

82nd Airborne Division Association

1SG Leonard A. Funk Chapter

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

May 2009 Newsletter Editor - Vince Kimberland



Monthly Meeting-Wednesday,
May 20, 2009 at The Royal Place
2660 Library Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15234
412-882-8000

Join us for dinner at around 5:30! IT'S A BLAST!



May meeting very important...

Normally, this space is reserved for Chairman Tommy Thompson but I requested this space to talk about bidding on the 2012 Association convention, which we would like to see held here in Pittsburgh. At this meeting we want to discuss the feasibility of holding the Convention here. The Convention is held each year on the second (2nd) Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the month of August. Our Convention would be held on August 9, 10, and 11, 2012.

We need to vote on a Convention Chairman who will be responsible for the overall planning of the event. Additionally, and more importantly, we need to find out who will be willing to help out with the many tasks involved with the planning and execution of the Convention.

There will be several committees formed once we get a heads-up on how many members are willing to put forth the effort to see this task to fruition. The committees needed will be Registration, Refreshment, Transportation, Hospitality Suites, Tours, Entertainment, Coordination, and Rooms. Since planning the Convention is a long and arduous task, we will begin planning soon after the May meeting.

Convention bids have to be in on April 30th two years prior to the Convention. In other words, our bid for the 2112 Convention must be in to National HQ by April 30, 2010. I have been in contact with Brenda Hill of View Pittsburgh who coordinates all of the Conventions that come into the city. She assures me we can pull this off.

What we as a Chapter need is for everyone possible to be involved. The Chapter Auxiliary will also be heavily involved as they will be responsible for several tasks including planning an event for the ladies while several meetings for members are being held. This trip could be a shopping trip, tour or whatever is decided upon.

We are requesting your help in bringing this Convention to Pittsburgh. It is a chance to show off the city, and more importantly, show the entire Association that the 1SG Leonard A. Funk Chapter is a class act and can rise to any challenge. We will pass a sign up sheet around the tables at the meeting. If you are willing to help with this...sign the sheet. AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!

- Vince Kimberland

We can do this!

We have the ability and the determination!

April Meeting Highlights

The April Chapter meeting was once again well attended. We had 22 members and 12 guests in attendance at The Royal Place. Tommy Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm and Vince Kimberland read the Airborne Prayer. Tommy then lead the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance and the toast to paratroopers and glider men everywhere. Tommy announced the passing of two members and one non-member. Vince read the minutes from the March meeting and they were motioned for acceptance by Pete Rentzperes and a second was put forth by Dave Park. The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote of those present. Tommy read a letter about Veterans sprinkling dirt taken off of battle fields from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq onto the new parade field and the National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Tom Jensen read the Treasurer's report (see report on next page). Vice Chairman Kirk Fellabom moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Mike Grubesky seconded and the report was accepted by a unanimous vote. Under old business we discussed the Chapter directory, Association license plates, the newsletter via email, care packages for SFC Solomon Taylor, the Widow and Survivors Recognition night at the July meeting, the Chapter picnic, and the choosing of Chapter delegates for the annual Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Delegates are Vince Kimberland-Chief Delegate and Mel Kessler. Under new business we discussed repairing or dressing up 1SG Funk's memorial in Braddock hills Borough and doing a re-dedication of the Memorial. Talked about our participation in the annual Mercer Memorial Day Parade. Kirk Fellabom gave a presentation on the production of Chapter challenge coins and selling them as a means to raise funds for the Chapter. It was announced that 204 Association license plates are in use in Pennsylvania. We passed a hat for the Chapter Flower Fund and collected \$149. Kirk made a motion to donate \$50 of it to the Association Educational Fund. Vince seconded the motion and the members present voted unanimously in favor. Tommy gave the Benediction and Pete Rentzperes moved to adjourn. Mike Grubesky seconded the motion and we adjourned at 8:40 pm.



C-141 Starlifters drop their troops over Normandy Drop Zone at Ft. Bragg. All of us experienced Mass Tacs...some of us just used different aircraft to do it!

March Treasurer's Report Tom Jensen



BEGINNING BALANCE-\$4,134.67

DUES-\$130

DONATIONS-\$221

50/50-\$53

TOTAL INCOME w/Sales-\$876

DISBURSEMENTS-\$817 *

ENDING BALANCE-\$4,193.67

* Print March newsletter-\$75.11: Dues to National-\$120: License plate sales-\$40: Ed. Fund (Bob fields)-\$162: Postage (1,000 stamps)-\$420

Chapter Directors And Officers

CHAIRMAN- Tommy Thompson
82paratrooper@comcast.net
1605 Amity Ridge Rd.
Washington, PA 15301
724-206-0290

VICE CHAIRMAN-Kirk Fellabom
CaptKirkPa@aol.com
356 Hellen School Rd.
Acme, PA 15610
412-445-2601

CHAPTER AUXILIARY CHAIRPERSON-
Marje Kessler
SHELBY82ndG@aol.com

SECRETARY- Vince Kimberland
vnckimberland0@gmail.com
1610 Glenn St
McDonald, PA 15057
724-926-2670

TREASURER- Tom Jensen
mtmpitt@verizon.net
3335 Altherton Dr.
Bethel Park, PA 15102
412-851-1229

PUBLIC RELATIONS- Thom Jones
tjones@thomjones.com
958 Pine Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15234
412-885-6488

SERGEANT AT ARMS- Gus Drake

DEPUTY SERGEANT AT ARMS- Jim Aker

TRUSTEE- Mel Kessler
SHELBY82ndG@aol.com

TRUSTEE- Cal Cunningham

TRUSTEE- Tom Riley
TRiley5054@aol.com

Chapter Calendar

Chapter Meeting - Wed., May 20, 2009

Chapter Meeting-Wed., June 17, 2009

Chapter Picnic-Sunday, June 28, 2009

West Mifflin Park 1pm

Chapter Meeting-Wed., July 15, 2009

Chapter Meeting-Wed., August 19, 2009

Association Convention- August 19-22

Indianapolis, Indiana

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

The Senator Jane C. Orié 13th Annual Memorial Tribute To Veterans And Service People

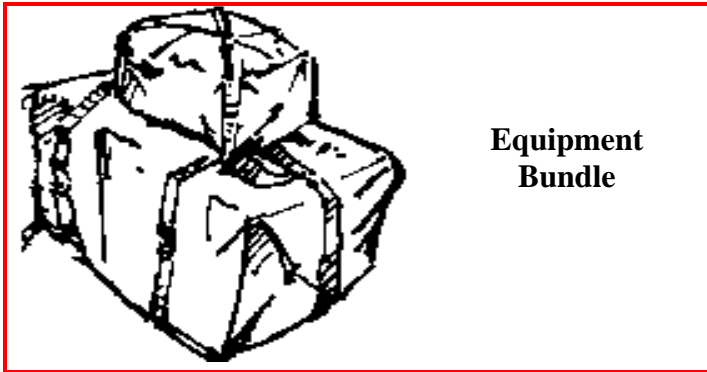
The Chapter made a great showing at the “Tribute to Veterans” breakfast sponsored for the 13th time by State Senator Jane Clare Orié at the Pittsburgh Marriot North on Friday, May 1. The event drew over 600 people and the Chapter had 22 members on hand for the festivities. We were the only Vets group there that flew our colors as Mel Kessler brought along with him a Division flag. In the photo below on the right is one of our two tables with the 82nd Airborne Division flag on the wall for everyone to see. The photo on the left shows Pete Rentzeperes and Kirk Fellabom with Senator Orié just after they presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation. Guest speakers for the event were former CIA Director, General Michael V. Hayden, retired CW4 Mike Novosel who flew dust offs in Vietnam, and retired Army SSG Christopher R. Bain who was severely wounded in Iraq and spent three years recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Senator Orié thanked all the veterans for their service and how all veterans were heroes in their own right. Any Veteran in attendance had to feel extremely proud as they were thanked by each of the speakers who, themselves, faced many obstacles worse than many of us. What a great event.



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. This stuff is top quality. No junk here! All the proceeds and profits from the Quartermaster Sales tables revert back to the Chapter.

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.

412-445-2601
 or
 PA Plate 82 @aol.com



Equipment Bundle



82nd Airborne Division Association Membership Application

New members must fill out completely

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

RENEWAL _____ REINSTATEMENT _____ NEW MEMBER _____ TRANSFER TO 1SG 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.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

ASN/SSN _____ AIRBORNE SERVICE DATES _____ TO _____

AIRBORNE UNIT (S) (be specific) _____

PRESENT OCCUPATION _____ SINGLE _____ MARRIED _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____ NO. OF CHILDREN _____

CHAPTER: 1SG LEONARD A. FUNK, PITTSBURGH, PA

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION. MAIL TO: TOM JENSEN
 3335 ALTHERTON DR
 BETHEL PARK, PA 15102
 412-851-1229

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 _____



**This photo of 1SG Leonard A. Funk's Memorial located in Braddock Hills Borough was sent to us from Glenn Ribblett. Glenn is always standing by to help the Chapter in any way he can. Your work is greatly appreciated, Glenn. Thank you!
AATW!**



Bike Trip?

Anyone in the chapter interested in a motorcycle trip please contact Vince Kimberland at 724-926-2670. If we get enough interest in a ride we will go ahead and plan one for the summer. If that goes over well, we could plan more events on our bikes. Let us know as soon as possible so we can begin planning.



Moving?
Don't forget to let us know!
Please print clearly and mail to:

Vince Kimberland
1610 Glenn St.
McDonald, Pa.
15057



Name _____

Old address _____

New address _____

Telephone # _____

E-mail address _____

Always remember:
Once a Paratrooper, Always a Paratrooper
We are all Brothers in the Silk
And we always will be!

The following businesses are gracious enough to place ads in our online newsletter. Please take time to patronize their establishments. All are worthy of our business.

- Vince




ROYAL PLACE
 Restaurant • Lounge • Banquet
 2660 Library Road (Rt. 88)
 Pittsburgh, PA 15234

LEE YOVANOF (412) 882-8000

Bank of America
 Home Loans

Gail Patterson
 Mortgage Loan Officer

VM: 412.854.5626 x 221 888.847.1675 x 221 Cell: 412.860.5311
<http://mortgage.bankofamerica.com/gailpatterson>
gail.patterson@bankofamerica.com
 BANK OF AMERICA HOME LOANS
 1742 Washington Road, Pittsburgh PA 15241
 Equal Housing Lender



ROBINSON TOWNSHIP CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
 77 PHILLIPS LANE • ROBINSON TWP., PA 15136

Barbara Thompson Web: rtcsonline.org
 412-787-5919 E-mail: barbthompsonrtc@yahoo.com

The Personal Advisors of
Ameriprise
 Financial

Michael W. Figurelli, CFP®
 Senior Financial Advisor
 CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner

Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
 Suite 430
 Corp One, Building One
 4055 Monroeville Boulevard
 Monroeville, PA 15146
 Bus: 412.374.9515
 Fax: 412.374.9584
michael.w.figurelli@ampf.com

An Ameriprise Platinum
 Financial Services™ practice
 An Ameriprise associated franchise

Design Image Salon

Hair • Nails • Massage

Pinebridge Commons
 1580 McLaughlin Run Rd.
 Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

Dannielle Pikras
 (412) 257-4001

Stocking Distr. For
 Champion, Campbell-
 Hausfeld & Airboy
 Compressors
 Excell Refrig. Dryers

Distrib. Floor
 Plan Leasing

STANDARD TOOL & EQUIP. DISTRIBUTORS
"AIR COMPRESSORS"
SALES & SERVICE
 158 Firwood Dr.
 Bridgeville, PA 15017

Pgh. Office - 412-257-0544
 Regional Rep.
 John M. Stone

MARY KAY®

Ginny Granke-Kimberland
 Independent Sr. Sales Director

1610 Glenn Street
 McDonald, PA 15057
 724-926-2670
 412-427-9013 (Cell)
www.marykay.com/ggranke-kimberla