



ACADIANA CHAPTER DISPATCH

ACADIANA CHAPTER 82<sup>ND</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION  
ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER MEETS AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH, 415 ROBLEY DR. LAF, LA  
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**THE JUNE MEETING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> IT WILL BE HELD AT BUILDING D AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH, IN LAFAYETTE, LA BEGINNING AT 1030 HRS.**

**ALL AMERICAN WEEK MAY 21-24<sup>TH</sup> FT. BRAGG N.C.**

Is now history. Those who attended had an excellent time. The following from our Chapter attended: Bruce Stacy, Mark Melancon, Al Spinks, Jim and Linda Kober, Aaron Provost and me and Delores. Jim was busy selling tickets for the knife raffle up to the Banquet on Thursday. The winner was picked by the National 82<sup>nd</sup> Association President Richard Becker. The winner was Mr. Mr. Ralph "Vinnie" Vinvent from PA. I have an idea he bought his winning ticket over the Internet. We congratulate him on this. Jim Kober and his wife Linda worked tirelessly in selling tickets the entire All American Week up to the start of the banquet on Thursday evening. Bill Bauer will see to it that he

receives this beautiful knife. At this time, we estimate the knife raised approximately \$2,500 for the Association.

A tremendous thanks to Jim for his patriotism and his dedication in supporting the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association. Our hats are off to Jim and Linda Kober.

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

**ANNUAL SOUTHWEST AIRBORNE DAYS REUNION:** On June 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Lone Star Chapter is hosting the Southwest Memorial Airborne Day Reunion on June 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Hilton NASA Clear Lake hotel. This event is a gathering of the other Southwest area chapters to get together, 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 also pay tribute to all service men and women who died in combat, died in military training and who died after serving and returning to civilian life. 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.

Make Hotel reservation directly with the hotel by calling (281) 333-9300. The room rate is \$95.00 per night. **The room discount code is 22875186.** You will be required to guarantee your reservation by credit card or advance deposit. **Deadline for registration with these rates is May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**LOSS OF WWII CHAPTER MEMBER C. LENTON SARTAIN**

Captain C. Lenton Sartain was the Battery Commander of A Battery of the 319<sup>th</sup> Glider Field Artillery during WWII. We became aware of him when the author of the

book "Battery," Joseph Covais contacted us. Judge Sartain lived in Baton Rouge in an assisted living apartment. We visited him and he attended one of our Anniversary Banquets about 6 years ago. He died in November, but we found out about his passing just this month. Our condolences go out to his family. The book can be acquired on Amazon.com.

### **MEETING IN THE FT. POLK AREA FOR DECEMBER.**

As a reminder, we are planning on meeting in the Ft. Polk, LA area for our December meeting. This was decided by 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. For those in the Ft. Polk, LA area please spread the word with veterans and active duty soldiers who are Division veterans.

### **82<sup>ND</sup> 72<sup>ND</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **ACADIANA CHAPTER WEBSITE:**

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

### **ACADIANA CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE:**

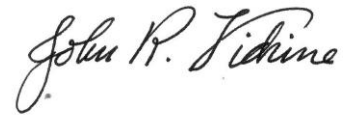
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Please copy and paste on your browser. We have announcements and pictures frequently on the site.

### **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! Applications can be downloaded from our Chapter Website.

Thanks and "Airborne All The Way!"



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**ANNUAL SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL AIRBORNE DAYS REUNION**  
**June 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 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



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72<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
8 – 11 AUGUST 2018  
(Please print legibly)**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOC Member # \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST 1 \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST 2 \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST 3 \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Any handicap needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$110.00 per person (Includes Hospitality Room, and banquets)

# \_\_\_\_\_ attending x \$110 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For those who request transportation to/from the drop, the fee will be \$15 per person, and please fill in the blanks below:

Bus to/from Drop Zone: \$15.00 x # \_\_\_\_\_ people needing bus = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Non-refundable)

Total Registration (above) + Total Bus seats needed (above) = TOTAL PAID \_\_\_\_\_

Please register early as registration goes up to \$135 at the Convention

Please make checks/money orders payable to 82<sup>ND</sup> Airborne Division Association. Mail to PO BOX 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304 or register online at:

<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY AT  
**THE ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL**  
9840 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE, ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
800-204-7234 (reference 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn Division Association)

Or

online at:

<https://www.phgsecure.com/IBE/bookingRedirect.ashx?propertyCode=ORLRH&group=GRP82Airbome&arrivalDate=08-03-2018&departureDate=08-16-2018>

Deluxe guest rooms, \$85 per room night (approx. \$96.48 tax included). Space is limited, so please book early. This rate will be applied only to those who are registered for the Convention. We look forward to seeing you at the 72<sup>nd</sup> National Convention!

