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1. **MEETING SCHEDULE:** Our next meeting will be:

January' Meeting:
1:00 PM on 20 Jan 2018
VFW Middletown Post #1170, 107 Evergreen Road,
Louisville, KY 40243-1439

February' Meeting
1:00 PM on 17 Feb 2018
VFW Middletown Post #1170, 107 Evergreen Road,
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So mark your calendar and come on out for a little Airborne camaraderie and a good time.

2. **WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** We had elections at our 'Holidays Get Together' in December, and I would like to congratulate our new officers. I'd also like to thank the outgoing officers for stepping forward and keeping this Chapter moving forward. Bobby Johnson, Jody Bramlett, Lee & Janet Johnson thanks to the 4 of you, for all the hard work you have put in. Lee & Janet Johnson will be leaving us for the next chapter of their lives with a job transfer to Michigan. We wish them well. Sad news we have lost an important member of our Airborne Brotherhood with the passing of Trooper Werner Speer. Werner passed away 22 December 2017. He was a veteran of WWII serving with the 504 PIR. Blue Skies and Soft-Landing Brother you will be missed. Listed below are your new officers as of January 1st:

Joe Steen, Chairman
Bob Burkhart, Vice-Chairman
Bill Waller, Treasurer and Membership

Janet Johnson was re-elected as secretary, but will be stepping aside. So, we will need to elect a new secretary. Let us know if you are interested in this position. We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting, so if you haven't been to meeting in a while come on out.

'AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!'

Joe Steen, Chairman

3. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:** Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Division and sign up for our E-News bulletin:

<http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx> . Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>

4. **NEW, RENEWAL, REINSTATEMENT AND LIFE (AAM) MEMBERSHIPS:** We are currently working on memberships, if you are unsure of your status please contact our new membership chair Bill Waller at (502)396-4770 or wgwaller@hotmail.com.

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5. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2018: Once a year the 82nd Airborne Division welcomes back its Veterans and treats them to an awesome week of comradery. The registration and flyer are published in the Paraglide and is available at our website under Events. Please be sure to use the POC when making hotel reservations. If you missed last year's event, you have probably already heard how fantastic it was. Don't miss it again. If you attended last year, you know what a great event it is and what a great time you will have. Never been back for AAW, then this is the time to come see an amazing display of the greatest Division in the world. There will be a Veteran portion to the Division review again this year as the Division honors its Veterans as we conduct a pass and review alongside our active duty Brothers and Sisters on Sicily Drop Zone. We hope to have hundreds participate again. It is a great event to be a part of and one no Veteran should miss. Our Fayetteville Chapter will again be whipping up a fantastic BBQ for the attendees at Moon Hall and promises another spectacular meal. I can't tell you how excited we all are about hosting AAW for our Veterans, and we hope to see all the old faces and some new ones for this year's event. Don't be that guy again who says I wish I had gone. Wishes would go nowhere unless you act on them.

Again, registration for AAW is online and can be paid for on-line or can be done by write in application with an enclosed check. The cost is again \$100 and I am sure you will find it money well spent. There will also be a 2018 AAW Challenge Coin this year that can be purchased with your registration or at AAW. They will also be available for purchase on-line for those not attending AAW and you can have them shipped to you or those attending AAW can pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW, thereby saving on postage. The Challenge Coins will be available for viewing on our website so check them out. We hope to have a representation of the coin available on the website shortly.

Auction Baskets: During AAW this year, we will be having nightly auctions at the main hospitality room. We are asking that at least one chapter per state, or the Chapters within a state combine to donate a basket that reflects the uniqueness of the state. Please include a list of the items in your basket. *Please notify National of your Chapter's participation so that we can plan accordingly.* Your support is greatly appreciated, and we are very thankful for the baskets we have received in the past. They have been a big hit and went a long way in supporting the Association.

6. 2018 CONVENTION: The 82nd Airborne Division Association is proud to host the 72nd annual National Convention, with the help of the Greater Daytona Chapter assisting with the hospitality room. Registration is \$110.00 per person, which includes 2 formal dinners and food and drink in the hospitality rooms. The host hotel will again be the beautiful Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr, Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. The rooms are \$85 per standard room a night (max 4 persons per room). Hotel reservations can be made by calling (407) 996-9840 or by going online to <https://www.phgsecure.com/IBE/bookingRedirect.aspx?propertyCode=ORLRH&group=GRP82Airborne&arrivalDate=08-03-2018&departureDate=08-16-2018>

Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel, and all the amazing attractions in Orlando, Florida. For registration and more information, please go to the Convention link at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> For those requesting bus transportation to the Drop Zone for the 82nd Airborne Division Training jump there will be an additional charge of \$15 per person and it must be requested in advance as busses will only be available for those who have paid for transportation prior to the Convention.

7. CHAPTER DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION: At the October meeting it was voted to donated \$300 to each of the following funds. Association Education Fund, 82nd Wounded Warrior Fund, and Holiday Troop Support.

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8. DONATIONS TO THE "HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT": Thank you to everyone who donated to the Holiday Troop Support project. It was a great success again this year with over 1000 meals provided thank to the Donations of the following Chapters, Members, and Corporate Sponsors:

Ben Vandervoort Chapter - \$250	Acadiana Chapter - \$400
Kentucky All Airborne Chapter - \$300	CPL Edward A. Slavin Chapter - \$200
St. Michael's All Airborne Chapter - \$250	JohnTowle/Cleveland Chapter - \$150
Daniel Campbell Chapter - \$200	Wolverine All Airborne Chapter - \$100
504 PIR Association - \$275	Past President Mel Greene - \$2000
President Elect Rich Becker - \$82	USAA - \$2000
Bragg'n Barn Thrift Shop - \$1000	New Car Dealers Association - \$1000
Over 1000 chickens donated by Perdue Farms.	Franklin Baking Company – Discounted
Penske Truck Rental of East Coast Grills Inc –Truck goods	

Your generous donations were greatly appreciated by the Troopers and Families of the 82nd Airborne Division and were a super impact on their lives during this Holiday Season. I cannot tell you enough how much this means to our Troops. Thank you and a Happy Holiday Season to all of you. Please check out our facebook page for photos!
<https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/>

9. EDUCATION FUND: The 82nd Airborne Division Association administered 85 Educational grants this year. This could not be possible without the generous donations of our chapters, and this month I want to highlight the Greater Hartford Chapter for their donation of \$2,500 to the 82nd Airborne Division Association. Thank you for leading the way with this generous donation this month, that will help the Education Fund continue its mission of providing grants to our members and their family members.

10. UPCOMING ASSOCIATION EVENTS: Chapter publicity of and member attendance at these upcoming Association Chapter and Regional events is encouraged. Registration and hotel information for these events can be found on the Association webpage "Events" link, and also in the Winter Paraglide.

a. Hilton Head Weekend. 22-25 Feb 2018 is at Hilton Head Island, SC and is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort All Airborne Chapter. POC is Bill Eberle 843-682-4171. The host hotel is Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa 888-511-5086.

b. All American Week 21-24 May 2018 registration and flyer will be published in the fall Paraglide.

c. 82nd Airborne Division Convention 2018 is returning to Orlando and hosted by the Greater Daytona Chapter. The Division link is now available and reservations can be made at the Rose Centre, (407)996-9840. Look for more information coming out with registration deadlines.

11. VETERAN INFORMATION:

Burial and Memorial Benefits Overview: From burial in Arlington National Cemetery to a Presidential Memorial Certificate, there are several ways our nation honors its deceased veterans. The VA can provide free headstones and even a cash allowance to help with expenses. See our detailed pages on these and other benefits provided when a veteran dies.

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12. U.S. COMBAT JUMPS JANUARY:

Date	Unit	Operation	Pers	Country	A/C	Type Jump
2 Jan 63	MACV/ARVN	Ap Bac	302	Vietnam	C-123	Day/CE/Mass Tac
15 Jan 91	SF	Desert Storm	12	Iraq	MC-130	Night/CE/HALO

13. **CONTACTING CHAPTER HQ:** For whatever reason you would like to talk with us, please do. We always love hearing from follow troopers. We try and make it as easy as possible, and here are all the ways to do it:

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