Toney, Avon, Ct; Ling, Howard G. (Pete), Fayetteville, NC (B320/51-53); Listro, Paul C., Narragansett, RI (M/51-53); Marcotte, William J., Greenfield, IN (E/51-53); Mayfield, William J., McCall, ID (M/51-53); Middlemas, William B., Orange Park, FL (H/51-53); Mueller, Paul L., BG (R), Moneta, VA (L/51-53); Parker, Fred K., Appleton, WI (E/G/51-53); Phillips, James H., Fordyce, AR (L/51-53); Plassman, Vernon, Archbold, OH (K/51-54); **Reddon, Horace,** Dickson, TN (427/55-56); **Ried, Jon B.,** Cincinnati, OH (L/55-56); Riley, Evan F., Pinnellas Park, FL (H&H/51-53); Roeser, Carl j., Naples, FL (H&H/51/53); Sharrett, Edward B., Chesapeake, VA (H&H/51-54); Shomier, John, Virginia Beach, VA (52-54); Smith, Richard E., Palmdale, CA (I/54-56); Spilman, Robert B., Pensacola, FL (H&H/51-52); Stark, Carl F., Gulf Breeze, FL (598/51-54); Steele, Sidney R., Alexandria, VA (B/51-53); Strong, Earle E., Gainsville, GA (HQ320/51-53); Thomas, Richard H., Yakima, WA (M/51-530; Van Fleet, James L., Marshall, MI (K/51-54); Van Steinberg, Elmer, Portlandville, NY (L/51-53); **Ward, Joe W.,** Lafayette, LA (H&H/51-53); Warren, Roy L., Fayetteville, NC (519/51-53); White, Charles I., Port Charlotte, FL (HQ1/51-53); Whitlaw, Robert E., Ormond Beach, FL (E/51-53); Willie, Nicholas, Sparkhill, NY (51-53)' and Wunstel, James O., Baton Rouge, LA (SVC/51-53).

New Chapter Members



Your Chapter is pleased to announce the addition of thirteen new Chapter members.

All American Members (AAM - Life)

James T. Lutes (SPT/55-56):

Harold Raines (598/51-53); LTC, Ret. John F. Spaid (B/54-56) and Nicolas Villa, Jr. (B3/66-68).

Annual Members For 2002

Mack J. Adams (B/54-56); John F. Creadon (H&H/53-55); Ray Crum (598/51-53); MAJ, Ret. Allen P. Liberty (598/51-52); Raymond L. Olley (H/51-53); MAJ, Ret. Wentworth L. Stone (G/52-53); Richard H. Thomas (M/51-53); James T. Trado (SPT/51-53) and LTG, Ret. John M. Wright, Jr. (HQ3/51-53).

Affiliate Member For 2002

Harold W. (Ben) Herr (SVC/51-56).

Welcome aboard gentlemen!

News From National



ASSOCIATION WEB PAGE:

Recently updated and also with the addition of seventeen links to chapters and the 504th Association. Anyone can click on these chapters and their web

pages will appear. Personnel interested in viewing the page should type:

www.fayettevillenc.com/airborne82dassn.

PAST PRESIDENT PASSED AWAY: It is with sadness that the National Office announces the death of Past President (1966-67) Herbert (Herb) M. Altman, on 19 April 2002. A member of the John Towle-Cleveland Chapter; Herb is survived by a brother and sisters. Family requests any donations be made to the 82d Airborne Division Association Educational Fund.

2002 NCO AND TROOPER OF THE YEAR

NCO of the Year: SSG Shawn M. Broe, Co. A, 2-325 AIR, did it again, He was selected as the 2000 Division trooper of the Year and the 2000 XVIII Airborne Corps Soldier of the Year.

Trooper of the Year: SPC Zachary R. Wobler, HHC, 2-325 AIR

NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY (16 AUGUST):

The effort continues and we need the assistance of all members to make this well deserved resolution a reality. We did it for the past three years and we must do it again. Please contact your Senators and ask them to sponsor Senate resolution (SR 242) as introduced on 16 April 2002 by senator Strom Thurmond from SC who is also one of our All American Members.

FUTURE DIV COMMANDER ANNOUNCED:

MG Charles H. Swannack, JR. was announced as the next to take over the reigns of the All American Division; the date is yet to be determined.

LIFE MEMBER & AAM PLASTIC CARDS:

Members are advised that a \$1.00 charge is made for reissue of Life Member and AAM membership cards.. Requests received without the \$1.00 charge are being returned to the sender.

Membership Letters

Editors Note: I received the letter below appended to an email I received in mid May. Unfortunately, I erased the email and did not record the senders name. My profound apologies for the omission. If the sender will email me, I will give him credit in the next newsletter.

I was in the 508th ARCT from about May 1951 to February 1954, most of the time in Co. A. We were located in Sand Hill a few miles from the Main Post at Fort Benning. It was a long time ago but one of the duties I remember was being assigned "prison chaser." Does anyone remember that? To me it was even worse than KP, which was horrible.

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Prison chaser entailed getting up at 0430 and taking a truck ride to the Main Post. Where we spent about an hour where we indoctrinated on the responsibilities of taking prisoners from the Army Stockade out on daily work details. No matter how many times you had received prison chaser, the indoctrination was always the same - long, boring. The official word was that if a prisoner escaped you had to complete his sentence and it was always a "his", there were no hers at the time.

The job I remember was garbage collection. Standing in the back of an open truck, knee deep in garbage and holding my trusty shotgun, the two or so prisoners assigned to me would perform their task as we made the rounds of the company refuse sites. It should be noted that based on my KP experience, garbage was separated into ashes, (we used coal stoves), glass and tin cans, edible and non-edible. Just like today's recycling, except all the garbage went into one truck. Anyway, the day was spent with these guys, who if they were real desperados, could have thrown a pail of garbage on me, taken my shotgun, steel the truck and still be living with the 5 Montana Freemen. However, their sentences were only for a month or so as a result of being AWOL, drunk or committing some other relatively minor infraction. They were people we could identify with.

Duane E. MacLeod (H&H/53-55) writes: Hello, Jack, The Corpus Christi mini-reunion was a success for me as a reader of the March 2002 Red Devil Digest. The name of an old friend appeared, **Edward Amaya** (H&H/52-54).

The enclosed photo was taken in the fall of 1953 at Sand Hill, Fort Benning, GA. Left to right are **Howard Malone, Edward Amaya** and **Donald Garland**, all members of the H&H Co. Commo Platoon. It appears they may have been consuming some sort of snake repellant..

Edward Amaya attended the reunion as a non chapter Red Devil, a possible new member prospect.

Thanks, Duane

See photo in adjoining column.



Jack Wheeler (HQ2/51-55) writes: Jack, In the last NL you mentioned you needed some poop for fill space as you were running out, also that some troops were getting together in Peoria, IL in October for a mini reunion to include some of the football players from that era. So here is some scoop on our Red Devil Football Team of 51-52 at Fort Benning.

Anyone who served with the 508th ARCT during this period while we were in Sand Hill and South Harmony Church will remember the priority put on our football team to the extent that they had their own mess and separate barracks and choice of personnel who were placed on 24 hour SD to the football team from July to November. COL Cleland appointed LTC Tom Messereau and CPT Mike Chest to head the coaching staff and the practice field was the parade field on Victory Drive just thru the underpass from Sand Hill.

Not having a roster to go by, the following were some of the players I can best recall their names: LT Jim Phillips, LT Charley Beckwith, LT Charles Williams, 1SG Bill Wallace, Shelby Womack, Tony LaCroix, Pete Prado, John Fonseca, Gary Maddox, J G Theriot, Rich Haines, Bobby Miles and Ron Jersey.

Attendance at games was mandatory to the extent we were trucked to some at Fort Benning's Doughboy Stadium and Columbus's Memorial Field. On more than one Sunday the "Light Second Battalion" trains would set up adjacent to Doughboy Stadium and prepare chow during the game, after which we would move into the field for an extended period. Never was there a more exciting game than when we played CTC (Combat Training Command) for the post championship in 1952.

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LT Jim Phillips, our star running back was on the injured list when our Regimental Commander, COL Joe Lawrie, a star player at LSU in the early 40's dressed for the game and replaced Phillips as a running back. Well!, COL Lawrie broke his leg on his first play from scrimmage. Talk about esprit de corps and dedication, this was true Red Devil team spirit. Unfortunately, we lost the game.

From various sources I have found that LTC Messereau resigned from the Army in 1954, went into the private sector in a family owned restaurant, and passed away several years ago. LT Beckwith, later COL Beckwith, or "Chargin Charley" of Special Forces Fame was the leader of the ground forces in the failed mission in 1980 into Iran to free hostages when they had a helicopter collide on the ground during refueling with a C-130 killing a number of troops causing the mission to be scrubbed. He also was the founder of Delta Forces. The last time I saw him in Vietnam in 67 he looked like Swiss Cheese from all his wounds. He retired to Austin. TX where he started a private security company and passed away in 1998. Shelby Womack was killed in a motor cycle accident in 1953.

In 1953 we had so few people in the Regiment we could not muster enough to field a team.

Ed's note: The Chapter Data Base reveals Ron Jersey deceased in 1954: no record of finding Maddox, Prado or Williams; LaCroix resides in Avon, CT, Miles in Missoula, MT, Phillips retired as a Colonel in Fordyce, AR and Theriot in Baton Rouge, LA.

You were right about strength of the Regiment in 53-54. Below is a bad picture of Co. B taken at Fort Campbell in March or April of 54 before the Regiment was brought up to assigned strength to Gyroscope to Japan in 1955.



Chapter Boosters - 2002



320th Airborne Field Artillery Association; James Adams (598/54-56); Jean D. Ashcraft (HQ3/55-56); Bobby R. Blankenship (B/51-53); Joseph B. Catey (A1/66-68); Robert E. Chisolm (MP/54-56); Jerry R. Curren (M/51); Tom Daley (L/51-52); Jack K. Damron (HQ1/54-57); LTC (R) James K. Damron; Marvin Darby ((L/51-54); Joseph L. Davis (B/51-56); John T. Diffin (B/51-53); Garland F. Drewry (A/44-45); Augustine E. Fernandez (L/51-54); Bill Fernandez (SPT/54-56); Samuel D. Gillispie (L/54-56); CSM (R) Hal S. Gladson (A1/64-66); Milan



Glumac (E/55-56); Kenneth L. Glynn (L/51-54); Richard S. Gohl, (C/54-55); Jerry T. Grubbs (A/51-54); Frank Haddy (D/43-46); Douglas T. Hague, (E/51-54); Kenneth M. Hamill (E/55-56); David P. Hathaway (D/51-53); **Bobbie R. Henson**, (E/51-53); **Armando C.** Juarez (I/51-54); Leamon Kendrick (H&H/55-56); CSM (R) Arthur Kilgore (SVC/51-53); Billy D. Kitchen (M/51-53); Leno Larez (C/42-44); Joseph R. Leger (H&H/51-54); Joseph Lesniak (C/51-52); William N. Luck (SVC/51-52); MG (R) Thomas P. Lynch (H&H/51-52); Sabas Martinez (SVC/51-53: William J. Mehling (HQ2/51-52); George W. McClain (SVC/51-53); Orlon R. McClung (HQ3/51-54); Rev. Philip G. McConville H&H/51-53); Henrik M. Moe (C/54); Robert T. Murray (B/51-53); Henry Perkins (I/54-56); Warren J. Porter (A1/91-92); Joseph T. Prestigiacomo (HQ2/43-45); George Quinlan (59-60); Leo R. Quinn (L/51-54); A. B. (Bill) Raiford (G/45-56); MSG (R) Raul M. Ramos (C/51-53); Kenneth G. Rilea (G/51-54); Ramario (Tony) Robles (HQ320/55-56); Harry A. Roll (H/44-46); Robert **Rydbeck** (C/55-56); **Theodore Schonhans** (519/51-54); CSM (R) George Sekerak (E/51-56); Elwood W. Selover (HQ2/53-55); Roy Shaw (HQ2/51-53); Frank P. Sicari (H&H/55-56); *LTC* (*R*) *Gordon K. Smith* (HQ1/54-55); Charles S. Spigelmire (H&H/54-55); Dale Stang (L51/53); George I. Stoeckert (42-46); Joseph A. Turley (A1/90-91); Bruce M. Tyler (A320/55-56);Robert G. Thompson (HQ3/46); Jerry R. Umlor (B/52-54); Walter VanCoppenolle (HQ1/51-53); Charles J. Viviano (K/51-52); Edward R. Wapen, Sr. (C/45-46); Jack F. Wheeler (HQ@/51-55); Charles C. Williams (MED/51-53); Gerald J. Wich (C/51-52); Edward W. Williams (K/51-53) and Robert W. Wright (598/55-56).

Taps



Wapen, Edward R. (C/45-56) passed away on April 3, 2002. He is survived by his wife Anna Mae; son Edward Jr.; two daughters, Paula and Carol and two grandsons, Michael and Steven.

Finch, John M (SPT/54-56) passed away December 11, 2001. No other information is available.

Quartermaster Sales

Ken Glynn, our Chapter Quartermaster, reports he has sold his business but will continue to act as the Chapter Quartermaster. He will continue to work with Creative Graphics in Lakeland, FL. Ken's new address is: 836 Glendale St., Lakeland, FL 33803-4122.

Military News

Chow Down Pepperoni and barbecue chicken pocket sandwiches have been approved for the Meal, Ready-to-Eat. The shelf-stable sandwiches were the first developed in the mid-1990s as a ration to enhance soldier mobility. They require no refrigeration or freezing, utensils or heat source before eating, although they can be heated with a flameless ration heater. Sandwiches are comparable in size, calories and appearance to "Hot Pocket" sandwiches found in grocery stores but has a shelf life of 3 years at 80 degrees or 6 months at 100 degrees.

Policy Reversal It was reported by the Washington Times that the Army is pulling female soldiers out of units likely to face combat. This is welcome news. It lessens the chance that females will be killed or wounded by enemy fire, and it minimizes sexual tensions created when men and women are kept in close contact for extended periods of time. Further, the battlefield is no place for political correctness, nor is it suitable for social engineering.

Ed's note: The above article refers to the assignment of female soldiers to Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition Squadrons.

In March, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, revamped the Pentagon's Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWTTS). Its charter was rewritten to have the panel deal with readiness issues, not women in combat. All holdover Clinton appointees have been dismissed, and a new committee is being appointed.

Peoria Mini Reunion

The reunion will be held in the Hotel Pere Marquette on October 10-12. There will be entertainment on Friday night and a banquet on Saturday night. Room rate is \$88.09 and registration fee is \$35.00 per person.

The reunion is sponsored by Rodger Jacobson. Registration form can be obtained by contacting Rodger or Jack Damron. Address is listed below.

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Complete this form and mail your check payable to Kenneth Glynn along with your name and address to: **Ken Glynn 836 Glendale St., Lakeland, FL 33803-4122. #Please include shipping and handling charges in the amount column to the right of each item ordered.**

ITEM/DESCRIPTION	QTY	SIZE (Circle)	COST	#SHIPPING/HANDLING	#AMOUNT
Hat, White, Maroon Bill, Chap Logo Embroidered		One Size Fits All	\$14.50	\$1.50 Each	
Hat, White, Maroon Bill, Chap Logo Screened		One Size Fits All	\$12.00	\$1.50 Each	
Sweatshirt, Grey, Chapter Logo Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$22.00	\$3.50 + \$2 Each Additional	
Shirt, T, White, Chapter Logo Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$12.00	\$2.00 Each	
Shirt, T, White, Web Site Logo Screened		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$12.00	\$2.00 Each	
Shirt, Polo, Abn Maroon, Chap Logo Embroidered		M L XL *XXL *XXXL	\$22.00	\$3.50 + \$1 Each Additional	
Pad, Mouse, Chapter Logo Screened			\$7.50	\$2.00 Each	
Pad, Mouse, Regimental Logo Screened			\$7.50	\$2.00 Each	
Patch, 508th Abn Chapter (See 1, Below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 (3/\$1.50)	
Patch 508th ARCT (See 1, Below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 (3/\$1.50)	
Patch, Para Red Devil (See 1, Below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 (3/\$1.50)	
Patch, 320 th Abn FA Bn			\$5.50	\$1.00 (3/\$1.50)	
Pin, 508 th ARCT			\$3.00	No Charge	
Pin, Para Red Devil			\$3.00	No Charge	
Wrap, Can Cooler w/Chapter Logo Screened			\$3.00	\$1.00 Each	
Wrap, Can Cooler w/Regimental. Logo Screened			\$3.00	\$1.00 Each	

TOTAL \$

* Add an additional \$2 for each X above XL (XXXL size is special order) 1. All patches can be purchased for 3 for \$15.00 - S&H is \$1.50. PLEASE ALLOW 2 - 4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT)									
508th Abn Chapter, 82nd Abn Div. Assn., Inc.									
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Enclosed is \$12.50 for my annual	membership d	ues for the year	to include a su	bscription to the PARA	GLIDE.				
Name	·	Street or R.I	F.D						
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Rank (Active)	ASN		or SSN		_				
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508th Unit (Circle one) Co	Bn 508t	h; Btry 320th A	AFA; 427th; 519th	QM Co.; 598th Engr. 0	Co.				
Date of 508th service: From Mo.	Year_	to Mo	Year	-					
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I presently am a member of the		Chapter, 82nd	Abn Assn. Enclo	sed are my reduced d	ues of \$				
(\$6 min.) I do do not wish to transfer my membership from the Chapter to the 508th Airborne Chapter.									
		Signature							

If this is your initial application for membership, please attach proof of airborne/508th status, i.e., DD214, orders, etc. MAIL TO: Chairman, 508th Airborne Chapter, 26164 Waterfowl Ln., Punta Gorda, FL 33983-6231

LIFE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION. You can become and All American Member (Life) if you meeting one of the following criteria: 1) 25* years continuous Association membership - \$60; 2) On active duty with the 82d Abn Div - \$82; 3) *20 years continuous Association membership - \$90; 4) 50 years of age or older - \$100; 5) 49 years of age or younger - \$150.

* Must be verified by the Executive Director, 82d Airborne Division Association.

As an AAM you will receive a permanent plastic membership card and a certificate suitable for framing.