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BADGER AIRBORNE NEWS

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION • BADGER STATE CHAPTER

June 2009



The All Americans

Welcome to the Badger State Chapter of the World's Greatest Airborne Association!

Airborne Events

Welcome Home Menomone DAV June 21

Baraboo Air & Airborne Show June 26-28

WWII Airborne Heroes Dinner Prairie du Sac July 11

August 19-22 82nd Convention Indianapolis

317-701-7780

All The Way!

Stories on Norb & Bill next issue. Please send us news on members so we can put it in Badger Airborne News. We have recently lost members and do not have obituaries to pass on to you. We want to honor Wisconsin's Paratroopers and Glider Riders before they're in Heaven a long time without notice to their Brothers.

If you will send me your Email, I will send you updates on our members and the newsletter in color! - Tom

Badger Chapter will honor WWII Airborne Heroes at Prairie du Sac Dinner July 11

The BSC has invited over 50 Badger WWII Airborne Vets from all Airborne Units and Divisions to a dinner at the VFW Hall in Prairie du Sac July 11, 2009.

You do not have to be a member of the Badger State Chapter or the 82nd Airborne Division Association to attend this dinner.

All our BSC and Wisconsin Airborne Brothers are invited from the 11th, 13th, 17th, 101st, and ARCTs, Marines, and all services.

This Airborne Heroes Dinner is to honor all those Paratroopers and Glider Riders who fought the hardest with the least against Germany, Italy and Japan.

No one fought harder with less than the Glider Riders and Paratroopers of the American Airborne Forces! Our WWII Airborne Heroes took on tanks with small arms, mortars, Thompsons, BARs and light machine guns.

Paratroopers and Glider Riders led the way in The Pacific, Africa, Sicily, Italy,



A few of Our 82nd 504 boys hours before invading Holland.

Anzio, Normandy, Holland, The Bulge, Hurtgen, Siegfried Line, All The Way to Berlin!

We will gather at the VFW at 4:30 and dinner will be served 5:30-6:00. A short Airborne program will follow.

All BSC & Wisconsin Airborne Vets and their guests are invited to this dinner. However, non-WWII Vets will need to send \$13.50 per meal to BSC Treas. Reuben Clark, 5318 Greenbriar Lane, Madison, WI 53714. Please do this ASAP so we can get an accurate meal count and for planning.

If you know of any Wis. WWII Airborne Vets, Paratroopers or Glider Riders, please contact Tom Gaukel, 608-355-2382, 1721 Manassas Dr., Baraboo, WI 53913.



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GO AIRBORNE!

**BSC will host Airborne Display at
Baraboo Air Show June 26-28**

Look for All Airborne Tent:



- 82nd Airborne Paratroopers
- 101st Airborne Skydivers
- WWII Airborne History
- Rangers, Special Forces
- Les Schwarm, 325 GIR in Uniform
- T-Shirts
- Jim "Maggie" Megellas Display
- 82nd & 101st Glider Display
- C-47

Baraboo Airport

Baraboo-Wisconsin Dells Airport is a public-use [airport](#) located three [nautical miles](#) (6 km) northwest of the [central business district](#) of [Baraboo](#), in [Sauk County, Wisconsin, United States](#). The airport is located between Baraboo and [Lake Delton, Wisconsin](#) on [US 12](#) and it is adjacent to the [Ho-Chunk Casino](#)..

**Baraboo Hotels
for June 27 Air
Show & July 11
Dinner**

Clarion Hotel – 626 Pine St.
- \$110.00 Ph: 608-356-
6422 (Plus tax)

Best Western 725 – West
Pine Ph: 608-356-1100

BSC Meeting 1PM at Prairie du Sac VFW

Agenda includes:

- Adding flags to Stevens Point Airborne Memorial
- 82nd Airborne Convention
- Project Reports
- Airborne Care Package Program
- New Airborne Business from members



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Badger State Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2009, Farm Kitchen, Baraboo, WI.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM by Chairman, Mike Haller. The meeting was dedicated to former members Vernon Ruckman and Buzz Larson. The pledge was lead by Chairman Haller, the prayer by Reuben Clark.

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting by Frank Morris, 2nd by Reuben Clark, motion passed. Jerry Diemel announced a quorum was present. There was some discussion about membership sign up dates, and when the yearly dues would be due. If a new member signs up in June of 2009, is the member paid up until June of 2010, or until Dec 31, 2010? Would he be a C1-10 or C1-11. Reuben Clark will check this out with Manny De Jesus and report at the next meeting.

Treasurers Report, Reuben Clark. Reuben handed out a printed copy of the treasurers report to the members. He reported that we have 38 regular members, 127 life members, for a total of 155. We have a total of 11 delinquent members, one of them by two years. Motion by Bert Schmitz to approve the treasurers report, 2nd by Frank Morris, motion passed.

Secretary's Report, John Givens. John reported that he had the April and May 82nd Airborne Assoc. Bulletins available if anyone would like to check them out. He also reported that all of the challenge coins had been sold. John purchased a 14 ft. X 14 ft. X 90 inch shade tent for family use. The chapter is more than welcome to use it for the Baraboo Air Show if needed. John received a letter from the John Steele Chapter, La Salle, IL. They are having their annual Robert H. Dumke memorial picnic at noon on July 12, 2009. All Airborne Troops are invited. If you would like to attend, call Marlea Dumke at 815-434-0749. They need a head count for planning for food and drinks. The picnic is held at the Dumke Drop Zone, 1919 Champlain St., Ottawa, IL. John reported that a young man from Onalaska, WI. was just commissioned a 2nd Lt. and assigned to the 82nd. He sent a copy of the last newsletter to him, hoping to pick up a new member. This info was in the La Crosse Tribune newspaper. All members check out your local paper for this kind of news, and let Tom Laney or John Givens know about it, we can send a copy of the newsletter.

Vice Chairman's Report, Sean Beau-

dette. No Report. Was unable to attend this meeting.

Chairman's Comment's, Mike Haller. Mike welcomed everyone in attendance. He reported on the status of the display case for Tom Gaukel, who was not present. The case was moved to the Historical Society in Baraboo. Mike reported that Tom G. had contacted Tom L. about the 5 sided case that Bob Lucksted will donate to the chapter. This may possibly be used for the James Megellas display at Ripon College.

The Honors Dinner for the WWII Airborne Vets will be held on July 11th, at the VFW at Sauk City. Tom G. anticipates 10 to 12 guests plus their guests and a number of BSC members. Dinner cost is \$13.50 per person which includes tax and tip. Be sure to send your money for the dinner to Reuben Clark by July 1st so we have a head count for the meals. We also discussed having our BSC meeting at the VFW at 2:00 PM., then a group gathering at 4:00 PM., and the dinner at 5:30 PM. Bill Tobin has a 1952 Jump School video tape that he will bring to the meeting to use.

We now have 31 names on the Steven's Point Hwy 10 Bridge Memorial. Frank Morris is looking into a set-up to hold the nameplates, they tend to fall off once in awhile. On the Flag pole, there is a , Support Our Troops Flag. Where did it come from? Who put it up there? Big Ed had approx. 25 extra American Flags, we should get into contact with his son to see if we can get them. Tom G. will take them up to Stevens Point, they are the ones that put them up. Bert Schmitz thinks we should put up two more Flag Poles. One could be used for a POW-MIA Flag, and one for a 82nd Airborne Assoc. Flag. Bert Schmitz reported that he has no particular names to send care packages to. Mike Haller will contact Tom L. to see if he sent in a \$50.00 ad for the 82nd Airborne Div. Assoc. National Convention. BREAK.

New Business, Mike Haller. Mike mentioned the Baraboo Air Show to be held on June 26, 27, and 28th. Tom L. has made arrangements to borrow a tent for our use from the National Guard. Mike Haller mentioned that we need to purchase promotional items to sell, and we would like to obtain our colors to display. John Givens will contact Steve Helms about the colors. Jerry Diemel will pick up the colors from Steve for the Air Show and the Honors Dinner. We need volunteers to work in the tent to sell items. Also the items in the tent need to be stored somewhere each night. Mike would like the chapter to purchase one seat on

the C-47 to help support the Air Show. The cost is \$375.00. Motion by Bert Schmitz to purchase one seat for \$375.00, 2nd by Bill Tobin, motion carried. The chapter will run a 50/50 at future meetings to help defray the cost. Motion by Reuben Clark to spend up to \$250.00 to purchase items to sell, 2nd by Frank Morris, motion carried. This money will come out of the general fund.

National Convention. Our chapter delegate is Frank Morris. He will be driving to Indianapolis, if someone would like to ride along, contact Frank.

Members Comments. Bert Schmitz mentioned a program, Operation Xmas Stockings. For a \$10.00 donation a Xmas stocking is sent to a child whose parent is deployed fighting the war on terrorism. You will receive a pin in memory of those who have lost their lives for your donation. John Givens will run copies of the paper that shows where and to who to send your donation to, and pass them out at the next meeting. Motion to adjourn at 5:35 PM by Reuben Clark, 2nd by Frank Morris, motion carried.

Minutes by John Givens, Sec., and assistant, Liz Clark.

Airborne Memorial Bridge

BSC Historian & Market Garden Paratrooper, Doc Stolp, says of our Airborne Memorial in Stevens Point: "Remember, it is the job of Paratroopers and Glider Riders to operate behind enemy lines, seizing and holding bridges for the Infantry, thus the Airborne Bridge Memorial!"

You can place your name on this Memorial to all our Airborne Brothers and Sisters for only \$100! Funds go to keeping the Memorial looking **AIRBORNE!**

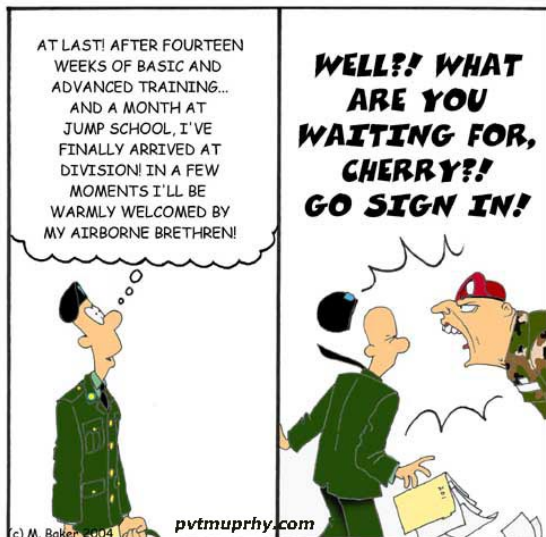
Contact Tom Gaukel, 608-355-2382, for more info.

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VFW WELCOME HOME COMMITTEE WILL HONOR EIGHT SOLDIERS AT MENOMONIE DAV 1PM, JUNE 21, 2009

Menomonie: VFW Post 10818 will bring its heartwarming Welcome Home ceremony to the Menomonie Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26 to honor eight soldiers - combat veterans all - from WWII to Afghanistan, on Sunday, June 21 at 1PM.

State Senator Sheila Harsdorf will be the keynote speaker. There will be several Honor/Color Guards including the Stout/Eau Claire Northwoods Battalion Army ROTC Color Guard.

DAV Chapter 26, E4710 City. Rd. BB is just 2 miles North of I-94 on Hwy 25.

All VFW and Legion Color & Honor Guards are welcome!

The Honorees include:

Badger State Chapter Member, Judith Durkee, Rhinelander, who was just three years old when her father Glenn Ward, Rhinelander, a Paratrooper in the 508th PIR, 82nd Airborne Division was killed in the Battle of the Bulge. Judy's search for information on her dad and the friends she found along the way is quite a story.

BSC Member Lester Schwarm, Wausau, 325 GIR, 82nd Airborne,

Market Garden & The Bulge Combat Veteran who has lived his life memorializing the famed 82nd Airborne Divisions' Heroes.

BSC Member Bill Hannigan, St. Paul, H Co., 3/504 PIR who went All The Way through WWII from N. Africa to Berlin, as a Squad Leader with one of the 82nd Airborne's finest platoons led by the 82nd's most decorated officer, Jim Megellas, Fond du Lac. Bill was a Pathfinder at Normandy and in the first wave of the Waal River Crossing.

SFC Carmine Michael Fatigati, 82nd and 101st Airborne from Fari-bault, MN is a Veteran of Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Two 173rd Airborne Sky Soldiers, Vietnam Veterans to be named and others. Special Guests, Harriet - The Bald Eagle with Liz & Robert Snitgen, National Eagle Center.

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