

82nd Airborne Division Association

# 1SG Leonard A. Funk Chapter

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

August 2009 Newsletter Editor - Vince Kimberland



Monthly Meeting-Wednesday,  
September 16, 2009 at The Royal Place  
2660 Library Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15234  
412-882-8000

Join us for dinner at around 5:30! Meeting at 6:30



## NO CHAPTER MEETING IN AUGUST!

### Tamburitzans to perform at September Chapter Meeting

The SEVDAH from Conway, PA will perform at the September Chapter meeting at 7:30 pm. Directed by Don Knezevich (25 year director) the group has performed throughout the USA, Canada and parts of Europe. Locally, in Pittsburgh they have played at Carnegie Hall, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, the Syria Mosque as well as many retirement centers, hospitals and musical Tamburitzan Festivals. The music is of Slavic persuasion. ***YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!***

**WHEN:** Wednesday September 16, 2009 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** The Royal Place

2660 Library Road (just .4 mile off of Rte 51)

Pittsburgh, PA 15234

**COST;** \$5.00 per person, children 12 & under FREE



### July Meeting Highlights...

The July chapter meeting was again very well attended. We had 29 members and 11 guests for a total of 40 people.

Chairman Tommy Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm. Tom Jensen then read the Airborne Prayer. Tommy T followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the traditional Toast.

We recognized new members Ray Mitchell, Ron Smith and his wife Patty and special guests Margaret Knable and Mary Depp who were on hand for the Widows and Survivors Dinner.

Vince Kimberland read the June minutes and Tom Riley moved to accept the minutes as read. Pete Rentzperes seconded and the vote to accept the June minutes was unanimous.

Tom Jensen read the Treasurer's report and Bill McCartney moved to accept the report with Joe Martindill putting forth a second. The vote to accept the report was unanimous.

We discussed the October 2nd Comedy Night to be held at the Royal Place.

June 27, 2010 is the date for the Chapter Picnic. The location is to be determined.

Gus Drake won the 50/50 drawing and donated his \$72 winnings back to the Chapter. All The Way, Gus!

Kirk discussed the Challenge Coins. He has come up with a great design.

Keep in mind that Association license plates are still available. See Kirk Fellabom for more info.

Additionally, if you have an email address and receive your newsletter by mail, please get the email to Vince or Kirk so we may email your newsletter. It saves the Chapter \$\$\$\$\$!

Tommy gave the Benediction and Frank Bedekovich made a motion to adjourn with Pete Rentzperes seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

## **Comedy Night to be held October 2 at the Royal Place.**

**The Comedy Night fundraiser we have been planning for several months has finally been approved, tickets have been printed and we're ready to go with ticket sales. The event will be held on Friday October 2, 2009 at the Royal Place and will feature Pittsburgh area comedy headliners, Chris Ciardi, Dan Long and a couple of others. Doors open at 7 pm with comedy at 8:00. The country rock band, Whiskey Outlaws will take the stage at 10:00. Tickets are \$15. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. This event is open to the public.**

### Phone Number for Association New Address and National HQ

The Association National HQ continues to get mail and phone calls on the old phone lines and PO Box. Keep in mind, if you must contact the National HQ here is the new address and phone number:

**82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc**

**PO Box 87482**

**Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482**

**(910) 223-1182**

**July Treasurer's Report  
Tom Jensen**



BEGINNING BALANCE- \$4,699.03  
FLOWER FUND-\$178  
DUES-\$60  
DONATIONS- \$80  
SALES-\$133  
50/50-\$126  
TOTAL INCOME-\$999  
DISBURSEMENTS-\$1,260.83  
ENDING BALANCE-\$4,437.20

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**Chapter Calendar**

**No Chapter Meeting in August**  
Association Convention- August 19-22  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Chapter Meeting- Wed., September 16,  
2009, 6:30 pm Tamburitzans at 7:30 pm  
Comedy Night-October 2, 2009  
The Royal Place  
Chapter Meeting-Wed., Sept. 16 2009

**1SG Leonard A. Funk Boosters**

Tommy & Susanne Thompson, Kirk Fellabom, Vince & Ginny Kimberland, Tom & Margaret Jensen, Thom Jones, Mike & Arlene Troster, Monte & Desiree Griffith, Cindy Fellabom, Walter Archibald, James & Rebecca Yacone, Tom Lysiak, Glenn & Phyllis Ribblett, Diane DePalma, John L. Price, Leonard Gorzynski, Dave & Kathy Park, Ross Trovato, Joe & Marty Martindill, Mel & Marje Kessler, Mel Fisher, John Stockman, Robert W. Eakin

82nd Airborne Division Association PA License Plates continue to be available to Association members and Auxiliary members. Contact Kirk Fellabom if you would like to have one.

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**82nd Airborne Division Association Membership Application**

New members must fill out completely

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RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ REINSTATEMENT \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ TRANSFER TO ISG LEONARD A. FUNK CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature required to transfer \_\_\_\_\_)

ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 DUES FOR THE YEAR INCLUDING PARAGLIDE SUBSCRIPTION.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 FOR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IF OVER 50 YEARS OF AGE.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$150.00 FOR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IF UNDER 50 YEARS OF AGE.

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PROOF OF AIRBORNE SERVICE OR TIME IN THE 82ND IS NECESSARY. (DD-214 IS PREFERRED)

RECOMMENDING MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SIGN BELOW TO HAVE YOUR INFORMATION INCLUDED IN OUR CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

I AGREE TO HAVE THE ABOVE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN OUR CHAPTER DIRECTORY \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_



Vice Chairman Kirk Fellabom has accumulated quite an assortment of Airborne apparel, hats jackets, license plates, magnets, bumper stickers, window decals and many other items. They are on display for sale at every Chapter meeting. Prices are very reasonable. Kirk is constantly updating the inventory with many new items. You may want to check out the many automobile decals or maybe you need a new hat...whatever the case may be. It's all here!

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**- Vince**



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