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ASSOCIATION**

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**The November Meeting
will be held on Saturday
Nov 4th (the 1st Sat.) at
Holy Cross Church at
415 Robley, Drive,
Lafayette, LA at 1030 hrs**

**October Meeting at LA
Memorial Abn Bridge
was well attended.**

We had 14 members present for our October meeting at the LA Airborne Memorial Bridge monument.

We had members from as far as Hammond present. We went from there to Crawfish Town afterwards for lunch. We received an additional \$50.00 donation from member John Selby to go be sent in. This was to be given additionally to the \$500.00 that our Chapter voted to send at our September meeting. This money is going to the National 82nd Airborne Division Association office to be distributed by the Division Chaplains. This will go to the families of soldiers who are deployed and are needy.

**ADDITIONAL DONATIONS
ARE BEING SOLICITED.**

I am making an appeal to our Chapter to donate even more to the "HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT" fund: The National Association states: We are greatly in need of donations for the "Holiday Troop Support" program which will provide Holiday meals to 500 82nd Airborne Division Families for the Thanksgiving Holiday and 500 meals for the Christmas Holiday. We will work with the Division Chaplain's office to provide these meals to deserving Families of our Active Duty 82nd Airborne Division Troops. Our Chapter donated \$500.00 from the treasury. We have two more members who have donated. If you feel led to do so please send in any checks to Acadiana Chapter 82nd Abn Div Assn 2424 Pierre Matte Rd. made out to Acadiana Chapter and make a note "Holiday Troop Support." We will forward any donations on to Fayetteville. Thanks!

**NOVEMBER MEETING
SAT. NOV 4TH**

Make an effort to come to the meeting on Saturday

November 4th, 2017. There will be important business to discuss – and it is important for paratroopers to visit and enjoy each other's company. What better people to be around.

**37TH ANNIVERSARY
BANQUET TO BE HELD
ON SATURDAY JANUARY
20, 2018 IN RAYNE, LA.**

Our guest speaker will be the JRTC and Ft Polk Chief of Staff Colonel Chris Moretti. He had been the 82nd Division Artillery Commander, so we have a true paratrooper as our guest speaker. Please sign up for this, as I will have the meal forms for this event with this Chapter newsletter. Again, the date is Saturday January 20th, 2018 in Rayne, LA at Chef Roy's restaurant. The address is: 1131 Church Point Hwy, Rayne, LA 70578. The social hour will be 1800 hrs and the Banquet will begin at 1900 hours. Let's welcome Colonel Moretti to our part of Louisiana.

AIRBORNE HISTORY!

2nd Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne) was an all Black unit in the Korean War.

On 2 October 1950, 3 newly formed Airborne Ranger Infantry Companies were formed at Fort Benning, Ga. On 9 October, an additional Company of all Black Soldiers formed as 4th Ranger Company. The 4th Ranger Company with a total of 5 Officers, arriving from 3rd Battalion 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment.

A total of 135 enlisted under the guidance of 1SG Lawrence West arrived from the 3/505th AIR, 80th Airborne Anti Aircraft Battalion and 1 Soldier from the 758th Tank Battalion (Light). On 25 October, the men of the 4th Ranger Company were switched to 2nd Ranger Company and the original members of 2nd Ranger Company became 4th Ranger Company. 2nd and 4th Ranger Companies would travel together by rail, from Columbus, Ga. to California, where they would board a ferry to a ship and set sail for Japan. After additional training, the 2 Ranger Companies parted ways once they reached Korea. The 2nd Ranger Company would be attached to 7th Infantry Division. 4th Ranger Company was attached to 1st Cavalry Division. The 2nd and 4th Ranger Companies would reunite again. Both Companies would find themselves attached to the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team for the historic

first ever Airborne Ranger combat parachute assault at Munsan Ni. on 23 March 1951.

2nd Ranger Company faced its biggest challenge in May 1951. With a large part of the unit on R&R in Japan, LT James Queen with an enlisted force of 80 Rangers, discovered Chinese troops were attempting to occupy Hill 581. Outnumbered but supported by 7th ID Artillery, The Rangers rushed from Hill 258 and arrived at Hill 581. The Rangers surprised and attacked the Chinese force, killing 50 enemy Soldiers and wounding 90.

Just before midnight, 2 Battalions of Chinese Soldiers counter attacked the Rangers. The Rangers repulsed 4 attacks until finally running out of grenades and critically low on ammunition at around 2am. just before 3am, the Chinese Soldiers attacked again, pushing the Rangers off the hilltop. LT Queen ordered a counter attack and as his men reached the hilltop, ordered artillery on his position. This broke the Chinese's hold on the hill and the enemy withdrew, leaving the Rangers Victorious. During the final attack, Chinese forces suffered over 120 killed and several hundred wounded.

Since at least 1999, the JFKSWC has been involved in attempting, to have Maj. (Ret) James Queen awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions at Hill 581. The Buffalo Rangers also have 4 inductees in the Ranger Hall of Fame:

Ranger	Warren	Allen
Ranger	James	Queen
Ranger	Edward	Posey
Ranger	Cleveland	Valrey

The Buffalo Ranger's never suffered a member listed as Missing in Actions or had a member taken as a POW.

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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