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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

**STARTING 1 JANUARY 2023,
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STEVEN COPENING, PRESIDENT
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9 October 2022**

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ATTENTION ANNUAL 504 PIR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Please check you mailing label on this newsletter

If your membership number that follows your name ends with /22)

Then, your current membership will expire as of 31 December 2022

If you are a 2022 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.

We the Association and I personally would like to Thank Mr. Harris Rosen, President of Rosen Hotels & Resorts and the General Manager [GM] Phil Caronia of the Rosen Centre Hotel and his entire staff for the outstanding service we received during our annual 504 PIR Association's Devil Dinner at the 82d Airborne Division Association Annual Convention 10-13 August 2022 in Orlando, Fl.

**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
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
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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**Minutes Of the 504 PIR Association
Board and Membership Meeting
15:00 August 10th, 2022, Orlando FL**

Call to Order – President Steve Copening
Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President Joe Steen
Invocation – President, Chaplain Stephenson
Roll Call of Officers – Secretary Klaus J. Meckenstock

President Steve Copening - Present
2nd VP CSM Calvin Overway - Excused
Treasurer Ron Rath - Present
QM Lance Frazee - Excused

1st VP Joe Steen - Present
HRSM Vincent Myers - Absent
Secretary Klaus Meckenstock - Present

Director Randy Glancy - Present
Director Harold Schroeder – Present
Director Dave Foy - Excused

Director Robert Stonerock - Absent
Director David Cochron - Absent
Director Michael Briseno - Absent

IRT of the 13 August 2021 504th Association minutes Secretary Meckenstock stated the minutes were published in the Association News Letter and that he had copies for review if anyone desired to review them. A Motion was made by Director Schroeder to approve the minutes and seconded by Joe Steen, motion was carried.

Finance and Membership Report

Treasurer Ron Rath presented the following Financial Report:
Association Funds: \$23,443.71
Total Membership Fees: Veteran \$780, Active Duty \$206.64
Raffle: \$7314.00
Association Dinner: \$6933.53
News Letter: \$281.12
Chaplain Funds: \$2567.87
Panama Dinner: \$6545.32

It was stated by Treasurer Rath that as everybody knows the 30th Panama Dinner was cancelled because of COVID and that most of the moneys for the tickets for the 30th was donated by the attendees. It is currently unknown when the Association will have the next Panama Dinner but the 35th Anniversary of the Panama Combat Jump was mentioned. It was

also brought to the Associations attention that the current Panama Dinner Chairman Dave Henderson is resigning and the Association will need to search for a new Panama Dinner Chairman.

Motion to approve the Finance Report as presented was made by Chaplain Doug Stephenson and seconded to Vice President Joe Steen, the motion was carried.

504th Devil Dinner Report

Chairman Billy Smith stated that he had ordered 170 meals for the Devil Dinner of which he currently had 105 meals sold. The Regimental CDR and Regimental CSM will attend the dinner and the 82nd Chorus will perform during the dinner and eat at the dinner. Chairman Smith also stated that Mrs. Florida 20222 will attend the Devil Dinner. The association will have about 10 available meals remaining after all new write-ins and sponsored meals.

504th Association Annual Raffle Report

President Steve Copening presented this year's Raffle Report. President Copening stated that approximately 1,100 envelopes were sent out and 136 responded; that is 12%. Dave Loveland also received 83 address changes and 140 "Return to sender/undeliverable" of which most of them were active duty. A statement was made maybe not send Active Duty Troopers letters from now on which was tabled until later in the meeting. The raffle grossed \$7184.00, after printing expenses of \$426.00 the raffle netted \$6758 for distribution. The winners of the 2022 504th Association Raffle are as follows:

- 1st prize Christopher Hurley which he donated back to the Associations Chaplain/KIA Fund.
- 2nd prize David Flanagan
- 3rd prize Carol Sylvester which he donated back to the Associations Chaplain/KIA Fund

Quartermasters Report,

President Steve Copening gave a brief report on sales and stated that about a \$200 check was mailed to Treasurer Rath. Treasurer Rath stated he has not received a check yet after which President Copening stated he will have to check why Treasurer Rath has not received the check yet and will correct this issue and get back with the Association

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The Association made two donations;

\$1,000.00 to the 82d Airborne Division Association Educational fund.

\$500.00 to the 82d Airborne Division Historical Society.

The Association will also make its annual donation of \$504.00 to the Holiday meals program for active duty families. This Holiday meals donation was approved as a yearly reoccurrence in 2015.

Election of Director and Officers

We had two Officers and three Directors up for election this year. Those Officers and Directors scheduled to leave the office are:

Officers:

President Steve Copening
Treasurer Ron Rath

Directors:

Dave Cochran
Dave Foy
Randolph Clancy

The following is the outcome of the election,

Officers:

Steve Copening, President
Jim Cook, Treasurer

Directors:

Dave Cochran
Tom Metcalf
Randolph Clancy

Nomination for the 2022 Trooper of the Year – Ron Brown and Mike Walding, President Copening stated that we will have to vote because we have two nominations. Ron Brown stated he is declining the nomination. Motion was made by President Copening and seconded by Miles McMillen for Mike Walding to be the Associations 2022 Trooper of the year, motion was approved.

Nomination for Honorary Membership in the 504 Association

None

Open Discussion

Discussion was made that about how to get more Raffle Ticket envelopes returned. A statement was made maybe not to send any Raffle Tickets to the Active Duty Troopers because of the high QTY of unopen returns. A statement was also made that maybe the Association should send out the Raffle via email as a PDF attachment and no longer mail it to reach the younger audience to save money. Neither ideas gained further ground and Association President Copening stated we had a good return of fund and the raffle earned a lot of money so "Let's not fix what is not broken" and leave the Raffle ticket distribution as is.

No further business the meeting Adjourned at 15:45.

Klaus J. Meckenstock
Secretary

NEW LIFE MEMBERS	NEW LIFE MEMBERS	NEW LIFE MEMBERS
KARL D. ARRINGTON	TODD C. CLARK	SGT WILLIAM CRANSTON C/2-504
SPC GABRIEL GARCIA C/2-504	SPC CHRISTIAN GARZA C/2-504	RICHARD N. GIDEON
LTC MICHAEL A. HAMILTON CRD. 2-504	BRYAN D. HINTON	SCOTT LAWRYN
SPC ISIAH LEONGUERRERO C/2-504	WILLIAM D. MARTIN II	RICHARD AL MARTINEZ
DARIN L. McALLISTER	TODD A. McKINLEY	SSG CHRISTIAN G., MEDINA-SOLIZ C/2-504
SPC ANTONIO MORALES C/2-504	MAJ. ROBERT H. PECHA, XO 2-504	SPC DYLAN T. QUINN-C/2-504
RUSSELL E. ROMIG	BRAD M. SCHELLIN	

ANNUAL VETERAN MEMBERS	ANNUAL VETERAN MEMBERS	ANNUAL VETERAN MEMBERS
THOMAS J. COTCHER	NICHOLAS A. JENNER	JOHN STEPHENSON

ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS	ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS	ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS
CPT KYLE R. HAWKS		

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS	<<<<FINAL JUMP>>>>	ASSOCIATION MEMBERS
RICHARD P. KANE	JOE H. ADCOCK	FRANK T. CRESSWELL
CSM® RALPH G. KING	ROBERT SPENCER, JR.	MARVIN D. CORNETT
WWII VETERAN	ETHEL LOUISE VARELLI	WW II VETERAN

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CURRENT DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION OVER \$25.00 UNLESS THEY ARE TO THE GWOT/KIA FUND		
THOMAS J. COTCHER 82d ABN DIV MEMORIAL ASSN-\$82.00	FRANK M. HEFFERNAN 82d ABN DIV MEMORIAL ASSN-\$85.00	FRANK M. HEFFERNAN \$40.00 NEWSLETTER BOOSTER
HRSM VINCENT M. MYERS \$60.00 NEWSLETTER BOOSTER	NEAL "SNUF" SMITH 82d ABN DIV MEMORIAL ASSN-\$82.00	MICHAEL J. WALDING 82d ABN DIV MEMORIAL ASSN-\$82.00
JAY M. DEWITT 2-504 LEGACY PROJECT-\$120.00	MAJOR® DAVID BAER 2-504 LEGACY PROJECT-\$1,000.00	GRUNT HOLDING COMPANY GENERAL FUND-SALES-\$94.00
LEO BOURRIAN 2-504 LEGACY PROJECT-\$100.00 IN MEMORY OF ALEJANDRO MANRIQUE LOZANO	LEO BOURRIAN NEWSLETTER BOOSTER FUND-\$100.00 IN MEMORY OF MSG ROGER K. HATTERSLEY	RONALD RATH 2-504 LEGACY PROJECT-\$100.00 IN MEMORY OF MSG ROGER K. HATTERSLEY
MILES McMILLEN \$100.00 NEWSLETTER BOOSTER	WILLIAM L. EBERLE \$100.00 NEWSLETTER BOOSTER	504 PP MICHAEL A. BRISENO \$404.00 KIA FUND
504 PP MICHAEL A. BRISENO \$100.00 NEWSLETTER BOOSTER	504 PP MICHAEL A. BRISENO \$82.00 82D EDUCATION FUND	504 PP MICHAEL A. BRISENO \$82.00 82D GENERAL FUND
CHAPLAIN DOUGLAS R. STEPHENSON CHAPLAIN/KIA FUND-\$300.00 FROM HIS BOOK SALES	CHRIS HURLEY CHAPLAIN/KIA FUND \$554.00 1ST PLACE RAFFLE DONATION	CARROL SYLVESTER CHAPLAIN/KIA FUND \$100.00 3RD PLACE RAFFLE DONATION
COL® ROBERT R. HARPER, JR. \$100.00 NEWSLETTER BOOSTER	YOUR NAME COULD GO HERE YOUR NAME COULD GO HERE	YOUR NAME COULD GO HERE YOUR NAME COULD GO HERE

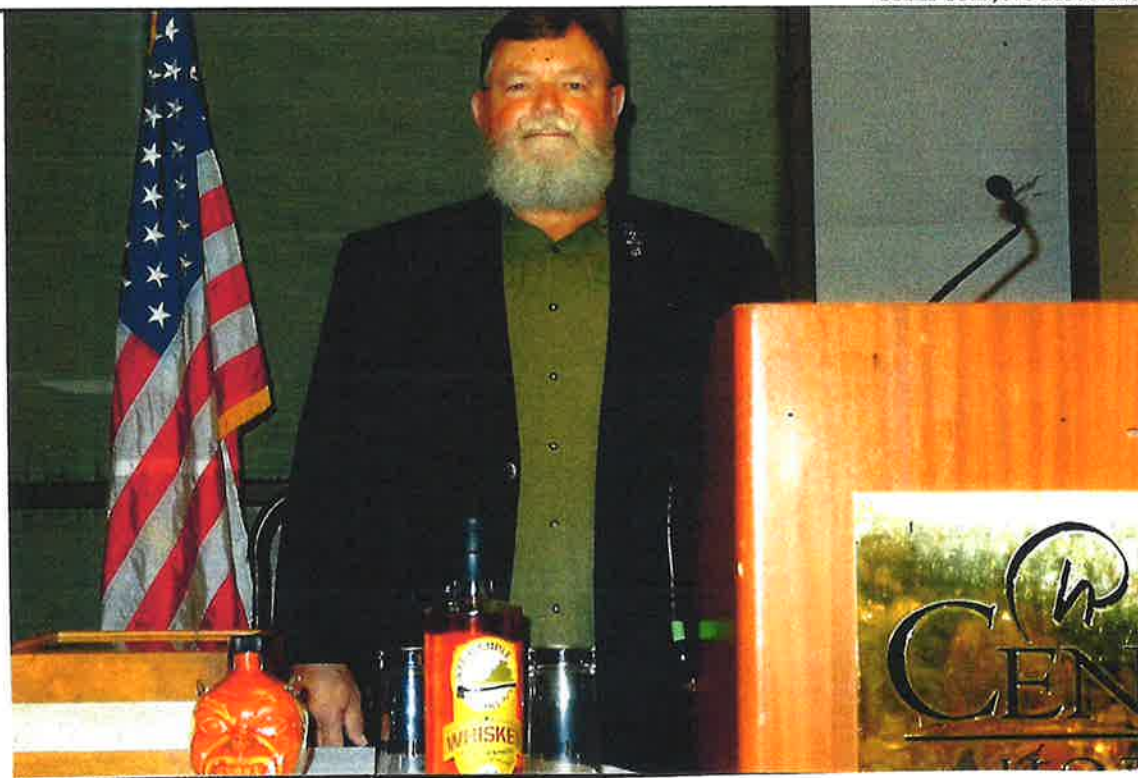
CURRENT DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION'S 2020 ANNUAL RAFFLE OVER THE \$30.00 FOR THE TICKETS		
LTG® WILLIAM M. STEELE-\$50.00	HARRY REESE-\$50.00	ANDREW M. DANWIN \$50.00
THOMAS J. McANDREWS-\$100.00	GEN® DAVID BRAMLETT-\$50.00	RSM® RONALD RATH-\$534.00
GARY L. JOHNSON-\$300.00	1SG® REYNOLD MARTINEZ-\$112.00	THEODORE L. CONKLIN-\$100.00
WILLIAM L. EBERLE-\$50.00	JUDY WILLIAMS-\$50.00	YOUR NAME COULD GO HERE
MICHAEL R. McCANN-\$50.00	RONALD VERTREES-\$50.00	DAVID R. GRAVES-\$10.00
KIMBERLY Y. METCALF-\$50.00	GEN® DAVID H. PETRAEUS-\$100.00	GEN® ANN E. DUNWOODY-\$100.00
DANN A. RIDGEWAY-\$50.00	MICHAEL J. REGAN-\$100.00	ROBERT S. SAVELY-\$504.00
JOEL L. COLEMAN-\$50.00	HECTOR R. MARTINEZ-\$50.00	CARROL SYLVESTER-\$500.00
COL® FLOYD HUDSON-\$100.00	GEN® JOHN P. ABIZAID [XXVIII]-\$250.00	JILL D. HATTERSLEY-\$50.00
COL® R) HUGH DONOHUE-\$50.00	GEN CHARLES A. FLYNN[XXXIV]-\$504.00	MILES McMILLIAN-\$50.00
Raffle Chr- DAVID J. LOVELAND-\$100.00	YOUR NAME COULD GO HERE	YOUR NAME COULD GO HERE

SPONSOR OF AN ACTIVE DUTY TROOPER TO THE 2022 DEVIL DINNER IN ORLANDO, FL 8-13 AUGUST 2022		
RICHARD BAUM-2 TROOPERS	JEFFERY MILLER-1 TROOPER	HARRY REESE-2 TROOPERS
KARL SHAUGHNESSY-2 TROOPERS	LTC JEFFERY GUDMENS-1 TROOPER	DENNIS MARKS-4 TROOPERS
JOHN KISER - 3 TROOPERS	ANTHONY MALLEY 2 TROOPERS	JUDY WILLIAMS- 2 TROOPERS
WILLIAM L. EBERLE-1 TROOPER	RON RATH-1 TROOPER	MIKE WALDING-2 TROOPERS
JAY DEWITT-2 TROOPERS	REYNOLD MARTINEZ-4 TROOPERS	KIMBERLY METCALF-2 TROOPERS
STEPHEN J. THOMAS-1 TROOPER	FRANK M. HEFFERNAN-1 TROOPER	W.H. KUHNKE, JR.- 1 TROOPER
ROBERT S. SAVELY-9 TROOPERS	CAROL SYLVESTER-4 TROOPERS	KARL ARRINGTON-1 TROOPER
TIM WELCH-1 TROOPER	GEN@ JOHN P. ABIZAID [XXVIII]	ROBERT A. FARRELL-2 TROOPERS
CSM@ BRIAN T. SEVERINO-1 TROOPER	10 TROOPERS	RSM@ VINCENT M. MYERS [5]-1 TROOPER
MILES L. McMILLAN-2 TROOPERS	JUSTIN HOLMES-1 TROOPER	YOUR NAME COULD GO HERE

NON-MEMBERS DEATHS	NON-MEMBERS DEATHS	NON-MEMBERS DEATHS
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THE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY CSM@ KLAUS MECKENSTOCK AS THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES FOR THE 2022 DEVIL DINNER AT THE ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL IN ORLANDO, FL 11 AUGUST 2022.



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9 October 2022*



TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR GREAT & BELOVED PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION

After 25 years and working on 80 years old, I will be turning this unpaid job of Treasurer/Membership Chairman over to 1SG® James Cook, 1-504 PIR on 1 January 2023.

It has been a lot of fun being the Treasurer and Membership Officer for all these years, well most of the time. It does take much dedication and some hard long hours to keep our records current, moreover, to make sure each and every Association member is being taken care of and in a timely manner. I am sure Jim Cook will do that also for our Association.

I assure you that I could not have done this job without the help of some members that stepped forward to take on chairman jobs. I cannot name all of them for the last 25 years, as it would take more than one page, but do want to mention the current Officers and our Chairmans.

David Loveland who does the yearly long hours doing the Association Annual Raffle.

Billy Smith who takes care of the Association's Annual Devil Dinner and all its moving parts.

Our Hospitality chairman Cletus Slabach, who runs suite at the Conventions.

The Association Secretary for years Bill Eberle and now Klaus Meckenstock who can keep you laughing, while making sure everything is moving right.

The Association Vice President Big Joe Steen, who always said to me "Well Sergeant Major let me tell you just how that happened".

The Association Web-Master Ms. Kimberly Holmes, who always got me back on the right track after I screwed something up on the computer or pay pal.

Our current President Steve Copening, who always was ready to help with tasks.

The Honorary Regimental Sergeant Major, RSM® Vincent Myers, who always there to help and is always involved with the Devil Dinner.

Tina Rath, who always straightened letters I wrote out, as I spell two words a minute with 28 mistakes and who is now saying, when I say I am going to the Conventions and not get involved with the running of it, "I will believe it when I see that happening".

Again there are many others that have done great things for the Association and I as the Treasurer/Membership Officer and I just want to say THANK YOU THANK YOU.

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

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

ATTENTION ANNUAL MEMBERS

BE AN EARLY BIRD AND GET YOUR NAME PRINTED IN THE NEXT PROPBLAST BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE 504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION FOR 2023 SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE TREASURER AT 22 Club Hill Drive, Garner, NC 27529 BEFORE DECEMBER 31st 2022

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2022 DEVIL DINNER

On Thursday evening August 11, 2022 at 1800hrs. the 504 P.I.R. Association held the Annual Devil Dinner at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Association Secretary, CSM (R) Klaus Meckenstock, was the Master of Ceremonies. Vice President Joe Steen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Douglas Stephenson conducted the Invocation. CSM (R) Meckenstock held the opening remarks as well as explained the Fallen Soldier Table. He then Toasted the United States of America. Devil Dinner Chairman Billy Smith Toasted the 82nd Airborne Division. Past Secretary CSM (R) Ron Rath Toasted the 504 P.I.R., Director Mike Walding Toasted the Fallen Comrades and CSM (R) Vincent Meyers Toasted the Ladies of the Regiment. Dinner was served as the 82nd Airborne Division Chorus performed a variety of songs. After Dinner, CSM (R) Vincent Meyers introduced our first Guest Speaker which was Taylor Fulford the current 2022 Miss Florida USA. Miss Fulford was not prepared to speak however she spoke of a paper that she had written when she was in the 8th Grade about of one her Great Uncles that was a highly decorated Airman in the Army Air Corps during World War II. When her speech was over, CSM (R) Meyers introduced the Current 1BCT Commander Colonel Teddy Kleisner. Colonel Kleisner spoke of the tremendous job that the 504 BCT had done recently on their deployment to Afghanistan. The Award for Trooper of the Year was presented to Carroll Sylvester a highly deserving Trooper! The 82nd

Airborne Division Chorus then sang the 82nd Airborne Song and Chaplain Stephenson held the Benediction. Afterward the Raffle was held and the Devil Dinner was dismissed.

We hope you all will come to Washington, DC in 2023 for the next 82nd Airborne Division Association Convention and will attend the 504 P.I.R. Association Devil Dinner.

Billy Smith

504 P.I.R. Association

Devil Dinner Chairman

504 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT
ASSOCIATION
2022 RAFFLE REPORT

Feb 1 the Raffle started,

There were 1,100 letters mailed.

I believe probably all of the Military members letters were returned unable to forward, or change of address. Not sure how we want to address this in the future, that's a lot of dollars in postage wasted.

There were the normal amount of address changes not reported.

As of Monday, 5/16/22, we have 6 deposits totaling \$6,494.00, with 118 members donating.

I feel the change going to the three tickets for \$10 a piece has proven successful.

I want to thank you all for your help with this Raffle. If you have neglected to send me your tickets and check, please do so soon.

Respectfully,

Dave Loveland, Raffle Chair.



THE ASSOCIATION 2022 DEVIL DINNER AT THE ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL IN ORLANDO, FL 11 AUGUST 2022. GUEST SPEAKER WAS COL TEDDY W. KLEISNER, THE CURRENT 1st BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM/504 PARACUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT COMMANDER.



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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 is tax deductible for any donations the Association receives. So far we have only received 457 DD214's/ORB's/EMRB's copies 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 respond to this request for your copy as soon as possible.

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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.

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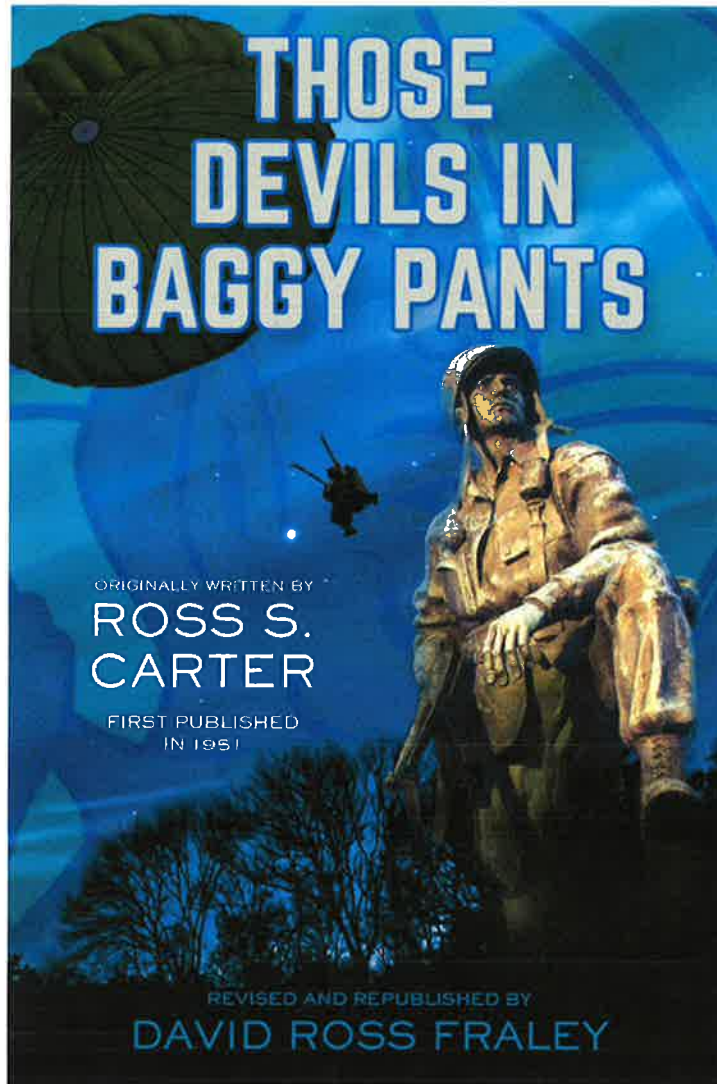


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THE 504 PIR ASSOCIATION DOES TAKE



The riddle of Gulf War illness

Researchers identify chemical weapon as root cause of once-inexplicable symptoms

By Matt Saintsing

The origins of Gulf War illness have eluded veterans and medical researchers for decades. But now, a new study seems to have cracked the case on how roughly 250,000 veterans were sickened during the 1991 Persian Gulf War: exposure to the chemical weapon sarin.

While combat lasted 43 days, the harmful health effects on some who served in the conflict have stretched for decades. Known as a cluster of once inexplicable symptoms, Gulf War illness—sometimes called Gulf War syndrome—can include muscle aches, joint pain, dizziness, memory lapses, headaches, fatigue and insomnia.

For more than 30 years, federal efforts have come up short in deciphering the root causes of these puzzling symptoms. To help solve the mystery, a team of researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School looked at the genes and surveys of those affected.

“Quite simply, our findings prove that Gulf War illness was caused by sarin, which was released when we bombed Iraqi chemical weapons storage and production facilities,” said Dr. Robert Haley, the study’s lead author and director of epidemiology in the internal medicine department at UT Southwestern.

“There are still more than 100,000 Gulf War veterans who are not getting help for this illness, and our hope is that these findings will accelerate the search for better treatment.”

The researchers included 1,016 veterans of the Persian Gulf War—about half of whom have Gulf War illness. They also tested for a pair of gene variants, one of which efficiently breaks down sarin and one that processes some pesticides but not sarin. Different combinations of these gene types can have varying impacts on developing Gulf War illness.

The study found that those with the least protective genotype, and who heard chemical alarms during the war, were nearly nine times more likely to develop symptoms.

Sarin was not only stored in Saddam Hussein’s Iraq but also used on the country’s citizens. In 1988, as the Iran–Iraq War was drawing to a close, Iraqi Kurds in Halabja, an Iraqi town about 9 miles from Iran, were targeted with a mixture of chemical weapons, one of which was sarin.

Armed with the knowledge of past use, American and coalition forces sought to eliminate the likelihood of sarin being deployed against them. However, little did they know it would result in American troops being unknowingly exposed to toxic substances once again.

“As is common with toxic exposures, we may not have immediate answers as to why groups of veterans develop certain symptoms or illnesses,” said National Commander Joe Parsetich. “But there is still a need to care for those who were made ill in service and to continue pressing for research that will help us better understand those connections.” ■



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