



ACADIANA CHAPTER DISPATCH

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ACADIANA CHAPTER'S 36TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 16, 2016 AT CHEF ROY'S RESTAURANT IN RAYNE, LA.

THE ANNIVERSARY
BANQUET WILL BE HELD
IN LIEU OF A REGULAR
MEETING.

We will be celebrating the 36th Anniversary of the Acadiana Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. The Acadiana Chapter was organized in January 1980 in Lafayette, LA. News releases were sent to local papers announcing an organizing meeting. Thirty-three people came and 31 joined. We have celebrated this important event in our Chapter's history every January. The banquet will be held at Chef Roy's restaurant in Rayne, LA.

We have been informed by the Ft. Polk, LA Public Affairs Office that **BG Timothy P. McGuire will be our guest speaker.** General McGuire is an Airborne officer with a long history of Airborne

assignments. These include the 508th PIR and the 173rd He served with the 75th Ranger Regiment and commanded the 3rd Brigade (505th) BCT from 2008 to 2010. His combat deployments include tours to both Iraq and Afghanistan. In the event that mission requirements interferes the Ft. Polk, LA and JRTC Chief of Staff COL. Brian P. Sullivan will be our speaker. COL Sullivan is also a long time Airborne Officer who served with the 505th and 508th PIR. He also served as the Battalion Commander of the 2nd Bn. 327th Airborne Infantry. **A meal form will be attached to your Newsletter (USPS) or to the e-mail with this newsletter. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING AND SEND IT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please mail in no later than Monday January 11th.**

OUR FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING WILL BE HELD THE FIRST SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY, FEB 6, 2016

The meeting will be held at Holy Cross Church at 415 Robley Dr. in Lafayette, LA.

on Saturday January 5, 2015. Our meeting will begin at 11:00 AM (1100 Hrs) and end at 12:00 P.M. We will decide on a restaurant to eat after the meeting. There are so many good ones in close proximity to the Church we have plenty to choose from. **Come to the meeting to SUPPORT the Chapter!**

AIRBORNE HISTORY!

All of us have heard the term "**stick**" in reference to paratroopers jumping from an aircraft. The term goes back to WWII when the term was first used. Initially the bomber forces used the term "stick" to describe a group of bombs arranged in a bomb bay to fall at intervals on a target. It was natural that when Airborne (parachute) forces were organized that the jumpers jumping from aircraft were referred to as a "stick" of paratroopers. The size of a stick depends upon the load of troopers jumping from a particular aircraft. In WWII, a stick could also refer to the number of troopers jumping from one (or in the case of the C-46 two doors) in one run over a drop zone. A C-47's jumpers all exited from one

door (left door) of the aircraft, so all of the jumpers constituted a "stick." On the other hand, the C-46 "Commando" had two (2) doors and therefore two sticks of jumpers.

Another term used since WWII is "Chalk." The Chalk refers to chalk marking on the aircraft to identify them. This is all part of the means to keep track of aircraft and jumpers during operations.

ACADIANA CHAPTER WEBSITE:

Again, thanks go to our Chapter Member Matthew Lane for setting up our new website. It is located at:

www.acadianairborne.org/

Please bookmark this site on your computer for quick reference. Matthew has placed our Chapter Newsletters there along with a Chapter application form for the 82nd Association and Chapter membership. A copy of the application form can be printed from the website. If you would, please go there to print out copies to keep available to help recruit new members. If you run up on a "qualified" veteran, that is a person who has earned the parachutist badge, please get their information and get it to me for follow up.

ACADIANA CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE:

The Chapter has and has had a Facebook page, which was set up by Chapter member John Hurth's

daughter. The link is long, but worth bookmarking on your computer to check on it.

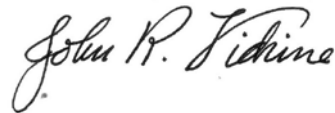
www.facebook.com/pages/Acadiana-Chapter-82nd-Airborne-Division-Association/174739489213482?fref=ts

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

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. I will have some at the meeting on Saturday July 11th 2015. Be sure to ask me about this if you want to have a copy handy. I keep some in my vehicles. If you need me to mail, you an application form please contact me.

Thanks and "Airborne All The Way!"



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