

The Red Devil Digest

The 508th Airborne Chapter Newsletter - Fury From The Sky



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All American Week Cancelled

AAM - Fort Bragg, NC

I'm sorry to have to announce what I know isn't a surprise... but, the CG and CSM announced the evening of 17 March that All American Week will be canceled this year due to the pending crisis overseas. As you can imagine, the 82nd Airborne Division is deployed and not available to provide support at Fort Bragg. Inclusive with this announcement is the cancellation of the Directors and Delegates meetings as well as other committee meetings such as the Educational Fund Committee.

For those who have made hotel reservations you need to contact the hotel personally to cancel your reservation. National HQ will not do that. National will be working with the DOD LNO to send refunds soon as they begin working through the cancellation over the next few weeks so please be patient with them.

The 57th Annual Convention is still on, dates are 13-16 August in Charleston, West Virginia at the Charleston Marriott, 200 Lee Street East, Charleston, WVA. *The (757) 622-6664 phone number provided in the Paraglide is incorrect.*To make reservations, call (304) 345-6500 or 1-800-325-3535.

If I receive additional information from our Association Executive Director or President Duke Armendariz, I'll get it out ASAP via the Internet. For those who are not on the Internet I will post this information in the May - June newsletter. Until then, please remember not only our great Paratroopers, but all of our service men and women who are deployed. May God watch

over them, keep them safe from harm, and bring them back after their victory.

Airborne!

Chairman's Message



In the Jan-Feb 2003 issue I asked all who were interested in attending a Chapter Dinner during the 82nd National Convention this Aug 13-16 in Charleston WV to advise me ASAP so that I could reserve a suitable room and

arrange for catering the dinner. I also stressed that the Convention is when Chapter officers would be elected for 2004-2005.

To date, a very disappointing 11 Members have responded to that request. Obviously, not enough to warrant reserving space and catering services. The deadline set to do so by the Convention Committee has passed and I have advised them our dinner will not take place.

At past conventions I have attended, many members have shown up asking why we had not planned any Chapter functions. When reminded that we had repeatedly requested Members in the Devil's Digest to advise us if they would attend, we were told they didn't know that, or had not read about it!

Once again, I am requesting all of you to consider contributing to the Chapter by volunteering to accept a Chapter office for the coming years 2004 and 2005. I will continue to do so in the May - June issue of the Digest.

The lack of any forthcoming support in this matter by you, the members, I regret to say, bodes ill for the Chapter having any officers for the coming year.

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As you will recall, I stepped forward and assumed the majority of the Chapter Offices, with the express understanding that it would only be for two years. The two years will expire this coming December 31.

On another matter, the Chapter telephone number has been changed to (941) 629-0594.

Chapter Boosters - 2003



James J. Baker (598/51-54); Ray Barbosa (SPT/51-53); David M. Bell (D/SPT/51-56): Bobby R. Blankenship (B/51-53); Jack Bock (HQ320/55-56); Arnold R. Bratvold (H/44-46); John F. Brown (E/51-54); COL (R) Robert M. Campbell (M/51-54); Joseph B. Catey (A1/66-68); Anthony Cantillo Jr. (F/51-54); Roy H. Clarke (B/51-53); Robert S. Copeland (B1/70-71); Jerry R. Curren (M/51); Jack K. Damron (HQ1/54-57); LTC (R) James K. Damron; Marvin Darby ((L/51-54); Joseph L. Davis (B/51-56); Roy E. Dickison; (1/51-52); John T. Diffin (B/51-53); MG (R) William H.



Duncan (A/52-53); Alex R. Elliot (SPT/55-56); Ronald A. Faulkner (B3/62-65); Augustine E. Fernandes (L/51-54); Leo P. Flaherty (D/51-54); Thomas E. Francis (SPT/55-56); Richard H. Glass (E/67/68); 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); Jack Harkins (MED/55-56); Bobbie R. Henson, (E/51-53); Daniel E. Hogan (598/52-53); SFC (R) Harold (Ben) T. Herr (SVC/51-56); Armando Z. Juarez (I/51-54); Leamon Kendrick (H&H/55-56); CSM (R) Arthur Kilgore (SVC/51-53); CSM, Ret. Thomas R. Lane (A/51-52); Billy D. Kitchen (M/51-53); James J. Lammle (MED/55-56); Lino Larez (C/42-44); Terry V. Lee (A3/65-66); Joseph R. Leger (H&H/51-54); Lewis J. Leonard (SVC/45-46); Stephen C. Leonard C2/64-67); Joseph Lesniak (C/51-52); Scott A. Long (CSC2/81-85); Russell J. Lux (B/MP/55-56); MG (R) Thomas P. Lynch (H&H/51-52); *Sabas Martinez* (SVC/51-53); *William J.* Mehling (HQ2/51-52); Clyde (Pat) E. Miller (E/52); William F. Moran (I/45-46); Lawrence F. O'Connor (A/598/51-56); Ben T. Parrish (A/MP/55-56); Bernard P. Patton (K/55-56); Ralph Pelliccio (SPT/51-53); Henry Perkins (I/54-56); Leonard L. Perttu (E/54-56); Robert Petrelli C2/74); Leo R. Quinn (L/51-54); Larry L. Rafferty (H/SVC/54-56); A. B. (Bill) Raiford (G/45-56); MSG (R) Raul M. Ramos (C/51-53); Luis R. Reza (C/54-56): Kenneth Rilea (G/51-54); Harry A. Roll (H/44-46);

Theodore P. Schonhans (519/51-54); Elwood W. Selover (HQ2/53-55); Roy Shaw (HQ2/51-53); Frank P. Sicari (H&H/55-56); Charles S. Spigelmire (H&H/54-55); Dale Stang (L51/53); George I. Stoeckert (42-46); Bruce M. Tyler (A320/55-56); Robert G. Thompson (HQ3/46); Jerry R. Umlor (B/52-54); Francisco Vega (I/51-53); Charles J. Viviano (K/51-52); Jack F. Wheeler (HQ2/51-55); Gerald J. Wich (C/51-52) and Richard Yates (HQ320/51-52).

News From National



The Deployments Continue: Task Force Panther 505 PIR returned to Fort Bragg in December, having been replaced by Task Force Devils in Baggy Pants (504th PIR).

Task Force Falcon (325 PIR) was deployed initially at Camp Champion, Kuwait. Here's the latest information we have received on the 325. The Brigade took control of an airfield in south central Iraq on 27 March which will be used as a forward operations base to engage paramilitary forces that are harassing convoy units in southern Iraq.

The Brigade landed in C-130 aircraft and also convoyed to the airfield, nicknamed George Bush International Airport. The airfield is an old Iraqi air base that was destroyed during he first Gulf War. About 1,500 paratroopers arrived by air to set up the base after it was secured by elements of a mechanized infantry unit. The rest of the combat team arrived in three military convoys of close to 600 vehicles.

The paratroopers were slated to jump into Saddam Hussein International Airport in the event Saddam's regime fell in the early days of the war. Without an early collapse, the mission was scrubbed, according to MG Charles Swannack, the 82d Airborne's commanding general.

Space "A" U.S. Dependent Travel: The

Department of Defense approved a one-year test to evaluate the expansion of space-available privileges for dependents traveling within the CONUS. Space A travel for dependents in CONUS has not been approved in the past. Dependents must be accompanied by their sponsors. Continued on page 3.

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The test is scheduled to begin 1 April 2003 and end 1 April 2004. Retired members may sign up 60 days in advance but no earlier than 1 April 2003. Information concerning the Space-A policy may be obtained by sending an email message to amc-lgtp@scott.af.mil Do not send an email requesting flight information. Contact a terminal directly for this. For additional information concerning space-available travel and sign-up procedures review the Air Mobility Command public web site at http://amcpublic.scott.aaf.mil/spacea/spacea.htm or contact the servicing DOD air terminal of interest.

Veterans Service Officer Reports: TRICARE does not cover hearing aids for retirees or their family members under any of the TRICARE programs. If the beneficiary who needs a hearing aid is a retired military member (remember you are also a veteran), he or she can check with the VA to see if the VA can help. Additionally, some military facilities support a Retiree-AT-Cost Hearing Aid Purchase Program (RACHAPP). Check with your nearest military treatment facility to see if it supports this program. The MTF may be able to purchase the hearing aid for you, and you reimburse the MTF its cost.

Top Five Veterans Chapters - 28 February

1.	Fayetteville, NC	1010
2.	508 th Airborne Chapter	429
3.	LTG J. M. Gavin/NE/Ma	369
4.	N. Jersey - New Jersey	327
5.	W. E. Hughes - Port Jervis, NY	305

Ed's Note: As of 5 April we stand at 431 members. We need 32 new members by 30 June to earn the coveted Membership Excellence Plaque for the year 2003. As earlier reported, we had a disappointing 25 Annual Members who failed to renew their membership for 2003. More on this later!

1-508th - Somewhere In Northern Iraq



Our own 1-508 from Vicenza, Italy conducted an airborne assault as part of the 173d Airborne Brigade, in northern Iraq in the area controlled by the Kurds sometime during the last week of

March.

The 173d is comprised of the HQ & HQ Co.; 173d Combat Support Co.; 501st Forward Support Co.; 173d Brigade Recon Co.; D Btry, 319th Abn Field Arty; 1-508th Abn Bn and 2-503d Abn Bn (-).

Although reporting is not specific as to the overall activities of the 508th we are sure they are performing in an exemplary manner. Good going Troops, keep up the good work and God Speed!

New Chapter Members



Your Chapter is pleased to announce the addition of two new All American Members (Life), six new Annual Members and one new Affiliate Member.

All American Members (Life)

James M. Mongoven (MED/55-56) and LTG (R) John M. Wright (HQ3/51-53).

Annual Members For 2003

Jack Harkins (MED/55-56); Jerome M. (Jerry) Marchlewicz (HQ2/54-55); Glendon R. Mathis (MED55/56); Cary G. Peel D/54-56); Daniel I. Reed (HQ3/55-56) and Carl S. Russ (MED/55-56).

AFFILIATE MEMBER

James M. Love (MED/54-55).

Missing In Action (MIA's)

This is a new column which is designed to get you, the Chapter members, involved in assisting your Chapter in retaining it's membership. The following former annual members failed to renew their membership for the year 2003. If you know any of these Red Devils, give them a call and encourage them to "reup" for the current year (2003). Fro some reason we had far to many (25) fail to renew this year.

Adams, Mack J. (B/54-56); Baxley, Marcus L (A320/51-52); Beattie, Regis T. Brown, Kermit Conaway, Dale D. (A/51-53); Continued on Page 4.

Cordaro, Joseph D. (D/51-52); Doughty, William R. (HQ1/46); Elmore, Louis R. (H/54-56); Gary, Ronald P. (K/55-56); Gonia, Robert E. (B/52-53); Hixon, Cyril D. (46); Johnson, Roger E. (SVC/54-56); Lawrence, William L. (L/55-56); McCabe, John F. (G/51-52); Miller, Robert E. (D/53-56); Mont-Eton, Mark (C2/76-79); Pavlus, Michael N. (HHC/71-73); Peterson, Robert L. (SVC/51-53); Radford, Dennis C. (B/51-52); Radigan, Charles (E/51-52); Richter, Curtis (B1/81-84); Sadilek, Ken (B/46); Sauborn, Francis P. (L/55-56); Speyerer, Edwin M (F/51-52); Staehlin, Carl (A/51-54); Trado, James T. (SPT/51-52); Von-Maszewski, Wolfram (L/55-56) and Voss, William F. (B/54-55).

Again. If you know any of the above, check them out to see if they are OK and encourage them to continue their association with their fellow RED DEVILS!

Airborne Events of Note



Airborne Spring Fling May 2003. Sponsored by The Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter. To be held in

Lynchburg, VA. May 14 - 17. Registration form can be obtained from your chapter or "Big John" Williams. Tel. 1-800-865-0304. Registration fee is variable, depending on activities selected (\$50 to \$80).

Sun City Fiesta III. Sponsored by The Roy Benavidez - Robert Patterson Chapter will be held in El Paso, TX July 2 - 6. Registration form is published in the Paraglide and can also be obtained from your Chapter. Registration fee is \$75 per person. *Chapter sources tell me this is always a fun activity and they do a bang up job!*

82d Abn Div Assn 57th Annual National

Convention. This event is sponsored by the West Virginia all Airborne Chapter and is to held in Charleston, WV August 13 - 16, 2003. Information can be found on the back cover or the Winter issue of the Paraglide and registration information will be forthcoming in the Spring issue of the Paraglide. Your Chapter hopes to see a big turn out in Charleston despite the low expression of interest displayed to date.

The Rodger Jacobson Chapter, 320th Abn FA Bn Assn. To be held in Clarksville, TN (Ft. Campbell) September 25 - 28, 2003. Tentative information indicates the reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn located at Exit 4, Interstate 24. Indications are that there will be an increase attendance at this event due increased interest already expressed by members of the 320th and the 508th Abn Chap members.

Ed's Note: Having attended this reunion since 1998, I can only say it is well run and a fun event. Joe Montoya, President of the Association, does a bang up job putting on this reunion. I highly recommend you consider attending ths reunion and have the opportunity to visit Fort Campbell and the 101st Airborne Division Museum.

Further details, to include a registration form, will be forthcoming in the May - June issue of your Chapter newsletter.

Membership Letters



Jack Harkins (MED/55-56) writes: Jack, <u>Please</u> accept this additional donation to cover expenses. I am sure you have spent much of your time and

It's been wonderful to reconnect with some of the guys I know. Thanks for your efforts. Take your wife to dinner, buy a beer, etc., etc.

money to keep this organization going.

Looking forward to the 320th reunion in September.

Jack Harkins

Ed's Note: Thanks Jack. I appreciate the kind words and donation. After thinking it over, I donated it to the Chapter.

Bob Copeland (B1/70-71) writes: Hi Jack, Please find a Bank Draft for \$50.00 for the Chapter. All the best to you and yours and have a great day!!

Regards,
Bob Copeland
Abn All the Way!!!!!

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Bernie Patton (K/55-56) writes: Hi Jack, Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$50.00. Use \$12.50 of this amount to renew the chapter membership of my brother-in-law Henry D. Winzinger. The rest is for a donation to the chapter. Since I elected to receive the printed copy of The Red Devil Digest, perhaps it will help toward the postage for myself and other who opted for the same.

At the present time, I'm working on a package which I will send to you as soon as it is completed. My guess is that it will be very interesting for The Red Devil digest. Speaking of the Digest, thanks for printing the Christmas card I sent you. I also sent out 17 others to former "K" Company Troopers or offspring that I've been in touch with since becoming an AAM Chapter member. In the newsletter you stated I was with "K" Company from 1951-1953. The correct dates are 1955-1956 at Fort Campbell, KY and Camp Chickamauga, Japan.

Again, thanks for the splendid job you and Rodger are doing to keep the Chapter going. Airborne all the way. Respectfully, Masterblaster Bernie.

Email received from **Jim Lammle** (MED/55-56). As you can see I finally made contact with Jim Mongoven and it was a very rewarding conversation that followed. I thought that all of you might like to read his email reply. It is so eloquently put and felt that it needed to be shared with all of you. Thanks for your support on our effort to get the "Red devils" back together again.

Hup One Thousand, Jim Lammle.

Jim Mongoven's message to Jim follows:

Jim, you sure look great!! So dignified and accomplished. I'm happy for you since you had so little going for you when we were young, in the way of looks I mean! It was indeed a pleasure for me to share laughs with you. The days of the "Red Devils" were a great experience for us and even though we never had to face an enemy with malice in his heart, (except for the Navy that is) like so many of those who followed us, there were moments of great brotherhood and growth for us, and I'm proud that we served this great nation with our own sacrifices. Thanks for persisting in the quest to make contact with me.

I consider the time in Camp Chick as some of the most meaningful in my life, I came away with a career and the many benefits that provided for my family. I could never have imagined that the Macho decision to be the "best of soldiers" in those days by going to jump school would have meant that much to me in the continuing course of my life. Too often I have surrendered to the immediate needs of my days and let those fateful moments dim in my consciousness. Thanks for reawakening the sense of treasures lost on the road to me. I will do everything possible to make the gaffer gathering this Fall in Clarksville. I found the printed stuff you had sent earlier and will check it again to see if I can help to muster the troops that I remember clearly. Congratulations on your obvious success. I look forward to a face to face soon.

"Hup Thousand",....etc,

Jim Mongoven

Ed's Note: **James M. Mongoven** (MED/55-56) is now an All American Member of the 508th Airborne Chapter.

Charlie Burgel (A/51-53) emailed: Dear Jack, We just lost one of my best buddies from the 508th ARCT. He passed away on March 25 in Erie, PA, his home town. He was on the 57mm recoilless rifles while I was on the 60mm mortar. We were together from January 51 to January 52 in the 4th Platoon of Company A.

In January 53, when we were discharged, he came to my home town to stop by and he met my niece and ended up marrying her and they had five great children. We were close friends since 1951 and I thank the 508th for brining us together and finding my niece a great husband. We made 21 jumps together at Fort Benning and we were in on the Operation Longhorn jump in Texas.

Just thought I would let you know we lost a great trooper.

Thanks,

Charlie Burgel

Did You Know?

Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm. According to Department of the Army General Order DA GO 8 1974, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm was awarded to Headquarters, U.S. Military Assistance Command (MACV) and all its subordinate units during the period 8 Feb 1962 to 28 Mar 1973, All military personnel who were assigned to unit serving in-country Vietnam during this period were considered assigned to MACV and its subordinate units regardless of service or component. Under DA GO 43, 1970, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry was awarded to all military personnel of all branches who served in-country Vietnam between 1 Mar 1961 and 28 Mar 1973 and to U.S. Army Vietnam and its subordinate units for the period 20 Jul 1965 to 28 Mar 1973. Both of these DA GOs should be listed in Army Pamphlet 672-3 which NPRC for making corrections to DD-214s.

This is a foreign award that was issued by the Army of South Vietnam. When awarded to U.S. military personnel it was awarded with Silver Star (the equivalent to the US Army Silver Star) or with Bronze Star (equivalent to the US Bronze Star). It is also the equivalent of the French Croix de Guerre. When awarded to units it was always with Gold Palm. If you never received a medal, ribbon, or certificate it cannot be reissued by NPRC since this is a foreign award. However, amended discharge papers (DD-215) can be issued if the citation is not listed on your DD-214. If you want to confirm your eligibility you can request an amendment by submitting a Standard Form 180 (SF-180) to the National Personnel Records Command (NPRC). This form can be downloaded at www.fra.org/links,htt;://members.aol.com/forvets/hto mr.htm or

http:www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military _personnel_records/standard_form_180.html

Veterans who cannot access the Internet may call 1-800-FRA-1924 to request the form. Further information is also available from your local VA office.

Many vets never received their Vietnam Cross of Gallantry who were eligible. The medal and ribbon

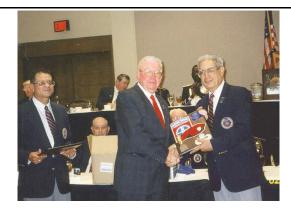
can be viewed at www.campeagle101.com A certificate suitable for framing can be purchased for a fee at campeagle101@aol.com (Source: Armed Forces News, 3 Jan 03.

State of Florida Releases Driver Information

Keep Your Personal Information Private -Under state law, your motor vehicle and driver license records are subject to public disclosure.

The Driver Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) allows you to keep your personal information private by limiting who has access to the information. Your photograph, your telephone number, and your medical information are already protected from public disclosure. DPPA allows you to protect the rest of your personal information. If you cannot access the Internet, it is suggested you visit the nearest local Drivers License station to initiate actions to block the release of your personal information.

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(L-R) Manuel E. De Jesus, Jack K. Damron & Duke Armendariz. Chapter award at 56^{th} Convention

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The following picture appeared at the bottom of the address page of The Red Devil Digest.



CSM Warren S. (Ike) Eichelberger (MED/55-56) (Recon Plat./327) & wife Mary Ann on another of the couples reconnaissance!

Quartermaster Sales Form ---- (Members Only)

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.									
				v Member Re					
Enclosed is \$12.50 for my annual	membership d	ues for the year	to include a su	bscription to the PARA	GLIDE.				
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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	-					
Present Occupation		Single Ma	riedSpouse	es's Name	# of Children				
(PLEASE FILL IN APPLICATION COMPLETELY)									
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	<u> </u>				

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.