



ACADIANA CHAPTER DISPATCH

**ACADIANA CHAPTER 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION
ASSOCIATION**

**CHAPTER MEETS AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH, 415 ROBLEY DR. LAF, LA
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2424 Pierre Matte Road, Branch, LA 70516**

**THE MAY MEETING WILL
BE HELD SATURDAY MAY
5TH IT WILL BE HELD AT
BUILDING D AT HOLY
CROSS CHURCH IN
LAFAYETTE, LA
BEGINNING AT 1030 HRS.**

April 14th Spring BBQ

We had 45 people in attendance and they all enjoyed great camaraderie and food. Matthew Lane and Tom Grote cooked the Bar-B-Q and everyone enjoyed it. Bradford Ashby provided great baked beans and Delores Vidrine brought her exceptional potato salad. Everyone had more than enough to eat. In spite of threatening weather, everything went off well. The weather to our East prevented some from coming. Overall a successful event.

**CUSTOM KNIFE RAFFLE
FOR BENEFITTING THE
82ND NATIONAL ASSN.**

Chapter member Jim Kober has produced an exceptional custom knife that he has donated in order to raise money for the National Association. There is a raffle for this knife in which

the winning ticket will be drawn at the All American Week Banquet by the 82nd Association President. This will occur at the closing Banquet on Thursday evening, May 24, 2018.

You can buy tickets from the 82nd Associations website using Pay Pal or your credit card. I have placed the link below. Please go there and purchase as many tickets as you can. It is going to an extremely good cause - the support of OUR 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION. It is the greatest Division Association in the world. It supports both the Active Duty paratroopers and our Veteran Association members.

<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/aaw-affle.html>

Go to the above link and purchase tickets either by Pay Pal or your credit card. Or you can call me. Picture of knife on last page.

**ALL AMERICAN WEEK
MAY 21-24TH FT. BRAGG
N.C.**

This year's "All American Week" will be May 21-24, 2018. For registration information, please go to the 82nd website and print up the forms. They are at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> If you cannot access the Internet PLEASE call me and I will send you hard copies. Plan on attending. There are at least six members of our Chapter going. If you are coming, make room reservations as soon as possible. If you have never attended, you cannot imagine how much pleasure and enjoyment you will experience. On the Thursday, there will be a JRTX Joint Readiness Training Exercise including a large-scale jump at Sicily DZ. You will be thrilled to watch the Division run on Monday morning and then to rub shoulders with and eat breakfast with you present day troopers.

**SW MEMORIAL
AIRBORNE DAYS IN
HOUSTON, TX. JUNE 8-10.**

On June 8-10th, 2018, the Lone Star Chapter is hosting the Southwest Memorial Airborne Day Reunion on

June 8-10th, 2018 at the Hilton NASA Clear Lake hotel. This event is a gathering of the other Southwest area chapters to get together and socialize and tell airborne war stories. We host the event on the anniversary of D-Day so we have a Memorial Diner and remember the men and women who fought during D-Day. We have a trip planned to the Lone Star Flight Museum located at Ellington Field. We received a reduced admission price of \$12.00 to the Lone Star Museum. The Reunion registration cost is \$75.00 per person. This includes all snacks and refreshments during the day, a memorial meal Saturday evening and breakfast on Sunday morning. Mail your registration to Regino Valle at 105 W. Stockbridge Street, Eagle Lake, TX 77434. The room rate is \$95.00 per night. **The room discount code is 22875186.** To book your room the link is <http://group.hilton.com/82ndairborneconvention..>

The Texas Chapter's supported us when we hosted this and we should reciprocate. You will have a great time.

PROTOCOL FOR THE PLAYING OF TAPS

I had a question posed to me by a friend on what was the proper thing to do when "Taps" is played. He was at funeral of a military veteran and they played taps in the

Church. He didn't know what was proper. Here is the proper Protocol from <http://tapsbugler.com/protocol-for-taps/>

CONDUCT DURING THE SOUNDING OF TAPS The bugle call of Taps is sounded at funerals, memorial services and wreath laying ceremonies. It is also the last call played at US military bases in the evening. The call consists of 24 notes sounded on a bugle or trumpet. Taps is performed by a solo bugler without accompaniment or embellishment. Although sometimes performed with an echo, Taps is really meant to be sounded by a single bugler. At funerals military honors follow a certain sequence dictated by tradition and protocol. Three rifle volleys are fired followed by the sounding of Taps. The flag is then folded and presented to the Next-of-Kin. Sometimes there is not a firing party available and Taps will be sounded upon the signal from the military or funeral home director. *At memorial services or special events Taps is usually sounded toward the end of the program, usually before the benediction or dismissal.* At wreath laying ceremonies, Taps is usually sounded after the wreath (or last one if there are several) is presented. During a sounding of Taps at a military funeral, memorial service or wreath laying ceremony, – All present not in uniform should stand at

attention with the right hand over the heart; – Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; – Individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of Taps and maintain that position until the last note (**note: if you are inside and uncovered, you stand at attention**); – **Veterans and active-duty service-members not in uniform may render the hand salute**; – If you are inside and not in uniform it is proper and respectful to stand during Taps; – When Taps is sounded in the evening as the final call of the day at military bases, salutes are not required.

MEETING IN THE FT. POLK AREA FOR DECEMBER.

Our Chapter members at our December 2017 meeting (Saturday December 2, 2017) decided to hold a meeting in the Ft. Polk, LA. We will meet at the American Legion Post 387 (Retired Military) in New Llano, LA. The address is: 426 Vernon St, New Llano, LA 71461. After the meeting, we will assemble at a restaurant for lunch. We will send out a strip map and more information as we draw closer to the date. Please plan to attend this meeting. Call me if you have questions regarding this (337) 288-2730.

**82ND 72ND ANNUAL
CONVENTION ORLANDO,
FL. 8-11 AUG 2018**

The registration fee per person is \$110.00, which includes the Hospitality Room and banquets. The Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL. Deluxe Rms \$85.00. Call 800-204-7234 (refer to 82nd Abn Division Association. If you want a hard copy mailed for the registration, please let me know. I am e-mailing a copy with this newsletter.

**RENEWING CHAPTER
MEMBERS:**

Please check your membership card to see when it expires. If you are close, please renew.

We thank you for joining our Chapter or for renewing and staying "hooked up" in our Chapter and staying in the commo loop!

**ACADIANA CHAPTER
WEBSITE:**

Our website is located at:
www.acadianairborne.org/
Please bookmark this site on your computer for quick reference.

**ACADIANA CHAPTER
FACEBOOK PAGE:**

Please bookmark on your computer to check on it.
[www.facebook.com/pages/
Acadiana-Chapter-82nd-
Airborne-Division-](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Acadiana-Chapter-82nd-Airborne-Division-)

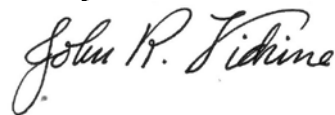
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Please copy and paste on your browser. We have announcements and pictures frequently on the site.

**RECRUITING NEW
MEMBERS.**

First, wear an Airborne Cap and you will smoke people out. We ask you to keep a copy of the application form and recruit new members! If you want, application forms call me. If you need me to mail, you an application form please contact me.

Thanks and "Airborne All The Way!"



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82nd Airborne Division Association
★ RAFFLE ★
“All American Week”

**\$1
per
ticket**



**6
tickets
for \$5**

Purchase Raffle Tickets at
Moon Hall, Hospitality Suite
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Winner will be drawn at All American Week in May.
All proceeds go to the 82nd Abn Div Assn. National Headquarters.

Knife Description

Hand-crafted by Jim Kober (member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Acadiana Chapter, Lafayette, Louisiana). The Blade material is 1095 improved plow steel. The Handle material is Resin Pine Cone. Handle pins are Mosaic (Full House)



ANNUAL SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL AIRBORNE DAYS REUNION
June 8th 9th and 10th, 2018
Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake



Hosted by the Texas Lone Star Chapter

Reunion Registration

Individual: \$75.00 Couple: \$150.00 Guest: \$75.00

The registration fee covers food and beverage in the Hospitality Room, Banquet and Breakfast on Sunday.

Name: _____ Address: _____
 Chapter: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____

MAKE CHOICE OF MEAL ENTRÉE: Check one: Chicken () Fish () Veggie ()

Make Checks Payable to: **Texas Lone Star Chapter**
 Mail to: Texas Lone Star Chapter
 5427 Weston Drive
 Fulshear, Texas 77441-4127
 For further information call: Allen Schoppe
 Phone 281-814-2377

Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake Group Code **Rates: \$95.00 per night** Check In: 4:00 PM
 3000 NASA Parkway **South West Memorial Airborne Days** Double, Queen or King Check out: 11:00 AM
 Houston, Texas 77058 Handicap rooms available
(281)333-9300

Please make your Hotel reservations directly with the hotel by calling: **(281) 333-9300** to get the rates above. You will be required to guarantee your reservation by credit card or advance deposit. Deadline for registration with these rates is: May 9, 2018.

Cancellation policy is: 72 hours before arrival by 6:00 PM with no penalty. Call **(281) 333-9300**. The room rates are good for three days prior to the Reunion and three days after.

Friday June 9, 2017

Registration 1100 until-2400 hrs
 Hospitality Suite opens 1100 hrs

Saturday June 10, 2017

Hospitality Suite Opens 0800 hrs
 Banquet 1900 hrs
 Ladies Brunch
 Trip to Lone Star Flight Museum (morning)

Sunday June 11, 2017

Breakfast Buffet 0830 – 1030 hrs

