



**LINKING THE PAST WITH THE PRESENT**

1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 504TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

<b>JULY 2021</b>	<b>STEVEN COPENING, PRESIDENT</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2021</b>
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**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**

**THE 43rd DEVIL DINNER WILL BE HELD 11 AUGUST 2022**

**AT THE ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL IN ORLANDO, FL.**

**FOR THOSE THAT PLAN TO THAT ARE ATTEND,**

**THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION IN THE JANUARY TO JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER.**

**DURING THE 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S 74th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**10-13 AUGUST 2022**

**AT THE**

**ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL**

**9840 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE**

**ORLANDO, FL 32819**

**(800) 204-7234 [www.RosenCentre.com](http://www.RosenCentre.com) (407) 996-9840**

**You must also be registered for the 82d Convention to attend the Devil Dinner**

**"That is the right thing to do"**

**DO NOT FORGET TO SEND YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS INTO**

**CHAIRMAN DAVE LOVELAND IN THE ENVELOPE THAT WAS PROVIDED.**

**REMEMBER YOUR REGIMENT**

**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  
SERGEANT BRYAN W. LARGE, 3-504th PIR IRAQ  
SERGEANT MICHAEL R. LEHMILLER, 173rd ABN BDE AFGHANISTAN  
PRIVATE JASON HASENHAUER, 2-504th PIR AFGHANISTAN  
SERGEANT DANIEL J. LONDONO, D/1-504th PIR IRAQ  
AIRMEN FIRST CLASS RAYMOND LOSANO, USAF AFGHANISTAN  
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JOHN D. MORTON, 173d ABN BDE AFGHANISTAN  
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  
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**

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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  
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  
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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](mailto:rrath@nc.rr.com)

**504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**STEVEN COPENING, PRESIDENT**  
**18 Lismore Place**  
**Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-8247**  
**(561) 827-1933**  
**28 September 2021**

**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:**

**YOUR NAME 12/20**

**THAT MEANS YOU NEED TO RENEW \$20.00 or \$8.50**

**YOU CAN ALSO READ IT ON LINE AT <http://www.504thpirassociation.org/home.html>**

**ATTENTION ANNUAL 504 PIR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

**Please check you mailing label on this newsletter**

**If your membership number that follows your name ends with /21)**

**then your current membership will expire as of 31 December 2021**

**If you are a 2021 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 fill out an application and make a separate check for that made out to the 82d Airborne Division Association, Inc.**

**AFTER MANY YEARS [25] OF DOING THE TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP JOB TREASURER RON RATH WILL GIVE UP THOSE JOBS TO ASSOCIATION MEMBER JAMES COOK OF FAYETTEVILLE, NC EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2023.**

**WE HAVE FOUND A "NEW SECRETARY" CSM® KLAUS MECKENSTOCK. THANKS FOR STEPPING UP KLAUS AND THANK YOU BILL EBERLE FOR DOING THE SECRETARY JOB FOR 20 YEARS.**

**STRIKE HOLD  
STEVE COPENING**



**504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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***Garner, NC 27529***

***(919) 803-4554***

***29 September 2021***



## **SUBJECT: 2021 ANNUAL RAFFLE WINNERS**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF THE WINNERS  
S THAT WERE DRAWN AT THE 82d AIRBORNE  
DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONVENTION 12  
AUGUST 2021 BY PRESIDENT STEVE COPENING.**

**1<sup>st</sup> PLACE: HOWARD I. COMSTOCK, SAINT LOUIS, MI  
\$554.00**

**2D PLACE: SANTIAGO TIJERINA, JR. CRESTVIEW, FL  
\$275.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE; PARKER F. STOCKDALE, PITTSBORO, NC  
\$100.00**

**BONUS DRAWING: MS. VIRGINIA WEST, PINELLAS  
PARK, FL \$50.00**

**Ronald Rath, Treasurer**

**SINE PARI [Track them down]**

**Charlie Mike....R**

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DUTY"***



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27 September 2021*



**ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, PLEASE READ THIS**

**If you would like to become a Newsletter Boosters and have your name in the Association Newsletter [PROPBLAST], Please send \$20.00 per year and you will also get the Newsletters mailed to you at no additional cost, which means you “do not” have to pay the \$8.50 per two issues as long as you name still appears on the Newsletter Booster list. If they have \*\*\*\*\* behind your name, then it is time to send in another \$20.00 or \$8.50. WE CAN ALWAYS USE ANY AMOUNT OF DONATIONS TO HELP WITH ASSOCIATION PROJECTS/ACTIVE DUTY SUPPORT.**

**YOU CAN ALSO READ IT ON LINE AT <http://www.504thpirassociation.org/home.html>**

**BUT IF YOU JUST WANT THE NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOU, YOU CAN JUST PAY \$8.50 FOR TWO ISSUES. PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL AND IF IT SHOWS: YOUR NAME 12/19 THAT MEANS YOU NEED TO RENEW WITH EITHER \$20.00 or \$8.50 TO 504 PIR ASSOCIATION, INC. AT 22 CLUB HILL DRIVE, GARNER, NC 27529-6528 OR BY PAYPAL ON OUR WEB SITE.**

**THOSE MEMBERS THAT HAVE MOVED PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR NEW ADDRESS. 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.**

**THOSE THAT WERE IN OPERATION JUST CAUSE, WE HAVE CANCELLED BOTH THE 30th PLUS THE 31ST REUNION AND WILL HAVE THE 35<sup>TH</sup>, IF SOMEONE STEPS FORWARD TO RUN IT COMPLETELY. IF NOT, THEN THERE WILL NOT BE ONE UNTIL SOMEONE DOES.**

**OUR SALES ASSOCIATION TEAM ARE ALSO SELLING “OPERATION JUST CAUSE” BELT BUCKLES AT A REDUCED RATE PLUS SHIPPING. YOU CAN CALL THEM AT 561-827-1933 OR GO TO: [bornonthe4thofjuly.com](http://bornonthe4thofjuly.com)- CLICK ON THE ARMY UNITS BUTTON & THEN CLICK ON OPERATION JUST CAUSE. OR YOU CAN ALSO GO TO THE ASSOCIATION WEB SITE AT <http://www.504thpirassociation.org/home.html>, WHICH WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE SALES TEAM TO PURCHASE THEM. NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT SEND THE ANY FUNDS TO THE TREASURER TO PURCHASE THEM, AS HE DOES NOT HANDLE THEM, ONLY THE SALES TEAM DOES.**

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# 504 PIR Association Officers, Directors, and Committees 2021-22

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[ ] End of Term-Voted on by the Membership

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Secretary William L. Eberle,  
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William H. Smith  
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Enka, NC 28728 (910) 331-0532

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David J. Loveland  
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Cletus R. Slabach  
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**[Raffle Funds] Send to:**

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<b>NEW LIFE MEMBERS</b>	<b>NEW LIFE MEMBERS</b>	<b>NEW LIFE MEMBERS</b>
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MICHAEL RICHARDS	LARRY WOOD	
<b>ANNUAL VETERAN MEMBERS</b>	<b>ANNUAL VETERAN MEMBERS</b>	<b>ANNUAL VETERAN MEMBERS</b>
LARRY R. BARNES	CHRISTOPHER ISRAEL	ROY NEIL SALES
<b>ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS</b>	<b>ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS</b>	<b>ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS</b>
NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>ASSOCIATION MEMBERS</b>	<<<<<<FINAL JUMP>>>>>>	<b>ASSOCIATION MEMBERS</b>
LAWRENCE PAXTON	CLAUS "DUTCH" MANN	
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OFFICE FAX LINE IS 919-803-2400	<a href="http://www.504thpirassociation.org/home.html">http://www.504thpirassociation.org/home.html</a>	Garner, NC 27529

<b>CURRENT DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION OVER \$25.00 UNLESS THEY ARE TO THE GWOT/KIA FUND</b>		
2021 REMEMBRANCE WWII VETERAN ROXEY DEMARCO \$500.00 GENERAL FUNDS	LTG@ JACK P. NIX JR. [XXVI] \$100.00 NEWSLETTER BOOSTER	JAMES GEORGE \$100.00 NEWSLETTER BOOSTER
LARRY R. BARNES \$43.50 NEWSLETTER BOOSTER	JAMES GEORGE \$400.00 GENERAL FUND	MSGT@ R.N. (Pete) LONG \$100.00 82d ABN DIV MEMORIAL FUND
CARROLL SYLVESTER \$100.00 IN MEMORY OF MARIANNE KISER	SOCRATES M. PHOTIADES \$100.00 GENERAL FUND	VETERANS OF 2-504 "CHARLIE ROCK" \$364.00 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS FOR ACTIVE DUTY
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER	PATRICK "DOC" HALLORAN \$504.00 FOR ACTIVE DUTY FAMILIES	YOUR NAME COULD GO HERE

<b>CURRENT DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION'S 2020 ANNUAL RAFFLE OVER \$15.00 ABOVE THE \$15.00 FOR THE TICKETS</b>		
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ASSN RECRUITER MIKE WALDING \$50.00	CHARLES SCHULZE \$50.00	RICHARD BAUM \$218.00
JAMES COOK \$120.00	THOMAS METCALF \$40.00	REYNOLD MARTINEZ \$75.00
COL@ FLOYD HUDSON, JR. \$250.00	TREASURER, CSM@ RON RATH \$524.00	COL@ RENARD MARABLE \$50.00
MS. JUDY WILLIAMS \$50.00	THEODORE CONKLIN \$97.00	THOMAS McANDREWS \$100.00
GREGORY EVANS \$50.00	JAY DEWITT \$50.00	DANN RIDGEWAY \$50.00
GS MOTHER KIMBERLY METCALF \$100.00	GEN@ DAVID PETRAEUS XXIX \$100.00	MILES McMILLIAN \$100.00
HARRIS ROSEN \$100.00	GEN@ JOHN P. ABIZAID [XXVIII] \$250.00	MARGRET CHARLES OLIVER \$100.00
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<b>NON-MEMBERS DEATHS</b>	<b>NON-MEMBERS DEATHS</b>	<b>NON-MEMBERS DEATHS</b>
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Lueder, William	Newman, Ralph E.	Rash, Floyd S.
Starn, Wesley	Swain, Kenneth	

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<b>HRSM-RSM@ Vincent M. Myers[5]</b>	<b>LTG@ Jack P. Nix Jr. [XXVI]</b>	<b>GEN @ David H. Petraeus [XXIX]</b>
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22 BIG WOODS DRIVE  
HILTON HEAD, SC 29926  
(843) 682-4171**



**Minutes Of the 504 PIR Association  
Board and Membership Meeting  
1000 August 13th, 2021, Houston, TX**

**Call to Order – President Steve Copening  
Pledge of Allegiance – VP Joe Steen  
Invocation – President, Chaplain Stephenson  
Roll Call of Officers – Secretary Bill Eberle**

**President Steve Copening-Present  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP CSM David Jordon-Excused  
Treasurer Ron Rath-Excused**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Joe Steen-Present  
HRSM Vincent Myers-Present  
Secretary Bill Eberle-Present**

**QM Lance Frazee-excused  
Director Randy Glancy-Absent  
Director Harold Schroeder absent  
Director David Cochron -absent  
Director Michael Briseno-Absent**

**Director Robert Stonerock-Absent  
Director Klaus Meckenstock-absent  
Director Dave Foy-Absent**

**A Motion was made and seconded that the minutes of August Zoom be approved as written.  
Motion made and seconded to approve as amended.**

**Finance and Membership Report**

**President Copening presented the Financial Report.  
Motion made and seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried**

**Devil Dinner Report**

**Chairman Billy Smith reported that no Devil Dinner had been scheduled..**

**Annual Raffle Report**

**Chairman David Loveland submitted a report on this year's raffle. The raffle took in \$5,721.00.  
After printing expenses of \$636.00 the amount available for distribution is \$5085.00. The  
winner of the raffle are as follows:**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize Howard Comstock  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize Santiago Tijerinar  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize Parker Stockdale**

### Quartermasters Report,

President Steve Copening gave a brief report on sale The company donated just under \$600 back to the Association.

### Old Business:

Just Cause Belts Buckles, all monies (\$2,133.00) advanced by the Association have been paid back. **Closed**

There was a discussion about how to get the active duty involved in the Association. As with prior year discussion on the matter, no conclusive result was reached. More support from the active military would be appreciated.

Note We tried by changing the certificates and cards, but that did not help. **On Going**

Update on the plaque for Pvt Ted Bachenheimer's Joe Steen provided an update that the plaque has been taken care of in the Netherlands. **Closed**

### New Business:

Museum Plaque Since 2008 the Past President Plaque at the 82 War Memorial has not been updates. At the end of the current Presidency there will be 9 names missing from the plaque. At least 4 of those missing are 504PIR members. I would propose that we authorize up to \$2000 to bring the plaque current. Also that each person whose name is added be approached to seek support for the cost of their plaque. **APPROVED**

Steven Frazier 2008-2009

William Eberle 2010-2011

Fredrick Spaulding 2012

Harold Schroeder 2013-2014

Allen Schoppe 2015-2016

Edward Herlery 2017

Richard Becker 2018

Gary Razebek 2019-2020

Steven Copening 2021-2022

### Election of Director and Officers

We have 6 Directors up for election this year. Those Officers scheduled to leaving office are

Joseph Steen,

William Eberle,

Klaus Meckenstock,

Michael Briseno,

Harold Schroeder,

Robert Stonerock.

The following is the outcome of the election,  
Joseph Steen, Vice President  
Klaus Meckenstock, Secretary  
Michael Briseno  
Harold Schroeder  
Robert Stonerock

Nomination for the 2022 Trooper of the Year – Carroll E. Sylvester **APPROVED**

Nomination for Honorary Membership in the 504 Association

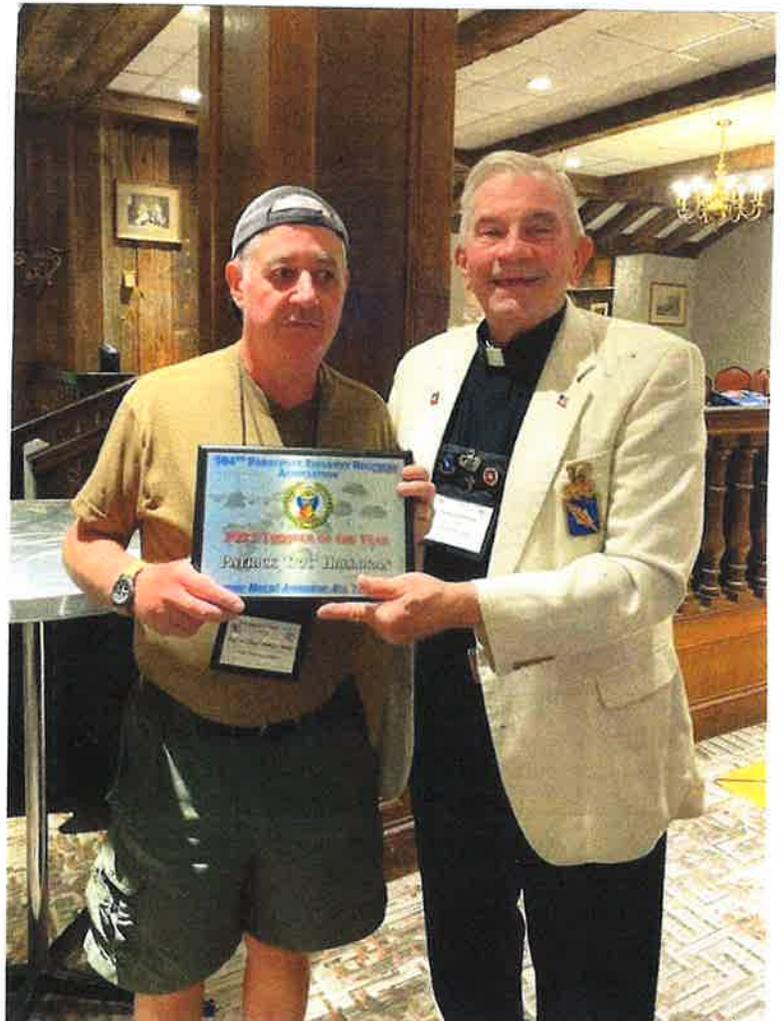
Ms. Thulai van Maanen is being nominate. Ms van Maanen is a Dutcher citizen, she is being nominated for her work in maintaining and coordinating PVT Bachenheimer, C 1/504 Scout Memorial in Holland. This involves working with the Dutch government, Dutch military and the local community. She also coordinates the annual remembrance ceremony for PVT Bachenheimer executed by the Germany forces. She has been instrumental in working thru the Dutch military to posthumously award 504 PIR fallen in Holland the Orange Lanyard.

**APPROVED**

No further business the meeting Adjourned at 1100.

William L. Eberle

Secretary



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## NEW ASSOCIATION WATCHES FOR SALE

BULOVA Watches with silver and gold snap bands and a large 504 PIR ASSOCIATION logo.

Choose Men's or Woman's [Ladies on left] regular sale price is \$250.00 each.  
For current members of the 504 PIR / 1<sup>st</sup> BCT Association, the cost is \$160.00 each "without"  
shipping & Insurance.

With shipping and Insurance the cost is \$190.00 each.

Send check or money order to: 504 PIR/1<sup>st</sup> BCT Association

Attn.: Ron Rath, Treasurer, 22 Club Hill Drive, Garner, NC 27529-6528

You can also go to the 504 PIR Association's web site at

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

and pay through Pay Pal, however, the cost is \$168.00/with shipping and Insurance it is \$200.00

Please provide your full name, address, e-mail, and phone number when paying by Pay Pal

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**MANY OF YOU HAVE "NOT" SENT IN YOUR DD214 or ORB,or ERB, PLEASE DO**

The Treasurer/Membership Chairman has sent a second letter to all those members that did not respond to the first letter requesting that you send in a copy of your for active duty Officers a copy of their ORB and for Enlisted a copy of their EMRB. Veterans a copy of their DD214. This is needed to be on file with the Membership Chairman and kept in the Association's Safety Deposit Box in case the IRS wants to check our which we must maintain 90% Combat era status in order to keep our Association in the 501 c (19) status,which us tax deductible for any donations the Association receives. So far we have only received 457 DD214's/ORB's/EMRB'scopies from our members out of our 1,200 members.This costs the Association a lot of money mailing these requests that could be used to help with things that the Active Duty may need. So we are asking you again to please response to this request for your copy as soon as possible.

**NOTE**

You do not have to worry the IRS will not be allowed to make copies of your record, nor will the Association share/give it with anyone else.The IRS will only be allowed to look at them and that is all they will be allowed to do.

If you have questions please call the Treasurer Ron Rath at 919-803-4554 or e-mail him at [rrath@nc.rr.com](mailto:rrath@nc.rr.com)

**504 PIR ASSOCIATION ITEMS THAT ARE FOR SALE THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION TREASURER**

	Item	Qty	cost
1	4" 504 PIR Association decal in full color	1	\$1.00
2	4" 504 PIR Association decal in full color	3	\$2.50
3	4" 504 PIR Association decal in full color	5	\$3.50
4	4" 504 PIR Association decal in full color	7	\$4.25
5	4" 504 PIR Association decal in full color	10	\$5.50
6	504 Pir Association note cards in color w/envelopes	10	\$7.75
7	504 Pir Association note cards in color w/envelopes	15	\$12.25
8	504 Pir Association note cards in color w/envelopes	25	\$17.75
9	1" 504 PIR Association envelope decals stickers in color	25	\$1.50
10	504 Parachute Infantry Regiment Association Challenge coin "all in color"	1	\$15.00
11	504 Parachute Infantry Regiment Association colored patch	1	\$6.00
12	504 Parachute Infantry Regiment old Devil colored patch	1	\$8.00
13	504 Parachute Infantry Regiment Association Challenge coin "For Excellence"	1	\$15.00
14	Replacement 504 PIR Association Life membership Card in color	1	\$3.00
15	Replacement 504 PIR Association Life membership certificate in color W/Assn seal	1	\$5.00

\*\*\*\* ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE THE SHIPPING\*\*\*\*

**JUST SEND A CHECK MADE OUT TO THE 504 PIR ASSOCIATION ALONG WITH A LIST OF WHAT YOU ARE ORDERING TO;  
504 PIR ASSOCIATION, INC, 22 CLUB HILLS DRIVE, GARNER, NC 27529. SORRY NO CREDIT CARD, PAY PAL, OR PHONE ORDERS.**

FROM THE 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM GIFT SHOP  
They would like to let you know that they can supply most Military items that you may want. They may even go to the clothing sales or General Jackson's in Fayetteville for items [For a small added fee of course]. Please contact them at; P.O. Box 70119, Fort Bragg, NC 28307-0119 or (1-910) 436-1735. And yes they take Credit Cards.

**NOTICE OF DEATH OF A 1st BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM &  
504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER  
[Please print clearly]**

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Send notice to Membership Chairman Ronald Rath at 22 Club Hill Drive  
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[rrath@nc.rr.com](mailto:rrath@nc.rr.com)

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attn: Membership Chairman Ronald Rath  
22 Club Hill Drive, Garner, NC 27529-6528  
Please print clearly**

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Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_





# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Effective 1 August 2020)

1st Brigade Combat Team, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association Incorporated



1st BCT/504th PIR Association Membership Dues	Annual	Lifetime
Veteran Member (Lifetime Member)	\$15.00	\$90.00
Active Duty - 1st BCT/504th PIR	\$5.04	\$50.40
Annual Associate Membership (Not Assigned or Attached to 504 PIR, but Airborne)	\$15.00	
Prop Blast Subscription (Mailed copy is not included with membership)	\$8.50	
82nd Airborne Division Association	Annual	All American
Veteran or Active Duty (Not Assigned/Attached to 82nd) Membership	\$35.00	\$350.00
Active Duty - First Year New Annual Membership	FREE	
Active Duty E-1 to E4	\$35.00	\$82.00
Active Duty E-5 to E-7, W-1, W-2 and O-1 to O-3	\$35.00	\$150.00
Active Duty E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up	\$35.00	\$350.00

Current 82nd Airborne Division Association Card # \_\_\_\_\_ 82nd Association Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ (last 4 only)

Current Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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 Married  Children \_\_\_\_\_  
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Payment Enclosed 504 PIR Assn. Annual Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed 82nd Assn. Annual Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check/money order payable to the **1st BCT/504th PIR Association, Inc.** and mail to:  
**Ronald H. Rath, Treasurer**  
**22 Club Hill Drive**  
**Garner, NC 27529**  
 If you are also joining the 82nd Association, please send a separate check/money order for that membership payable to the **82nd Airborne Division Association.**

**\*\* You MUST include a copy of your DD214, ERB or ORB along with your application. \*\***

Questions or comments concerning the 1st BCT/504th PIR Association should be directed to one of the following Officers: Association Secretary - [secretary@504thpirassociation.org](mailto:secretary@504thpirassociation.org)

Association Treasurer - [treasurer@504thpirassociation.org](mailto:treasurer@504thpirassociation.org)

Please visit our new website at [www.504thpirassociation.org](http://www.504thpirassociation.org) if you prefer to complete your application online.

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**NEWS FROM THE 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION MEMORIAL  
ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 43359  
Fayetteville, NC 28303-3359**

**The 82d Airborne Division Memorial fund is supporting the new training accidents memorial that will be Dedicated to the memory of those 82d Airborne Division Paratroopers who lost their lives in preparation for Combat Operations and will be located at the Division Museum.. They are now fundraising with the goal of adding this new Memorial. The cost of the Memorial is about \$75,000.00. So If you donate \$82.00 you will get a certificate signed by the Memorial fund President. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

**Just send your donation to 504 PIR Association, Inc, 22 Club Hill Drive, Garner, NC 27529-6528 and our Treasurer will deliver it to the Memorial funds Treasurer. Please fill out form below and include it with you check and make the check out to 82d Airborne Division Memorial Association. If you send your donation to the 504 PIR Association, then and only then the 504 PIR Association Treasurer will also put your name in the next Prop Blast**

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Dear Airborner,

It is with heavy heart to let you know that I will no longer be able to publish the *Airborne Quarterly* – thus the *Quarterly* will cease to exist. It's not the fact that we have published it for 33 years, it's the fact that I had a very severe accident on the farm I call my home. I'm sorry to disappoint many of you, but I have not been able to find anyone to carry on the tradition.

I will miss communicating with you my Airborne Friends and your families. Whatever monies, if any, remain will be donated to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation. To those of you who have recently sent your renewal check, I will have "Blondie" return it to you. If checks were deposited and not returned, I apologize. I want to thank you for your loyalty in subscribing to the *Airborne Quarterly* for all these years, and for your comments which you shared with me from time to time.

Annelie and I pray you and yours will "continue to be in hull defilade" or a good foxhole so that COVID has and will miss you and yours! As I have mentioned to you, I made it to 95 last November, and while God has surely 'cut me some slack' nobody gets a "FOREVER guarantee." As mentioned earlier I can't find anyone willing to take on the load. But it has been a good run, 33 years. I also want to thank our contributing editors who vastly improved every issue. I wish you happy landings and may your chutes always be full of air.

So, goodbye, farewell, ciao, sayonara, au revoir, adios, aloha, shalom, anneyong, svidaniya, aufwiedersehen, and arrivederci, my fellow Airborners.

*Bill*

Col. (Ret) Bill Weber  
Airborne Quarterly



**2021**

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**NOVEMBER 11**

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will be in Washington, DC  
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## ATTENTION ANNUAL MEMBERS

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1. That I do not have the capability to do newspaper photos or clippings, as they do not copy well at the printers. If it is a picture you have, it would be nice if you could make it an Attachment to an e-mail to me with the written caption neatly typed below to [rrath@nc.rr.com](mailto:rrath@nc.rr.com).
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5. Also please do not send me **JOKES** for the Newsletter, as we do not have room for them, since we try to keep the mailing cost down.



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## **DD 214 Increased Social Security Benefits for Vets**

**DD FORM 214 – Extra Social Security Benefit** for those with active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001

See the website & notes below to possibly increase your Social Security Benefits.

**DD Form 214 – Social Security Benefit** Please share this with anyone who had active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001, and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001. (The program was done away with 1 January 2002.) Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application, which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

Social Security website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001.

FYI – this benefit is not automatic; you must ask for it! We've all been on active duty between 1957 and 2001 or know someone who has.

Passing on good information for all you military folks when you apply for social security. I know this may be too early for some of you to think about social security, but keep living and you will get there.

Regional Resource Coordinator  
Maryland's Committee to Veterans Project State of Maryland – Southern  
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*Ron:  
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*cheer*

*Jim George*

**WISHING ALL OF YOU A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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**504<sup>th</sup> PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSN, INC.  
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**THE 30<sup>th</sup> REUNION OF OPERATION JUST CAUSE IS IN FAYETTEVILLE, NC 17 &  
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