



# 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association

## Chicago Chapter



### Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, 12 July 2020  
Location: Online via Google Meet  
Officers Present: Chairman Mark Mueller, Vice Chairman Glenn Granat  
Officers Absent: n/a  
Members Present: Jersey Joe Scherer, Larry Slavicek, Thomas Carter, John Biggs, Colin Gray, Scott Gilvin, Rudy Acevedo, Jake Goldenstein  
Guests Present: None  
Total Members/Guests: 10/0 (10)

- 1) Call to order by Chairman Mueller at 14:08.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Airborne Creed (video)
- 4) Officer roll call by Chairman Mueller.
- 5) No guests to recognize, however intro by Scott Gilvin
- 6) Meeting minutes from June 2020 meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Carter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slavicek - Approved.
- 7) Financial report prepared by Hank Mazik, presented by Chairman Mueller. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Carter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Acevedo - Approved.
- 8) Challenge Coin Check; Chairman Mueller slacked off and can ante up.
- 9) Correspondence
  - a) Chapter July newsletter published – thanks to VC Granat!
  - b) Chairman Mueller shared some highlights including:
    - i) The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division recently welcomed both a new Commanding General and a new Division CSM.
    - ii) The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Hall of Fame recently inducted 12 new members at a ceremony at Fort Bragg.
- 10) Committee Reports
  - a) Service (Chairman):
    - i) Stan Gryga doing well at his assisted living facility in Chicago.
    - ii) We recently learned that Chicago Chapter AAM Gary Cole passed away in 2018.
    - iii) Rudy shared that he was treated this past December 2019 for melanoma but is doing well now.
  - b) Membership (Chairman):
    - i) Current headcount is 193, which is net 0 from last month. Gardner Coughlen renewed his Annual membership and we removed Gary Cole from the roster.
    - ii) Chairman Mueller plans to contact all delinquent Annual members (8) and known prospects to push for membership and move towards our goal of 200.
    - iii) Many thanks to Jersey Joe for calling 22 chapter members for whom we do not have email addresses.
    - iv) Chairman Mueller has begun mailing our monthly newsletter to some members who have requested it and do not have email. We've gotten away from mailing to chapter members for whom we don't have an email address, however need to find ways to stay in contact.

- c) Airborne History (Historian): features Operation Husky. Check out the July newsletter – posted on our website!

11) Special Events and Projects

- a) Chicago Veterans 2020 Ruck March: Event has been postponed due to pandemic. No date yet published.
- b) 2020 Chapter Holiday Party – Tentative with the pandemic, however we're hopeful. It would be held 13 December, likely at The Ram in Rosemont.

12) Unfinished Business

- a) COVID-19 Pandemic: Still ongoing, we're adjusting our calendars as we go.
- b) Update on approved 2020 donations: Assn General Fund \$100 (Pending); Assn Holiday Troop Support \$200 (Pending); Assn Education Fund \$600 chapter (Pending) + \$200 Roesner donation (Received); 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Museum (Historical Society) \$200 (Pending); John Steele Chapter \$150 (Pending); Chapter 37 SFA \$100 chapter (Pending) + \$100 Ralph Petersen donation (received); 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Bde Assn \$100 (Pending); Chicago Chapter 2020 Airborne Scholarship \$1000 (Sent).
- c) Chairman Mueller asked for feedback regarding our online monthly meetings and the group is very happy with the forum, which allows remote members to participate in our monthly meetings. We'll need to consider including an online capability even when we are able to meet again in person.
- d) Chapter agreed to proceed with our donation to the John Steele Chapter in light of the cancellation of their Summer Picnic. Chairman to affect.
- e) New meeting locations: Our current hosts – Rock Bottom Warrenville and The Ram Rosemont – have proven to be unreliable, so looking for member input on potential new locations. Will resume the search once we can meet again.
- f) A reminder that our friends, Chapter XVIII SFA, is hosting their annual picnic on 02 Aug at Busse Woods once again, and that they are also hosting a Mississippi River cruise outing on 19 Sep. Contact Steve at [sjcorcoran@protools.ws](mailto:sjcorcoran@protools.ws) for more info.

13) New Business

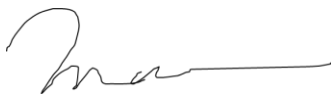
- a) 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Association Bourbon project. Custom batch and bottle produced by Boundary Oak Distillery in KY. Will be released soon. See Assn website or contact Chairman Mueller for more info.
- b) Association Mailer – Many people receiving postcards and emails about sharing their service info. This is a legit project from the National office, similarly done a few years back. Sharing your info will include you in the Member Directory. You can also opt to purchase the hard cover book.
- c) Chapter Fund Raising. Chairman Mueller is going to kick off a solicitation with members to donate and build up our operating fund.

14) Birthdays and Recognitions: Duly noted and recognized.

15) Free Lunch Drawing: On hiatus until we meet in person once again.

16) Motion to adjourn at 15:16 by Carter. Hammered by Chair.

Airborne, All The Way!



Mark Mueller  
Chairman