



WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM

The 82nd Airborne Division and 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Project are in full swing as of this writing. First of all our Treasury has about \$10,000.00 thanks to some left over funds from last year and the great help in fundraising by Past President Dave Foy's daughter Susan. Susan had a fundraising birthday party in which considerable funds were raised. In speaking of Susan, I feel that this great patron and benefactor should be placed on this committee as the civilian liaison. I've had some feedback from National on this and all is positive for this to happen.

Next, there is considerable confusion concerning which Wounded Paratrooper is to be assigned to which Chapter. Some Chapters sponsor more than one trooper. As with the Golden Bridge Chapter, a national at large Chapter we once sent funding for eight wounded Troopers. Since we, the 3d Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division-Vietnam, has the 1st and 2nd 505 and the 1st of the 508 with us and the only 501(c) Chapter in the 82nd Association, no one was assigned to our Chapter. No problem with us, we were just content that we could get our wounded to the National Convention and were recognized for supporting eight wounded Troopers.

This is the way the 82nd Wounded Warrior Project will be handled this year. The Chapter sponsors will be announced at the 82nd Wounded Warrior luncheon at the National Convention and thanked by name for their support. We will also recognize each Wounded Paratrooper.

Let's understand that each of these Wounded Paratroopers belong to all of us and everyone should do their best to ensure these Wounded Paratroopers enjoy the Convention.

Remember, the only persons that have every shed blood for us are Jesus Christ and the American Soldier!

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