



Veterans Day 2020

The National Capital Area Chapter will have a social distance **wreath laying** at the 101st Memorial at **3 p.m. Wednesday November 11.**

The 82nd Airborne Division has a hospitality suite at the Sheraton Pentagon City from November 9 – 11th. They will welcome anyone from the 101st that want to attend. They have a large suite on the main floor of the hotel so social distance can occur.

Memorial Day 2018 The National Capital Chapter conducted the Association's Washington, DC Memorial Day observances from Friday, May 25 through May 28. The Deputy Commanding General, Support and Acting Division Commander Brigadier General K. Todd Royar, Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Wead and a Division Honor Guard joined in the ceremonies. Observances began on Friday, May 25 when Chapter President George Malleck and Association Legal Advisor Emeritus John Fatherree laid the Association's wreath at a moving ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. On Saturday, May 26 the day began with a bus tour of the World War Two Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial Wall where wreaths were laid on behalf of the Association. George Malleck made remarks at the World War Two Memorial, Former Association President Dick Schonberger spoke at the Korean War Memorial and Chapter Vice President, Treasurer and Memorial and Veteran Day Coordinator Bob Ponzo spoke at the Vietnam Memorial Wall. At 3:00 PM, the annual remembrance ceremony was held at the 101st Airborne Memorial on Memorial Drive in Arlington National Cemetery. Brigadier General Royar gave the Memorial address. A wreath lay ceremony followed and Taps was played by a trumpeter from the Army Band. The Memorial Dinner followed at 5:00 PM at the Sheraton, Pentagon City, also the site of the Association hospitality suite. Brigadier General Royar gave a comprehensive briefing on the Division's activities and plans. Monday, May 28 was reserved for attendance at the National Memorial Day parade. It was great getting together with both old and new friends. Look forward to getting together again on Veterans Day

National Capital Area Chapter
The 101st Airborne Division Association



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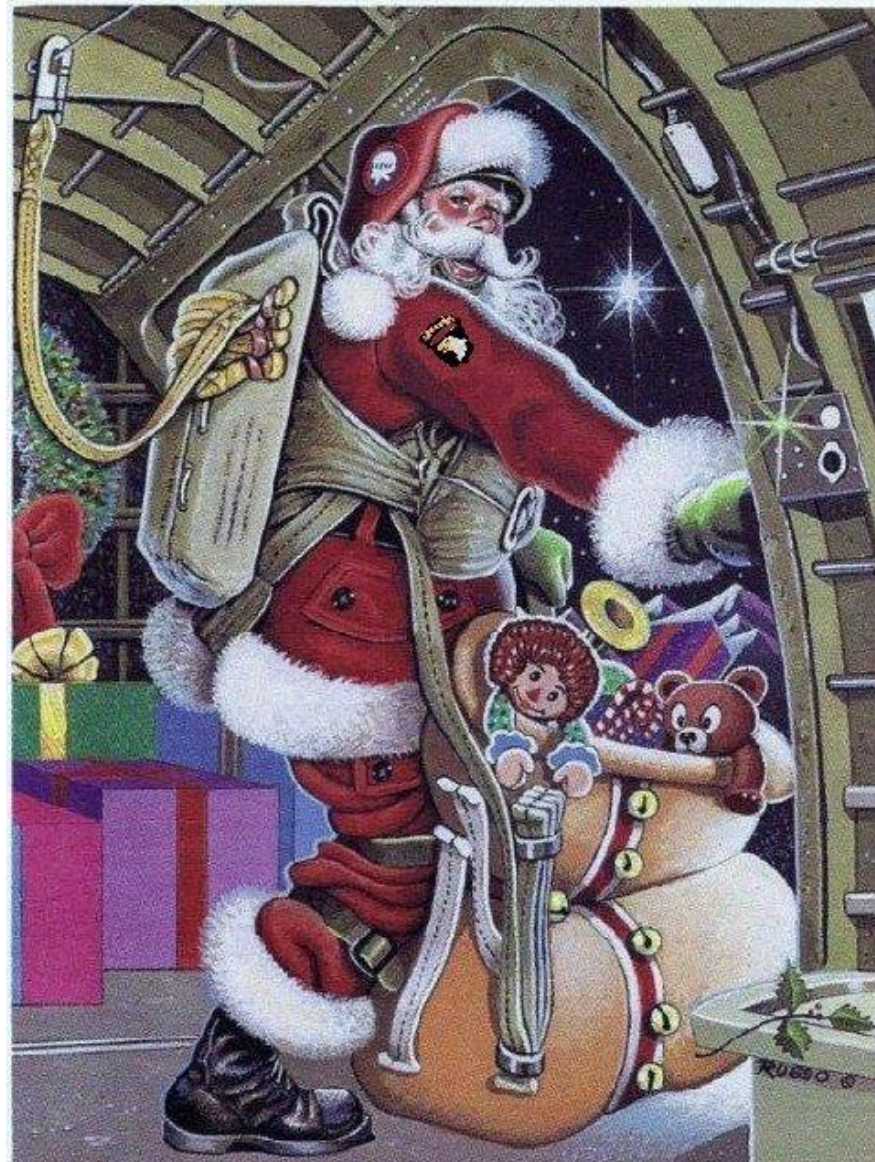
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HAPPY AND HEALTHY ONE FOR ALL."*

**The National Capital Area Chapter
Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25, 2020
Schedule of Events**

You are cordially invited to join the National Capital Area Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association in commemorating our fallen comrades on Memorial Day weekend.

Friday, May 22, 2020

3:00 PM – Hospitality Suite at the Sheraton Hotel will be open.

4:15 PM – Division Association wreath will be laid at the Tomb of the Unknowns

Saturday, May 23, 2020

9:30 AM – Bus leaves the hotel for the National Mall. Association wreaths will be laid at the WWII Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam Wall. Hospitality Suite will open upon return to the hotel.

3:00 PM – Memorial Ceremony, including laying of wreaths* at the 101st Airborne Division Memorial.

5:00 PM – Dinner served at the hotel. Hospitality Suite will re-open after the dinner.

Sunday, May 24, 2020

This will be a free day for visitors to partake in any of the many events taking place in the Metropolitan area.

11:00 AM – Hospitality Suite will open and remain open until 12 midnight (or later).

The National Memorial Day Concert is held on the lawn of the Capitol at 8 PM.

Monday, May 25, 2020

1 PM – Memorial Day Service at Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

We will again be participating in the Memorial Day Parade. Information concerning where the assembly point will be and whether we will be joining the Car Club will be forthcoming. Parade start time and assembly area reporting time are still to be determined. Directions and instructions for how to reach the assembly area will be provided via Chapter Webpage, Facebook and Newsletter and will be available in the Hospitality Suite. Parade organizers in golf carts will have maps with organization's locations. The parade will travel down Constitution Avenue and end at 17th Street.

*The price remains at **\$90.00 per wreath**. Anyone interested in purchasing a wreath to be placed at the 101st Division Memorial should **contact Bob Ponzo at 540-659-7212 or email him at oznopsf@gmail.com**.

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**National Capital Area Chapter
Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25, 2020
Registration Form**

Name _____ Spouse _____ or Guest _____

Unit _____ WWII _____ VN _____ DS _____ OE/IF _____ FC _____

I/we plan on Participating in the following events:

_____ 22 May - 4:15 PM Wreath Ceremony, Tomb of the Unknowns: # _____

_____ 23 May - 9:30 AM Bus and War Memorials Ceremonies: # _____

Note: Bus originates and returns to the Sheraton hotel, \$5.00 per person.

_____ 23 May - 3:00 PM 101st Memorial ceremony and dinner: # _____

Note: Dinner is pay as you go.

_____ 25 May - 2PM National Memorial Day Parade (only current and ex-military)

_____ I am able to march if required.

_____ I will need to ride.

_____ I would like to ride if available.

Mail registration forms to Bob Ponzo, National Capital Area Chapter, 93 Sentinel Ridge Lane, Stafford, VA 22554. Registration forms should be received no later than 20 May, 2018

NOTE: There is a block of rooms available at \$129. per day in the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel beginning Thursday 21 May. For reservations against this block of rooms, contact Diane Husereau at 301-528-3165 or dhusereau@aol.com. The special discounted rate will be available on a first come basis, so please contact Diane as soon as possible.

2020 Memorial Day Wreath Ordering Form

Name /Organization of person ordering the wreath(s):

Person(s) placing the wreath (if known):

Inscription and color preference for ribbons adorning wreath(s):

Cost is \$90.00 per wreath. Please place orders with Bob Ponzo. 93 Sentinel Ridge Lane, Stafford, VA 22554. Telephone: 540-659-7212 or email at oznopsf@gmail.com.

Orders for wreaths must be received not later than May 18, 2018

VETERANS DAY 2019:

The National Capital Area Chapter again hosted **Veterans Day activities**, 9 – 11 November, at the **Vietnam Memorial Wall** and the **101st Airborne Division Monument** at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. We began with a **Hospitality Suite** on the afternoon and evening of the 10th which was attended by **veteran Screaming Eagles** and their guests, as well as members of **two local area chapters of the 82nd Airborne Division Association** who had their hospitality suite in the same hotel (more on that later). On the 11th our **Chapter wreath** was placed at the Vietnam Memorial (The Wall) by **Chapter President George Malleck, Gulf Coast Chapter President George W. Buck** and **NCAC member Mike Trochan** as part of the National Ceremony honoring the more than **58,000 casualties** listed on that Memorial. Following that ceremony the Chapter conducted a wreath laying at the 101st Airborne Division Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. **Thirteen wreaths** were placed honoring the following units and individuals: The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); the National Association; **MSGT Elvin W. Anderson**; 327th/401st Infantry; Task Force 3/506th Airborne Infantry, **Geraci Chapter**; **COL Leonard C. Krawczyk**; **CPL Peter Pulaski, Jr.**, 42nd Inf Plt – Scout Dog; **Dennis L. Husereau** 2/502d Infantry; **MAJ Ivan Worrell**, 1st Brigade Separate; **LTC Charles K. Gailey**, Past Chapter President; Chapter member **COL Arthur P. Deverill**; 2nd Bn 502nd Infantry; and **PFC Joe E. Mann** H Co 502nd PIR WWII, Medal of Honor.

The Chapter is again engaged in preparations for the 2020 Memorial Day Weekend in Washington, D.C. A schedule of events, registration form and wreath ordering form are located in another section of this magazine. It appears that the **AMVETS organization** will be sponsoring **three day motorcycle-themed demonstration rally** in Washington, D.C. this coming Memorial Day weekend to **replace** the annual **Rolling Thunder** celebration which drew countless thousands of participants to the nation's capital. The new event, titled "**the Rolling to Remember Demonstration Run,**" will be conducted from **May 22nd to 24th** and will retain the old Event's focus on public awareness of troops still missing in action from overseas conflicts. Right now we are **unable to determine** if this will have the same **impact** on our Chapter's activities as **Rolling Thunder** did in past years. As yet there is **no information** concerning possible **street closings** and what dates those streets might be closed by Arlington County authorities. In view of the potential impact to our activities we have decided to keep the **full Saturday schedule** for both of our wreath laying ceremonies and the Memorial Dinner with **Sunday** again being a **free day**.

We mentioned earlier that two local chapters of the **82nd Airborne Division Association** had a **Hospitality suite** in our same hotel for Veterans Day. The **Washington D.C. Chapter** were the **sponsors** this past August for the **82nd National Association** which held their annual reunion in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area **attended** by close to **500 personnel**. That **reunion** was based out of the **Pentagon City Sheraton** hotel. Apparently the **relationship** between the **hotel** and the **82nd** went extremely well resulting in the two local chapters using the hotel again in November. The **Reuben H. Tucker Chapter** from Maryland partnered with the **D.C. chapter** to conduct Veterans Day activities. Needless to say, **members of both associations** freely visited **each other's hospitality suites** and a lot of camaraderie and good fun resulted. There were a good number of members of the **82nd group** who had in, the course of service and careers, **also served** with the **101st Airborne Division**. Representatives of both **82nd** chapters indicated that they were seriously considering using the Pentagon City Sheraton for their Veterans Day activities in the future. Their **Veterans Day** program is **similar** to our Memorial Day program in that it lasted 3-4 days and resulted in the placement of almost **three dozen wreaths** in separate ceremonies during those days. Our **chapter members** were graciously invited to **partake in these events** and several of us did on our free Sunday and were **impressed and honored** that we had been invited.

The very **favorable interaction** between our two groups led to discussions of the possibility of conducting a joint **Hospitality Suite** on future **Veterans Days**. The **officers of both 82nd chapters** were positively inclined to establish coordination with our chapter to explore the potential benefits of such an endeavor and we intend to move forward in the coming months to see if this could be viable. Of **primary interest** would be the possibility of **sharing expenses** which might reduce costs to both theirs and our chapters. We will keep you posted on any progress that it made.

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FYI:

The **National Museum of the United States Army** which has been built at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, is due to open on **June 4, 2020**. Tickets are free but necessary. The tickets are not yet available and their web site is not up yet. For further information please Goggle **Army Historical Foundation**.

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DUES:

It is that time of the year again when we would like to remind our members to send in their dues. Checks for **\$20.00** should be made out to “**National Capital Area Chapter**” and can be sent to either **Sylvia Schonberger**, Secretary, 8804 Kenilworth Drive, Springfield, VA 22151, or **Bob Ponzo**, 93 Sentinel Ridge Road Stafford, VA 22554. Thank you.