



National Capital Area Chapter

The 101st Airborne Division Association

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NEWSLETTER – MAY – JULY, 2020

PRISIDENT’S LETTER:

Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

It is now mid-July, Memorial Day has come and gone and the country remains in the grip of the Covid-19 pandemic. Staying clear of the virus has become a full time job for all of us. Virtually all public gathers are suspended and regrettably, the National 101st Airborne Division Association been forced to cancel this year’s reunion for the first time since 1946. The Association advised that with an understanding of the situation and our association membership largely in the age group most impacted by the CV-19 virus, the decision was made to not potentially expose anyone by traveling or gathering under the circumstances.

The Executive Secretary of the National Association, Randall Underhill, provided the following details: It was a decision that was both difficult and sad, but ultimately the right decision given the circumstances. Our Board of Governors will still meet by Zoom as scheduled at 9 am CDT on the 14th of August. Instructions for the meeting and board books will be sent to the Board of Governors and Committee Chairs in the coming weeks. Since we have no annual meeting this year, elections for Governors will be postponed until the Annual Reunion in Tucson, AZ in 2021. Until then, elected Governors will remain in position until such time that we may hold elections in keeping with our By-Laws.

The Amway Grand Plaza Hotel will start to cancel reservations for those who may have already made them. We will also contact those who have already registered for the reunion to discuss making refunds in light of the cancellation. We will still hold the Association’s raffle here at the HQs at Fort Campbell on Facebook live so please continue to support the Association by taking part in the raffle. You never know, you could be the next winner. We are very thankful for everyone’s patience and understanding over the past few months as we have tried to give every opportunity for our “Gathering of Eagles” to occur. It’s impossible to predict what the remainder of 2020 will bring. We all hope that these struggles will end soon.

Next year our 2021 Reunion is scheduled to be held in Tucson, AZ at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort from 18 to the 21st of August, 2021. We will also be rescheduling with the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids for the 2022 reunion to be held from August 17 to the 20th. We sincerely hope that in the future you are able to join your fellow Screaming Eagles. In the next few months, it will become more clear what we can expect for the 2021 Snowbird Reunion this coming February. Right now, it is still scheduled to be held. I (Randall Underhill) will not make predictions as to what occurs between then and now because I would likely miss the mark either way. Please continue to stay in touch with us through the Screaming Eagle Magazine in either digital or the printed version, checking our website at <https://screamingeagle.org/> or the new E-Letter we are also emailing out to every member. You may also follow the Association on Facebook @101stabndivassn to stay abreast of what is happening in the Association, the Division and Fort Campbell. Until our next communication, please look out for yourselves, your families, friends and neighbors.

So there we have the latest news from National. Veterans Day and possible Chapter meetings remain very much in flux. It is most unlikely we will have a hospitality room and our

ability to lay wreaths will be very much determined by the situation facing the National Park Service in November.

There is not much other news in the Chapter. John Fatherree is ill with pneumonia and we wish him all the best. I wish everyone good health as we move through the pandemic. Be sure to get your flu shot when they become available. I fear that we are in for a rough ride into the Fall and Winter.

Regards to all,
George S. Malleck
Chapter President

TAKEN FROM THE SCREAMING EAGLES MAGAZINE:

Screaming Eagles,

The Association has held an annual reunion each year since the first year after the war in 1946. This year's 2020 Reunion in Grand Rapids, MI was to have been our 75th Annual Reunion. Sadly, we were forced to make the final decision today that the reunion had to be cancelled this year. Unfortunately, COVID 19 continues to have a grip on a lot of the country and that means many states, like Michigan, have significant restrictions on gatherings and new guidance and policies on social distancing to try to reduce the spread of the sometimes deadly virus. With an understanding of the situation and our association membership largely in the age group most impacted by the CV-19 virus, the decision was made to not potentially expose anyone by traveling or gathering under the circumstances. It was a decision that was both difficult and sad, but ultimately the right decision given the circumstances. Our Board of Governors will still meet by Zoom as scheduled at 9 am CDT on the 14th of August. Instructions for the meeting and board books will be sent to the Board of Governors and Committee Chairs in the coming weeks. Since we have no annual meeting this year, elections for Governors will be postponed until the Annual Reunion in Tucson, AZ in 2021. Until then, elected Governors will remain in position until such time that we may hold elections in keeping with our By-Laws.

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Best Regards,

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STAY SAFE AND HOPE WE ARE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER FOR VETERAN'S DAY!

