



## 2009 Calendar

### November

- 8 - Chapter meeting
- 11 - Veterans Day
- 15 - 2010 Early Birds Due
- 26 - Thanksgiving Day

### December

- 7 - Pearl Harbor Day
- 13 - Chapter meeting
- 25 - Christmas
- 31 - New Years Eve

## RENEW FOR 2010

If you are an Annual member, please renew for 2010! Contact Mark Mueller for a renewal form. Renewals received by National by Nov. 15 will earn you "Early Bird" status and the Chapter an extra credit! So we need to receive your app and dues by Nov 10.

## Not Getting your Paraglide?

Contact Mark Mueller at (630) 561-2139 or [markmueller@ameritech.net](mailto:markmueller@ameritech.net)

## Chairman's Message

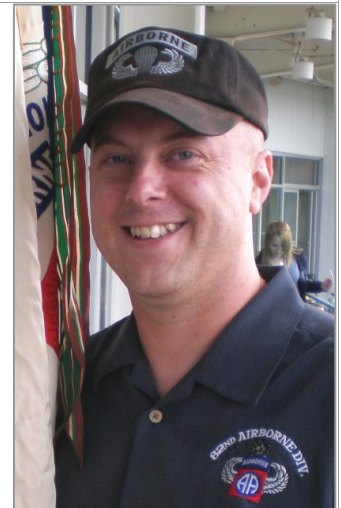
Hello fellow Paratroopers and Glidermen of the Chicago Chapter!

As we march into Veterans Day I hope you are all doing well and planning on attending the various parades, memorials and other events that maintain the public awareness of military service. While you're out make sure you are wearing your wings in order to reach out to other local troopers in the area.

Our membership drive is now in full effect and I am hoping that each and every one of us can secure two new members by the end of the year. I am also proud to announce that a full scale installation of officers banquet will be held in March 2010 and it is back to the full weekend event schedule.

In other news, the chapter was well represented at the Combined Veterans Association (CVA) *Person of the Year* dinner, it was a great showing and we got some outstanding new contacts at both Chicago city and Illinois State levels.

All The Way!  
Mark Christianson, Chairman



## 2010 Installation Banquet

Please put March 26-28, 2010 on your calendars - that weekend the Chicago Chapter will host our annual Installation of Officers banquet. We have selected the Homewood Suites in Orland Park as the location for a full agenda of activities, including a hospitality suite, dinner and drinks, music and dancing, and prizes galore.

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate one or more elements of the event. If interested, please contact Mark Christianson at [rigger@paratrooper.net](mailto:rigger@paratrooper.net) and let us know how you would like to contribute.

## Farewell, Bob Carbray

Chicago Chapter All-American Member Robert "Bob" Carbray passed away on November 4, 2009 at the age of 62. At the time of this publishing arrangements were being made for Bob's services in the St. Louis area. Please contact Mark Christianson at [rigger@paratrooper.net](mailto:rigger@paratrooper.net) or (815) 714-8202 for more details.

## 2009 National Convention



Members from our Chicago Chapter attended the 2009 National Convention in Indianapolis in August. This year our chapter delegates were Mark Christianson and Glenn Granat.

A highlight was sponsoring Wounded Warrior Michael Reyna. Our Chapter donated his airfare and accommodations and presented him with a terrific treat basket courtesy of our friends at Naper Nuts & Sweets.



### "America's Guard of Honor"

AFRICA SICILY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ



## 2009 Chapter Officers

Chairman  
Mark Christianson

Vice Chairman  
Mark Mueller

Secretary  
Rafael Calderon

Treasurer  
Glenn Granat

Sergeant at Arms  
Ken Sullivan

Chaplain  
Ed Caldario

Trustee  
Chester Aszklar

Trustee  
Matt Wojtaszek

Trustee  
Tony Vallos

Paraglide/Publicity  
Marge Mazik

Service Officer  
Ralph Calderon

## Favorite Links

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

IL Dept. of Veterans Affairs  
[veterans.illinois.gov](http://veterans.illinois.gov)

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division  
[www.bragg.army.mil/82dv](http://www.bragg.army.mil/82dv)

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Div Association  
[www.82ndassociation.org](http://www.82ndassociation.org)

Paratrooper.net  
[www.paratrooper.net](http://www.paratrooper.net)

Pritzker Military Library  
[www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org](http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org)

## CHICAGO CHAPTER HEADLINES

### Membership Data

Current headcount is 165, comprised of 140 All-American Life Members and 25 Annual Members

### 2010 Renewals

Annual members are encouraged to renew by November 15 for Early Bird status. Contact Mark Mueller at (630) 561-2139 or [markmueller@ameritech.net](mailto:markmueller@ameritech.net) for a renewal application. Annual dues remain at just \$15 per year.

### Chicago Member Updates

- Albert Randolph moved to Carthage, NY
- Allen Dennison moved to Raeford, NC
- Brian Roscoe moved to Park Ridge, IL
- Charlie Cage moved to Fort Wayne, IN
- John Biggs of Monmouth, IL renewed
- John Tucker, Jr. of Neenah, WI joined
- Jonathan Cassidy moved to Round Lake, IL
- Martin Jaeger of Woodridge, IL renewed
- Michael Epstein moved to Laguna Beach, CA
- Robert Breede of Glendale Heights, IL renewed
- Ronald Pease of Hickory Hills joined
- Sean McMahon moved to Portage, WI
- Steven Anderson of Chicago, IL renewed
- Victor Saucedo moved to East Moline, IL

### Michael Posey, new All-American Member



Mike recently relocated to Glenview, IL after retiring from a 20-year career and attaining the rank of CW3. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division from 1992-99 with both the 1-505 PIR and 2-505 PIR and earned his Jumpmaster wings.

### Larry Emrie, new All-American Member

Larry of Naperville, IL (pictured below) served with HHC Div from 1971-73 and attained the rank of Sgt. Larry is married with three children.



### Donation for Operation: Carmel Corn



Naper Nuts & Sweets is a terrific candy shop in Naperville, IL. Owner Dominique Martucci, an Honorary Chicago Chapter member, has been a terrific friend to deployed service men and women and a long-time supporter of the 82nd Airborne Division. For years, Dominique has managed Operation: Caramel Corn, which sends her shop's delicious caramel corn and other sundries to deployed troops every week.

To help the cause, our Cal Roesner took up a collection at the October meeting - more than \$100 - and then presented the donation to Dominique. Visit the shop at 10 W. Jefferson in Naperville or online at [www.napernutsandsweets.com](http://www.napernutsandsweets.com).

### Chapter Supports CVA

Our Chicago Chapter is a long-time member and strong supporter of the Illinois Combined Veterans Association. Our Ralph Calderon serves as the CVA sergeant-at-arms and Charter Member Ed Calderio served as Chairman of the CVA just two years ago. Every year our chapter buys a table at the CVA "Person of the Year" banquet. This year we sent 12 members and guests to the banquet on October 13 at the Crystal Sky in McCook, IL.

### Chapter Pins Back in Stock

Our popular Chicago Chapter pins are back in stock and available for purchase (image shown at right). Pins are available at any meeting or by contacting a chapter officer. The price is \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Wear them everywhere and carry an extra for a new friend.





## Upcoming Chapter Meetings

### November 8

14:00 to 16:00

The Ram Restaurant  
9520 West Higgins Road  
Rosemont, IL 60018

Meet us in the private room.

### December 13

14:00 to 16:00

SpringHill Suites by Marriott  
4305 Weaver Parkway  
Warrenville, Illinois 60555  
(Just off I-88 at the Winfield Road exit, across from the AMC Cantera Theater)

Meet us in the Galleria Room



## 82<sup>nd</sup> & Association Merchandise

Association members and friends looking for Association or 82nd Airborne Division merchandise have a number of good options, including:

**Association Sales:** Each issue of The Paraglide offers a merchandise catalog found at the last couple of pages. Orders are accepted by mail only.

**Museum Website:** The 82<sup>nd</sup> Museum Gift Shop offers merchandise online. Visit [82ndairbornedivisionmuseum.com/cube](http://82ndairbornedivisionmuseum.com/cube).

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HEADLINES

### Association & Chicago Chapter Websites

The 82nd Airborne Division Association recently relaunched their website at [www.82ndAssociation.org](http://www.82ndAssociation.org). One of the unfortunate consequences of the new association website was the demise of our Chicago Chapter website, which was hosted on the same platform. For the time-being we are without a Chapter website and our previous [chicago@82ndassociation.org](mailto:chicago@82ndassociation.org) email addresses no longer works. We will keep you posted on a relaunch of our chapter website - in the meantime everyone is invited to join our Facebook group. Just visit [Facebook.com](http://Facebook.com), search for "chicago chapter 82nd", and click "Join Group".

### New National Directors

The Chicago Chapter welcomes the five new National Directors elected at the 2009 Convention: Carl Bludau (Golden Brigade Chapter); James Crowley, Jr. (John Towle Chapter); Bill Eberle (Bill Vandervoort Savannah/Hilton Head Island AA Chapter); Ed Sanchez (Wolverine Chapter); and, Donald Van Alstyne (North Central Florida Chapter).

## VETERAN WORLD NEWS

### Obama Signs VA Healthcare Reform

President Obama recently signed new legislation that creates predictable funding for veterans' health care. The Veterans Healthcare Reform and Transparency Act calls for appropriations a year in advance after more than two decades of regular budget delays.

"No longer will VA and the veterans in its care have to suffer from the "check's in the mail" syndrome," said Clarence E. Hill, national commander of The American Legion. "Advance appropriations will go a long way toward minimizing compromises in the delivery of the high quality VA health care our veterans expect and deserve."

### Vets Eat Free at Golden Corral - Nov 16

Golden Corral's 9th annual Military Appreciation Monday dinner will be held on Monday, Nov.16, 2009, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in all Golden Corral restaurants nationwide. The free dinner meal is a special "thank you tribute" to any person who has ever served in the United States Military. If you are a veteran, retired, active, in the Guard or Reserves, you are invited to join us for dinner.

To date, Golden Corral has provided over 2.2 million free meals and contributed over \$3.3 million to the Disabled American Veterans organization.

## LOCAL INTERESTS

### Honor Flight Chicago

Since early 2008, Honor Flight Chicago has organized flights to Washington DC for WWII veterans to experience a day of remembrance. More than 200 volunteers have managed 11 flights to date that have taken 775 veterans - including Chicago Chapter members Matt Wojtaszek and Bob Bell -- to the WWII and other memorials in DC. Chapter Treasurer Glenn Granat also volunteered as a guardian on a recent flight.



All flights are free to veterans through the gift of generous donors. The next scheduled flight will be November 19. Visit [www.honorflightchicago.org](http://www.honorflightchicago.org) for more information on the program, to donate, to volunteer as a guardian, or to download an application.

### Legal Advice for Veterans

John Marshall Law School in Chicago offers free legal services for veterans through their Veterans Legal Support Center. According to their website, "the VLSC assists veterans filing VA benefit claims and provides representation for veterans during the appeals process. The clinic refers qualified veterans to private legal counsel through our statewide network of Pro Bono attorneys. These attorneys are dedicated individuals who have donated their time to assisting veterans with their claims." Visit the VLSC online at [www.jmls.edu/veterans](http://www.jmls.edu/veterans).

### New Veterans' Cash Lottery Tickets

Illinois Gov. Quinn continues a statewide launch of the newest Veterans' Cash scratch-off lottery ticket, the Stars & Stripes ticket. The ticket's net proceeds benefit rehabilitative programs and services for Illinois Veterans.

Since its inception in 2006, Veterans Cash has awarded more than \$7 million to more than 75 organizations supporting Veterans throughout the state. Stars & Stripes is currently available at Illinois Lottery retail locations throughout the state. Each ticket costs \$2 and has a top prize of \$20,000.



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**ABOUT THE CHICAGO CHAPTER**

The Chicago Chapter is the oldest Chapter in the Association and officially organized as the Illinois State Chapter on 25 March 1946. On 15 April 1948, the Chapter reorganized to make room for more Illinois paratroopers and received its charter as the Chicago Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

The 82nd Airborne Division Association was honored on 5 November 1990 by The United States Congress in receiving a Congressional Charter.

Today, the Chicago Chapter is more than 150 members strong and very active in social and service activities.



CHICAGO CHAPTER  
82<sup>ND</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
C/O MARK MUELLER, VICE CHAIRMAN  
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NAPERVILLE, IL 60540

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**Photos from the John Steele Chapter picnic  
(July 2009, Ottawa, IL)**



*(L-R) Chicago members Bob Bell, Glenn Granat, Brian O'Sullivan, Mark Christianson*



*(L-R) Chicago members Matt Wojtaszek, Marge Mazik, Hank Mazik, Ken Sullivan*