

# Chicago Chapter of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Newsletter

March 2020



## Chicago Chapter Officers:

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

## Upcoming Events:

- **8 March 2020:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery in Warrenville, IL. 14:00-16:00.
- **5 April, 2020:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at The Ram Restaurant in Rosemont IL, 14:00-16:00. Moved up one week to avoid a conflict with the Easter Holiday.
- **25 April, 2020:** Chapter 37 Special Forces Association annual Military Ball at the Fountain Blue in Des Plaines, IL. 17:30-close.
- **3 May, 2020:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Prairie Bluff Country Club in Lockport, IL. Moved back one week to avoid a conflict with Mother's Day.
- **18-21 May 2020:** All American Week at Ft. Bragg N.C.
- **22 May 2020:** Chicago Veteran's 20 Mile Ruck March; Glencoe to Lincoln |Park. See Chicago Chapter Vice Chairman Glenn T. Granat for additional information. [glenngranat@yahoo.com](mailto:glenngranat@yahoo.com).
- **25 May 2020:** Naperville Memorial Day Parade.
- **13 June 2020:** Second annual Airborne Fishing day at Tampier Lake in Orland Park, IL, hosted by Chicago Chapter Vice-Chairman Glenn T. Granat. 08:00-14:00. See Chicago Chapter Vice Chairman Glenn T. Granat for additional information. [glenngranat@yahoo.com](mailto:glenngranat@yahoo.com).
- **14 June 2020:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery in Warrenville, IL. 14:00-16:00.
- Please check the Chapter Web Site at [www.chicagoairborne.com](http://www.chicagoairborne.com) for the complete calendar of events and meetings.

In addition to Chapter and Association updates, there is a monthly history report, static display of very cool Airborne item and quarterly Airborne trivia event. There is also plenty of social time to meet and connect with other Airborne Troopers!

### **Important AIRBORNE days in March**

- 2 March 1942: 502<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Infantry regiment formed.
- 14 March 1941: 509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry regiment.
- 15 March 1943: 517<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry regiment.
- 19 March 2003: Operation Iraqi Freedom Begins.
- 22 May 1907: Birth date of LTG® James M. Gavin.
- 23 March 1951: Operation Tomahawk. 187<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team (187<sup>th</sup> RCT) participates in a combat jump.
- 24 March 1945: 17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division participates in Operation Varsity.
- 25 March 1942: 82<sup>nd</sup> Infantry reactivated.
- 26 March 1963: 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade formed.
- 26 March 2003: Task force Viking. 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade makes combat jump into Northern Iraq.

### **March, 2020 History Report: U.S. Army Paratrooper Jump Boots and Military Foot Wear**



Jump boots are standard footgear for all U.S. Army Paratroopers. The Corcoran boot style is a type that was developed during World War II. The uppers are made of smooth black leather with toe-caps and heel counters that accept a high polish, (AKA: “Spit Shine”). The original US M1942 Corcoran Jump Boots have extended lacing from the instep to the calf and rigid, reinforced toe caps. These features give greater support to ankles and toes during the rough landings.

General William P. Yarborough designed jump boots in 1941 for the 501st Parachute Test Platoon. The Corcoran Company had the exclusive Department of Defense contract to supply jump boots for years. This design is still in production and is worn by today’s Paratroopers. Jump boots with zippers are not authorized for wear by U.S. Forces. Parachute-qualified soldiers assigned to an Airborne unit are authorized to wear jump boots with dress uniforms.

A number of historical pairs of Jump Boots will be on display at our March Membership Meeting.