



Dear Fellow Devil's in Baggy Pants,

Many have called this the new roaring '20s, for the Devil Brigade this year certainly came in with a roar. We have been sprinting since before the ball dropped and will keep sprint until the Nation can afford to have us slow down.

#### **ALERT:**

Your Devil Brigade has had a whirlwind beginning to the year of 2020. We literally received the Nation's call on 31 January – New Year's Eve. Within 18 hours, as expected of us in the role of the Immediate Response Force, we recalled, packed out and shipped our Ready Battalion, the White Devils of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, from Pope Army Airfield to the Middle East to support the defense of U.S. interests in Iraq. Once our first Paratroopers were in the air, the Brigade worked tirelessly to meet the 96 hour wheels up requirement for the remainder of our personnel and equipment. Over the course of the next week, nearly 4,000 Devils in Baggy Pants answered the CENTCOM Commanders call for a rapid, flexible and lethal brigade to serve as an immediate response force for the entire CENTCOM AOR, de-escalating regional tensions and deterring conflict across the region.

#### **CSM OTERO ROR:**

On 28 January, the Brigade bid a bittersweet farewell to Command Sergeant Major Bryan Otero, the outgoing Devil 9, during a Relinquishment of Responsibility ceremony forward. CSM Otero leaves behind an amazing legacy of leadership to the Brigade, having been the senior enlisted advisor for the past two years, providing advice and guidance through countless ranges; LFXs and CALFEXs; multiple Airborne Operations, JFEs and EDREs; a highly successful JRTC rotation and ultimately this IRF deployment. No matter the circumstances or surroundings, CSM Otero remained the steady base of the NCO Corps, and a reliable and trusted advisor – and ultimately a great friend - to me. His presence, his positive attitude and his no-nonsense approach to making this Brigade the premier BCT in the Army will certainly be missed, but we're excited to report that he hasn't gone far, as he has taken on the role of the G3/5/7 Sergeant Major of FORSCOM back at Fort Bragg.

The Devil Colors will soon be under the watchful eyes of CSM Joseph Hissong, who will be travelling from his last position as the Command Sergeant Major of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 501<sup>st</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment in Alaska. We are excited to have him join us here forward, where we are working tirelessly to stay ready, and open-minded, for whatever comes next.

#### **1BCT IN CENTCOM AOR:**

As international events unfolded, and news spread of the dangers faced by our diplomatic and military personnel, we were deployed to forward as an appropriate and precautionary action in response to increased threat levels against our personnel and facilities in the CENTCOM AOR. Our incredibly quick reaction and arrival no doubt played a major role in avoiding a significant world-wide conflict. As tensions have subsided, we are now assisting in reconstituting reserve

forces, training our own Paratroopers through a myriad of ranges and exercises, conducting partnered training events with regional forces and developing relationships across the Arabian Peninsula for any future requirements which may fall upon us. We are also planning to conduct Airborne Operations here in the Middle East, an excellent opportunity for our Paratroopers to show the world what we can really do when we are in our element, trained and ready.

I want to offer my sincere thanks for everything the association has done to support our families while we are away. I want all of you to know how amazing your Paratroopers have performed. Since the minute we received the alert, your Paratroopers have honored the legacy that you all have left for us. I could not be more proud of them and I know if you saw them in action you would be too.

Happy New Year and STRIKE-HOLD!

COL Andy Saslav  
XXXX Colonel of the Regiment.

This is one of the coolest pictures I have ever seen. The men on the right are about to paratroop into France on D-Day. The men on the left are the same men today. More remarkable? It's the same plane. God bless our heroes.





**504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**STEVEN COPENING, PRESIDENT**  
**1411 TIMBER BROOK DRIVE**  
**MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050**  
**(561) 827-1933**  
**26 February 2020**



**Greeting Devils of the best Regiment in the Army**

**82<sup>nd</sup> Association Annual Convention is 5 Aug–8 Aug 2020, with  
The Devil Dinner being on 6 August 2020.**

**The convention will be at the Houston Marriott West chase Hotel,  
In the great city of Houston, Texas and sponsored by the Lonestar Chapter of the  
82d Airborne Division Association.**

**Convention Registration will be \$150.00 with bus transportation to the many  
things to do for the fee. For Reservations, Please call directly to the hotel at  
(703) 521-1900.**

**The 504 Parachute Infantry Association's Hospitality suite will be from  
5-8 August 2020. There will be no hard liquor served or brought in the  
suite, only beer, as we have stopped allowing that, because of some over  
drinking and using foul language. If someone brings in a "bottle in" they will be  
asked to leave.**

**The Devil Dinner is always a good time and a chance to catch up with old  
friends and make new connections. Please do not miss the opportunity to join us  
in 2020. There will be a hotel bar set up for you to purchase alcoholic drinks  
before and during the dinner.**

**So please mail your Registration form into Chairman Billy Smith at P.O.  
Box 711, Enka, NC 28728. You will then be able to pick up your tickets from  
Chairman Billy Smith. Please also do not forget to send back your raffle tickets  
to Chairman David Loveland.**

**Thanks to all that have made donations to our Association for the  
newsletters, General fund, the holiday meals for Troopers and their families, The  
Family Readiness group's Halloween party for trooper's children [see the  
pictures in our newsletter]. Lastly, I want to wish each and every one of you and  
your families the best.**

**STRIKE HOLD!**  
**Steve Copening**



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THE REGISTRATION FOR 2020 DEVIL DINNER IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND ALSO ON LINE AT <http://www.504thpirassociation.org/home.html>. IT IS ALSO ON THE BACK OF THE ANNUAL RAFFLE INFORMATION SHEET. WE CAN ALWAYS USE ANY AMOUNT OF DONATIONS TO HELP WITH ASSOCIATION PROJECTS/ACTIVE DUTY SUPPORT, SO IF YOU CAN SEND A LITTLE EXTRA.

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WE DO NOT MAIL THE NEWSLETTER TO ALL MEMBERS, AS THE COST IS TO GREAT, BUT IF YOU WANT IT MAILED TO YOU, YOU MUST SEND \$20.00 A YEAR BOOSTER, WHICH GETS YOUR NAME IN THE NEWSLETTERS OR \$8.50 FOR TWO ISSUES TO BE MAILED TO YOU. PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL IT WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS:

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ON ANOTHER PROBLEM WE ARE HAVING IS THAT MEMBERS MOVE AND DO NOT TELL US BY GOING ON WEB SITE OR E-MAIL, OR MAILING IN THE FORM THAT IS IN NEWSLETTER AND ON WEB SITE. OUR RAFFLE CHAIRMAN MAILED OUT OUR ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS TO ALL MEMBERS AND SO FAR HE HAS GOTTEN BACK over 100 OF THEM WITH "MOVED-NO FORWARDING ADDRESS AND COSTS \$0.71 TO BE RESENT THEM". THAT IS ABOUT \$200.00 THAT WE WASTED AND COULD HAVE BEEN USED TO SUPPORT OUR ACTIVE DUTY, BECAUSE, THOSE MEMBERS THAT MOVED NEVER LET US KNOW THEIR NEW ADDRESS. SO PLEASE IF YOU ARE READING THE NEWSLETTER ON LINE-FORWARD TO US YOUR NEW ADDRESS AND THOSE MEMBERS THAT ARE PLANNING TO MOVE, PLEASE FORWARD YOUR NEW ADDRESS TO [rrath@nc.rr.com](mailto:rrath@nc.rr.com) or [weberle@earthlink.com](mailto:weberle@earthlink.com) OR SEND A MESSAGE ON WEB SITE TO OUR WEBMASTER.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO MAIL IN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS, AS SOON AS YOU CAN. THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE HELP SUPPORT THE BRIGADE CHAPLAIN'S, HOLIDAY MEALS FOR ACTIVE DUTY FAMILIES, & FAMLEY READINESS GROUPS WITH PARTIES FOR CHILDREN WITH FUNDS AND IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SEND IN A LITTLE EXTRA THAT WOULD BE GREAT ALSO. THOSE THAT HAVE ALREADY, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

**SINE PARI [Track them down]**  
**Charlie Mike....R**

*"NOT FOR FAME OR REWARD, NOT FOR RANK, BUT IN SIMPLE OBEDIENCE OF DUTY"*

**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  
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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ, 3-319th FAR AFGHANISTAN  
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LANCE CORPORAL KEVIN JOYCE, 2-3rd MARINES AFGHANISTAN  
SPECIALIST CHRIS M. KATZENBERGER, 2-504th PIR AFGHANISTAN  
STAFF SERGEANT LESTER O. KINNEY, 505th PIR IRAQ  
SERGEANT BRYAN W. LARGE, 3-504th PIR IRAQ  
SERGEANT MICHAEL R. LEHMILLER, 173rd ABN BDE AFGHANISTAN  
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AIRMEN FIRST CLASS RAYMOND LOSANO, USAF AFGHANISTAN  
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SERGEANT CORY R. MRACEK, 319th FAR IRAQ  
STAFF SERGEANT TRAVIS W. NIXON, 2-504th PIR AFGHANISTAN  
PRIVATE CHRIS L. PALMER, 173rd ABN BDE AFGHANISTAN  
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BRYAN "NICK" SPRY, D/1-504th PIR IRAQ  
SPECIALIST SASHA STUBLE, 1-508th PIR AFGHANISTAN  
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SPECIALIST JACOB T. VANDERBOSCH, 3-504th PIR IRAQ**

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**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  
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STAFF SERGEANT LAURENT J. WEST, 3-73rd CAV IRAQ  
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SPECIALIST CHRISTOPHER M. HARRIS, A CO, 2-504th PIR, AFGHANISTAN  
SERGEANT JONATHON M. HUNTER, A CO, 2-504th PIR, AFGHANISTAN**

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## Devil Dinner Registration 2020

We encourage and welcome ALL current and former Devils to join us for an enjoyable evening of fun, fellowship, and good food at our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Devil Dinner. This year's dinner will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at the Houston Marriott Westchase 2900 Briarpark Dr., Houston, TX 77042. In the Grand Ball Room, Social hour @ 1700, dinner at 1800. You have a choice of 2 entrees. (1) Herb Crusted Filet of Salmon with Citrus Sauce (2) Slow Roasted London Broil with Madeiras Reduction. Each entrée comes with a salad consisting of spinach and iceberg lettuce with tomatoes, chopped hard boiled egg, and cheddar cheese with either ranch dressing or balsamic vinaigrette. Vegetables will be roasted new potatoes and mixed vegetables. Dessert will be either chocolate cake or NY cheesecake. Beverages will be freshly brewed coffee, tea, iced tea, or water. For all registrations postmarked July 10<sup>th</sup> or earlier the cost for the dinner is \$45.00 per person. **Registrations postmarked after July 10, 2020 the cost will be \$50.00 per person. You can register on the 504 PIR Association Website [www.504thpirassociation.org](http://www.504thpirassociation.org), an additional charge of \$1.50 will be added if using "PayPal". You also have the option of completing the form below and using a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Billy Smith PO Box 711 Enka, NC 28728 with your check or Money Order payable to: 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment Association.**

**All meal requests should be turned in by July 25<sup>th</sup> because there will be no tickets sold at the convention.**

Dress Code: Casual, NO T-Shirts, Sandals, Flip-Flops or Bare Feet PLEASE

Speaker to be determined later

STRIKE HOLD!

***Billy Smith, Devil Dinner Chairman***

e-mail: [N7817X@aol.com](mailto:N7817X@aol.com)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate number of guest and type of entrée requested @ \$45.00 each (\$50.00 if postmarked after 10 July 2020). If you use PayPal on the 504 PIR Website [www.504thpirassociation.org](http://www.504thpirassociation.org), there will be a \$1.50 additional charge per meal.

#1. Salmon \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_ How Many \_\_\_\_\_.

#2. Beef \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_ How Many \_\_\_\_\_

YES! I would like to Sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ Active duty Trooper(s) to the 2020 Devil Dinner!

**PLEASE mail to Billy Smith PO Box 711 Enka, NC 28728.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT A GUEST, THEN YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE 504 PIR ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND THIS DINNER!**



504<sup>th</sup> PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

Dave Loveland, RAFFLE CHAIRPERSON

544 East Lawrence Rd, Lawrenceville, PA 16929, #607-742-8148

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TWO-SIDED LETTER WITH TWO ENVELOPES**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEVIL DINNER IS ON THE OTHER SIDE**

Greetings Fellow Devils:

It's time to conduct our once a year fund-raiser, the 504<sup>th</sup> PIR Association Raffle. Thanks to your generous donations, we have been able to continue to support the Brigade Chaplain Fund and other worthy activities. We are unable to meet every need but we sure can make things better for those who are in harm's way defending our freedom.

Congratulations to last year's Raffle winners, Sandra Anderson for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Sean Johnson-2d place, and Socrates Photiades-3d place.

It's the same process from year to year, I have enclosed 18 Raffle Tickets for the 2020 Raffle.

A change for this year is a request of **\$20.00** for all **18 tickets**. The small stub to the left of the tickets should be placed in the enclosed envelope for **Dave Loveland** with your check and returned by **July 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**. The check should be made payable to **504<sup>th</sup> PIR Association- not to Dave Loveland**. Remember that the seller of the winning ticket gets \$50.00. As always, the winning tickets will be pulled at this year's Annual Convention Devil Dinner being held Thursday, August 6th, 2020 in Houston, TX.

We Devils have always risen to the occasion, and I hope we do so this year. Last year was my first year as Raffle Chairman, taking over from Bill Eberle PP. I made some mistakes, but if all goes well this year, we will do better.

I thank you all in advance for your generosity! Let's give the Devils a good return for their Association Raffle!

Dave Loveland Raffle Chairperson

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# THE 1ST BRIGADE

## 504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT

### 2019 TRUNK OR TREAT

The Devils in Baggy Pants celebrated their 3rd annual Trunk or Treat in the brigade parking lot on 30 October to celebrate Halloween. Companies, troops, and batteries from across the brigade decorated trunks to distribute candy to the costumed Paratroopers and Families of the Devil Brigade. The exceptional creativity of the trunks, candy, music, and food attracted hundreds of Paratroopers and their Families. The trunk decorations never disappoint - this year featured Jurassic Park, a dragon fortress, and "Blood on the Risers." Colonel Andrew Saslav dressed up as the devil, while Chaplain Ruiz came as Moses with the "82nd Commandments."

In addition to trunks and candy, the Brigade Headquarters partnered with the Battalions to sell pizza, chips, and drinks, allowing Paratroopers and their families to stay at the Trunk or Treat until well after sunset. Kids ran in circles around the parking lot with their parents in tow collecting candy and participating in the carnival games provided by various families.

Thanks to the generosity of the 504th PIR Association, the Brigade was able to host both a costume contest and a trunk decorating contest with prizes for several categories. The 504th PIR Honorary Regimental Sergeant Major, RSM(R) Vincent Myers, and his wife Veronica graciously attended the event to assist Colonel Saslav and Command Sergeant Major Otero in judging the trunk and costume competitions and handing out prizes to very deserving contest winners.

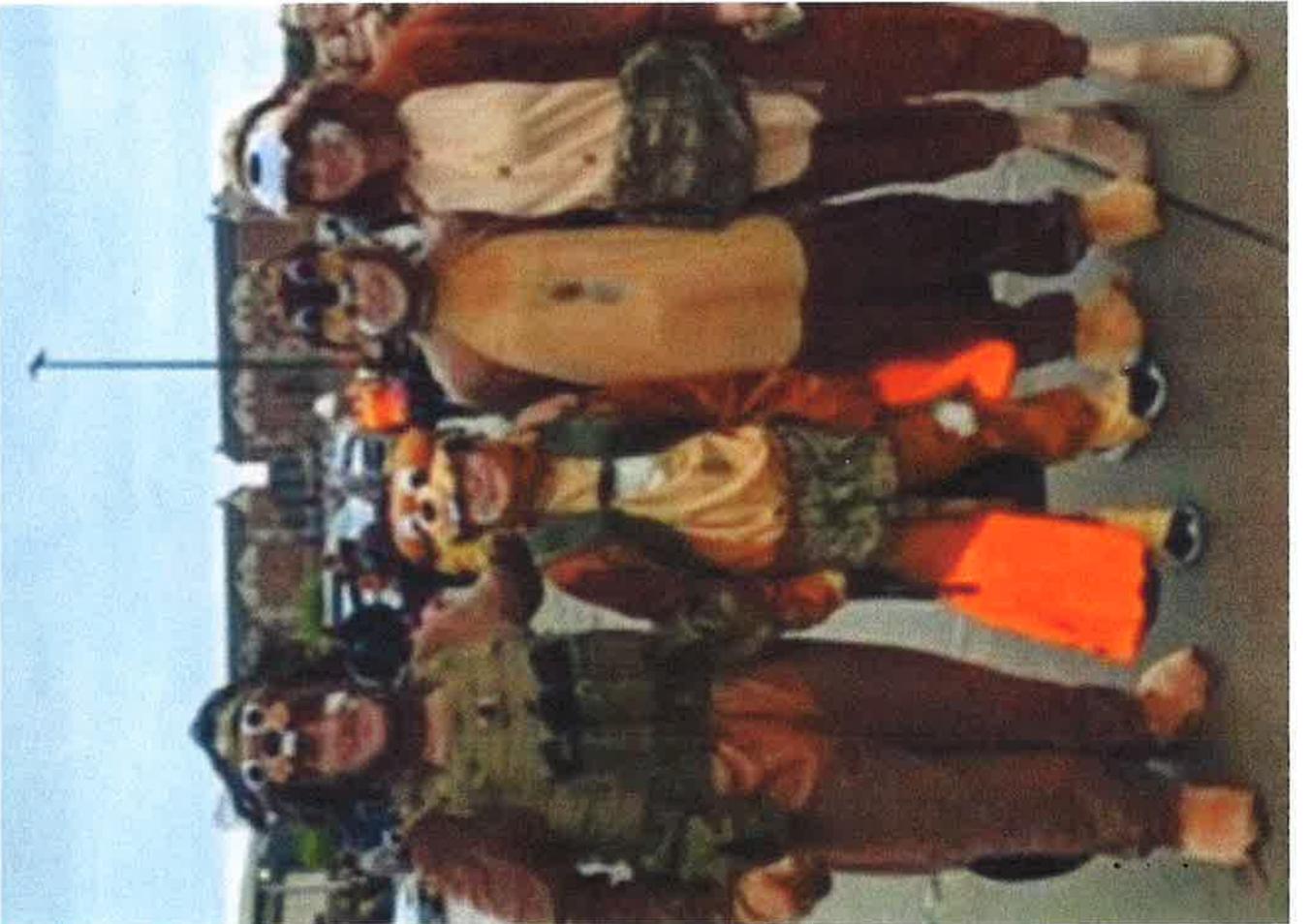
Overall, the 2019 Trunk or Treat was a wild success thanks to the efforts of everyone who participated. The Devils are exceptionally grateful for all those who made the event possible, and are looking forward to hosting annual Trunk or Treats for years to come!

Very Respectfully,

Judy Dorner  
CPT, MI  
Brigade SFRL  
1BCT, 82d ABN DIV









## **Mass Tactical/ Night/ Combat – One Paratrooper's Perspective**

Major Charles W. Durr Jr.; XO 1/504 PIR

Operation JUST CAUSE started for the 82d Airborne Division with open canopies over the country of Panama. One paratrooper's experience follows ....

### ***"Twenty Minutes"***

The jumpmaster's words interrupted the steady whine of the C141 engines and reminded us of the task at hand. For just a moment, it seemed like another jump at Fort Bragg. All faces were camouflaged with tension thick in the air. Chalk two banked left one last time; watch compass showed a northeast heading. We were on short final for the objective; Omar Torrijos International Airport.

The loudspeaker shrieked and Colonel Jack Nix, the Commander of Task Force (TF) Pacific (504th Parachute Infantry Regiment), addressed his captured audience. His words were brief and direct; *"The DZ is HOT. The Rangers are on the ground and they're in a hell of a fight. We're going in with only eight of the original twenty planes due to the ice back at Pope. They'll follow us in later. Keep your feet and knees together and I'll see you on the ground."*

His words invoked a few grunts and couple *"hooah's"* but most remained focused on the seriousness of the situation.

### ***"Ten Minutes .... Six Minutes .... Get Ready"***

It was almost time ... though a bit later than planned.

Wristwatch showed 0200 (H+1:00) on the 20th (of December 1989).

The concept of operations for the TF was to conduct the airborne assault onto Torrijos International Airport, assemble quickly, get into helicopter PZ posture; and execute battalion air assaults onto assault objectives to isolate, neutralize, and if necessary, destroy enemy at OBJ 1 (Panama Viejo/2-504), OBJ 2 (Tinajitas/1-504), and OBJ 3 (Fort Cimmaron/4- 325). The now delayed and multiple serials of C141s would postpone the timing slightly but leave the plan basically intact.

The 82d Airborne Division airborne operations commenced at 0145 hours when twenty-eight C141s dropped heavy equipment over Torrijos to include four M551 Sheridan tanks, six 105mm towed artillery pieces, and several dozen tactical vehicles. Three C141s also dropped resupply packages with ammunition and special equipment – all just east of the Torrijos active runway. At 0200 hours, SOF elements blocked enemy reinforcements from Fort Cimmaron to the east. SOF aircraft secured the airfield drop zone and airhead. Rangers who jumped first continued to clear Panamanian resistance at the Tocumen Military Compound in the north.

And Blue Devils of 3-504 PIR detached from the 82d a month prior, pre-deployed and joined TF Atlantic/7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division tasked to clear objectives around the city of Colon on the Atlantic side of the Panama Canal.

***"Outboard Personnel, Standup .... Inboard Personnel, Standup"***

All stood up and many groaned under the weight of rucksacks filled with PRC77 radios and VINSON secure gear, live ammunition and mortar rounds, fragmentary and smoke grenades, night vision goggles and medical IVs, and batteries and MREs made standing a chore. Fortunately, we rigged loose harness at Pope and carried the rucks onboard the aircraft. We tightened up parachute harnesses and attached rucks and weapons cases two hours out (H-2).

There was a little extra room on the aircraft with only 110 jumpers onboard. The plan called for all 2,176 paratroopers to exit first pass, during the 57 seconds of green light. The red light meant a long alibi ride home or a landing with the Rangers in the north. As it turned out, few paratroopers flew home with the safeties but instead took the Ranger option.

***"Hookup .... Check Static-Lines"***

We hooked up static lines and found it easier without the pesky safety wire. We had cut them off the reserve and static line at Green Ramp and rerouted the belly band of the reserve to make derigging easier on the DZ. We still jumped reserves though in case of towed jumpers - they would be cut away. For the rest, the 500-foot drop would not allow recovery from a complete malfunction – a somber thought indeed.

***"Check Equipment .... Sound Off for Equipment Check"***

Checked leg straps, M1950 weapons case, chest strap and tightened chin strap - not a good time to lose it. Looked around at my comrades on the other door and flashed a thumbs up. Some smiled and nodded; others engrossed in personal thoughts. The tap on shoulder by my RTO was reassuring. Passed "All OK" forward. We were ready.

The aircraft slowed to 135 knots and the loadmasters opened the doors. Warm, stale air filled the aircraft, stark contrast to conditions back at Pope Air Force Base some five hours previous - 20 degrees with sleet. Safety took his position behind the jumpmaster in the right door. Knew he was thinking about the raw deal given him. Division had the Advanced Airborne School cadre stand up as non-jumping safeties. Each would assume control of the door, as the jumpmaster stepped into the middle of their stick. My jumpmaster would step in two troopers forward of me.

***"One Minute .... Thirty Seconds .... Stand in the Door"***

Could see the ocean out the left door as the jumpmaster stretched to identify the DZ. I would have paid to read his mind or to see what he was seeing. An occasional light flickered by on

the water as the aircraft seemed to skim across the top of the ocean. Hoped those boats were friendly or at least unarmed and disinterested fishermen.

Behind me, my RTO tapped my shoulder. Turned to see a gapping smile and protruding eyes - reminiscent of Jack Nicholson's *"Here's Johnny"* from *The Shining*. Tried to replicate the expression but fell far short and instead gave him a nod. It was time to get on with it. Wristwatch showed 0211 hours.

### ***"Green Light, GO"***

We moved quickly towards and out the door - there was no hesitation. Counting and checking canopies was secondary to seeing what was happening on the ground. Tocumen was still hot in the north. Could hear gunfire and see tracers well to the north. Small fires burned throughout Tocumen. Below, Torrijos appeared eerily dark and quiet. The sky was filled with chutes and looked for the ground. It approached fast.

Had just enough time to lower the ruckruck and landed among a few trees. Derigged my M16 quickly and scanned the immediate area - nothing hostile and pulled the rucksack closer. From out of the black, a SOF "Little Bird" helicopter came from nowhere and hovering above my trees. And then was gone as fast as he appeared. *"Thanks for a secure DZ"* said under my breath. As I gained my bearings, it became obvious the aircraft formation tracked too far right and dropped us in the marsh, east of the runway. Cut off my air items, grabbed my gear and started moving west.

Linked up with fellow paratroopers also moving west. The fire team was soon a squad. We breached a 16-foot cyclone fence and came upon the runway. Bid each other farewell and hustled to the assembly area. As we ran off, thanked God and the 82d Airborne Division for a good, safe jump.

The Division went on to greatness by securing all its objectives and helping to emasculate the Panamanian Defense Force and flushed Manuel Noriega. For all its success, Operation JUST CAUSE did come at a cost. The Division lost four brave paratroopers: SPC Jerry Daves of B/1-504; PFC Martin Denson of B/1-504; SPC Alejandro Manrique of D/1-504; and PV2 James Tabor of D/4-325.

The price of freedom is never free. And, like their fellow paratroopers over Sicily and Normandy, the 82d Airborne Division answered the call and again paid the price in blood.

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Devil Day gave our deployed family members and rear detachment Paratroopers an opportunity to come together and have some fun after a stressful first month of the deployment. Army Community Service was there with information on resources available to families throughout Fort Bragg. Events like this help build the network and community that makes the Devil Brigade so strong. None of it would have been possible without the support of the 504<sup>th</sup> PIR Association.

Submitted by:  
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1LT. MS  
1BCT SFRL



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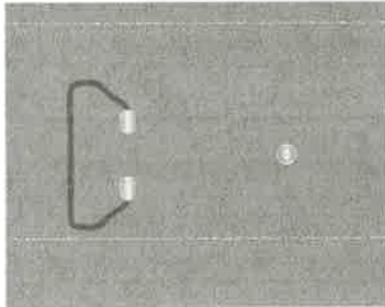
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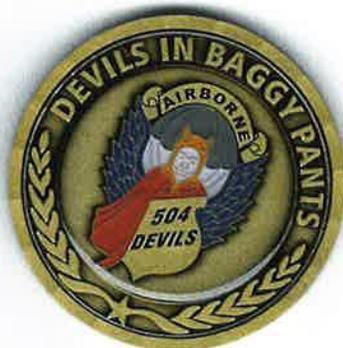
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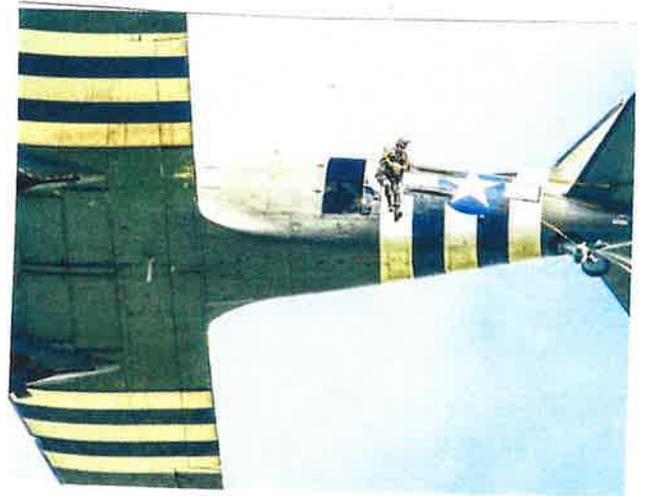
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## Airborne

... the word does not say much to some, but it speaks volumes to others — to those who knew what we were then, and still are. They say we were a crazy bunch. And maybe we were, but we got the job done. Just how crazy we were is open to debate.

To ALL OUR PARATROOPER BROTHERS, on the question of who is the toughest fighting man in the world, I say this: when we load that plane and step out of that door, we are all the same. Once we were all great. We were a special breed. WE are getting a little older now, and we can't do some of the things we used to do, but, we still think the same, and we will be Airborne until we die. For those of you who are still in, give it all you have; you will not regret it.

Airborne all the way, do or die; or as the Greeks would say, come home with your shield, or ON IT.

-The above by paraphrased from a guestbook entry by Richard C.  
Cover Jr.

11th Abn Div 1954 to 1957

**504<sup>th</sup> PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSN, INC.  
STRIKE-HOLD – DEVILS IN BAGGY PANTS  
Ronald H. Rath, Treasurer  
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