

Chicago Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Newsletter

June, 2019



Chicago Chapter Officers:

- Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary: Mark Mueller
- Vice Chairman, Sergeant at Arms, and Historian: Glenn T. Granat
- Service Officers: Mark Mueller and Glenn T. Granat

Upcoming Events:

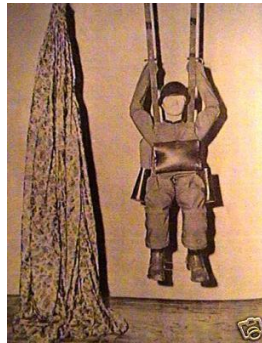
- **9 June, 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Rock Bottom Brewery and Restaurant in Warrenville, IL, 14:00-16:00. Special recognition of the 75th Anniversary of Allied invasion of Normandy France...D-Day! This will include a tribute to the brave soldiers who participated in the invasion, D-Day era static display items, and an opportunity to meet and talk with World War 2 82nd Airborne D-day Veteran(s).
- **14 July, 2019:** John Steele Chapter Summer Picnic, (replace July meeting). Please join us to spending a day with our Airborne Brothers in the John Steele Chapter in Ottawa, IL.
- **7-10 August, 2019:** 73rd Annual 82nd Airborne Association Convention in Washington, DC. Please contact Chicago Chapter Chairman Mark Mueller for further details.
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- **11 August, 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Rock Bottom Brewery and Restaurant in Warrenville, IL, 14:00-16:00.
- **16 August, 2019:** NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY! ALL THE WAY!
- **LET'S GO FISHING!** Vice Chairman Granat will be hosting the Chapter's first fishing day on Saturday, June 1st 2019 from 8:00AM-2:00PM at Tampier Lake in Orland Park. We will meet on the west shore of the lake, adjacent to the west parking lot, (look for the AIRBORNE flag). Tampier Lake is home to Northern Pike, Walleye, Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Bluegills, Punkinseed Sunfish, Yellow Bass, Gizzard Shad, Crappie, Bullhead, Channel Catfish, and the always-popular Carp! The lake has abundant shore fishing as well as boats that can be rented. Please bring your lunch, beverages, and fishing tackle! There will be a very cool prize for the largest fish of the day! (A valid State of Illinois fishing license is required). If you don't fish, please join us for some Frisbee, hiking, and an overall great time with fellow Paratroopers and Glidermen.
- **Chapter Meetings:** In addition to Chapter and Association updates, there is a monthly history report and static display of very cool Airborne items. There is also plenty of social time to meet and connect with other Airborne Troopers!
- Any Trooper that is interested in taking a more active role in the Chapter, please contact our Chapter Chairman Mark Mueller markmueller@ameritech.net

D-Day & 75 Years



American Cemetery Normandy France

D-Day Paradummies: Oscar and Rupert



Oscar



Rupert

500 paradummies called Oscars, (American) & Rupert's, (British) were dropped during the D-Day Airborne assault. They were half the size of a human and appeared lifelike to those looking up from the ground on a dark night. A Rupert paradummy was discovered at the bottom of a garden shed with a set of RAF maps for a team tasked with spotting for the Royal Naval bombardment of the German defenses. In the 1970s some were found on an airfield and some are now in museums. The Germans who used paradummies when it attacked the Netherlands in 1940. They were used in the Vietnam War and in Iraq and Afghanistan. Examples of these paradummies are regularly displayed at monthly Chicago Chapter meetings.

