

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

November, 2019



### 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:

- **10 November, 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Ram Restaurant in Rosemont, IL, 14:00-16:00.
- **8 December, 2019:** Chicago Chapter Holiday at the Ram Restaurant in Rosemont, IL, 14:00-16:00.
- **June, 2020:** 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Airborne fishing day, (date and location TBD). Join Vice Chairman Granat and other Chicago Chapters members for a fun day of fishing, eating, and telling stories.

## United States Army Parachutist Badge

AKA Jump Wings!



## Combat Parachutist Badge

If a soldier completes an airborne jump into a combat zone, they are authorized to wear a Combat Jump Device on their Parachutist Badge. The device consists of stars, indicating the number of combat jumps. The use of stars as Combat Jump Devices did not gain official approval until after the 1983 invasion of Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury).



The Parachutist Badge designed in 1941 by Captain (later LTG) William P. Yarborough. He also designed Senior & Master Parachutist Badges & the stars to show the number of combat jumps.

**Basic Parachutist Badge:** Completed Basic Airborne Course & 5 jumps at the Airborne School at Ft. Benning GA.

## Senior Parachutist Badge:

Minimum 30 jumps including fifteen jumps with combat equipment to consist of normal TOE equipment including individual weapon carried. Two night jumps one of which will be as jumpmaster of a stick. Two mass tactical jumps which culminate in an airborne assault problem. Must fill a position equal to with his or her rank or grade during the problem. Graduated from the Jumpmaster Course of the United States Army Advanced Airborne School at Fort Bragg, the Airborne Department of the Infantry School or the Jumpmaster School of a separate airborne battalion or larger airborne unit. Has served on jump status with an airborne unit for a total of at least 24 months.

## Master Parachutist Badge:

Participated in a minimum of 65 jumps including 25 jumps with combat equipment to consist of normal TOE equipment, including individual weapon carried by the individual in combat whether the jump was in actual or simulated combat. 4 night jumps must be made one as jumpmaster of a stick. 5 mass tactical jumps must be made which culminate in an airborne assault problem. Must fill a position equal with their rank or grade during the problem. Graduated from the Jumpmaster Course of the Airborne Department of the Infantry School or the Jumpmaster School of a separate airborne battalion or larger airborne unit. Have served on jump status with an airborne unit or other organization authorized parachutists for a total of 36 months (may be non-consecutive). The 25 combat equipment jumps necessary to qualify for the Master Parachutist Badge must be from a static line.