



## Association National Airborne Day Resolution

Dear Fellow Paratroopers and Glidermen,

I am very proud to report to everyone that we are once again working hard to gain a U.S. Senate Resolution proclaiming August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as “National Airborne Day”. As has been in the past from great leadership by Bud Dutton and most recently, Bill Kingfisher, Jr., we are working with the Senate on Capitol Hill to gain recognition once again for 2011.

I am personally pleased to be asked by our Association President, Bill Eberle, to lead this effort. Having worked on the original NAD committee with Bud Dutton, I am excited to be able to once again assist our great Association. I am also excited to report that Senator Jack Reed (RI-D), and former 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Paratrooper, has agreed to be the lead Sponsor for the Senate Resolution!! Unfortunately, it is too early in their process to have a Resolution number assigned, but hopefully we’ll know by this Summer that Resolution number. Once we do we’ll get the information to the Chapters ASAP.

In the meantime, I strongly encourage everyone to begin their own respective “NAD Campaigns” to notify their respective Senators of this important action. We need every U.S. Senator to be a “Co-Sponsor”. I also urge everyone to encourage their respective Senator’s to also support a permanent NAD Resolution! I know we continue to work this each year, and unfortunately, because of the current Senate protocols it’s not possible. However I continue to believe that we can achieve this goal! We, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, have never given up, and we just can not give up on this cause either.

Please take time to email AND call your Senator’s offices and request their support of the National Airborne Day Resolution, especially once we have been given a proper Resolution number! I also strongly encourage each member to work within your respective states and territories to gain Proclamations for a NAD as I believe that too will help our cause for gaining a permanent NAD Proclamation.

As I close this letter I wish to thank all that have worked so hard on this effort, especially Bill Kingfisher and those on his support team. Bill, you did a great job, thank you, Airborne! I also wish to thank our President and our Executive Director for their support. If you’d like to help just let me know. Ok Airborne, let’s get this done!

Airborne! Air Cav!! RLTW!!! ATW!!!!

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