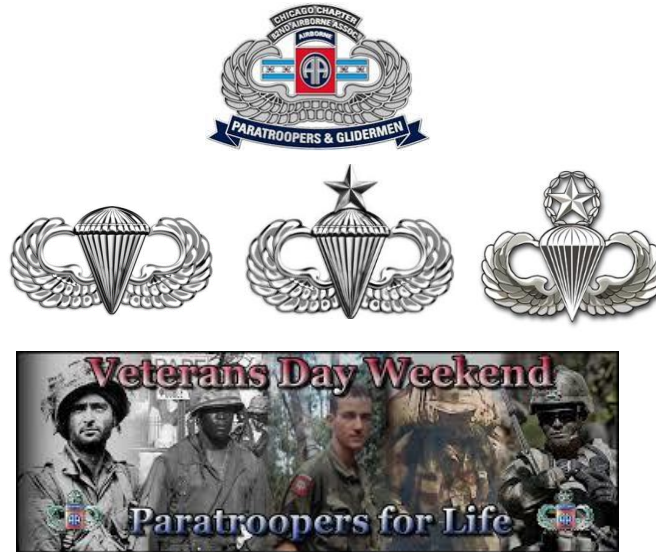


Chicago Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Newsletter

October, 2018



The Chicago Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division meets the 2nd Sunday of each month. These meetings provide updates from our Chapter, other Chapters, and the 82nd Airborne National Association. In addition to the business portion of the meeting, there is an opportunity afterwards to connect with other Airborne troopers from World War II up to the current era. Each meeting is held in a family-friendly location and all sports events are available on big screen TVs (bring your kids☺). Each monthly meeting also includes a history report and a static display of Airborne items. We also draw to buy one lucky member's lunch each month and host our famous Airborne trivia contest semi-annually!

Chicago Chapter Officers:

- Chairman and Treasurer: Larry Slavicek
- Vice Chairman, Sergeant at Arms and Historian: Glenn T. Granat
- Secretary: Mark Mueller
- Service Officer: Cal Roesner

Upcoming Events:

- **October 14, 2018:** Membership Meeting, 2019 Officer Nominations, and Social. 14:00-16:00 at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery in Warrenville, IL.
- **November 11, 2018, Veteran's Day:** Membership Meeting, 2019 Officer Elections, and Social. 14:00-16:00 at the Ram Restaurant in Rosemont, IL. Recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice ending the First World War
- **December 9, 2018:** Chicago Chapter 2018 Holiday Party and 2019 Officer Installation. 14:00-16:00 at the Ram Restaurant in Rosemont, IL.
- Please check the Chapter Web Site at www.chicagoairborne.com for the complete calendar of events and meetings.

Monthly Trooper Profile: Calvin Arthur Roesner



Cal entered the Army as a U.S. Volunteer on 5 February 1963 and was Honorably Discharged on 04 February 1965 with the rank of Private First Class, E-3. After Basic Training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Advanced Infantry Training at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, he qualified as an Army Paratrooper at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He then served with C Company of the 187th Regimental Combat Team as a machine gunner and with HQ & HQ Co., 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment as an ENTAC (TOW) missileman, both in the 82nd Airborne Division. He was stationed with the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He earned the Military Parachutist Badge and the Expert Marksmanship Badge for Rifle and Machine Gun. He was also authorized to wear the Blue Infantry Combat

Ready Shoulder Cord and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Cold War Victory Commemorative Medal. Cal has been an All American Member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association since 1992. He has performed the duties of Service Officer for the Chicago Chapter since 2012. He resides in Naperville with his wife Nancy.

Outings and Events: 2019 outing are being planned. Please share your ideas and suggestions with us. Currently, Vice Chairman Granat is planning some fishing outings for the spring and summer of 2019.

October, 2018 History Report: U.S. Army Paratrooper Jump Boots



Jump boots are standard footgear for all U.S. Army Paratroopers. The Corcoran boot style is a type that was developed during World War II. The uppers are made of smooth black leather with toe-caps and heel counters that accept a high polish, (AKA: "Spit Shine"). The original US M1942 Corcoran Jump Boots have extended lacing from the instep to the calf and rigid, reinforced toe caps. These features give greater support to ankles and toes during the rough landings.

General William P. Yarborough designed jump boots in 1941 for the 501st Parachute Test Platoon. The Corcoran Company had the exclusive Department of Defense contract to supply jump boots for years. This design is still in production and is worn by today's Paratroopers. Jump boots with zippers are not authorized for wear by U.S. Forces. Parachute-qualified soldiers assigned to an Airborne unit are authorized to wear jump boots with dress uniforms.

A number of historical pairs of Jump Boots will be on display at our October Membership Meeting.