

Chicago Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Newsletter

January, 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR AIRBORNE!



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:

- **12 January, 2020:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the Rock Bottom Brewery and Restaurant in Warrenville IL, 14:00-16:00.
- **9 February, 2020:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at Rock Bottom in Warrenville, IL, 14:00-16:00 (note venue change from previous publication)
- **13 June, 2020:** Second annual Airborne Fishing day hosted by Chicago Chapter Vice-Chairman Glenn T. Granat. Additional details to follow in the near future.
- Please check the Chapter Web Site at www.chicagoairborne.com for the complete calendar of events and meetings.

In addition to Chapter and Association updates, there is a monthly history report and static display of very cool Airborne item. There is also plenty of social time to meet and connect with other Airborne Troopers!

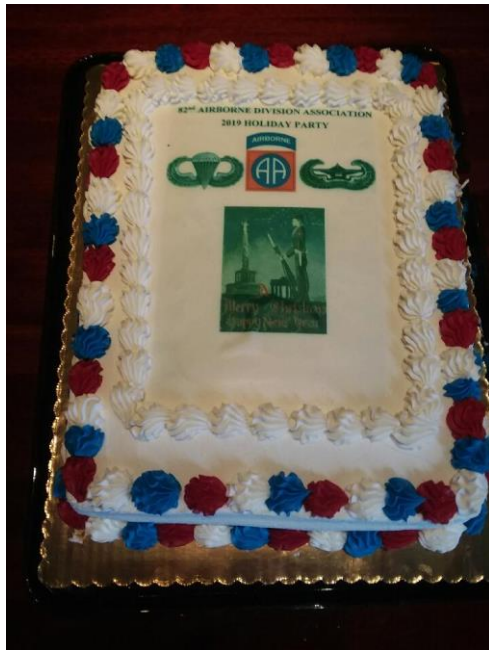
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2019 Chicago Chapter Holiday Party



Chicago Chapter Paratroopers and their Families



Airborne Holiday Cake



CSM Don Strazer



Chapter Vice Chairmen Glenn Granat with 101st Airborne Paratrooper Jesse White at the Brookfield Zoo Annual Veteran's Day Celebration.

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AIRBORNE History: January, 2020



Camp Mackall is located in close proximity to Fort Bragg which serves as home to the XVIII Airborne Corps, the 82nd Airborne Division and the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Originally named Camp Hoffman, the facility was renamed Camp Mackall in honor of Private John Thomas Mackall. He served in Company E, 2nd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment. During the invasion of North Africa, (Operation Torch) he was mortally wounded in an attack by French Vichy aircraft. He had been wounded on November 8, the day that construction began at the camp. The area was converted from 62,000 acres of wilderness to a camp with 65 miles of paved roads, a 1,200-bed hospital, five movie theaters, six beer gardens, an all-weather airfield with three 5,000-foot runways, and 1,750 building in just four months.

Camp Mackall is the primary qualification area U.S. Army Special Forces. The Colonel James "Nick" Rowe Training Compound hosts SERE, SFAS, and the Q Course. The obstacle course at the camp, arguably the hardest obstacle course in the U.S. Army, is named the "Nasty Nick" in honor of Colonel Rowe. Colonel Rowe was one of only 34 American prisoners of war to escape captivity during the Vietnam War.