

Chicago Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Assn Newsletter

October 2020



Chicago Chapter Officers:

- Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary: Mark Mueller
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Upcoming Events:

- Chicago Chapter in-person monthly meetings are moved online in light of the pandemic.
- June 2021: 3rd annual ***Granat and Corcoran Airborne Fishing Day***. More info TBA. If anyone would like to suggest a fishing destination, contact Vice Chairman Glenn T. Granat at 630-209-2834 or glenngranat@yahoo.com
- Please check the Chapter Web Site at www.chicagoairborne.com for the complete calendar of events and meetings.

Important AIRBORNE days in October

- **7 October 2001:** Operation Enduring Freedom starts
- **19 October 2001:** Objective Rhino, Afghanistan
- **20 October 1942:** 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment formed
- **20 October 1950:** DZ Easy, Korea
- **25 October 2020:** Operation Urgent Fury. 82nd Airborne Division deploys to Grenada.

CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER

Happy Birthday wishes to our Chicago Chapter members celebrating in October. AATW!

2-Oct Christopher Adams, 47, of Chicago, IL
3-Oct Chad Roszkowiak, 46, of Antioch, IL
6-Oct Austin Heubi, 71, of Mapleton, IL
6-Oct Rene Ugalde, 31, of Davis Junction, IL
12-Oct Thomas Carter, 66, of Streamwood, IL
13-Oct Calvin Roesner, 77, of Naperville, IL
16-Oct Owen Timrick, 72, of Titusville, FL
17-Oct Alfred Roggeman, 82, of Elgin, IL

18-Oct Loren Helwink, 68, of Mt Prospect, IL
21-Oct Terrence Owens, 77, of LaGrange, IL
25-Oct Rodolfo Acevedo, 67, of Chicago, IL
26-Oct Andrew Hale, 31, of Chicago, IL
29-Oct Cesar Chaidez, 38, of Wayne, IL
30-Oct Gregory Schwartz, 51, of Sycamore, IL
31-Oct James Gladue, 74, of Waukegan, IL

Airborne History

Operation Rhino

Operation Rhino was an Airborne operation raid led by the United States Army's 75th Ranger Regiment, 3rd Ranger Battalion on the night of 19 October 2001. Prior to the Rangers jump, several targets on and around the objective were targeted by U.S. air power, first by bombs dropped from B-2 stealth bombers, then by fire from orbiting AC-130 aircraft. These air strikes resulted in a number of enemy KIAs. Following the air strikes, 4 MC-130 Combat Talon aircraft flew over the drop zone at 800 feet. In zero illumination, 200 Rangers proceeded to exit the MC-130s. An AC-130 gunships remained orbiting over the DZ in support of the Rangers mission. The Rangers met almost no resistance (a solitary Taliban fighter attempted to engage the Rangers but was quickly shot and killed).

The Ranger's objectives were to:

- Seize the landing strip (to become Camp Rhino)
- Destroy any Taliban forces
- Gather intelligence
- Assess the suitability of the landing strip for future operations
- Establish a forward aerial refuel/rearm point (FARP) for helicopters involved in the nearby operation at Objective Gecko
- Destroy major weapons and utilities

The Rangers, cleared 2 objectives, code-named TIN and IRON. Charlie Company moved out towards a walled compound, code-named objective COBALT. Psychological Operations warfare specialists from the 9th PSYOP Battalion, broadcast messages on loud speakers^l in an attempt to coax any defenders to surrender but it was soon established that the compound was empty. With the landing strip secured, a MC-130 landed with medical personnel from the Joint Medical Augmentation Unit and they proceeded to evacuate and then treat 2 Rangers who had been injured during the jump.

U.S. Air Force Combat Controllers surveyed the landing strip, assessing it for possible future use. When a small number of enemy troops and vehicles were spotted approaching the area, the AC-130s engaged and destroyed them. With all objectives completed, the Rangers and Combat Control Teams boarded the MC-130s which soon departed. PSYOP leaflets were left behind for any Taliban who might have ventured onto the scene over the coming days.

No casualties were suffered in the operation itself but 2 Rangers assigned to Combat Search and Rescue element supporting the mission were killed when their MH-60L helicopter crashed at Objective Honda in Pakistan.

