



ACADIANA CHAPTER DISPATCH

ACADIANA CHAPTER 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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The October Meeting will be held on Saturday Oct. 21st (the 3rd Saturday) at Mile Marker 121 off I-10, at the Bridge Monument at 1000 hrs.

THE OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 3RD SATURDAY (THE 21ST) TO CELEBRATE THE DEDICATION OF THE "LOUISIANA AIRBORNE BRIDGE" MONUMENT.

The Chapter meeting will begin at 1000 hrs at the Louisiana Airborne Memorial Bridge monument. This is at the LA Welcome Center at Butte La Rose (Exit 121). We will commemorate the dedication of the monument there. The original dedication was October 20th 1990, so we commemorate it on the Weekend closest to this date. The Chapter raised the funds to have the monument and benches purchased and placed at the Louisiana Welcome Center at Butte La Rose exit. We

invite you to be there for when we start which will be 1000 hours. After we conduct a short commemoration of the dedication we will proceed a short way to the exit 115 (Henderson/Cecilia – exit) where we will gather at "Crawfish Town" restaurant for lunch and a great time of fellowship. Please put this on your calendar and make an effort to attend and visit with your fellow paratroopers.

FORMATION OF AN 82ND ASSOCIATION CHAPTER IN SHREVEPORT.

I have been in communication with **Mr. Randy Colvin** regarding an interest by a number of 82nd (and other Airborne Veterans) in forming a Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association in Shreveport LA.

If any of you in that area would like to join that Chapter, (they have to have 20 82nd Association members to form a Chapter), please contact him at: Ph (253) 495-3177 or e-mail: randycolvin505@yahoo.com. If you know of other

paratroopers in your area, please try to recruit them and have them join the proposed Shreveport Chapter. A new Chapter must have at least 20 members in order to receive a Charter from the National Association.

AIRBORNE HISTORY!

Remembering Sept 17, 1944, the Holland Jump

Operation Market Garden September 17, 1944
Seventy-three years ago, the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions made the combat jump into Holland.

I had the honor to be friends with two of our late Acadiana Chapter members who made that jump. They were both in the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

1st Lt. G. Wilfred Jaubert jumped on DZ O near Overasselt, Holland, on September 17, 1944. As the leader of the Pathfinder contingent for the Division, he was the first man to make the Holland jump. Right behind him came the armada of the 82nd Airborne Division. This included serial after serial of C-47 aircraft holding paratroopers.

Many other C-47's were towing CG 4A Waco Gliders holding Glider troopers, artillery pieces, jeeps and ammunition and fuel.

G. Wilfred Jaubert stayed in the Army and transitioned to becoming a fixed wing pilot. He flew artillery-spotting missions during the Korean War flying the L-10 Birdog aircraft. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1964. At that time, he was Director of Primary Fixed Wing Training at Ft. Rucker, AL.



SGT Milton "Fuzzy" Knight was with the 1st Battalion of the 504th and was the Battalion S2 NCO. They both made the river crossing of the Rhine at Nijmegen. At the end of the war, Milton Knight was the 1st Battalion 504th PIR's Sergeant Major.

Both of these Airborne pioneers were Charter members of the Acadiana (Louisiana) Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association when it was organized in January 1980.

Four Week Jump School: How many of you are aware that for a period "Jump School" was four (4) weeks

long? It had been three weeks from WWII until in 1959 when they decided that it would be four weeks long. The first week was called "PC&M week," the second week was "Ground Week," the third week was "Tower Week" and the fourth week was of course "Jump Week." The acronym PC&M meant "Pre-Conditioning and Motivation Week. I believe that primary thing they were trying to do was to motivate you to QUIT! This continued until sometime in 1964 when they dropped it back to three weeks. In those days, there was an enforced 50% washout. I could see it, but it was not spoken of to the trainees. I found this out from my old friends (both of them deceased now) SFC Roy Sprouse and 1SG David "Hook" Nelson. They both had been Black hat instructors at Ft. Benning and they told me that the leadership had (and forced) a 50% attrition. This was to cull out those who were less than totally committed to being a paratrooper. They told me that their Company Commanders at the end of the training day would ask "How many quit or were kicked out?" Whatever they told him would result in "Make it harder on them" or "Lighten up a little." This was because he was working on a tally to ensure that there were only 50% of the soldiers who started that graduated. I personally thing that was a GOOD policy as I never worried

about the paratrooper to my left or right in combat.

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS.

Keep your antennae tuned for "Airborne" veterans. Keep a copy of the Chapter's application form handy to give to anyone you meet who tells you they are a paratrooper. Be sure to tell them that we **must have a copy of their DD 214** showing the award of the Parachutist Badge **or a copy of their Jump School Certificate**, or any other official document showing issuance of jump wings. **We also must have proof of Honorable Discharge**, which will be on the DD214 or by copy of an Honorable Discharge. Wear your Airborne cap or shirt.

Thanks and "Airborne All The Way!"

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