

ACADIANA CHAPTER DISPATCH



**ACADIANA CHAPTER 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION
ASSOCIATION**

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**ACADIANA CHAPTER'S
SEPTEMBER MEETING
WILL BE HELD
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER
10th, 2016 AT HOLY
CROSS CATHOLIC
CHURCH AT 415 ROBLEY
DRIVE IN LAFAYETTE, LA,
AT 1030 HRS (10:30 A.M)
WE WILL EAT LUNCH AT
A NEARBY RESTAURANT
AFTERWARDS THE
MEETING WILL AS
ALWAYS BE HELD TO
ONE 1 HR IN LENGTH.**

**SEPTEMBER MEETING
WILL BE THE 10TH WHICH
IS THE 2ND SATURDAY.
THIS IS BECAUSE THE 1ST
SATURDAY IS LABOR
DAY WEEKEND**

The Chapter members who met on August 6th worked on hammering out the exact things to be done and who will do them

**SEPTEMBER MEETING
SATURDAY SEPT. 10TH
WILL BE IN BUILDING D,
IN THE LIBRARY**

Please attend our SEPTEMBER meeting to help us to continue to work on our plans for SW Memorial Days June 9, 10 and 11th 2017.

**38TH ANNIVERSARY
BANQUET FOR THE
CHAPTER. JAN 21, 2017**

We have invited the JRTC and Fort Polk Command Sergeant Major Jeremiah Inman to be our guest speaker. We will be sending out a meal form in our next newsletter (and before that to those with e-mail) as soon as we get the prices from the restaurant.

CSM Inman has served in numerous units throughout his career. His previous assignments include 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Savannah, Georgia; 5th Battalion, 502nd Berlin Brigade, Berlin, Germany; United States Military Academy at West Point; 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Vicenza, Italy; 2d Cavalry Regiment, Rose Barracks, Germany; Infantry and Armor Schools, Fort Benning, Georgia; and most recently at the Airborne and Special Operations Test Directorate, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His combat tours include Panama, Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom I, and Operation Enduring Freedom VI, VIII, and X-XI.

CSM JEREMIAH INMAN



We again will be conducting our 38th Anniversary Banquet at Chef Roy's restaurant in Rayne, LA. They have always provided excellent food and service. I would like to encourage every member who has never come, to make an effort to attend. You will enjoy yourself in the company of fellow "Airborne" veterans.

**OCTOBER MEETING WILL
BE HELD ON SATURDAY
OCTOBER 22ND 2016 AT
THE MILE MARKER 121
WELCOME CENTER.**

The Chapter voted at our August meeting to conduct

the October meeting on Saturday October 22nd 2016. This is the date closest to date of our dedication ceremony in 1990 when the monument was officially dedicated. This is at the Mile Marker 121 exit on I-10 East of Lafayette, LA. We will meet there at 1000 hours at the monument. We will conduct a short remembrance ceremony. Afterwards we will go to "Buck and Johnny's" restaurant in Breaux Bridge for lunch. Please plan on coming.

VISIT THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S WEB PAGE

This can be found at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/> Once **you are there you can view the quarterly "Paraglide" magazine, which is only available on the Internet.** We hope that at some time in the future it can again be available in a hard copy.

The **current issue** can be found by clicking on "Paraglide" once you have the webpage up. This issue has a picture of the veterans of the Division marching by the assembled Division on Sicily DZ. The unit marching by is the 73rd Armored unit, which was a part of the 82nd until the late 1990,'s when it was inactivated. Our Chapter Vice Chairman Matthew Lane was a member of this unit and deployed with the Division in 1991 for the Persian Gulf War (Operation Desert

Storm) with the 73rd Armored unit, which was equipped with the M-551 Sheridan air droppable armored gun system. Unfortunately, (my opinion) the Army did not field a follow up system, which had been produced and tested, the Armored Gun System.

ACADIANA CHAPTER WEBSITE:

Check out our website at: www.acadianairborne.org/

RENEWALS

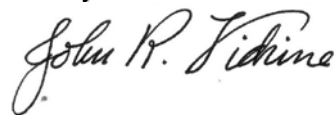
We thank the following member for renewing with us. He is:

Kenneth Larrimer from Lake Charles, LA

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS.

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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