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THE APRIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY APRIL 13TH 2019. WE MEET AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLOUMBUS HALL AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH IN LAFAYETTE, LA. 415 ROBLEY DR. LAFAYETTE, LA. 1000 HRS.

APRIL MEETING IS SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2019 AT HOLY CROSS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUILDING AT 1000 HRS.

Our Spring Bar-B-Que will be our April meeting. We ask people to arrive at 1000 hrs. We will serve the food at 11:30 – 12:200. If you have not sent in your form with the funds, please do so NOW. Besides a choice of hamburger or chicken, you will have potato salad, Cole slaw, baked beans, and soft drinks. There will be desserts available also. A meal form will go out with this newsletter.

TRIP TO JUMP SCHOOL APRIL 23-27

We will also be dealing with the planned trip to Ft. Benning, GA April 23-27.

This will be our traveling on Tue the 23rd and on the ground at Ft. Benning the 24th through the 26th and travel home on the 27th. Our itinerary will be visit the Infantry Museum on Wednesday. Visit the jump school on Thursday to observe training, see a jump and attend the class graduation on Friday. If you are planning on going, and can be at our April meeting please come. so there will not be any surprises to you. Currently there are five of us planning to go. This is not a RSVP deal but I would like to know if your circumstances allow you to come. The only cost are your travel costs, motel at Benning and meals. Our plan is to convoy there and back. All in all not a bad deal. We can car pool, but need to know if you have an interest.

If you want to come and have not told me that, please CALL ME. I need some information from everyone planning to send to Ft. Benning to get an entry permit. Since September 11th 2001, all military post have security requirements.

ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2019

All American Week for 2019 will be May 20-23rd. If you have never attended, you don't know what you have missed. I can assure you, that you will have a GREAT time.

It is an amazing deal, especially if you served at Ft. Bragg. If you did not and are a paratrooper, you will enjoy being with so many paratroopers. The young soldiers who are following our example are amazing and you will be proud to meet them. You need to call NOW to be registered to be in either Moon Hall or Hardy Hall. I already have my reservation. **Call 910-853-7624 for Ms. Monica Wells. The group code for the special price there is AAW.** Like I said, do not hesitate or you will not be able to get into Moon Hall. Moon Hall is where the 82nd Association Hospitality suite is located. It is the main gathering place. At this time, you may not be able to get into Moon or Hardy halls, but there are other on post housing facilities.

You need to register with the 82nd Association. The registration fee this year is \$110.00. Make your check to "82nd Airborne Division Association" and mail it to: 82nd Airborne Division Association; P.O. Box 87482; Fayetteville, N.C. 28304-7482. This covers the cost of the hospitality suite, the meal with the Fayetteville Chapter at their clubhouse and the closing banquet on Thursday. I am attaching the PDF Registration form with this newsletter. If you receive your newsletter by USPS and want a form call, I and I will send it.

If you have any questions, please call me.

2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION: the Washington D.C. Chapter will host the 73rd Annual Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. The dates are **August 7 – 10, 2019**. As you know, 2019 marks the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and Operation Market Garden. In honor of these Anniversaries, the Association will be tailoring our events to recognize our WW II Veterans and their contribution to our Nation and our Association. We will begin our 73rd Annual Convention at the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C., and events at Arlington National Cemetery. The week will also include several tours of the D.C. area, as well as our Memorial and banquet dinners with special guest of the Association. To accommodate all the planned events,

transportation, and location, the Convention fee will be \$150 per person, but will be worth every penny. This registration covers food, snacks, and drinks, in a beautiful hospitality room overlooking our Nation's Capitol, and includes bus transportation for the majority of the external events, along with 2 formal dinners.

Our D.C. Chapter has already gone to great efforts to ensure the Convention is an outstanding event and that it will be like no other Convention the Association has ever had. Let's go to Washington D.C. for this once in a lifetime event. The D.C. Chapter is hosting their Convention at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 S Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204. The hotel is located in walking distance from Arlington National Cemetery, Ft Myer, Pentagon and the US Air Force Monument. For reservation call directly to the hotel at 1-800-325-3535 or (703)521-1900 and please reference our Group Name "82nd Airborne Division Association" or the Group ID: 16958.

There will be a web link set up soon, but for now only calling is available. The room rates are \$119 + tax and fees, for registered Convention Members. We will have the flier and hotel reservation information available soon. The Association does have rooms reserved, but book early because rooms will go fast and we don't want you to miss out on this event.

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! Applications can be downloaded from our Chapter Website.

Membership is now \$35.00 per year for annual members and is \$350.00 for a life membership – no matter what age you are.

Thanks and "Airborne All The Way!"



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