

Chicago Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Newsletter

September, 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:

- **Happy 97th Birthday to Chicago Chapter World War II Veteran Stan Gryga. Stan served with the 82nd Airborne from Casablanca to Berlin!**
- **8 September 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Ram Restaurant in Rosemont, IL, 14:00-16:00.
- **13 October 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Rock Bottom Brewery and Restaurant in Warrenville IL, 14:00-16:00. Officer nominations!
- **10 November 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Ram Restaurant in Rosemont, IL, 14:00-16:00. Officer elections!
- **8 December 2019:** Chicago Chapter Holiday at the Ram Restaurant in Rosemont, IL, 14:00-16:00.

17 September 1944 75th Anniversary of Operation Market Garden



82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION COLD WAR 1945-1991



During the Cold War, U.S. and Soviet Bloc intelligence organizations endeavored to keep a close watch on a number of activities, in particular, defense readiness of the opposing side. According to U.S. records, at the height of the Cold War, the West carried out more than 3,000 reconnaissance flights annually. About half of these occurred over or near Communist influenced Yugoslavia, Hungary, East Germany, North Korea, Albania and the People's Republic of China; the others occurred over or near the former Soviet Union. The Department of Defense (DOD) is currently investigating 14 missions from the Cold War era (1946-1991), in which aircrew members were lost and remain unaccounted for.

The primary U.S. Cold War Ready Force was the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division that had paratroopers on DRF status 24/7 from 1945-1991.

The U.S. Military lost **1,600** service personnel during operations in the Cold War which is less than the combined total of the Dominican Republic (44), Grenada (4), Panama, (23) 1st Gulf War (42), Attack on the USS Stark (1) and Somalia, (18) for a total of **132**.

Despite this, the last 2 U.S. Presidents, George W. Bush and Barrack Obama have refused to sign legislation that would provide U.S. Military personnel that served during the Cold War the National Defense Medal/Ribbon and the Cold War Victory Medal.