



# 1SG Leonard A. Funk Chapter



## Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

January February, 2011

Tom Thompson – Chairman

Kirk Fellabom – Editor (temp)

[LAF82nd News@aol.com](mailto:LAF82nd News@aol.com)

## Good Groundhog, Good Boy

He says that spring is just around the corner. Works for me!  
Probably works for our 2011 Chapter Officers listed below:

Chairman	í í í í í ..	Tom Thompson
Vice Chairman	í í í	Kirk Fellabom
Secretary	í í í í í ..	Lenny Gorzynski
Treasurer	í í í í í ..	Tom Jensen
Public Relations	í í í	Dave Park
Recruiting/Retention Officer		Monte Griffith
Auxiliary Chair	í í í	Marge Kessler
Sgt. at Arms	í í í í	Gus Drake
Deputy Sgt at Arms	í ..	Bill McCartney
Trustees:	í í í í í í ..	Mel Kessler
		Tom Riley
		Monte Griffith

We are looking forward to another great year in 2011. Get involved. Attend some meetings. Have fun.

This newsletter is kinda short due in part to the fact that we needed to get it out before next week's meeting. Also there is not much going on in the Chapter.

I'm looking forward to 90 degree weather in June for our Chapter Picnic. We'll have a good time and no one will be complaining about the cold and snow.

I'm also looking forward to seeing YOU at the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. It's always good to be there!



**CHAPTER MEETING:**  
**February 16, 2011 at 7:00pm**  
 Come early for dinner  
 at the  
**ROYAL PLACE**  
**2660 Library Road**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15234**  
**412-882-8000**  
 (Always the third Wednesday)

**CHAPTER PICNIC**  
**June 5, 2011**  
**West Mifflin Park**  
**Keep the date open –**  
**Always a good time!**

Treasurer's Report:  
As of December, 2010

Beginning balance:	\$7408.38
Dues	160.00
Donations	235.00
Sales	92.50
50/50	<u>110.00</u>
Total Income	\$1197.50
Disbursements:	\$1495.86
Ending Balance:	<u>\$7110.02</u>
This includes:	
Flower fund	\$269.14
War chest	123.00
Wounded Warrior	903.17
Corvette Warrior	220.00
Tom Jensen, Treasurer	

Very sad news í  
**Mike Milko** 89 years old, passed away on January 5, 2011. Mike was a WWII Veteran serving with HHC 3/504, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and was a Charter Member of this Association.  
He is missed by his family and friends. Rest in peace, Mike.  
Airborne -till the end!

### NEW MEMBER

I am pleased to welcome JUDE DRESSLER into the Association and to our Chapter. Jude joined as a result of our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne PA License Plate. Jude served in HHC 2/325 from 1981 to 1984 and he now has one of the latest Association Pa Plates.

### ALL AMERICAN MEMBERS

We are proud to have the following men upgrade to AAM.

Thomas E. Miller  
Michael Ritsick

The following members have renewed for 2011:

Morgan Lavelle  
Ed Moore  
Richard Methner  
Paul Homick

Thanks to all of the above troopers for their support and faith in our Chapter.

There was no real business conducted at this event except for the swearing in of the 2011 officers and the presentation of the Trooper of the Year Award to Vince Kimberland.

Below are some pictures from the 2010 Christmas party. Marge Kessler and her staff did another wonderful job putting this Party together. Thanks to you all from us all.



**Directors:**

**Tom Thompson – Chairman**  
[82paratrooper@comcast.net](mailto:82paratrooper@comcast.net)  
 1605 Amity Ridge Road  
 Washington, PA 15301  
 724-206-0290

**Kirk Fellabom - Vice Chairman**  
[CaptKirkPA@aol.com](mailto:CaptKirkPA@aol.com)  
 356 Hellen School Road  
 Acme, PA 15610  
 412-445-2601

**Lenny Gorzynski - Secretary**  
[LGrr@aol.com](mailto:LGrr@aol.com)  
 12589 Deborah Drive  
 N. Huntingdon, PA 15642  
 724.863.1150

**Tom Jensen – Treasurer**  
[mtmpitt@verizon.net](mailto:mtmpitt@verizon.net)  
 3335 Altherton Drive  
 Bethel Park, PA 15102  
 412-851-1229

**Public Relations:**  
**Dave Park**  
 412-885-3977

**Officers:**

**Gus Drake - SGT at Arms**  
**Bill McCartney – Deputy SGT at Arms**  
**Mel Kessler – Trustee**  
[SHELBY82ndG@aol.com](mailto:SHELBY82ndG@aol.com)  
**Tom Riley ó Trustee**  
[TRiley5054@aol.com](mailto:TRiley5054@aol.com)  
**Monte Griffith - Trustee**  
[Cag248@Comcast.net](mailto:Cag248@Comcast.net)  
**Chapter Auxiliary**  
**Marge Kessler**  
 412.279.7221

**CHAPTER INFORMATION**

**REMEMBER YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHAPTER SAVE MONEY BY OPTING TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL. And it will come in COLOR! Send a note to [LAF82ndNEWS@aol.com](mailto:LAF82ndNEWS@aol.com) and we'll set it up that way. Thanks to all who have done so.**

**CHAPTER BOOSTERS:**

The members of our Chapter thank the people listed here for contributing to the financial well being of the chapter. We could not make this work without **ALL** of you. **AIRBORNE!**

**Tommy & Susanne Thompson**  
**Kirk Fellabom**  
**Lenny & Ann Gorzynski**  
**Tom & Margaret Jensen**

You will notice that our **BOOSTER LIST** is all new as this is a new year. Many thanks to all who have contributed in the past years. We hope that you will consider doing it again this year. Send your checks to Tom Jensen and mark “BOOSTER” on it. We'll get your name right back here where it belongs. Thank you in advance.

It's time to renew your Chapter Membership. Use the Membership Application in this issue and send your check to Tom Jensen.

If you are not an All American Member there is no time like the present to become one.

You will receive a very nice certificate from the Association National Headquarters.

You will be recognized in this newsletter. And you don't ever need to pay yearly dues.

Please do it today!

**82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association PA License Plates ó** If you want one contact Kirk Fellabom @ [PAPlate82@aol.com](mailto:PAPlate82@aol.com) or 412-445-2601 and we'll fix you up. Remember any regular member current with their dues and Chapter Auxiliary members may purchase these plates. Applications are also available at the Chapter meetings.



# 82<sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE

**82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division America's Guard of Honor**

Africa Sicily France The Netherlands Belgium Germany Dominican Republic  
 Vietnam Granada Panama Persian Gulf Afghanistan Iraq

**TROOPER of the YEAR ...**

At the Christmas party Mel Kessler, 2009 winner, introduced Vince Kimberland as the 2010 winner of Chairman Tom Thompson's TROOPER of the YEAR AWARD.

Vince worked tirelessly trying to and succeeding in getting the 2012 National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh and hosted by our Chapter. We all thank Vince for his efforts. He is looking for people to help at the event. GREAT JOB, VINCE!

If you would like to get involved with the Convention please call Vince at: 724.926.2670



**82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Membership Application**



New members must fill out completely  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



Renewal \_\_\_ Reinstatement \_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Transfer to 1SG Leonard A. Funk Chapter \_\_\_  
**ALL AIRBORNE** (Signature required to transfer \_\_\_\_\_)

Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20.00 dues for the year \_\_\_\_\_ including PARAGLIDE Subscription.  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 for Lifetime Membership if over 50 years of age. DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$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: 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association. Mail to : Tom Jensen

**JOIN THE AIRBORNE, AGAIN!**  
**(It's a hell of a lot easier this time)**

**3335 Altherton Drive  
Bethel Park, PA 15102  
412-851-1229**

Proof of Airborne service or time with the 82<sup>nd</sup> is necessary. (DD-214 preferred) Recommending Member \_\_\_\_\_

**Use this application to sign new members, become a LIFETIME MEMBER, or REINSTATE YOUR OWN MEMBERSHIP by paying for this year. Do it today! We need you back!**

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.

Embroidery • Screen Printing • Promotional Items



**CUTTING EDGE EMBROIDERY**



Vehicle Wraps

Gina Fazenbaker

5386 Steubenville Pike, 1st fl.  
McKees Rocks (Robinson), PA 15136  
(P) 412-787-0906 (F) 412-787-0917  
E-mail: Gina@cuttingedgeembroidery.com  
Web: www.cuttingedgeembroidery.com



15 minutes from Downtown and the Airport (Robinson)

At First Commonwealth, we build lasting relationships by offering you the financial services you need.

Carrie Brewer-Office Manager  
The Pointe Office  
250 Summit Park Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA  
412.490.0221

fcbanking.com  
800.711.BANK



FCB Member FDIC. Equal Opportunity Lender.

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



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

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



STATE FARM  
INSURANCE COMPANIES

HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

TAD PATERRA  
Agent

984 Greentree Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15220  
Fax: (412) 922-1318

Bus.: (412) 922-2622  
Res.: (724) 746-3738



**ROYAL PLACE**  
Restaurant • Lounge • Banquet

2660 Library Road (Rt. 88)  
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

LEE YOVANOF

(412) 882-8000

**the computerstop** LLC

repairs • upgrades • sales

Co-owners:

Adel Nero  
Sales and Customer Service

Ryan McAuley  
Technical Support



Mobile/Office  
412.616.8134

Now proudly serving all thecomputerstop.afn@gmail.com  
of the South Hills

