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1. 64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION: Information on the Charleston, WV Convention was published in the Spring Issue of the Paraglide and has been posted on the Association's Website's home page ([www.82ndairborneassociation.org](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org)), click on the WV All-Airborne ad. Enclosed are the Convention and Hotel Registrations pages, Convention Schedule and List of Convention Area Activities. Listed below is the Overflow Hotels' information:

Embassy Suites Charleston  
300 Court Street  
Charleston, WV 25301  
(304) 347-8700

Holiday Inn Express  
100 Civic Center Drive  
Charleston, WV 25301  
(304) 345-0600

2. WITHIN THE 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:

a. It is official; MG James L. Huggins is going to become the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Commander according to Division Rear CSM Lambert.

b. All attention and questions concerning a Division Change of Command and other activities remain pending the return of the 82<sup>nd</sup> C.G., Staff and Headquarters, Division Special Troops Battalion and the 4<sup>th</sup> BCT (508 PIR) after mid June 2010.

c. Approximately 600 Red Falcon Paratroopers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT (1-325 AIR) deployed to Afghanistan for a 90-120 day training mission. LTC Masaracchia and CSM Clark said their role is strictly training, joining forces with Afghan soldiers on patrols/operations and training the Afghan leaders who will in turn train their subordinates.

d. The last of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade Paratroopers returned to Fort Bragg after a year in Afghanistan; completing 12,000 missions, including air assaults, medevacs, reconnaissance and cargo movements.

3. ASSOCIATION DEADLINES: Deadlines were announced in previous bulletins; nonetheless Chapter Officers are reminded of:

- a. 15 May - Nominations for All-American of the Year
- b. 9 Jun - Changes to By-Laws
- c. 11 Jun - Input for Convention Agenda
- d. 15 Jun - Communications and Public Relations
- e. 16 Jun - Nomination for National Directors
- f. 1 Jul - Award Recommendations

4. CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The deadline has passed and the Chapter Chairmen of those Chapters that did not submit their Annual Financial Statements will be notified in writing, by National, that they have forfeited their 2010 Rebate Check.

*"America's Guard of Honor"*

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF

5. SPONSORSHIP OF COMBAT WOUNDED WARRIORS (WW) TO THE CONVENTION: Last month we announced this year's WW program. Fredrick "Fred" L. Spaulding (Past National Director), the WW Coordinator for this Convention and the National Office have received a number of inquiries from Chapters about this year's WW Program. A WW can be sponsored at \$800.00. This covers Registration, Hotel, transportation and miscellaneous expenses. If your Chapter would like to sponsor a WW at \$800.00 or be part of a group sponsor, please contact Fred. He will put it together so that as many WW Troopers as possible can attend as our guests. Fred can be reached at 317-849-3969 or e-mail National at [82dww@earthlink.net](mailto:82dww@earthlink.net).

6. MEMBERSHIP CHITS: The National Office issues membership CHITS (in different money amounts for use towards future membership) to Chapter officials when transmittal discrepancies occur. These CHITS (3x5 card signed by the Executive Director) must be utilized ASAP during the current membership year.

7. REISSUE OF MEMBERSHIP "PLASTIC" CARDS: Chapter Officers are reminded that a \$1.00 charge is required for reissue of membership cards, due to the cost of the plastic cards and postage fees.

8. MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS: Enclosed are the membership statistics as of 30 April 2010. Congratulations are in order to the 20 Chapters (11 less than last year at this time) who have already met or exceeded their 2010 membership. Reminder: the next update will be published in the July 2010 Bulletin. Also, the deadline for membership to count towards Convention awards is 1 July 2010.

9. DELINQUENT MEMBERS: As President Eberle notes in his Spring Paraglide message, some Chapters "need to develop a plan of action to turn the membership number in a positive direction". Chapters are "where the rubber meets the road", or "the boots on the ground". Let's not reinvent the wheel, but improve it. Membership begins at the Chapter level. These are helpful HINTS to consider:

a. Publish the names of delinquent members as MIA in your Bulletins.

b. Have members carry a membership application at all times.

c. Periodically contact area newspaper editors and ask that a short article be published soliciting all former Airborne and Glider qualified personnel, and announce upcoming Chapter activities such as meetings, picnics, etc. (More information is reflected on the Public Relations and Communications SOP).

10. ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT: I received a detailed report from PP/Chairman Shirley R. Gossett, as he continues to support the Association and files this 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2010 Report:

Emails handled	927
Applications Mailed	15
Paraglides Mailed	6
Bulk Mailed Letters to Editors	1,337

11. CHAPTER WEBSITES: If interested in establishing a website, you may contact National Web person - Cheryl Polk at [aherotribute\\_org@yahoo.com](mailto:aherotribute_org@yahoo.com).

12. ASSOCIATION SALES ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Charlie and Sandy Wagner are packed up and looking forward to attending the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Memorial Airborne Days in Corpus Christi, TX, 11-13 June 2010. Not only will they have the usual favorites but some recently discovered discontinued items priced to go! MARK YOUR CALENDARS and help support this great reunion.

13. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER NOTES:

a. New law passed to help Vet Caregivers: Primary in-home caregivers to severely wounded Veterans of current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will be paid a stipend by the Department of Veteran Affairs under a bill passed unanimously by Congress. The House passed the bill Wednesday, April 21, 2010 and the Senate forwarded it to the White House for the president's signature on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Under the law the VA will also pay lodging and meals to those who accompany severely injured Veterans on long trips for VA health care evaluation and treatments. Also, when a caregiver needs respite, VA will pay for temporary caregiver replacements for up to 30 days a year.

b. The Meaning of the Symbols at a Military Funeral: The Honor Guard pays meticulous attention to correctly fold the USA Flag 13 times. Here's what each fold means (note: does not represent the original 13 colonies):

- ★ 1<sup>st</sup> Fold is the symbol of life.
- ★ 2<sup>nd</sup> Fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.
- ★ 3<sup>rd</sup> Fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.
- ★ 4<sup>th</sup> Fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for his divine guidance.
- ★ 5<sup>th</sup> Fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong'.
- ★ 6<sup>th</sup> Fold is where people's hearts lie when they pledge allegiance to the flag of the USA...
- ★ 7<sup>th</sup> Fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces...
- ★ 8<sup>th</sup> Fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death.
- ★ 9<sup>th</sup> Fold is a tribute to womanhood and Mothers.
- ★ 10<sup>th</sup> Fold is a tribute to the father.
- ★ 11<sup>th</sup> Fold represents the lower portion of the seal of David...
- ★ 12<sup>th</sup> Fold represents an emblem of eternity...
- ★ 13<sup>th</sup> Fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are the uppermost reminder, 'In God We Trust'.

The 21-gun salute = the sum of the numbers in the year 1776.

14. WWII OPERATION MARKET GARDEN STORIES SOUGHT: LTC Elizabeth A. Coble (82d Life Member) is gathering stories and information from WWII Paratrooper Veterans on Operation Market Garden, specifically on the River Waal Crossing,

20 September 1944. You can help by publishing this note and her contact info (703-344-4016 or [ABNATW@gmail.com](mailto:ABNATW@gmail.com)) in your newsletters, in hopes of capturing this rich heritage before it is lost forever.

15. ARMED FORCES DAY: As proud Paratroopers and Glidermen, let us all show our support of Armed Forces Day - 15 May 2010.

16. MEMORIAL DAY: Association President, William L. Eberle and the First Lady Barbara, join the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses, in best wishes and remembrance on Memorial Day, 31 May 2010.

17. BULLETIN 589 ERRORS - 1 APRIL 2009:

a. The previous bulletin was erroneously dated 1 April 2009 (unfortunately that was not an April Fool's joke).

b. The Dan Campbell Chapter was erroneously noted as missing the 31 March 2010 Annual Financial Statement Deadline.

c. National Director Russell "Rusty" Wolfe was erroneously identified as being eligible for 2010 re-election in Bulletin 588, March 2010, ¶ 10.

d. PP Duke Armendariz was erroneously identified as the Chairman of the National Awards Committee in Bulletin 588, March 2010, ¶ 8. The correct Chairman is VP Harold Schroeder, 123 66<sup>th</sup> St, West New York, NJ 07093-3106.

e. Just a friendly reminder from Candace (the Executive Secretary), please save email space between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, for the Bulletin. Unfortunately we have had several Bulletins returned due to filled mail boxes. When this happens we will send you a hard copy ASAP. Nevertheless, green is the way to go!

Enclosures

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Executive Director

PS - Once again the National Headquarters is asking the Chapter Officers, Chairman and Secretary to notify your officers of the Association's new mailing address and telephone number. Transmittals, correspondence and newsletters are still being mailed to the old address.

CHAIRMEN, SECRETARIES, TREASURERS AND OFFICERS, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT AND PATIENCE AS WE CONTINUE THE ASSOCIATIONS RICH TRADITION AND MOVE FORWARD! AIRBORNE - ALL THE WAY!