

Chicago Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Association Newsletter

November, 2018

Veteran's Day 100th Anniversary

November 11th, 2018



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:

- **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. Please join us in remembering all of the brave 82nd Infantry Division soldiers who fought and died in World War 1. There will also be World War 1 82nd infantry uniforms and other items on display.
- **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.
- **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.

Veterans Day: is observed on November 11 and it honors all honorably discharged U.S. military veterans. It originally marked the anniversary of the end of World War I when hostilities ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Previously called Armistice Day, the holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. WELCOME HOME!

Military Bio - Mark Mueller

Mark joined the U.S. Army Reserves in October 1986 at age 17 and was first assigned to the 4/75th FA Regiment in Peoria, IL. Following high school graduation in 1987, he completed Basic Training and AIT as a 71L Administrative Specialist at Fort Jackson, SC. In 1988, Mark enlisted in the Regular Army, volunteering for Airborne Training and asking to reclassify to 11B. Uncle Sam decided they had enough 11B's but gave him Jump School at Fort Benning, GA, which he completed in November that year. Fort Bragg grabbed this unassigned 71L1P, and then in early January 1989, the 82nd Airborne saw Mark's potential and assigned him to HHC, Division to learn from some of the finest officers and NCO's in Army.



Mueller spent the next nearly four years in the G-4 as their Admin Supervisor, becoming a superior staff soldier and computer guru, producing some of the most amazing Harvard Graphics presentation the HQ had ever seen. Because of his high-speediness, early on Mark was given driver training. He was then assigned a HMMWV, HQ-4, and was selected for the highly coveted role as the G-4's Driver -- he drove four different G-4's during his tenure. In December 1989, Mark nearly deployed with the boss to Panama for Operation Just Cause, and is still disappointed to this day about not getting in on that combat jump. However, in August 1990, Mark deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield and then Desert Storm. He spent eight months in the desert, had his E-4 rank pinned on over there, and stormed across the Iraq border with the Division HQ Assault CP.

Upon returning to Fort Bragg, Mark was selected for PLDC and graduated on the Commandant's List. Being in an extremely understrength MOS in the Division and unable to get a transfer to a line unit, Mark ETS'ed from the Division in November 1992, returned home, and went to college at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, graduating in 1996 with a degree in Operations Management. He stayed in the Army Reserves, reclassified to 37F, Psychological Operations Specialist, and served out the remainder of his eight year commitment, nearly two years, with the 305th PSYOP Bn in Arlington Heights, IL. Mark ended his military career as an E-4, earning an ARCOM, two AAM's, and a Good Conduct Medal, Driver's Badge, Expert Marksman Badge, and his coveted Parachutist Badge and 82nd combat patch.

Today, Mark lives in Winfield, IL, with wife Kelly, has an amazing daughter and son, an equally amazing two stepsons. He has been a member of the Chicago Chapter since 2003, serving as Vice Chairman for five years, Chairman for seven years, and currently serves as chapter Secretary.

November, 2018 History Report

The 82nd Airborne Division is celebrating 100 years of service to our great nation. From its beginning in the First World War to the current Global War on Terrorism, the All Americans have been America's Guard of Honor serving throughout the world with courage and distinction. The All American Division was organized on 25 August 1917 at Camp Gordon, Georgia shortly after the America's entry into World War I. The All Americans served with distinction on the Western Front at St. Mihiel and the Meuse Argonne.



Famous soldiers of the 82nd include Colonel Emory Jenison Pike who was the 82nd's first Medal of Honor recipient. Colonel Pike served with the 321st Machinegun Battalion and was killed in action on September 20, 1918 as a result of enemy artillery fire. The division's second Medal of Honor recipient was Sergeant Alvin C. York who captured 35 machineguns, killed more than 25 enemy soldiers as well as capturing an additional 132. The All Americans returned to the United States in 1919 and were deactivated in 1921. The 82nd Division was reactivated on August 15, 1942 as the 82nd Airborne Division.



LTC Emory Jenison Pike



SGT Alvin C. York

Association News:

- **Hurricane Forence Troop Support:** Executive Director Bill Bauer thanks all chapters and individuals who made donations, turning those donations into Commissary gift cards for Division junior enlisted adversely affected by the Hurricane. AATW!
- **73rd Annual Convention:** The 2019 Association Convention will take place in Washington DC over 7-10 August 2019 and will recognize the 75th Anniversaries of D-Day and Market Garden. Registration is now open. Please visit www.82ndairborneassociation.org for all the details.
- **Holiday Troop Support program:** National is requesting donations for this year's program, which provides full Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to Division families in need. The goal is once again 1000 meals. Visit the National website for details and to donate.
- **New Membership Dues:** Just a reminder that a membership dues increase was passed at the 2018 Convention. Annual dues are now \$35/year and All American (Life) Membership now \$350 for first 5 years, then 50% annual dues as a maintenance fee starting in year 6.