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82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.
NORTH JERSEY "All Airborne" CHAPTER, Inc.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Telephone Number _____ New Member _____ Renewal _____ Reinstatement _____
Enclosed is \$35.00 membership dues for the year _____, subscription to THE PARAGLIDE included.
Enclosed also is my donation to the 82nd Airborne Div. Assoc. Education Fund _____
Enclosed is _____ for Life Membership (\$250 if under 50 yrs of age / \$175 if over 50. DOB: (_____))
A little extra for the Mail Fund to keep this newsletter First Class. _____
(PLEASE PRINT) TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____
NEW MEMBER MUST INCLUDE PROOF OF GLIDER/AIRBORNE QUALIFICATIONS OR SERVICE WITH THE 82ND
NAME _____ STREET OR RFD _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
RANK _____ ASN _____ or SSN _____
AIRBORNE UNIT (Be Complete – Co, Bn and Div) _____
DATE OF AIRBORNE SERVICE: FROM (mo) _____ (yr) _____ TO (mo) _____ (yr) _____
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PRESENT OCCUPATION _____ SINGLE _____ MARRIED _____ CHILDREN _____
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Chapter Preference _____

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North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter
18 YEAR NATIONAL AWARD WINNING NEWSLETTER



The **"JUMP IN"**

The Lifeline for Paratroopers and Glidermen

Bob Dritschel, Editor

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**December Installation of Officers
and Christmas Luncheon**



82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc. Harold Schroeder swears in the 2015 North Jersey Chapter slate of officers

The December meeting consisted of the installation of the 2015 officers and immediately following, everyone attended the annual Chapter Christmas luncheon at Tony's Italian Restaurant in Edison. A good time was had by all.

A Facebook page has been created; please visit the "82nd Airborne Division North Jersey Chapter" Facebook page.

A new North Jersey Chapter webpage is under design. Look for it in the near future.

The North Jersey Chapter is requesting donations from its members to support the Wounded Warrior's fund. A donation from each active member who receives this newsletter is appreciated. Please contact Rich Allen for further information

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP
#1-Fayetteville 1472 AAM 1427 #2-Washington DC 419 AAM 408 #3-North Jersey 354 AAM 348

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES



Call **Henry Moe** for information

New Chapter Members:

Daniel Leonard, currently active duty with NJ National Guard, SFC (E-7). Dan's combat tour experience includes a tour in Afghanistan while attached to A Co. 3/504 PIR from 4/1995 to 8/1998.

**CHAPTER
MEETING PLACE**
AMERICAN LEGION
POST #324
Brower St & Amboy Ave
Edison, NJ

MEETING TIME
12:00 pm-Officers Meeting
12:30 pm-Regular Meeting

MEETING DATES - 2015

February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16
June 20
July 16
August 15
September 19
October 17
November 21
December 19

**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

All American Week
May 18 – 21, 2015
Fort Bragg, NC

**82nd Association
National Convention**
August 12 – 15, 2015
Orlando, FL
The Rosen Centre Hotel
9840 International Drive
Orlando, FL
800-204-7234

National Airborne Day
August 16, 2015

**Annual Veteran's Day
Activities**
November 7-11, 2015
Washington, DC

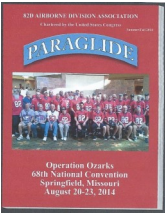
CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

Troopers of the NJC,
A new year is upon us and I wish all a very happy, healthy 2015. Your chapter officers were sworn in at our December meeting by the past president of our 82nd Airborne Division Association, Harold Schroeder. Our new vice chairman and newsletter editor is Bob Dritschel. All other 2014 officers will continue in their same office for 2015. I want to thank Bob for "standing in the door" and taking over for Steve Rodriguez. Steve is unable to continue as vice chairman/editor and I want to thank him for his dedicated service to our chapter. We look forward to his return to active duty with us as soon as possible. At this time, I want to thank the chapter officers, our members, and friends for their continued support during the past year. They stepped up when needed to get the job done. This has been particularly important because many NJC troopers have been missing. If the chapter is to continue as a viable one we must have your support. I urge all NJC members to attend as many monthly meetings as you can and participate in our activities. At last count, we have 354 members, the third largest chapter, and only six to eight are attending monthly meetings. We need you to come out and support the NJC.
Up to date member information is important to us. If you change your address, telephone, email or any pertinent info please inform the chapter secretary, Dave Perry. All news regarding sick call, TAPS, or other news of our members please contact Bob Dritschel so we can share it with all our brothers. As always, keep our veterans and those serving, their families, and our Gold Star Mothers in your thoughts and prayers. They have given so much! Until next time - "stand up, hook up" and join us at our monthly meetings.
Airborne!
Don

New & Views from the Secretary

Since most the North Jersey Chapter members choose not to attend our monthly meetings, I intend to write this column to keep them informed of issues facing us at both the local and national level. In the way of my background, I first joined the Association in June 1954, while serving with the 505th AIR at Ft. Bragg. In July 1963, I joined, what was called at the time, the Newark-Fords chapter. We had our meetings at the VFW in Fords, NJ. I have held every office since then. I was treasurer for 15 years. So, I can say I’ve been there and done that! NOW! The “Real” problem at the local level is the total lack of interest on the part of the general membership. We are lucky to get 7 or 8 members to a meeting. At the National level, they are in a financial bind. They have stopped printing a hard copy of the “Paraglide”. The Board never asked the membership. They just voted on their own. My feelings are it was a very bad decision. At the local level, we are asking our members if they are willing to receive our newsletter by e-mail. However, we will continue to mail to all our members that request the printed copy. My **Challenge** to all members, Get off your butt and make a meeting or two or three in 2015! I’m sure you will enjoy the friendship and refreshments!

Until next time., AATW!
Dave



PARAGLIDE
SUBSCRIPTION

Last August at the Convention the Board of Directors voted to stop printing the PARAGLIDE because they do not have the resources to pay for it. The Paraglide is currently available on the Association website. However everyone knows the importance of the PARAGLIDE as a source of communications with our members. We know many of our membership want a hard bound copy of the PARAGLIDE. The Board of Directors stated that we would see if there would be a publisher who would print and mail the PARAGLIDE to our membership for a subscription fee.

A new elected Board member, Justin Holmes, has found a publisher and put together a program that members may subscribe to the PARAGLIDE. Remember the subscription is voluntary and the Association’s membership receives the PARAGLIDE on line.

There are a few details to know. To start publishing the PARAGLIDE, we need 1,500 subscriptions at \$30 to get started. The publisher wants the subscriber to subscribe using a credit card on Pay Pal. The Paraglide Subscription Request form can be found on the 82nd Airborne Association website, found at <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/paraglide-magazine/>

Questions concerning the paraglide hard copy subscription can be answered by calling the Paraglide editor.

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TAPS

A Final Salute to our Airborne Brethren
Wittig, Kenn, Sparta, NJ, born on February 28, 1929; he served in the US Army Air Corps working with the 82nd Airborne Division. Kenn worked at the NJ Motor Vehicle Department and was instrumental in getting the Airborne license plates program going.

Central Jersey Chapter Accolades

Past National Presidents from the Chapter:
Walter Weiss
Fred Spataro
Harold Schroeder

82nd Airborne Association Raffle

1st Annual Association Raffle Winners
1st Prize (\$2500) - MIKE LONETTO, Washington DC Chapter
2nd Prize (\$2500) – CHICAGO CHAPTER
3rd Prize (\$2500) – DONALD McLANE,
James W. Etherton – Detroit Chapter
4th Prize (\$2500) – RICHARD SCHARVER, Akron Chapter

2nd Annual Association Raffle
Raffle tickets are now available for the 2nd annual raffle. Raffle drawing is scheduled for November 15, 2015. One page of raffle tickets have been included with this newsletter, Additional raffle tickets are available on the 82nd Airborne Division website. If anyone would like to request additional tickets be sent to them, please contact **Bob Dritschel**.

EDITOR’S MESSAGE

Please contact me with any information pertinent to the chapter.

The chapter is also asking for emails addresses to be able to keep in touch with the members. Please forward your email addresses to me at the email below.

The chapter newsletter will be distributed three times per year, as follows: February, June & November.

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82nd Airborne
paratroopers
headed to Iraq

Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division will soon head to Iraq to participate in Operation Inherent Resolve, the Pentagon announced. About 250 soldiers from the division’s 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment — based at Fort Bragg, N.C. — will begin to deploy in December.

Their assignment will be “to conduct security operations in support of the mission to protect U.S. personnel and facilities,” Defense Department spokesman Col. Steve Warren told reporters. The deployment is scheduled to last nine months.

There are approximately 1,550 American troops in Iraq. About 800 of those have been assigned to protect U.S. diplomatic facilities and other installations. The 250 paratroopers will relieve servicemembers who are currently stationed there, Warren said.

Defense officials declined to say specifically where in Iraq the members of the 82nd Airborne will be going.

The U.S. has a military presence at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, the Baghdad International Airport, and joint operations centers in Baghdad and Irbil in the Kurdish north. Some special operations forces are also in Anbar province preparing for a train and equip effort with the Iraqi security forces.

Army Times Statistics
Global War on Terror
KIA – 2,352
WIA - 20,065