



2010 Calendar

- July
 - 4 Independence Day Parade in Niles, IL
 - 11 Summer Picnic
 - 15 Summer Paraglide
- August
 - 8 Membership meeting
 - 13-22 IL State Fair Beer Tent
 - 16 National Airborne Day
 - 18-21 64th Annual Convention
- September
 - 6 Labor Day
 - 12 Chicago Chapter Picnic
- October
 - 10 Membership meeting
 - 15 Fall Paraglide mailings begin
- November
 - 1 S: Assoc. Education Fund apps
 - 10 S: "Early Bird" apps to Chapter
 - 11 Veterans Day
 - 14 Membership meeting
 - 15 S: "Early Bird" apps to National
 - 25 Thanksgiving
- December
 - 12 Member Mtg/Holiday party
 - 25 Christmas
 - 31 New Year's Eve
 - S: 2011 Annual renewals

2011 Calendar

- January
 - 9: Chapter meeting
- February
 - 13: Chapter meeting
- March
 - 13: Chapter meeting
 - 26: Installation Banquet
- April
 - 10: Chapter meeting
- May
 - 1: Chapter meeting
 - 30: Memorial Day Parade
- June
 - 12: Chapter meeting

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Chairman's Message

Hello Chicago Chapter! I hope you are enjoying your summertime and finding some time to relax and recharge with family and friends.

In looking back at our first half of 2010, we've accomplished quite a bit: monthly meetings, the Installation Banquet in March, the Naperville Memorial Day Parade, the Niles Independence Day parade, a terrific picnic in Ottawa last month with our neighbors the John Steele Chapter, a few members participated in Honor Flights, and unfortunately we attended a few funerals. We've also relaunched our chapter website, seen our membership grow a few points and meeting attendance continues to grow.

Our second half of this year, which will include the National Convention next month, a fund raiser at the IL State Fair, and a Holiday party in December, will be highlighted by our first annual "Airborne Day" pig roast on September 12 in Naperville (see article below). We are hoping that this will be both a major fund raiser and become an annual tradition for our chapter. Your support is greatly appreciated, as proceeds will help fund our Combat Wounded Warrior sponsorship, Educational Fund contributions, social programming, and other operating needs.

Airborne, All The Way!
Mark Mueller, Chairman



"Airborne Day" Picnic - September 12

Our chapter is planning a picnic on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at the Judd Kendall VFW on 908 W. Jackson Ave in Naperville, IL. All chapter members, family and friends, and the public are invited.

We're calling this event "Airborne Day", which will feature a pig roast and picnic, static displays, parachutes, raffles, games, and Army Humvee rides for the kids. Tickets are free for members and \$10 each for non-members.

Additionally, we are looking for sponsors to help make this event our major annual fund raiser. Proceeds will go towards our Combat Wounded Warrior sponsorship at the National Convention, our Airborne Holiday party, merchandise, and many other needs. Visit our website or contact Chairman Mark Mueller at chairman@chicagoairborne.com or (630) 561-2139 for more information on tickets or sponsorships.

2010 Memorial Day Parade

Our Chicago Chapter gathered to march in the parade in Naperville, IL, on May 31. Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't comply and the event was rained out soon after step-off.

More than a dozen members assembled at the nearby Judd Kendall VFW post to recognize the event, enjoy a nice lunch compliments of the host VFW and American Legion posts, and promote our Airborne spirit amongst more than a hundred other veterans.

Many thanks to our members that participated, including a special thanks to chapter members Paul Jenista and Jim McGinley for shining up their cars for the event.



Above: Some of our marchers at the Memorial Day parade in Naperville, IL



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Favorite Links

82nd Airborne Div Association
www.82ndassociation.org

82nd Airborne Division
www.bragg.army.mil/82dv

Paratrooper.net
www.paratrooper.net

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
www.va.gov

IL Dept. of Veterans Affairs
veterans.illinois.gov

Pritzker Military Library
www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org

Honor Flight Chicago
www.honorflightchicago.org

Operation Support our Troops IL
www.osotil.org

CHICAGO CHAPTER HEADLINES

Membership Data

Chicago Chapter headcount: 165
Life Members: 147
Annual Members: 18
Members residing outside IL: 31

Chicago Member Updates

- Jim McGinley of Naperville, IL, is the latest chapter member to opt for Life membership. Jim is a retire police officer and served with HHC, 82nd Signal Bn from 1958-62.

New Members - Welcome!

Larry Slavicek, All-American Member



Larry served with 1-325 AIR from 1972-79 and currently resides in Brookfield, IL with wife Anne. Larry is currently a Colonel in the US Army Reserves.

Aaron Pylinski, All-American Member

A Chicago resident, Aaron recently joined the Association as an All-American (Life) Member. Aaron served with the 82nd's 313th MI Bn.

2010 Renewals

Annual members who have yet to renew for 2010 are encouraged to do so ASAP. Contact Glenn Granat at (630) 257-5487 or vicechairman@chicagoairborne.com for a renewal application. Annual dues remain just \$15 per year or you can opt for Life membership.

Honor Flight for Barney Janecki

Chapter Life Member and WWII veteran Barney Janecki was selected and participated in the June 23 Honor Flight to visit the WWII Memorial and other attractions in Washington, DC. Congratulations and All the Way, Barney! For more info on the Honor Flights, visit www.honorflightchicago.org.

SF Association Golf Outing

In support of our friends, Chapter 37 Special Forces Association, the Chicago Chapter sponsored a hole at their annual golf outing on June 2, 2010. Additionally, Chairman Mark Mueller and Vice Chairman Glenn Granat attended the event's dinner that evening to share Maroon Beret spirit with friends with the Green Berets.

4th of July Parade

The Chicago Chapter marched in the Niles, IL parade on Sunday, July 4. This was the first time the chapter marched in this parade and it didn't disappoint. Our group marched up front and rode on Army Humvees in front of an impressive, enthusiastic, and patriotic crowd.

Many thanks to our participants: Glenn Granat, Brian O'Sullivan, Tony Vallos, Ralph Calderon, Joe and Jill Scherer, Chester Aszklar, Matt Wojtaszek, Hank and Marge Mazik and the Mazik family.

Fund Raiser: Beer Tent at the State Fair

Through our relationship with the IL Combined Veterans Association, the Chicago Chapter has an opportunity to work the beer tent at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield over Aug. 13-22.

Each chapter member participating will earn \$\$ for the chapter for each half-day shift worked. All participants will receive boarding during their stay and free beer. We have a few volunteers but need a few more. If interested, please contact Ralph Calderon at (708) 453-0337.

Highlights from our June Meeting

In case you missed our June meeting, here are some highlights:

- Date: 6/13/2010
- Location: Rock Bottom, Warrenville, IL
- Total attendees: 23
- Presented Edwin Sly with his All-American Member certificate and card
- Stan Gryga shared some really interesting WWII artifacts that he brought back from Europe
- Recap of recent activities
- Push for 2010 National Convention
- Planned Beer Tent fund raiser at IL State Fair
- Glenn Granat appointed Chapter Historian



Upcoming Chapter Meetings

August 8

14:00 to 16:00

Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery
28265 Diehl Road
Warrenville, IL 60555
(Across from the AMC
Cantera theater)

Meet us in the 2nd floor loft!

October 10

14:00 to 17:00

The Ram Restaurant
9520 West Higgins Road
Rosemont, IL 60018

Meet us in the private room.



82nd & 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 82nd Museum Gift Shop offers merchandise online. Visit 82ndairbornedivisionmuseum.com/cube.

Staffing Up Chapter Committees

Key goals of the Chicago Chapter for 2010 include becoming more organized and more active. To this end, we are looking for volunteers to staff up a number of terrific committees aimed at both promoting the chapter and providing services where needed. Initially, we are looking to staff the following committees: Service, Fund Raising, Membership, Publicity, Special Events, Veterans Affairs, and Recognition.

If you have anywhere from a little to a lot of time to share, please contact Chairman Mark Mueller for more information or to volunteer.

Chicago Chapter Website Updates

Our new website continues to grow. New additions include a photo gallery, chapter newsletter section, and meeting minutes - all available for download. Visit www.ChicagoAirborne.com regularly.

Chapter Merchandise Available

Our popular Chicago Chapter pins are 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.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HEADLINES

64th National Convention

The annual 82nd Airborne Division Association Convention is fast-approaching. This year's event takes place in Charleston, WV, over August 18-22.

If you plan to attend, please make reservations as early as possible. Also, we have a few members looking to share rooms. If interested, please contact any chapter officer to coordinate.

For more information on the events, see The Paraglide, write to Airborne 2010, 5459 Northcutt Place, Dayton, OH 45414; e-mail srgabn@aol.com; or call 937-898-5977.

LOCAL INTEREST HEADLINES

Rockin' for the Troops - July 17



The 2010 event will take place at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, IL on Saturday, July 17. The day-long event is a major fund raiser for Operation Support our Troops Illinois and once again features Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band (CSI:NY, Forrest Gump). Tickets cost \$25 and are available in advance only at Jewel-Osco or by calling (800) 594-8499. For more information, visit www.Rockinforthetroops.org.

AirVenture 2010

Military enthusiasts should have July 26-August 1 on their calendars. These are the dates AirVenture 2010 will take place in Oshkosh, WI. Features include more than 400 aircraft from WWI, WWII, Korea-era, Vietnam-era, through current era. The band Chicago will play in concert on July 26, while Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band perform on July 30. Information and tickets, including veteran discounts, are available at www.airventure.org.

Chicago Air and Water Show

Over Aug 14-15, this is the largest free show of its kind in the US. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels and U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights will headline the 52nd Annual Chicago Air and Water Show along the lakefront from Fullerton to Oak Street, with North Avenue Beach as the focal point. Daily 11:00-16:00. Visit www.chicagoairandwatershow.us for all of the details.

KC Cougars: Troops & Vets Night



The Kane County Cougars minor league baseball team will host Troops & Vets Night at Elfstrom Stadium in Geneva, IL, on Monday, August 2. Game time is 18:30 and tickets are available online at www.kccougars.com.

Paratrooper License Plates

Just a reminder that the State of Illinois now offers Paratrooper license plates to vehicle owners. These plates feature basic jump wings and the word "Paratrooper" to let every one know you've earned your wings. Visit the Cyberdrive Illinois website for more information. Proof of airborne qualification is required.





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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 160 members strong and very active in social and service activities.

CHICAGO CHAPTER
82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
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Photo Gallery

Photos from the John Steele Chapter picnic
July 11, Ottawa, IL



National President Bill Eberle and Past President Andy Anderson visit with Chicago Chapter members



Chicago Chapter WWII Vets (L-R): Chester Aszklar, Matt Wojtaszek and Ray Fary