

Chicago Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Newsletter

August 2020



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:

- Chicago Veteran's 20 Mile Ruck March: This event has been postponed. We will let you know when/if this event is rescheduled.
- 05-09 Aug: 74th National Convention (Houston, TX) – CANCELLED
- 09 Aug: Chapter Meeting (Online via Google Meet), 14:00-15:30
- 13: Sep: Chapter Meeting (Online via Google Meet), 14:00-15:30
- 11 Oct: Chapter Meeting (Online via Google Meet), 14:00-15:30
- 08 Nov: Chapter Meeting (Online via Google Meet), 14:00-15:30
- 13 Dec: Chapter Holiday Party (Tentative; TBA)

Please visit our Chapter website at www.chicagoairborne.com for a complete calendar.

Important AIRBORNE days in August

- **5 August, 1917:** 82nd Infantry Division Constituted.
- **8 August, 1990:** 82nd Airborne Division deploys to Desert Shield.
- **13 August, 1943:** 13th Airborne Division Formed.
- **14 August, 1945:** V-J Day.
- **15 August, 1942:** 82nd Infantry Division Re-designated 82nd Airborne Division. 325th and 327th Glider Infantry Regiments Formed.
- **15 August, 1944:** Operation Dragoon.
- **16 Aug: National Airborne Day!**

August 2020 History Report:

World War 1: 82 Infantry Division



On 25 August 1917, the Division was organized as the 82nd Division at Camp Gordon, Georgia. The 82nd served with distinction on the Western Front in the final months of World War I. Since its initial members came from all 48 states, the division acquired the name *All-American*, which is the basis for its famed "AA" on the shoulder patch.

In April 1918, the division embarked to Liverpool, England where they arrived in May 1918. From there, the division moved to the British-held region of Somme, where it began sending small numbers of troops and officers to the front lines to gain combat experience. On 16 June, the division moved to Toul, France to take a position on the front lines in the French sector. During the next 148 days, the division saw combat from St-Mihiel through the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

The division suffered 995 killed in action and 7,082 wounded, for a total of 8,077 casualties. After the war's end, the division moved to training areas near Prauthoy, where it remained through February 1919. It returned to the United States in April and May 1919, and was demobilized and deactivated at Camp Mills, New York, on 27 May 1919.



LTC. Emory Jenison Pike



Sgt. Alvin C. York