

Chicago Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Newsletter

May 2019



Chicago Chapter Officers:

- Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary: Mark Mueller
- Vice Chairman, Sergeant at Arms, and Historian: Glenn T. Granat
- Service Officer: Vacant

Upcoming Events:

- **5 May, 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Prairie Bluff Country Club in Lockport, IL, 14:00-16:00.
- **24 May, 2019:** Chicago Vets Ruck March. Every day, 20 Active Duty and Veterans commitment suicide. The 20 mile ruck march help bring awareness, assistance, and resources to address this very critical situation. If you would like to join us and other veterans, you can register at <http://chicagovets.org/ruck/march-2019> or contact the Chapter's Vice Chairman Glenn Granat at 630-209-2834. If you don't feel a 20-mile ruck march is something you can do, we can always use a ride back from the end of the march, back to our vehicles in Glencoe.
- **9 June, 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Rock Bottom Brewery and Restaurant in Warrenville, IL, 14:00-16:00. Special recognition of the 75th Anniversary of Allied invasion of Normandy France...D-Day!
- **14 July, 2019:** John Steele Chapter Summer Picnic, (replace July meeting). Please join us to spending a day with our Airborne Brothers in the John Steele Chapter in Ottawa, IL.
- **11 August, 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Rock Bottom Brewery and Restaurant in Warrenville, IL, 14:00-16:00.

Chairman Granat with other Veterans at last year's ruck march.



- **Outings and Events: LET'S GO FISHING!** Vice Chairman Granat will be hosting the Chapter's first fishing day on Saturday, June 1st 2019 from 8:00AM-2:00PM at Tampier Lake in Orland Park. We will meet on the west shore of the lake, directly adjacent to the west parking lot, (just look for the AIRBORNE flag). Tampier Lake is home to Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Bluegills, Punkinseed Sunfish, Yellow Bass, Gizzard Shad, Crappie, Bullhead, Channel Catfish, and the always-popular Carp! Tampier is 131 Acres, averaging 10 feet deep with the deepest spot being 13 feet deep. The lake also has abundant shore fishing as well as boats that can be rented. Please bring your lunch, beverages, and fishing tackle! There will be a very cool prize for the largest fish of the day! (A valid State of Illinois fishing license is required). If you don't fish, please join us for some Frisbee, hiking, and an overall great time with fellow Paratroopers and Glidermen.
- **Chapter Meetings:** In addition to Chapter and Association updates, there is a monthly history report and static display of very cool Airborne items. There is also plenty of social time to meet and connect with other Airborne Troopers!
- Any Trooper that is interested in taking a more active role in the Chapter, please contact our Chapter Chairman Mark Mueller markmueller@ameritech.net
- The 2019 Airborne calendars are available and can be purchased at each monthly meeting or on the Chicago Chapter web site for \$15.00 each.

Airborne Static Display items at our April, 2019 meeting. Different static Airborne displays are featured at each of our monthly meeting.



The Waco Glider



The Waco CG-4A was the most widely used American military glider of World War II. Designed by the Waco Aircraft Company, more than 13,900 CG-4As were delivered.

The glider was constructed of fabric-covered wood and metal and was crewed by a pilot and copilot and 13 troops and their equipment. C-47s towed the gliders with a tow line that was 350 feet long.

From 1942-1945, the Ford Motor Company built 4,190 gliders for use in combat operations. In addition, 16 other companies built the gliders. In November 1942 Sedalia Army Air Field was assigned to the 12th Troop Carrier Command. The field served as a training site for glider pilots.

The gliders participated in the American Airborne landings in Normandy and in Operation Market Garden in Holland. While equipment and methods for extracting flyable gliders were developed, most gliders were abandoned or destroyed after landing. Despite this, several gliders were recovered from Normandy and even more from Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands and Wesel, Germany.

After World War II ended, gliders were declared surplus and almost all were sold. Many were bought for conversion as towed camping homes and others sold for hunting cabins or vacation cabins.

The last known use of the glider was in the early 1950s by the USAF with an Arctic detachment aiding scientific research.

“NO JUMP PAY, NO FLIGHT PAY, BUT NEVER A DULL MOMENT!”

