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82d Convention Successful

Chairman's Message



Despite the cancellation of the Thursday morning scheduled jump due to a lack of aircraft, the 57th Annual National Convention of the 82d Airborne Division was a rousing success. The Division was represented by it's Commanding General, MG Charles H. Swannack, Jr. and other

selected officers and non-commissioned officers of the 82 Airborne Division along with 82d Airborne Division Chorus who provided it's usual superb entertainment at the Convention dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Details of the Association elections will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Paraglide. Richard E. Becker, Association Secretary, was elected President of the Association for the years 2004/05. Eight new Directors were also elected. All Convention results will be reported in the Autumn issue of the Paraglide.

The Chapter did very well in competition with the other 95 chapters for the year 2003. The Chapter took first place in the Category 1 Newsletters (\$75.00) and second place in the Category 1 Promotional Materials (\$50.00). Again we were awarded the Membership Excellence Plaque. That makes five awards since 1999!

There were twelve attendees from the Chapter at the Convention. If I left out anyone I'm sure I'll hear about it.

Bratvold, Arnold and Jodi (H/44-46); **Burns, David H.** (H/51-54); **Burns, Franklin** (SVC/51-53); **Damron, Jack K.** (HQ1/54-57); **Elliot, Alex and Ikuko** (SPT/55-56); **Glynn, Kenneth L. Jr. and Helen:** (L/51-54); **Henson, Bobbie R. and Donna** (E/51-53); **Leonard, Steve** (C2/64-67)); **Lockman, Pat E.** (H/51-56); **Madrid, Tino G.** (B/70-71);

Murray, Robert T. (B/51-53); **Stacey, Walter O.** (K/51-55) and **White, Robert B.** (A/42-45).



Alex and Ikuko Elliot



Bob Murray and Dave Burns

**ITS TIME
TO
REUP!
MORE TO COME**

As most of you are aware, the Convention was important to the Chapter as this was when the bi-annual Chapter election is held. The following officers were elected for the years 2004/05:

Chairman	Jack K. Damron (HQ1/54-57)
Vice Chairman	Rodger G. Jacobson (HQ320/55-56)
Secretary/ Treasurer	James T. Lutes (SPT/55-56)

Kenneth L Glynn (L/51-53) consented to continue as **Quartermaster** and, as you can see, I consented to run for the chairmanship in order to keep the Chapter going for two more years. I will also continue to publish The Red Devil Digest and the Chapter web site.

The turn out for the 82d Convention was disappointing to say the least. If it were not for Jim Lutes agreeing to run for Secretary/Treasurer the Chapter would have been dissolved as of January 1, 2004. I ask all of the membership: are we to face the same situation again going into 2006? As of the publishing of this newsletter, there are 482 paid up members of the Chapter, plus 61 Affiliate Members. With the exception of the above four members, everyone else was content to sit back and not support the Chapter. I recognize that there are good reasons that some may not be able to hold office but I ask all of you to consider running for office and keeping the Chapter alive after the year 2005!

On the positive side, membership continues to grow. We finished the year with 467 paid up members as of July 31 and have picked up an additional 15 members since then. We need to attain a membership of 507 to claim another Membership Excellence Plaque for 2004. We usually lose around 30 members who fail to renew their annual membership and unfortunately, we can count on at least 10 reported deaths so you see we usually need to gain around 80 new members each year. As in the past, I once again suggest that your Chapter be represented by a member of each unit of the 508th and 508th ARCT. The success of this is proven. **COL (R) John E. Munnelly**, former CO of the 598th Abn Engr Co, rallied his Troopers to the mini reunion at Peoria last fall and he will again be present at the reunion in Clarksville with many of his troopers this September. **James T. Lutes** (SPT/55-

56) and **James J. Lammle** (MED/55-56) are also to be commended for their outstanding efforts in rallying their respective Troopers for the reunion in Clarksville. Not only are we getting former Red Devils together after so many years, we are also increasing the membership. **Nothing is as good as contact by an old friend!** As of September 6, there were 205 Troopers and guests signed up for the 320th AFA/508th Abn Chap Reunion. Again, your Chapter needs it's membership to step forward! *Volunteer to be a Company/Battery Representative.* Your Chairman will furnish you with a current listing of all Troopers we have on the Chapter Data Base for your unit.



Bobbie and Donna Henson

Now comes the time of the year that is the most displeasing for me every year. As I mentioned earlier in this column, the new recruiting year has begun for 2004. We have 250 Annual Members and 61 Affiliate Members who have to renew their membership for the year 2004. I am asking all of the members in that category to renew their membership prior to 10 November. This will allow your chapter to get all renewals into National prior to 15 November and receive a \$1.00 rebate for each early renewal. Just think, \$250.00 will go along way in paying for one issue of The Red Devil Digest and its postage. Be an **Early Bird** and support your Chapter by renewing early!

There is also an incentive for renewing your Annual Membership as an All American Member. See the column entitled "Be Smart - Save Money!"

BE SMART- SAVE MONEY!**One Time Membership Offer**

Some of you old timers may remember that the end of the National Convention marks the beginning of the new membership recruiting year. For those of you who are relatively new to the Association, the Association membership year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year regardless of when you join. The one exception is if you join just prior to the Association Convention which is held in August of each year. You will be a member from that date to December 31 of the following year. For example, if you join on August 15, 2003, you are considered a member through 31 December 2004.

We emphasize each year that it is to your and the Chapters benefit if you renew your membership as an All American (AAM) Life member. If you are 50 years of age or over, the cost is a one time payment of \$100.00. No other fraternal or military association costs less to my knowledge!

In 2001 your Chapter offered a limited time only All American Membership for those current members who are 50 years or older for \$82.00. (This is the same rate for active duty troopers of the 82d Airborne Division). **We are once again offering this option. This is a ONE TIME offer and is available to the FIRST FIFTY (50) APPLICANTS!** You must be a current, paid up member for 2003, be fifty years or older and full payment must accompany your COMPLETED Application Form and the Chapter must receive your application no later than 10 November 2003. *Members who have recently renewed their annual membership for the year 2004 can send \$69.50 to take advantage of this one time offer.*

Current Annual Members for 2003, UNDER THE AGE OF FIFTY (50), may renew as an All American Member (AAM) for \$132.00. This again is a ONE Time offer and is available to the first fifty applicants! The same restrictions as stated above apply. **Don't wait! Renew as an All American now and be one of the first 50 to be accepted!**

BE SMART BE AN AAM

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); *Samuel A. Colon* (B1/79-82); *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*; (I/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); *Paul D. Ott* (C320/54-55); *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).

Red Devils Found



Thanks to Vice Chairman Rodger Jacobson, our Red Devil Recruiter, we have eleven found Red Devils to report in this issue. If you know any of these Troopers and want to contact them,

contact your Chairman and he will be glad to furnish you with their address, email address (if there is one) and phone number.

You can also request a unit roster by sending a self addressed #10 stamped envelope and \$1.00 to the Chapter Chairman. Unit rosters are furnished free to new members when they receive their initial membership card.

Each individual listed below has received a complimentary newsletter and welcome letter containing additional information about the Chapter. Again, if our Chapter members also contact them it would go a long way in bringing them into the Chapter. We need your help too!

Gray, Joe V. (HQ3/55-56); **Irby, Charles** (HQ3/55-56); **Kuehnstedt, Herbert E.** (HQ3/55-56); **Lesuer, John T.** (SPT/53); **Levy, Louie** (H/519/52-55); **Proctor, Theodore D.** (HQ3/55-56); **Sotack, Frank** (HQ3/55-56); **Taylor, Frank** (HQ3/55-56); **Vada, George R.** (HQ3/55-56); **Watson, Wiley L.** (HQ3/55-456); and **Woodall, North CSM, Ret.** (HQ3/55-56).

News From National

Association Educational Fund

Applications and criteria for scholarship grants for the Association's Educational Fund are available at the chapter level. All dependent children of Airborne Veterans, who are voting members of the 82d Airborne Division association, may apply. Also, any former active duty 82d Airborne Division Trooper, who is an Association Member of a veteran chapter; within two years of honorable discharge/release from active duty, and having served no more than two tours of duty, may apply. To be considered for a scholarship grant, completed applications must arrive at the designated address not later than 5:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time, 1 November.

This mailing address is printed on the application forms and published in Association Bulletins, and the Association's Paraglide magazine.

The month of November has been designated by the Association as Educational Fund Month.

(Note from Chapter Chairman): See the Summer Paraglide for further information. If members desire to make a contribution to the Educational Fund it is requested that they do so by separate check made out to the Educational Fund. Please do not include Educational Funds in your check for Chapter renewal or new member applications.)

Future Association Conventions

The 58th Annual Convention, sponsored by the Cal-Nevada All Airborne Chapter will be held in the Circus-Circus Hotel in Reno, NV August 16-21, 2004. (Convention officially starts on 18 August with Early Birds Hospitality Suite). Registration fee is \$75.00 and room rates are \$79.00 (North Tower) or \$65.00 (Sky Tower) plus a 13.5% sales tax (up to four per room) = \$89.67/\$73.87 total. Reservations can be made at Circus-Circus Resorts Hotel and Casino, 500 North Sierra St., Reno, NV 89503. Tel. (866) 447-7728. Members must mention the 82d Airborne Division Association Code IARBRN.

The 2005 Convention was awarded to the Badger State Chapter for Milwaukee, WI. Registration fee has been established at \$75.00 per person and the Convention will be held during 10-13 August 2005.

Association's Web Site

The official web site address has changed to: www.82ndassociation.org

Veterans Service Officer Report

The fastest way to get DD-214s - The National Personnel Center has provided the following website for veterans to access their DD-214 online: www.vetrecs.archives.gov The point of contact is Linda Krout, linda.krout@us.mary.mil or (401) 306-1755.

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Also military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use the new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180 which can be downloaded from the online web site. The new web based application was designed to provide better service on those requests by eliminating the records center's mail room processing time.

Book Writer Asking For Assistance

John Hoerth, former marine, is doing research on the Battle of Normandy during WWII for a book. He has spoken with members of the 2d Rangers and the 101st Airborne Division and would like to have interviews with the 82d Troopers who were there and fought in Normandy. His address is: 2018 North Jay St., Aberdeen, SD 57401; but to expedite matters he requests that members email him at schn_mine@hotmail.com

D-Day and Battle of Normandy (5 June - 24 August 1944)

Next year is the 60th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. The Lower Normandy Regional Council has created a badge to be presented to the eligible troopers who were there during the time period and are going to partake in the ceremonies in Normandy. The badge will be numbered and engraved with the name of the troopers who will attend the ceremonies. They recommend that eligible troopers visit their web site at www.normandiememoire.com To see where the ceremonies will take place and how to registerit appears one must be present to win.

Taps



Hughes, Franklin, an All American Member of the Chapter, died recently. Franklin served with Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 508th PIR in Frankfurt, Germany in 1946. He is survived by two children.



Ruse, John, an All American Member, died May 10, 2004. John served with Support Company, 508th ARCT in Fort Campbell, Ky and Camp Wood, Japan in 1955-56. He is survived by his wife Joan, four children and six grandchildren.

Strenko, Joseph W, died June 21, 2003. Joe was a member of Medical Company, 508th ARCT in Fort Campbell, KY and Camp Chickamauga, Japan from 1955 to 1956. No further details are available.

Sick Call



Warren (Jack) Simpson (MED/55-56) had open heart surgery on July 31, 2003. As result, Jack had to bow out of the Clarksville Reunion and miss seeing many of his old Trooper buddies from Camp Chick. You can contact Jack at PO Box 50484, Billings, MT 59105-0484; Tel. (406) 2481315 or email him at; wsim538248@aol.com

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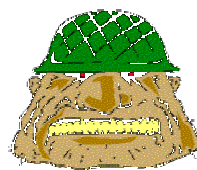
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The Old RE-UP Sarge sez!

"Listen up Troopers. Renew now. Take advantage of the one time offer to renew as an All American Member."

New Chapter Members



Your Chapter is please to announce that two new All American Members (Life), eight new Annual Members and one new Affiliate Member have dropped in.

All American Members (Life)

William T. Burns (598/54-56) and **SSG Ret. Joseph W. Evett** (427/55-56).

Annual Members For 2004

Ronald D. Beaugrrand (SPT/52-56); **MAJ Ret. O. Sam Blomberg** (MED/54-56); **SGT Samuel A. Colon** (B1/79-82); **Robert F. Delaney** (A/51-52); **James Fitzsimmons** (MED/52-53); **Anthony F. Giardino** (M/51-53); **Paul J. Lucero** (SPT/55-56) and **Charles H. Mullholland** (F/55-56).

Affiliate Member For 2004

Vincent C. Cain (C/51-53)

Future Infantry Weapon

You are looking at the XM8, a modular weapon with different barrel lengths designed to address all the needs of an infantry squad. While exact measurements are not available, the baseline model is expected to be lighter than the M4 carbine and no longer in size. .

The squad auto-rifle version of the XM8 features a heavier barrel and high-capacity magazines.

All versions have a telescoping stock except for the commando variant, which is planned to have a shorter barrel for tight compartments such as inside armored vehicles and helicopter cockpits. All models are also suppose to have a multi purpose optic that includes a red dot reticle, a backup sight that requires no power, an infrared pointer, an infrared illuminator and visible pointer.

The XM8's barrels of varying length can be changed at the arms room to meet mission needs.



Base Line Model

Sharpshooter Model

40mm Grenade Launcher (Detachable)

Commando Model

Squad Automatic Rifle

The Squad Automatic Rifle features a longer, heavier barrel for sustained automatic fire, a high capacity magazine and folding bipod for stability.

The weapons is designed to fire the standard 5.56mm round, however for special operations forces, the weapon can be converted to fire 7.62-by-39mm, the same round as the AK47.

Moving? Let Us Know!

Name_____

New Address_____

City, State, Zip +4_____

New Tel. #_____

Perm____Temp____Dates_____

New E-mail Address_____

This picture was shown at the bottom of the address page of the hard copy newsletter.



See next page for Quartr master Items for sale for members only!

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, 508 th Abn Chapter (See 1, Below)			\$5.50	\$1.00 (3/\$1.50)	
Patch 508 th 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.

☐ All American (Life)
 ☐ Renewal
 ☐ New Member
 ☐ Reinstatement

Enclosed is \$12.50 for my annual membership dues for the year _____ to include a subscription to the PARAGLIDE.

Name _____ Street or R.F.D. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ -- _____ Tel. # _____

Rank (Active) _____ ASN _____ or SSN _____

E-mail address _____

508th Unit (Circle one) Co. ____ Bn. ____ 508th; Btry. ____ 320th AFA; 427th; 519th QM Co.; 598th Engr. Co.

Date of 508th service: From Mo. _____ Year _____ to Mo. _____ Year _____

Present Occupation _____ Single _____ Married _____ Spouses's Name _____ # of Children _____

(PLEASE FILL IN APPLICATION COMPLETELY)

I presently am a member of the _____ Chapter, 82nd Abn Assn. Enclosed are my reduced dues 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.