



# BADGER AIRBORNE NEWS

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION • BADGER STATE CHAPTER

November 2009



## The All Americans

### New Members:

*MSG Sean Beaudette*  
*Life Member*  
*Ft. McCoy*

*David Green*  
*New Richmond*

*William McKeown*  
*Plover*

*Steven Hoyt*  
*Victoria, MN*

### Honorary Members:

*Phil Kallas*  
*Stevens Point*

*Kert Hanson*  
*Holmen*

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

### BSC ELECTIONS

The Chapter elections will be held at our November meeting. Airborne leadership is expected at all levels. If you would like to serve in an executive leadership position please submit your name to the BSC Trustees.

(Nominating Committee). Their names and phone numbers are listed on Pg. 2. It is important that we have strong leadership for the BSC.

-Tom Gaukel, Trustee

### Offices for Election:

Chairman  
Vice Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Sgt. At Arms



**Frances & Perry Hurlburt** were surrounded by their 11 kids and countless grandkids at The Highground for the placement of a Meditation Stone in Perry's honor Sept. 12th. 82nd Airborne Paratrooper Perry was a machine-gunner with the 504 PIR in WWII and came home to Durand where he married Frances, built a successful business, became a civic and church leader and raised this terrific family. Howard Rennhack is holding 82nd flag (as always). (Laney photo)



**On the Anniversary of Market/Garden**, we gathered at the Stevens Point Memorial prior to our last meeting to review new flag placements, the outstanding job Margie and Frank Morris have done on the gardening and to say a prayer for our lost Airborne Brothers and Sisters. Two flag poles will be added to the Memorial to remember the 82nd and POWs/MIAs.





## Badger State Chapter 82nd Airborne Association

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## Message from Iron Mike

Greetings,

To all BSC members, spouses, friends and families. Our last meeting in Plover had fifteen chapter members present. Before the meeting most of the members and spouses met at the Highway 10 Memorial in Stevens Point. This memorial is in an appropriate place as the 82nd Airborne was called on to capture and hold bridges across rivers in Europe during World War II. Our chapter is planning on enhancing this Hwy 10 Memorial site with two more flag poles. A committee has been formed to purchase these. A very important item on our agenda at our next meeting in King on November 14th will be the election of new officers for the chapter. Our dedicated treasurer, Reuben Clark



*Mike with 2/321st ABN FA, 508th PIR Sgt. Jeff Crooks at 2009 Baraboo Air Show. Volunteer to Mike now to help with the Airborne Tent this coming Summer! Do these guys look AIRBORNE or what?*

and Gerald Diemel, Sgt of Arms, have agreed to keep their positions.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting in King. Check newsletter for details.

Mike Haller  
Chairman BSC

## Next BSC Meeting

Nov. 14, 2009

**King Veterans Home  
N2665 County Road QQ  
King, WI 54946-0600  
Phone: (715) 258-5586**

**1:30 Airborne Memorial Service, Honor Guard and Taps for BSC Members, Wives and our Troops at King Cemetery across street from Marden Center.**

**BSC Meeting at Marden Hall 3-5 PM  
Drinks 5—5:30PM King's Table  
Dinner, Chicken, Beef Tips, Dessert  
\$16.50 (includes tax & tip)**

**Send dinner reservation checks asap!  
To: Reuben Clark, BSC Treas.  
5318 Greenbriar Lane,  
Madison, WI 53714-3404  
608-222-4833**

## BSC AGENDA

November 14th 2009

1. Call to Order -- 3:00 p.m.
2. Pledge & Prayers
3. Approval of Sept 26th minutes
4. Secretary Report
5. Treasurer Report
6. Vice Chairman comments
7. Chairman comments

Old Business

- A. Honorary Membership
- B. Project reports..flag poles Hwy 10

BREAK

- A. Election of Officers
- B. Comments & Suggestions

ADJOURN -- 5:00p.m.

## Motels

### Best Western

Hwys 10 & 54  
Waupaca  
\$69 plus tax  
1-877-880-1054

Call by Nov. 5 and mention 82nd Airborne Division Association.

### Comfort Suites

199 Foxfire Dr.  
Waupaca, WI  
715-942-0500  
\$64 plus tax  
(Mention 82nd Airborne for rate)

Both Motels are within 5 minutes of King Veterans Home.



By Kipp Hartman

**Paratroopers Big and Small**

I remember conducting a Division Exercise in early 2002. My company was selected to take part in an airfield seizure. This exercise was to prepare us to jump into the heart of a foreign country and to establish a working airfield that could be used to bring in additional troops and LEGS. Our heavy drop, with artillery, Humvees, and supplies, went in first followed closely by the Parachute Infantry. Within one hour we had controlled the airfield and the Airforce Combat Controllers, who also parachuted with us that night, had established a working runway. Soon C-17 Cargo planes were landing and delivering M-1 Abrahams Tanks and other armor to support us.

Paratroopers are remembered for large scale assaults and taking large amounts of ground. But on November 28<sup>th</sup> 1970 MACV SOG conducted the first High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) Combat Parachute jump into Laos. Their mission was not to take ground but to Recon it. MACV SOG would go on to make another 3 Combat HALO jumps during the Vietnam War.

While many Paratroopers were hailed for their efforts in Combat Parachute Jumps in WWII, MACV SOG had to remain quiet about their jumps for over 20 years. Finally their operations were declassified in the early 1990's and the Paratroopers were able to attach the gold "Combat" Star to their HALO Jump wings. There are reports already coming from both Afghanistan and Iraq that Special Forces teams have once again used HALO jumps to complete missions.

Paratroopers are not limited to the mission of taking ground. Paratroopers are skilled in fighting the enemy wherever they hide.

*With a rifle and wings the American Paratrooper is the greatest soldier for any mission.*

Rangers Recon  
Kipp Hartman

**Try the website!**

We have way more articles and pictures than we can fit in BAN. I am posting some at the new website [as I learn how to do it](http://sites.google.com/site/badgerairborne/). Warning: it's not perfect.

<http://sites.google.com/site/badgerairborne/>



*Paratroopers Bob Phillips and Sean Beaudette are the BSC's active duty members. Bob graduated from OCS and Sean is on his way to Sgt. Major! We'll be following up on both of them and wish them Godspeed All The Way!*

**To all my Airborne Brothers:**

I feel that the Chapter is going in the right direction. We are looking at a marketing plan to include ways to make money for the BSC by recruiting at local events. I challenge each BSC member to recruit one new member to the BSC next year, myself included. We will double our membership by doing this!

We are moving forward and next year will be even better. We need capable and motivated members to step forward and be nominated and/or selected for official positions within the BSC.

Since I am still serving in the Army, I have found it very difficult to have the time for the organization as Vice chair. This included being absent from the next meeting due to mission. My time commitment to the Army will increase next year. With that said, I will not be running for any office for next year.

If I had more time to give to the BSC I would but I must regrettably decline.

I ask that any of you have the time and new ideas, PLEASE step forward and stand in the door! I recommend that we post all nominations in this newsletter for each position so that the membership can see who is in the running and if there are any vacancies to be filled.

So I finish my year as vice chair, I just want to say that I'll still be around as much as possible. I wish you all the best!

All The Way!

MSG Sean Beaudette.



**Airborne Mail Call**

Dear Badger Chapter Members:

Enclosed find DVD of the Aug. 13 dedication ceremony for James Megellas 82nd Airborne Display at Ripon College. We felt you might like a copy for posterity.

I was both stunned by the depth of his recollection and moved deeply by its message. What I expected to be a 15-20 minute perfunctory affair turned out to be a master class in extemporaneous speaking—chiefly by him—as well as an education on what WWII was really like on both sides of the Atlantic. I have long considered myself a student of that era and consider it a treat and a privilege to hear about it from someone who was actually there. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel toward him and his generation for literally saving the world, and for all their contributions to an era that still represents, at least in my opinion, the high water mark of America's story.

I deeply appreciate your role in arranging for Maggie's time, story and memorabilia to be shared with us. It is my sincere hope that the values and attitudes of The Greatest Generation will one day return America to its former greatness, and through your relationship with Ripon College I believe we have made positive steps toward such an end.

Most respectfully yours,  
Cody Pinkston  
Director of Media and Public Relations  
Ripon College

(Note: If you would like a copy of this DVD let me know and I will send you one. Tom Laney, 715-962-4365; tlaney1776@gmail.com)

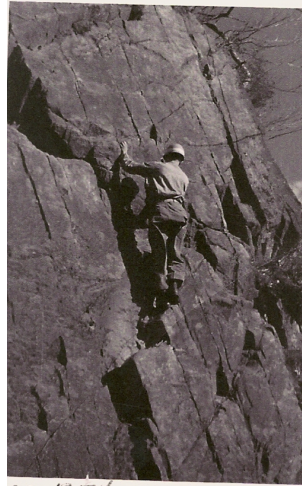
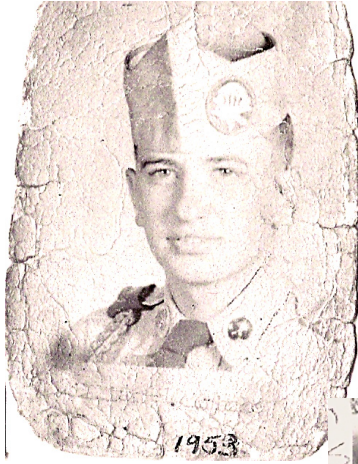
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AP	Chairman:			AP
AIRBORNE	Mike Haller			AIRBORNE
AP	Vice Chairman:			AP
AIRBORNE	None			AIRBORNE
AP	Treasurer:			AP
AIRBORNE	Reuben Clark			AIRBORNE
AP	Secretary:			AP
AIRBORNE	Tom Laney			AIRBORNE
AP	Sgt. At Arms:			AP
AIRBORNE	Gerry Diemel			AIRBORNE
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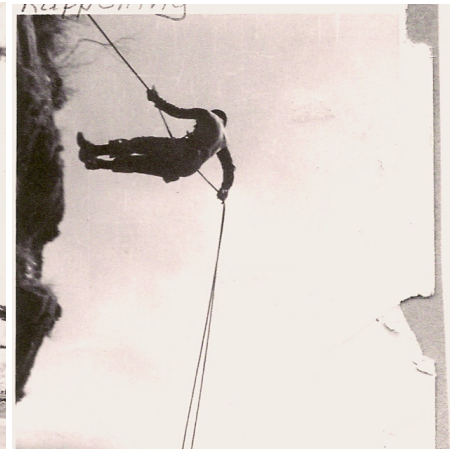
# SSgt Bill Kuhnke: A Paratrooper's Paratrooper



The difference between Paratroopers and skydivers: an extra 100 lbs of gear.



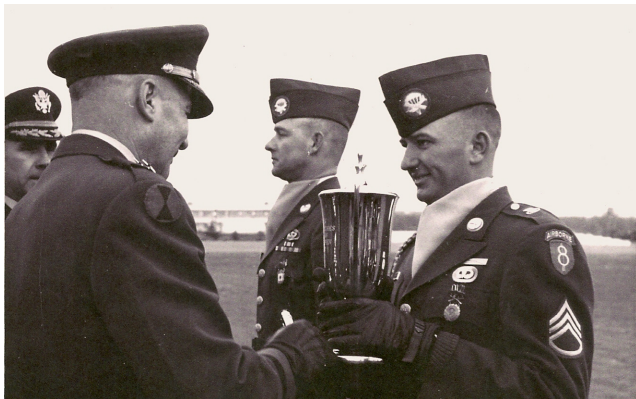
Bill top middle after Jump School, can you look anymore Airborne than that?!; clockwise, receiving Marksmanship Award 8th ID Germany, looking out the back of a 119 (that blank space is sky folks) at 82nd Heavy Drop School, Rappelling at Mountain School, instructing a rifleman, upholding the 82nd's rep for partying, at NCO School Ft. Jackson, and demonstrating the 100 lbs (at least) of difference between Paratroopers and skydivers. And center, rock climbing at Japan Mountain School where Bill was an Honor Student and became an instructor. In 1966 Bill was seriously wounded in Vietnam while fighting with the 1st Cav.







## Airborne Rifleman Gun Control: *Hitting what you're aiming at!*



*SSgt Bill Kuhnke accepts another Marksmanship Trophy for his 8th Airborne Rifle Team in Germany 1960.*

**Bill Kuhnke** grew up on a farm in Maine, WI and when you look at his Airborne records you might see him as Gary Cooper playing Sgt. York, the expert rifleman shooting rabbits on the run. You might also wonder if there were any Army schools he missed or if there are any deer left in his county these days?

We'd need Life Magazine to do justice to Bill's accomplishments, a few of his pictures here tell only part of the story. Before he was discharged in 1966 after being severely wounded while fighting with the 1st Cav in Vietnam, Bill was one terrific Airborne rifleman! In 1963—64, he made the All Army Rifle Team and competed in the National Matches at Camp Perry OH. Prior to that he performed with high honors at Ft. Benning Jump School, 1952; Winter Training, Camp Drum with the 82nd, 1953; Jungle Training, 1953; Ft. Jackson NCO School, 1953; 1st Cav NCO School Japan, 1955; Advanced NCO School Ft. Benning, 1958; Basic Military Mountaineering School, Japan, where he was an Honor Student in 1954; Jump Master School, 82nd, 1958; Air Transportability/Aerial Delivery Course, 82nd, 1958; Jump Master School, 101st, 1963; US Army Marksmanship, 101st, (Honor Grad) 1964; and numerous Rifle Marksmanship courses and clinics! Bill received Letters of Appreciation for IX Corps Mountain Training School in 1955; for being a member of the winning team in the USAREUR 8th ID, Germany 1959; Individual Champion of AETVAGPR, 1962; ASTHECO Champion 1962; USAREUR, Championship Rifle Team Match Team Member, 8th ID.

He served with the 82nd from 1952-54 and again from 1957-58; with the 1st Cav, Japan, 1955-57. In 1958 he moved to Germany with the 504 which became part of the 8th ID Airborne, sometimes known as "The Crazy Eights". He served with the 101st at Ft. Campbell from 1962-66. In 1966 while fighting with the 1st Cav in Vietnam he was shot in the right arm and leg and discharged with a 100% disability.

That did not stop Bill from becoming a NRA Lifetime Master, High Power Rifle.

Welcome Home Bill! It is an honor to have you in the Badger State Chapter!

## Greetings from Holland on Market Garden Anniversary

(I received this note from Diane Stolp and then contacted Bert the writer and his response is below. "Bud" is Doc Stolp.)

Dearest Bud and Diane

Because of the 65th anniversary of Market Garden we take this opportunity to say again THANKS to you and your Brothers in Arms and we're so sorry that a lot of them did not make it and had to pay with their lives for our freedom. I believe that this thanks goes the same for (my deceased parents), Adrian & Nell who for sure watch us from their peaceful home now...

Please communicate our feelings to your comrades who are still among us..

Keep in touch, say hello to your relatives

Love and kind regards from Holland.

BTW did you see our Prince and Princess on the occasion of the 400th birthday of the founding of New York by that Dutch Seamen ?

Bye for now; stay in good Health! Bert

Hello Tom,

Thank you for this kind invitation to inform you about my relation to Bud & Diane and the 82nd AB Division

I was born on June 5th, 1939; the same month as the Nazis had the guts to occupy my country...and to terrorize our people. On a sunny Sunday-afternoon probably September 17, 1944), I was with my father on our way to church:



**Bert**

suddenly the heaven was filled with heavy humming noise and the sky was covered by countless airplanes; parachutes and gliders.

Many years later my Father, Adrian, told me that in the war at age 19 he had met an American Paratrooper with whom he had a lot of adventures in actions of the allied forces against the Nazi's. Adrian told me that they still had contact in writing with the American Soldier who happened to be (you guessed already): **Doc Stolp**. So there were letters between Stolp and my parents Nell & Adrian. Now, since my parents died, communication by e-mail was the new option and since 1998 there is a regular email-contact between Bud and me. Bud and I have become very close friends, we did never meet in person but anyway there's a

warm felt bond between the two of us and our respective partners.

So I hope that you have an Idea now about the connection between Bud and me; We respect and like each other; it's a pity that it was a war that caused our friendship; we in Holland feel so thankful to The Allied Forces who came to liberate us from the Krauts; we will be in debt forever for all that brave guys who came to rescue us.

We feel so sorry that a lot of you guys did not make it and had to pay the ultimate... We sincerely hope that they all arrived at their private DZ and may they be happy there forever! May this comfort their relatives. No need to state here; that the same goes for all those of the Allied Forces especially of the 82nd Airborne Division who did make it and have returned safely to their beloved country and relatives: Thank you So Much; May God Bless you ALL and the USA!

Tom, feel free to use my letter or mails to communicate them in your Badger Airborne News, Please pay my respect to all your readers.

With due respect and kind regards from Holland,

Bert van Bergen

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## BSC Sept. 26, 2009 meeting minutes, VFW 10262, Plover, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mike Haller at 3:10 PM at the VFW in Plover, Wisconsin. Pledge led by Chairman Mike Haller, Prayer by Treasurer, Reuben Clark. Sgt. At Arms Gerry Diemel verified that a quorum was present. Mike brought up the fact that the last meeting which was held on July 11th, there was no quorum present so all the motions would need to be repeated. The meeting was dedicated to Pvt. Glenn Ward, who was a member of the 82nd Airborne in WWII, and was killed during the Battle of the Bulge. He was the father of Judith Durkee. Secretary Report, John Givens. Have not received the 82nd Assoc. Bulletins. Tom Gaukel asked John to bring up a few items. 1) Flags for the Stevens point Hwy 10 Airborne Memorial. Big Ed had flags for the city to use, did anyone find out if they were still available after the passing of Big Ed? If none are available the BSC will have to purchase some for future use. John will contact Big Ed's son about the flags. 2) The BSC Airborne Legacy Showcase has been in Sauk City, 3 months, is now in Baraboo, will be for a total of 6 months, and on Nov. 2nd it will go to the Mukwonago Public Library for 3 months. Thank you to Rick Walen for setting that up. 3) Wisconsin WWII Airborne Veterans Dinner after action report, copy handed out to the members. 101st Airborne brief history, copy handed out. Membership application blank copy, handed out. Operation Xmas Stocking, a donation of \$10.00 will be used to send a Xmas stocking 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 in war. Copy handed out. Hardwood Range Open House. This is going to take place on Oct 16th, 2009, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. near Finley, WI. on Cty. Road F. The Air Force National Guard Fighter Aircraft will be dropping practice ordinance, and doing strafing runs. This info is from Kert Hanson, a retired Air Force MSGT. who is employed at Volk Field. I have two letters on nominations for Honorary Membership. One is from Tom Laney who will be nominating a 101st Viet Nam Veteran by the name of Phil Kallas. The other one is from Tom Gaukel who wants to nominate Kert Hanson, a retired Air Force MSGT who has helped set up meetings, etc. at Volk Field and drove a bus for the chapter for a tour of Fort McCoy. Copy's of both letters were handed out to the members. A copy of the BSC By-laws and a copy of the National By-laws were handed out so members could see just what is required to become an Honorary member and an Associate member. Tom Gaukel wished to bring up an idea for the Future of the BSC. He and I both think that it would be a good idea for the chapter treasurer to do 3 different reports. A BSC Operational Budget Report, a Hwy 10 Bridge Memorial Budget Report, and a National Convention Budget Report. Copy's were handed out for the members to check out. We may want to consider having two checking accounts, one for the Operational Budget, and one for the National Convention Budget. That way everyone that attended the meeting would receive a copy of the reports and know how much money we have in each budget report and how much was spent and on what. The BSC received a

Sympathy Card Thank You from Herb Huebschen on the passing of his wife, Iris. We also received a Thank You from the Don Shea Family. Don was an 82nd WWII Veteran from the La Crosse area. I want to inform the chapter that I will not be running for any office this coming year. I have been an officer for eight of the last nine years and need to take a little break. I want to Thank the membership for their trust in voting me in as an officer. I have enjoyed doing it for the chapter, have spent many hours on projects, etc. I need to really spend more time at my place of business with the economy as it is these days. Again, THANK YOU. There was a motion to OK the secretaries report, 2nd, and passed.

Vice Chair Report, Sean Beaudette. Not in attendance, on active duty trip. Treasurer's Report, Reuben Clark. Reuben talked about Bernard "Buzz" Larson who was reported by the National Assoc. had passed away. Come to find out, it was Bernard "Buzz" Larson from Ohio who had passed away. We are happy to still have our chapter member Bernard "Buzz" Larson. Reuben passed out a copy of the treasurer's report to the members. Motion to OK the Treasurers report by Tom Laney, 2nd by Frank Morris, motion carried. Chairman's Comments, Mike Haller. Thank you to Tom Laney for an excellent newsletter, info about the Ripon College get-together for the dedication to James "Maggie" Megellas. Mike also thanked Tom L. for his help at the Air Show, and a special thank you to Les Schwarm for his Glider Riders Display. Mike mentioned the idea of separating the regular BSC Operating account and the National Convention Budget Account. Also, Fort McCoy's, Christina should report to the BSC chairman. She is the BSC Media Liaison.

New Business. Honorary membership; The By-Laws read as follows; any person, not eligible for membership as outlined in Section 1, who has fostered the Airborne ideals on a National or local scale or who has contributed to the success and/or well being of the chapter may be elected an Honorary member of the chapter by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members. "Phil Kallas membership was discussed at length. Tom Laney explained why he thought Phil Kallas should be elected as an Honorary member. Motion by Tom Laney, 2nd by Mike Mountin and Les Schwarm, motion carried. John talked about making Kert Hanson an Honorary member, and made a motion to do so, 2nd by Tom Laney, motion carried. There was quite a lot of discussion about making widows of BSC members Honorary members. There was a motion by Tom Laney to make all former ("Assoc." members), (we have no legal "Assoc." members), and the widows Honorary members, 2nd by Bill Opichka, motion carried.

Mike Haller invited any new members present to introduce themselves and mention their background. Mike Mountin came forward and mentioned that he had joined a number of years ago, but this was only the 2nd meeting that he has attended. He now lives in Plover. A new member joined the BSC during the meeting. He is a member of the VFW of Plover where the meeting was being held. His name is William McKeown. He talked about his past, after going through jump school, then being wounded in Viet Nam. Bill, welcome to the chapter. Convention Report. Chapter Delegates Frank Morris and Gerry Diemel talked about their trip to the national convention. At the main

dinner they sat with a group of wounded warriors, and had some interesting conversations. Frank and Gerry would like the chapter to consider getting into the "Wounded Warrior Program". The program can use donations to help these veterans. Gerry talked about a guy that has raised over 4 million dollars for the program. Also, Manny DeJesus is going to be replaced as secretary of the 82nd Airborne Div. Assoc. Frank also mentioned that the 82nd Airborne Div. main office is now in Fayetteville, not at Manny's house.

Frank Morris brought up the idea of possibly adding two flag poles to the Hwy 10 Bridge Airborne Memorial. Frank Morris and Gerry Diemel will check with the city of Stevens Point to see if it would be OK.

The next meeting will be held on the 2nd Saturday in November at the King Veterans Home. Tom Laney will check with the American Legion in Waupaca for the possibility of getting an Honor Guard at the King meeting to honor our past members.

Comments and suggestions by membership. Tom Laney brought up info about a get-together to Honor Viet Nam Veterans that is going to take place at Lambeau Field May 20th thru May 24th, 2010. Tom Laney mentioned that the 101st Assoc. is proposing a joint meeting and fish fry with our chapter in conjunction with the LZ Lambeau. Jim Romlein will be attending a meeting on LZ Lambeau Oct 28th, and will let us know what we will be able to do. Tom Laney thinks it would be a great idea to have our May meeting in Green Bay. He made a motion to have the May meeting in Green Bay on May 22nd, 2nd by Eugene Strutzenberg, motion carried. Tom Laney would like to be able to work with the Old Abe Fellows on an Airborne Booth. Anyone interested in helping with this event should contact Tom Laney. Tom also talked about a Glider Symposium on 9-09-2010 thru 9-11-2010 in Madison. Sara Connor has invited us, Les Schwarm will be on the program. We should consider having the Sept. meeting during that time there. Tom Laney thanked all who attended and helped out with the Maggie Megellas Honor meeting at Ripon. Walter Pakulski mentioned that Les Schwarm's name is not on the Hwy 10 Bridge Memorial as one of the originators. Walt made a motion that Les's name be added, 2nd by Bill McKeown, motion passed. Motion by Mike Haller to adjourn, 2nd by Joe Belsha, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Secretary, John Givens, assisted with minutes by Liz Clark.

### Look Airborne!

The BSC has jackets, t-shirts, sweatshirts, ties, caps, flags, pins, patches, medals, cushions, cups, glasses, everything to help you look and feel your

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We remember Madison Paratrooper, Sgt. Josh Brennan, 173rd, KIA Afghanistan and all our Airborne Brothers & Sisters from all wars on Veterans Day 2009. God Bless the Airborne and all our Troops!

**Check your dues! Keep Badger Airborne News Dropping/Gliding in! RE-UP BSC today!**

## Thanks from the 2/321st

August 26, 2009  
Ft. Bragg-

The Paratroopers of the 2/321st, 508th PIB have deployed to Afghanistan. We thank all the members of the Badger State Chapter, 82nd Airborne Association and especially Ms. Judy Durkee. Without your support we would not have had such a successful Send Off Ball. I hope that our organizations can continue to have such a rewarding relationship.

If you would like updates, photos, and videos of our boys overseas, you can view these at our Facebook page, [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) and search for "2/321st (ABN) FA."

Additionally, let us know of any events in the future that you need Paratroopers to participate in.

Airborne, All The Way! Fury From the Sky!

Albert B. Merkel

Cpt, FA Rear Detachment Commander

**(Ed. Note: The 508th dedicated their Deployment Ball to 508th Paratrooper Glenn Ward, Rhinelander, who was KIA in Belgium in 1945. Glenn was Judy Durkee's father.)**



**Bob Burgess, USMC Vietnam**, interviews Les Schwarm and Judy Durkee on his *American Heroes* show in Eau Claire Sept. 12. Lester talked about the famed 82nd Airborne Division's All Americans, their invasion of Holland and battles in The Bulge from his firsthand experience as a Gliderman in the 325 GIR. Les had some choice words for Patton and Montgomery. Judy told the story of a three-year-old daughter who lost her father, 508th Paratrooper Glenn Ward, Rhinelander, who was killed in action in Belgium in 1945. Glenn had been severely wounded while fighting in Normandy with the 508th but despite his pain and disability, insisted on going with his 508th Brothers into The Bulge. (That story comes up soon in BAN.) Les & Judy are absolutely two wonderful spokespeople for the Airborne and all our Troops! Contact me if you are interested in appearing on Bob's show. He's one heck of a guy for a Marine! (Laney photo)