



Official Newsletter of the Chicago Chapter - 82nd Airborne Division Association

2016 Calendar

- January
10: Chapter meeting
- February
14: Chapter meeting
- March
13: Chapter meeting
- April
10: Chapter meeting
- May
01: Chapter meeting
23-26: All American Week
30: Memorial Day Parade
- June
06: 70th Ann D-Day
12: Chapter meeting
14: US Army Birthday
- July
04: Indep. Day Parade, Niles
10: John Steele Picnic, Ottawa
TBD: Rockin For The Troops
- August
01: Nat'l 50/50 Raffle Tix due
10-13: 70th National Convention
14 : Chapter meeting
16: National Airborne Day
- September
11: 6th Ann. Airborne Day Picnic
- October
09: Chapter meeting
- November
01: Deadline - Educ. Fund Apps
11: Veterans Day
13: Chapter meeting
- December
11: Chapter Holiday party
31: 2017 Renewal Deadline

Download an updated 2016 calendar from our website at www.chicagoairborne.com

The Chicago Chapter is a registered 501(c)(4) non-profit organization



Chairman's Message

On behalf of our chapter's Executive Board, Happy New Year and welcome to 2016!

2015 was a very good year for our Chicago Chapter. We enjoyed many terrific events, including a couple of parades, our 5th annual Airborne Day, and most recently, a fun, festive Holiday party. We said hello to quite a few new members but also said farewell to a handful. Overall, our membership stayed just above 200 and we remain financially sound.

As we start 2016 -- my sixth term as Chairman -- a lot of thought is going into how we can better serve you, our membership. It's important that we change with the times and that we find new ways to be relevant and valuable. A few areas of emphasis going forward will be Education, Employment, and Social. Our board is dedicated to building a chapter that you can be proud to be a part of, one infused with Airborne spirit. And we hope that you will want to contribute to our camaraderie, growth and strength. Enjoy this newsletter and please reach out to me with any advice, inspiration, or needs.

Airborne, All The Way!
Mark Mueller, Chairman

2015 Chapter Holiday Party

The Chicago Chapter celebrated the Holidays with membership, family and friends on Sunday, 10 December, in the private room at The Ram Restaurant in Rosemont, IL. Highlights included a luncheon, a recap of 2015, a salute to our 2015 departed, recognitions, a raffle, installation of our 2016 executive board, and lots of Holiday spirit.

The 2016 Holiday party will be held 11 December. Please make plans to join us if you can.



Chapter members celebrate the Holidays.



(L-R) COL(R) Camp, John Hughes, LTG(R) Metz.

AAM John Hughes Honored

WWII veteran and Chicago Chapter All American (Life) Member John E. Hughes was honored recently by the National Infantry Association with the prestigious Order of Saint Maurice award in recognition of John's long-standing and significant contribution to the infantry community.

The award was formally presented to John at our chapter Holiday party by NIA Chairman LTG(R) Thomas F. Metz and COL(R) Greg Camp, EVP and Chief Development Officer of the National Infantry Museum Foundation.



"America's Guard of Honor"

- | | | | | | | |
|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| AFRICA | SICILY | FRANCE | THE NETHERLANDS | BELGIUM | GERMANY | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC |
| | VIETNAM | GRENADA | PANAMA | PERSIAN GULF | AFGHANISTAN | IRAQ |



2016 Chapter Officers

- Chairman - Mark Mueller
(630) 561-2139
- Vice Chairman - Glenn Granat
(630) 209-2834
- Treasurer - Larry Slavicek
(708) 341-3619
- Secretary – Colin Gray
(708) 846-5830
- Sergeant at Arms – Ron Wheatley
(708) 331-6992
- Service Officer - Cal Roesner
(630) 362-1019
- Finance Officer - Hank Mazik
(773) 325-7534

On The Web

- 82nd Airborne Division Association
www.82ndassociation.org
- 82nd Airborne Division
www.bragg.army.mil/82nd
- U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
www.va.gov
- IL Dept. of Veterans Affairs
veterans.illinois.gov
- Pritzker Military Library
www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org
- Honor Flight Chicago
www.honorflightchicago.org
- Operation Support our Troops
www.osotamerica.org

New Contact Info?

Help us maintain our records when you move, change phone numbers or email addresses, and such. Call us or update online at 82ndairborneassociation.org.



CHICAGO CHAPTER HEADLINES

Membership

Our Chicago Chapter membership is more than 200 Airborne veterans and continues to grow!

Membership Dues

Annual: \$25 per year (12 mos)
All American (Life) (50+): \$175
All American (Life) (>50): \$250

2015 Farewells

Our Chicago Chapter said a final farewell to the following members in 2015.

- Robert Richardson, 85, of Chicago, IL
- Lee Barrett, 77, of East Dundee, IL
- Charles Cage, Jr., 92, of Fort Wayne, IN
- Donald E. Mass, 90, of Chicago, IL

Alan Bold Honored



Chicago Chapter Life Member Alan Bold was recognized recently by the Village of Schaumburg on their Veterans Honor Roll. AATW, Alan!

Chapter Honor Guard

Our Chicago Chapter fielded an Honor Guard 2013 by means of a generous donation from Chapter All American Member John Hughes and the extraordinary effort of Service Officer Cal Roesner. The Chicago Chapter honor guard will support parades and special events and is always looking for volunteers. Contact Cal at service@chicagoairborne for more information or to request the Honor Guard.

Chapter Library

Looking for a good book? Check out our chapter library filled with Airborne and other military-themed books. The collection includes classics like “The Sword of St. Michael” by Guy LoFaro, “All American, All The Way” by Phil Nordyke, and “On To Berlin” by James Gavin. Visit our chapter website at www.chicagoairborne.com, click “All Things Airborne” in the main nav, and then “Chicago Chapter Library”.



2016 Airborne Calendars For Sale

Our brand new, custom designed 2016 Airborne Calendars are now available for just \$12 each. This unique Airborne-themed calendar is custom designed and professionally produced by the Chicago Chapter and wall-ready. Enjoy 12 months of vivid, jump-qualified imagery and historic Airborne dates. Size 11”x8.5” folded or 11”x17” open. Get one for home, the office, and as a gift for your friends. Order on our chapter website or call Chairman Mueller at (630) 561-2139.

Chicago Chapter Merchandise

We offer terrific custom, chapter-branded merchandise for sale that will enhance your Airborne image immediately. Contact US for more information or buy directly from our eBay store at <http://www.ebay.com/usr/chicago-82ndassn>.

Window Decals	\$4, In Stock
Wristbands, silicon	\$5, In Stock
Lapel Pins	\$5, In Stock
Holiday Cards	\$7, In Stock
St. Michael Medallions	\$12, In Stock
Chapter Challenge Coins	\$12, In Stock

Jump In - ASOM “Role Call”

Roll Call seeks to honor all who have voluntarily served in the U.S. Army airborne and special ops forces since 1940 and to perpetuate their heritage, traditions, spirit and values. Service and post-service information of active-duty soldiers and veterans is recorded in a searchable database online at <http://www.asomf.org/roll-call/>.

Development of the database was made possible by John E. Hughes, a veteran of the 13th Airborne Div and 504th PIR, 82d Airborne Div, 1945-46. Mr. Hughes is a CPA, entrepreneur and philanthropist.

Chapter members are encouraged to contribute their service information and stories in Roll Call. Submissions cost \$25 for Basic level. Our chapter has received a grant from the Hughes Foundation to subsidize participation - so please let us know if you are interested and we can help. Just email info@chicagoairborne.com for more info.



Upcoming Chapter Events

MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

13 March 2016

14:00 to 16:00

Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery
28265 Diehl Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

Meet us in the 2nd floor loft (elevator accessible)

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

10 February 2016

14:00 to 16:00

Restaurant & Brewery
The Ram Restaurant & Brewery
9520 West Higgins Road
Rosemont, IL 60018

Meet us in the private room.



82nd & Association Merchandise

For those looking for Association or 82nd Airborne Division merchandise, there are a number of options, including:

Association Sales: All operations have been transferred to partner US Military Marketplace.

US Military Marketplace: Airborne-owned. Visit USMilitaryMarketplace.com

Museum Website: The 82nd Museum Gift Shop offers merchandise online. Visit 82ndairbornedivisionmuseum.com.

Need Your DD214's

The Association is applying for 501(c)(19) tax status with the IRS, a move that will allow donations to be tax deductible. To prove our eligibility, we need a legible copy of your DD214. **Please mail a copy to Chairman Mark Mueller at the address listed on the last page of this newsletter.** Please ink out your SSN, except the last 4. A standard photocopy is fine. Your support is greatly appreciated - Airborne!



Airborne Day 2016

The Chicago Chapter will host our 6th annual Airborne Day at the Judd Kendall VFW in Naperville, IL, on 11 Sep 2016. This is a family friendly event celebrating the Airborne and is open to Association members, family and the public. The event will feature a pig roast and full picnic, a tribute to Airborne veterans, current and vintage military vehicles, static displays, interactive activities, games, videos, and raffles. This year's raffle highlight will be a custom 82nd Airborne quilt designed and produced by Kristine Gray, better half of chapter secretary Colin Gray.

Joining us for the event will be many chapter friends from the likes of Warrior Scuba Project, iFly Chicago Indoor Skydiving, Rags of Honor, Battle House Tactical Lasertag, Medieval Times Chicago, the Central Cross Country Skiing Assn, and the 416th Theater Engineer Command.

FRIENDS OF OUR CHAPTER

SFA Chapter 37 Military Ball 2016



SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
Chapter XXXVII

Special Forces Association Chapter 37 will host its 22nd Annual Military Ball on 09 April at 17:30 at Fountain Blue Banquets in Des Plaines, IL.

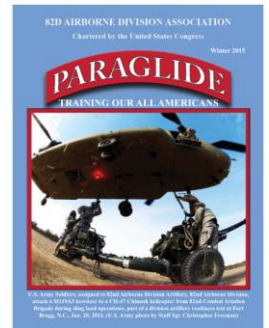
Our Chicago Chapter has quite a bit of crossover in membership, so consider the SFA as a sibling organization. This year's event will honor the recently passed CW4 John Condich, also a former Chicago Chapter member.

RSVP by 31 March. For more information, or to register, please contact Chuck Mount at cmount00@aol.com or (916) 769-3390.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HEADLINES

The Paraglide Digital Only

Just a friendly reminder that the Association magazine, The Paraglide, will continue to be published quarterly, however will only be available online on the Association's website. www.82ndairborneassociation.org



All American Week 2016

This year's All American event will be held 23-26 May at Fort Bragg. Features include picnics, annual Golf Scramble, Airborne operation, Division Review, and Memorial Ceremony. Registration is \$100 per person and due by 02 May. Visit www.82ndairborneassociation.org for all the details and to download forms.

Hotel base this year will once again be IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall) at a rate of \$64/night + tax, includes buffet breakfast. Please note, the event is no longer held at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville.

Members should contact Ms. Monica Wells at the hotel for reservations at (910) 396-7700 x1712. Registration deadline is 10 May.

2016 National Convention

The 70th annual Association Convention will be held 10-13 Aug 2016 in Louisville, KY, at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport. Host chapter is the Kentucky Airborne Chapter.



Hotel reservations can be made online at or by calling 888-233-9527 and mentioning the 82nd Airborne convention. Visit www.kentuckyairborne.org for all the details and to download a registration form.

Our chapter delegates will be voted at February chapter meeting.



Mailing Address:

Chicago Chapter
82nd Airborne Division Assn.
c/o Mark Mueller
3024 Tall Grass Drive
Naperville, IL 60564

Phone:
(630) 561-2139

E-mail:
info@chicagoairborne.com

Web :
www.chicagoairborne.com

Facebook:
Facebook.com/groups/chicagoairborne

Printing by *Sommers and Fahrenbach*,
3301 W. Belmont Avenue Chicago, IL
60618. Phone: 773.478.3033



ABOUT THE CHICAGO CHAPTER

The Chicago Chapter officially organized as the Illinois State Chapter on 25 March 1946, making it the first chapter in the Association. On 15 April 1948, the Chapter reorganized to make room for future Illinois-based chapters and received its charter as the Chicago Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

The 82nd Airborne Division Association was honored on 5 November 1990 by The United States Congress in receiving a Congressional Charter.

Today, the Chicago Chapter is more than 200 members strong and very active in social and service activities. All Airborne qualified US military veterans, and any veteran previously assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, are eligible for membership and welcomed.

Photo Gallery
Photos from Airborne Day 2015



(L-R) Tony Vallos, Larry Slavicek, Ron Wheatley



(L-R) SSG St Clair, Jersey Joe Scherer, Glenn Granat

CHICAGO CHAPTER
82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
C/O MARK MUELLER, CHAIRMAN
3024 TALL GRASS DRIVE
NAPERVILLE, IL 60564

