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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

**THE 42nd ANNUAL DEVIL DINNER
8 AUGUST 2019 [Thursday]**

[More information will be in January-June 2019 Newsletter]

**DURING THE 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S
73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
7-10 AUGUST 2019**

**AT THE
SHERATON PENTAGON CITY HOTEL
900 S. ORME STREET
ARLINGTON, VA 22204
(703) 521-1900**

**INSIDE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEE THE NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR
THE 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, 504 PIR ASSOCIATION STILL THE SAME.**

REMEMBER YOUR REGIMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE 1BCT/504 PIR COMMANDER

The 1st Brigade Combat Team (1BCT), 82nd Airborne Division Paratroopers are ready to jump, fight, ruck and win after a long nine-month deployment. After taking a much needed period of block leave, our Paratroopers immediately turned to face the task of executing an intensive training cycle in order to regain the high level of readiness required for the Devil Brigade to answer our Nation's call if needed on a moment's notice. The Devils in Baggy Pants are a highly trained, adaptable, and vigilant formation at every echelon - from Fire Team to Brigade Combat Team level. As many of our veterans can testify, life in the Devil Brigade is not easy, but the knowledge that our Paratroopers stand ready to counter the enemies of the United States is a constant reassurance to the Nation.

Throughout our intensive training cycle, Devil Paratroopers completed a litany of training requirements and live fire exercises in order to reach the pinnacle of readiness at the Brigade level. Our maneuver battalions executed live fires exercises from the Fire Team to Company level while integrating assets from each of our warfighting functions. Our live fires culminated with the Combined Arms Maneuver Live Fire Exercise (CAMLFX) which tested our Company Commanders on their abilities to rapidly develop a ground tactical plan and integrate enablers from the Brigade and Division level. As a result of this training exercise, our Paratroopers are now prepared to fight not only the Taliban and ISIS-K in the mountains and deserts of Afghanistan; they are also ready to fight and win against potential near-peer adversaries in a chemical environment.

Following the CAMLFX, the Devil Brigade began preparing to execute one of the most audacious training exercises to date in the 82nd Airborne Division - Operation Devil Storm. The Brigade started the exercise on the evening of July 13th following a rigorous 96-hour outload sequence by executing an Airborne Joint Forcible Entry (JFE) that exited 1,314 Paratroopers on two different drop zones - simultaneously. Following the initial JFE, Devil Paratroopers conducted multiple follow-on air assault operations onto at the Battalion and Company level. Throughout the exercise, 1BCT successfully tested and validated its ability to jump into enemy occupied territory and conduct sustained combat operations.

Devil Paratroopers, past and present, excel at whatever task or mission is assigned to them. During this year's All American Week, 1BCT fielded several highly successful team and competitors in every event offered. The Devils were honored to share some time our WWII veterans from the 504th PIR, including CPT (Ret.) Roy Hanna and LTC (Ret.) James "Maggie" Magellas, as they were inducted into the first official class of the 82nd Airborne Division Hall of Fame. With only 21 personnel across the Division selected this year, it was an honor to have these two outstanding veterans representing the storied 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Most recently, a group of 20 Devil Paratroopers had the opportunity to represent the 504th PIR and 82nd Airborne Division during the Military Order of William ceremony in The Hague, Netherlands. The Military Order of William is the highest award presented for gallantry by the King of Netherlands to a unit or an individual and is comparable to our Medal of Honor. The award was presented to the 82nd Airborne Division as a unit for gallantry during Operation Market Garden in 1944. LTC (Ret) Megellas and CPT (Ret) Hanna attended the ceremony and were escorted by the Devil Paratroopers during the Sunset March at the Oversteek Bridge across the Waal River in Nijmegen, Netherlands.

Ready to fight and win, the Devil Paratroopers were preparing for the 19-01 Joint Readiness Training Exercise (JRTC) rotation at Fort Polk, Louisiana. However, no plan survives first contact with the enemy or in our case - Hurricane Florence. Due to the extent of damages caused by the storm, the decision was made by senior Army leadership to cancel the JRTC rotation. The safety of Paratroopers is our number one priority. The Devil Brigade takes training and preparing its Paratroopers for future conflicts seriously. However, in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, the decision to allow our Paratroopers to stay home and take care of their families outweighed the importance of the training event. Paratroopers will have the time to recover from the storm and be better prepared to conduct training over the next coming months, including a JRTC rotation in early 2019.

In summary, 1BCT remains a highly trained, disciplined, and effective organization thanks to the training we have collectively conducted over the past six months. Looking forward to the future, we stand ready to answer our Nation's call - no matter the threat. Airborne! All the Way! Strike Hold!

COL Tobin Magsig





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504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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30 September 2018**



Greeting Devils of the best Regiment in the Army

82nd Association Annual Convention - 7 Aug – 10 Aug 2019

The convention will be at the Sheraton Pentagon City in Arlington, VA. The rate is \$119.00 + tax & fees. Convention Registration will be \$150.00 with bus transportation to the many things to do for the fee. Reservations, Please call directly to the hotel at (703) 521-1900.

All American Week – 21 May -24 May 2019 at Fort Bragg, NC

All-American week Registration will be \$110.00 bus transportation to the many events.

POC for Moon & Hardy halls is Ms. Monica Wells at (910) 853-7624. The rate will be \$74.00 for standard room and \$78.00 for king room + tax.

One of the highlights in 2019 year will be our Devil Dinner on 8 August 2019 the Convention. The dinner is always a good time and a chance to catch up with old friends and make new connections. I do want to thanks those making the dinner a success Director Robert Stonerock [Out-going Devil dinner chairman], Billy Smith [In-coming Devil dinner chairman], Devil 6, Colonel Tobin A. Magsig for the outstanding update on the Brigade/Regiment. Our masters of ceremonies Honorary Regimental Sergeant Major, RSM Vincent Myers and Director Harold Schroeder, All those members that donated additional funds to the dinner, and R.J. Wiles of the Rosen Centre. Please do not miss the opportunity to join us in 2019.

Lastly, I want to wish each and every one of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Please keep in your prayers the speedy recovery for those effected by the recent hurricane.

STRIKE HOLD!

Steve Copening

**504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT & ATTACHED PARATROOPERS
THAT HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ACTION DURING THIS WAR ON TERRORISM**

**SERGEANT ANDREW J. BADDICK, 1-504th PIR IRAQ
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERTO C. BAEZ, 3-504th PIR IRAQ
CAPTAIN ERNESTO M. BLANCO, 1-504th PIR IRAQ
SERGEANT TREVOR A BLUMBERG, 1-504th PIR IRAQ
STAFF SERGEANT MARK VASQUEZ, 1-504th PIR IRAQ
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS GARY COLLINS, 1-504th PIR IRAQ
SERGEANT RYAN YOUNG, 1-504th PIR IRAQ
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOEL K. BRATTAIN, D/1-504th PIR IRAQ
SPECIALIST DAMION CAMPBELL, 1-508th PIR AFGHANISTAN
SERGEANT STEVEN CHECO, 504th PIR AFGHANISTAN
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH CRUZ, 1-508th PIR AFGHANISTAN
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JERROD DENNIS, B/3-504th PIR AFGHANISTAN
STAFF SERGEANT JOHN G. DOLES, 1-508th PIR AFGHANISTAN
SERGEANT KELVIN FELICIANO, HHC, 3-504th PIR AFGHANISTAN
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS CLINT D. FERRIN, D/1-504th PIR IRAQ
SERGEANT ERIC A. FIFER, 3-504th PIR IRAQ
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BENNY FRANKLIN, 2-319th FAR AFGHANISTAN
CORPORAL DANIEL FREEMAN, 1-508th PIR AFGHANISTAN
LANCE CORPORAL PHILIP GEORGE, 2-3rd MARINES AFGHANISTAN
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NICHOLAS J. GREER, 3-504 PIR IRAQ
SPECIALIST BLAKE W. HALL, 173rd ABN BDE AFGHANISTAN
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ, 3-319th FAR AFGHANISTAN
LIEUTENANT JOSHUA M. HYLAND, 173rd ABN BDE AFGHANISTAN
LIEUTENANT LUKE S. JAMES, 505th PIR IRAQ
LANCE CORPORAL KEVIN JOYCE, 2-3rd MARINES AFGHANISTAN
SPECIALIST CHRIS M. KATZENBERGER, 2-504th PIR AFGHANISTAN
STAFF SERGEANT LESTER O. KINNEY, 505th PIR IRAQ
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SPECIALIST SASHA STUBLE, 1-508th PIR AFGHANISTAN
SPECIALIST MATTHEW P. STEYART, 1-508th PIR AFGHANISTAN
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JAMES J. STODDARD, 2-504th PIR AFGHANISTAN
LANCE CORPORAL STEVEN VALDEZ, 2-3rd MARINES AFGHANISTAN
SPECIALIST JACOB T. VANDERBOSCH, 3-504th PIR IRAQ**

**504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT & ATTACHED PARATROOPERS
THAT HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ACTION DURING THIS WAR ON TERRORISM**

**PRIVATE ROBERT WHITE, 1-508th PIR AFGHANISTAN
SERGEANT ROMANES WOODARD, 1-508th PIR AFGHANISTAN
SERGEANT NORMAN L. TOLLETT, 1-504th PIR IRAQ
SPECIALIST MICHAEL K. FRANK, 1st STB IRAQ
GUNNERY SERGEANT HERMAN J. MURKERSON, JR, MARINE EXP IRAQ
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT H. DEMBOWSKI, 1-504th PIR IRAQ
SPECIALIST MATTHEW K. REECE, 1-504th PIR IRAQ
SERGEANT KYLE DAYTON, 2-504th PIR IRAQ
CAPTAIN DAVID W. SCHULTZ, 3-73rd CAV IRAQ
STAFF SERGEANT LAURENT J. WEST, 3-73rd CAV IRAQ
SPECIALIST JASON N. COX, 3-73rd CAV IRAQ
CORPORAL DANIEL T. O'LEARY, 307th BSB IRAQ
CORPORAL ANTONIO C. BURNSIDE, 1 BSTB,ENGINEER, AFGHANISTAN
FIRST LIEUTENANT JONATHAN P. WALSH, A CO, 2-504th PIR, AFGHANISTAN
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL J. METCALF, A CO, 2-504th PIR, AFGHANISTAN
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHRISTIAN SANNICOLAS, C CO, 1-504th PIR, AFGHANISTAN
PRIVATE FIRSTCLASS DUSTIN GROSS, C CO, 3-73rd CAV, AFGHANISTAN
SPECIALIST CHASE MARTA, C CO, 3-73rd CAV, AFGHANISTAN
SERGEANT JACOB SCHWALLIE, C CO, 3-73rd CAV, AFGHANISTAN
STAFF SERGEANT NICHOLAS FREDSTI, D CO, 1-504th PIR, AFGHANISTAN
CAPTAIN JAMES E. CHAFFIN, HHC 3-319th FAR, AFGHANISTAN
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS SAMUEL C. HAIRSTON, A CO, 1-504th PIR AFGHANISTAN
SPECIALIST BRIAN K. ARSENAULT, B CO, 1-504th PIR, AFGHANISTAN
SPECIALIST CHRISTOPHER M. HARRIS, A CO, 2-504th PIR, AFGHANISTAN
SERGEANT JONATHON M. HUNTER, A CO, 2-504th PIR, AFGHANISTAN**

The Regimental KIA list as we know it and it will be listed in every PropBlast issue until the War is over. If you know "First hand" that I have made a mistake in location, name, unit. Please inform me at 919-803-4554 or rrath@nc.rr.com

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ANTHONY M. WOOD \$35.00 RAFFLE FUND	COL TREVOR J BREDEKAMP[XXXVI] \$485.00 RAFFLE FUND	THOMAS J. McANDREWS \$35.00 RAFFLE FUND
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WE ARE LOOKING FOR WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF THE WAAL RIVER CROSSING DURING THE WAR.
PLANS ARE TO HAVE A FINAL REUNION IN JANUARY 2019.
PLEASE CONTACT CPT WILMARIE FLORES AT (580) 279-7628,
flores2037@gmail.com or wilmarie.floresalvarez.mil@mail.mil

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ANHONY M. WOOD 2 ACTIVE DUTY SPONSOR	DENNIS C. MARKS 4 ACTIVE DUTY SPONSOR	REYNOLD MARTINEZ 3 ACTIVE DUTY SPONSOR
CPT YVETTE HUSTON 1 ACTIVE DUTY SPONSOR	CARROL SYLVESTER 4 ACTIVE DUTY SPONSOR	JOHN KISER 2 ACTIVE DUTY SPONSOR
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DONATIONS FOR HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT		
IF YOU WANT TO DONATE TO PROVIDING THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS MEALS TO DESERVING FAMILIES OF THE ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE SEND DONATIONS BY 1 NOVEMBER 2018 TO 504 PIR ASSOCIATION, 22 CLUB HILL DRIVE GARNER, NC 27529-6528 AND WE ALONG WITH THE 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION WILL MAKE THIS HAPPEN. PLEASE MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO THE 504 PIR ASSOCIATION OR YOU CAN DONATE THROUGH OUR PAY PAL AT		
http://www.504thpirassociation.org/home.html		

2019 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION CONVENTION	
IT IS OFFICIAL! IT WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON DC BY THE WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER 7 TO 10 AUGUST 2019 AND WITH THE DEVIL DINNER BEING ON THE 8TH OF AUGUST 2019. THIS ALSO MARKS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND OPERATION MARKET GARDEN. IT WILL BE AT THE SHERATON PENTAGON CITY HOTEL, 900 SOUTH ORME STR ARLINGTON, VA 22204. FOR RESERATIONS CALL (703) 521-1900 AND SPECIFY THAT YOU ARE THE 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION. CONVENTION FEE WILL BE \$150.00 PER PERSON. THERE WILL BE MORE ABOUT THE DEVIL DINNER IN THE JANUARY-JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER.	

WE DO THE PROPBLAST 2 TIMES A YEAR AND IF YOU WANT IT MAILED TO YOU, IT WILL COST \$8.50 PER YEAR FOR TWO ISSUES, IF YOU DO JUST SEND A CHECK TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS FOR \$8.50. YOU CAN ALSO DO IT THROUGH PAY PAL ON OUR WEB SITE FOR \$9.50 PER YEAR. [Or you could also become a newsletter booster at \$20.00 for two issues and will have as a booster in the Prop blast and you will get the newsletter mailed to you as long as you remain a booster.] BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO your name printed READ YOUR NEWSLETTER OFF THE 504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY ASSOCIATION'S WEB SITE AT <http://www.504thpirassociation.org/home.html>

THE DIVISION ALSO SAY THAT THERE WILL BE AN ACTIVE DUTY PARACHUTE JUMP AT THE CONVENTION. IT WILL BE AT AUGUST 2019 AT 1000 HOURS AND TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE WILL BE PROVIDED.

ALSO AT THE CONVENTION THERE WILL BE A REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY AT THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL ON 7 AUGUST. PLUS THAT SAME DAY THERE WILL BE A U.S. ARMY TWILIGHT TATTOO PERFORMANCE OUTDOORS ON FORT MYERS. AGAIN, TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO BOTH EVENTS. YOU WILL ALSO BE TAKEN TO GO TO THE PRESENTATION AT 1130 HOURS 7 AUGUST AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER. ON FRIDAY AT 1000 HOURS THERE IS A U.S. AIR FORCE MEMORIAL PRESENTATION WITH THE USAF DRILL TEAM. THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

ALL AMERICAN WEEK IS 20-23 MAY 2019 AND THE REGISTRATION FORM IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Minutes
Board and Membership Meeting
August 9th, 2018 Orlando, FL

Call to Order – President Copening
Pledge of Allegiance – VP Steen
Invocation – Gary Rezabek
Roll Call of Officers – Secretary Eberle

President Copening: Present
2nd VP CSM Jordon: Excused
Treasurer Rath: Present
QM Frazee: Absent

1st VP Steen: Present
HRSM Myers: Present
Secretary Eberle: Present

Director Glancy: Present
Director Schroeder: Present
Director Meckenstock: Present
Director Foy: Absent

Director Stonerock: Absent
Director Zablocki: Present
Director Cochran: Present
PP Director Briseno: Absent

Motion made and seconded that the minutes of August 9th 2018 as presented in the last Prop Blast be approved as written. Motion made and seconded to approve as amended.

Finance and Membership Report – Treasurer Rath presented the Financial Report.
Motion made and seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried

Devil Dinner Report Director Billy Smith said the group would be approximately 150. Devil 6, Col. Tobin Magism will be our speaker for the dinner.

Raffle Report Secretary Eberle Trooper Henry R. Peterson a “Devil” from D Co 1 BN, WWII, assumed the cost of the printing again this year. Thank you Hank!! This year’s final total is not yet complete but is expected to be approximately \$7,000. Recommendations for donating these funds appears later in these minutes.

Quartermasters Report, None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Move annual Trooper recognition from the Atlanta Awards Program to Devil Dinner at the 82nd National Convention. Motion made, seconded. Motion Approved

Election of Director and Officers

We have 5 Directors up for election this year. Those leaving office are Rath, Cochran, Foy, Glancy, and Zablocki. Eberle. They have all indicated to me their interest in remaining on the Board.

There were no other nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. These nominated were elected by acclamation, Rath, Cochran, Foy, Glancy, and Zablocki

Ron Rath was nominated to serve as Treasurer. No other nominations Treasurer was re-elected by acclamation.

The following is the recommended distribution for this year's raffle proceeds.

82 nd Assn Education Fund	\$2,000
82 nd Assn WWF	\$2,000
Returning WWII Veterans to Normandy	\$2,000
82 nd War Memorial	\$1,000

Nomination for the 2019 Trooper of the Year – Cletus R. Slabach.

No further business the meeting Adjourned at 1400.

Wm Eberle

Secretary

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WAR. PLANS ARE TO HAVE A FINAL REUNION IN
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The Willems Order ceremony is celebrated in The Hague, Netherlands and it is the highest award given by the Dutch Military Forces. This award,

which is compared to our Medal of Honor in the United States, is represented by an orange lanyard and presented by the King of Netherlands. Three different units have received this award, one of those units being the 82nd Airborne Division, who received the award because of their actions during Operation Market Garden in 1944. Only the WWII veterans who participated in this operation are allowed to wear it.

This year, Roy de Ruiter, a Dutch Apache Pilot, was the recipient of the award. Every time the Order of Williams is awarded, a ceremony is conducted in The Hague, Netherlands. All units that have previously been awarded the Willems Order are asked to bring a contingent and represent during the ceremony. Because of the 504th Parachute Infantry (PIR) storied history during Operation Market Garden, they represented the 82nd Airborne Division in such an important and high hierarchy ceremony.

COL Tobin A. Magsig along with CSM Bryan Otero and sixteen other Paratroopers had the privilege to be part of such an important ceremony. They arrived in Netherlands and



had the opportunity to meet and greet others that cherish their unit history and have received the award as well during rehearsals. The 504th PIR was also honored to witness the presence of LTC (Ret) James “Maggie” Megellas and CPT (Ret) Roy Hanna who attended the ceremony. The King of Netherlands not only honored MAJ Roy de Ruiter, he also honored our veterans who fought during WWII and are recipients of the orange lanyard.



The Paratroopers of the 504th PIR also participated during an event that was most impressive to see. LTC (Ret) James “Maggie” Megellas and CPT (Ret) Roy Hanna walked the Oversteek Bridge over the Waal River on 1st September 2018 and participated in the Sunset March ceremony. Paratroopers, civilians, press, sunset marchers and other service members were part of this historic event. Over 400 personnel witnessed the walk of both veterans and were standing along the bridge saluting them as they passed the lights which represent all the Paratroopers that lost their lives crossing the river during WWII. CPT (Ret) Roy Hanna was the veteran of the day and he received the orange lanyard that night, since he was not present during the Willems Order ceremony in 1947.

By CPT Wilmarie Flores
1BCT, 82nd ABN DIV



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RAFFLE 2018

Well another raffle year has come and gone. This year's raffle was better than last year's but could still be improved. We raised over \$7,000 with this year's raffle. I think you can measure our success by how much money we are able to donate. If that is our measurement, then here are the numbers, we donated. **\$2000 each to the 82nd Education Fund, to returning WWII Veterans to Normandy the 82nd Wounded Warrior Fund and \$1000 to the 82nd War Memorial.**

Over the past number of years one person has made a big impact on the success of our raffle. That person is **HANK PETERSEN**. You know, I have never met Hank but a few years back, Hank answered my call for assistance with the cost print of raffle items. Since that time he has paid for the cost of all my printing costs related to our raffle. I am hoping one day to meet hank and thank him personally for all his has done for our Association.

As advertised, we had four winning tickets drawn at the Devil Dinner during the 82nd Association Convention. Here they are:

1st place	Robert Devinney	\$504.00
2nd Place	George Demas	\$200.00
3rd Place	Howard Comstock	\$100.00
4th place	Frank Heffernam	\$ 50.00
Seller of Winning Ticket	Robert Devinney	\$ 50.00

Our first place winner Bob Devinney donated one half of his winnings back to the our Association. You remember the rivalries between Regiments, for us vets that now carries over into our Associations. On Saturday evening at dinner a call goes out for any donations to the 82nd Association of over \$1,000. In almost every year only one Association answers that call, the 504th PIR. This year I represent the Association in presenting \$7000 in donation. That is money that comes from our members through this raffle. You can all be proud of our Association continuing to set the standard.

This is my last years to be in-charge of the Devil Raffle. I have done the raffle for over 10 years and my fellow "Devils" have always made me proud. They have stepped up and done the right things every year. So **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!** Fellow Devil **David Loveland** will be leading the raffle as the new Devil Raffle Chairman. I know you will continue to support him in this important endeavor.

In closing let me thank each and every one of you that support this raffle every year. For those that send a few extra dollars with your tickets, for those that donate your tickets to the Association and for those of you who just send money, thank you. I would not do this every year if it were not for the fine men and women I meet during the raffle process. Keep up the good work!!!

Let's remember that while our Brigade has most if its troop's home, our country still has service members in harm's way. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Bill Eberle, Raffle Chairman
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2018 DEVIL DINNER

Billy Smith, Devil Dinner Chairman

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On August 9th 2018 our 41st Annual Devil Dinner was held at the 72nd Annual 82nd Airborne Division Convention. Once again located at the beautiful and accommodating Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

There were 148 in attendance in which 88 were 504 Association members, along with wives, Active duty troopers, and other guests,.

The dinner began with President Steven Copenig welcoming everyone, then Vice President Joe Steen followed by leading with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chaplain Douglas Stephenson then held the Invocation followed by the Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony conducted by Director Klaus Meckenstock. Various toasts were made and the 82nd Airborne Division Chorus performed while dinner was being served.

The guest speaker this year was the current 1st BCT/504 PIR Commanding Officer Colonel Tobin Magsig. He spoke on the readiness of 1st BCT and what they have been doing the past year, and looking ahead into 2019. Colonel Magsig was presented with a Jumpmaster picture by President Steve Copenig for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us at the Devil Dinner.

The 2018 504 Parachute Infantry Regiment Association's Trooper of the year; CPT Wilmarie Flores the Association's Active duty Historian was also recognized and presented a plaque by President Steve Copenig.

A gift of \$2,000.00 was presented to Ms. Valerie Cardin, a French National whom is part of an organization that provides aide to surviving World War II 82nd Airborne Division and 101st Airborne Division Veterans that want to visit the towns in which they had part in liberating.

A surprise and well deserved gift of a quilt was presented to CSM(R) Ron and Tina Rath by the Quilts of Valor Organization, The quilt was made by Mrs.Syliva Loveland.

The Annual 504 Raffle was won by a World War II veteran, Mr. Bob Devinney who won the \$504.00 jackpot and who donated one half back to the Association.

The benediction was held by Chaplain Douglas Stephenson and once again the Devil Dinner was closed until August 8, 2019 which will be held at the Sheraton Hotel located in Pentagon City, Virginia overlooking beautiful Arlington Cemetery in Washington, DC. Please make plans now to join us then!+

In popular lore of the 504th, September is the “month of months” with many focused on highlighting the feat of arms committed by the regiment during the crossing of the River Waal in Nijmegen. It was, after all, a major scene starring Robert Redford in the movie “A Bridge Too Far.” The act was one that was carried out with great tenacity and valor on the part of each and every individual who participated, and their feat of arms was done with courage and stamina which is worthy of the praise the action receives.

Most people rarely realize, however, that Market Garden for the 504th did not end after the crossing of the Waal. From mid-September all the way to mid-November, the regiment was kept on the front lines in Holland in continuous combat with German forces. On many nights the regiment’s men found themselves involved in small nighttime epics which featured scenes of both great horror and astounding heroism remembered by few besides their witnesses but which featured acts of valor now almost forgotten but no less remarkable than those seen in the crossing of the Waal.

Second Lieutenant Robert Heneisen was from Evansville, situated in the southern tip of Indiana along the banks of the Ohio River. War had, like many others, plucked him from his Midwestern community and transplanted him to lands far away where the men were digging out the NAZIs with their hands and bayonets. For Heneisen, the war had brought him to the agricultural fields of the Dutch-German frontier to the east of Nijmegen and its famous Waal River bridge.

On the dark night of the 6th of October, 1944, Lieutenant Heneisen and his platoon were leading the way to skirmish with the Germans. Their mission was to rout the Germans out of their positions around a small mill, which had stood in some form since the 15th century, outside the small farming hamlet of Wercheren, Holland. Before Heneisen and his men, Roman legions among many other fighting forces had traversed these very grounds.

Heneisen was advancing with the leading squad when the fight began. A large German force intercepted them, possibly it was even a whole German company. The squad was pinned down and then hemmed in by the Germans and completely cut-off from the rest of the platoon. Close battle ensued. Tracers lit the sky from the German machine guns which had them caught in a crossfire. Without hesitation Lieutenant Robert Heneisen stood and charged one of the German machine guns. He was shot in the stomach several times but charged until he fell dead, moving forward.

For his selfless act, Heneisen would receive no medal or recognition and was declared missing until his body was found in the late 1940s by a farmer tilling the field after the war.

The regiment is full of Robert Heneisen’s; nearly forgotten men of great valor who did their work with the highest levels of self-sacrifice in small epics for which little attention is given. Rather than the short, intense few hours of unrelenting carnage movies on the war like to dramatize and we like to talk about, this was the real war - an interconnected series of local but often fierce firefights that happened over lengthy periods of time, in nondescript little fields and little patches of woods where real men fought with great heart, where few could see, day in and day out.

By Tyler Fox

Association Historian

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<http://www.504thpirassociation.org/home.html>

and pay through Pay Pal, however, the cost is \$175.00/with shipping and Insurance it is \$190.00.

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From the Granddaughters of a Devil in Baggy Pants and the daughters of an 82nd Paratrooper:

In the spring of 2017, our two girls Emily 10 and Anna 7 (at the time) were looking for a summer project over summer break from school. They decided to put flags (3'x5') up in the street lawn of our subdivision. The flags were placed out 22 times in 2017 for holidays and special days. In 2018 the flags will be flown 27 days, weather permitting. Out of the 40 homes in the subdivision, 22 homes participated in 2017 and 31 homes 2018.

This has been rewarding for our girls in many ways. First it gives them a feeling of helping their community, also the process of putting this project together. They walked around the subdivision and described their plan to the residents. The girls also helped to mark out each spot where the flags will be placed and assisted with the assembly of the flags. Emily and Anna have helped to choose days to fly the flags, from national holidays to military branch birthdays, Purple Heart Day, and President Ford's Birthday (as he was from Michigan) to name a few. On the days that the flags are flown, we discuss as a family what that day or special event means.

With the money raised, Emily and Anna purchased 16 dozen (192) grave marker flags for American Legion Post 518 located in New Troy, Michigan. The girls were very happy to help provide the flags and they were very excited to see the flags at the graves of Veterans this past Memorial Day.

Both Emily and Anna are both proud their father, James Howell, who served with the 82nd Airborne Division, Aviation Brigade from 1991-1997 and both their grandfathers, Robert Howell in the 82nd Airborne, 504 PIR 1951-1953 during the Korean War and the other during the Vietnam War. Their great grandfathers who served in WW 1 and WWII. They also have ancestors that were in the Civil War.

The Flags for the Holiday project is continuing with more home participating. With that being said Emily and Anna are looking to make a donation to a military group next year.

As parents of Emily and Anna it makes us proud to see how proud the two girls are when they come through the neighborhood and see the flag flying knowing that it is a project they started and put together. They have also enjoyed hearing many compliments and thank you they have gotten from the community.

Airborne All The Way!

James, Kirstin, Emily and Anna Howell





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(Effective 1 September 2018)



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Questions or comments concerning the 1st BCT/504th PIR Association should be directed to one of the

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Please visit our new website at www.504thpirassociation.org if you prefer to complete your application online.



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NOTE: The Directors and Delegates Meetings will be held at the Airborne Inn-Moon Hall.

The Association Dinner Social will be on Thursday, 23 May.

The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic Lunch is scheduled for Monday, 20 May and will be held at the Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse (transportation will be provided to/from the Clubhouse for the Picnic Lunch).

The Fayetteville Chapter is hosting a Southern BBQ Dinner on Wednesday, 22 May and it will be held at Moon Hall.

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22 Club Hill Drive
Garner, NC 27529**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

ATTENTION ANNUAL 504 PIR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

If your membership number that follows your name ends with /18) then your current membership will expire as of 31 December 2018.

As of 1 January 2009 the membership dues are as follows

Annual Veteran Paratroopers is \$15.00 per year and \$90.00 for a Paid for life membership.

Active duty Paratroopers is \$5.04 for an annual membership and \$50.40 for a Paid for Life membership.

If you are a 2018 annual member who is changing to Paid for Life, then there is no need to fill out an application unless your address or information has changed. Just make a check out to the 504 PIR Association, Inc and put it in an envelope and mail it to; 504 PIR Association, Inc, attn: membership Chairman, 22 Club Hill Drive, Garner, NC 27529

However, remember if you are also paying your 82d Association dues along with this, please make a separate check for that made out to the 82d Airborne Division Association, Inc.