



# BADGER AIRBORNE NEWS

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION • BADGER STATE CHAPTER

Sept. 2008



## The All Americans

### New Members

Life Members:  
**Ronald A. Chier**  
Berlin, WI

**Donald Lewandowski**  
Sheboygan

**Lawrence Zink**  
North Freedom

### Regular Member:

**Steven Van Kirk**  
Sturgeon Bay

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

### Medics

Tom Schoettler is home following knee surgery and coming along well.

Les Schwarm is home after heart treatment and doing well.

Gordy Starck is in the Milwaukee VA Hospital at his Airborne best.

### All The Way!

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

tlaney1776@gmail.com

## In the Company of Heroes



**American Legion** Post 75 Commander Marcus Oksa (L) and a Jarhead named Eddie Barnes (not pictured) led the charge to re-name the Fond du Lac Vets' Center the James "Maggie" Megellas Fond du Lac County Veterans Memorial Building on July 19. Next to Maggie is 508th PIR, 82nd Airborne Iraq-Afghanistan Veteran, Sgt. Chris Patin who plans to join the BSC. Congressman Tom Petri spoke at the ceremony and urged support for HR 795 and S. 3232 to finally award the Medal of Honor to Maggie and his beloved 82nd Airborne Division. Sgt. Patin delayed his departure for the University of Texas two weeks to meet Maggie. Maggie has been a member of Post 75 since 1947! The mannequin is uniformed in Commander Oksa's greens and decorations. Attendees enjoyed a fabulous pig roast following the honors. Many thanks to USMC hero Eddie Barnes for inviting the BSC to this terrific event! Eddie is one of those Jarheads who is sort of wild and crazy. He probably would have made an excellent Paratrooper in the All Americans! Maybe. Info on HR 795 and S. 3232 will be available at the Eau Claire BSC meeting Sept. 27. (Laney photo)

## BSC plans Dells July 2009 Airborne Days, Airborne Hero Honors

Madison's Finest, Kipp Hartman, suggested at our last meeting that we make our own history with an Airborne Day—or days—at the Dells next summer.

The BSC adopted Kipp's idea and we ask that you join us in Eau Claire Sept. 27 to help plan this event.

Suggestions include an 82nd Troop Jump, 82nd Skydivers, local skydivers, battle re-enactors, Airborne weapons display, tailgate food, etc.

We hope to headquarter this at the Ho Chunk casino next July. Jumps would be at the Baraboo airport next to the casino.

Airborne Days will include the long-awaited Wisconsin Airborne Heroes banquet with honors to all the

Chapter's WWII Paratroop and Glider Heroes.

We will also honor all Chapter Paratroopers from Korea, RVN, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Please attend our Eau Claire meeting and help plan this important AIRBORNE event!

### Scocos to Re-Deploy

Wisconsin's Veterans' Affairs Officer and BSC member Col. John Scocos is enjoying a vacation before re-deploying to Iraq. All best wishes to John, his family, friends and unit.



Badger State Chapter  
**82nd Airborne Association**

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## Message from Iron Mike

### Chairman Notes

Thank you to all members, wives, friends, and guests who were present at our last meeting of the BSC Chapter at the Farm Kitchen in Baraboo. We had an excellent meeting with eighteen members in attendance. Please check the minutes in our newsletter for the details.

I'd like to thank Tom Laney for preparing and setting up the arrangements for our Baraboo meeting and John Givens for recording and presenting the minutes to the BSC newsletter. It was an excellent job by both. Their efforts are a sign of dedication and Airborne spirit that needs recognition.

We also need to support the BSC in asking our



### Apache Smoke (Editorial)

BIG Airborne thanks to Mike Haller for his devotion to all things Airborne; and, to Tom Gaukel for arranging the van to the 82nd Convention and Frank Morris for driving it.

There we met some of the finest young Paratroopers who have already fought in two countries and seemed eager to share their service with us. 20 BSC members attended and we had a great time! The Airborne festive & fighting spirit lives on in this new, heroic-as-ever, 82nd generation, requiring 24-hour 82nd MPs. "Some things never change!" observed a WWII 505 PIR combat vet. It's a good thing!

Thanks also to Mike, Tom, Gerald Diemel for their work on the Maggie/ 82nd Tribute Case for Ripon and on the Senate/House Bills for the MOH. Maggie becomes an Honorary Member of our Chapter at the next

Senators and Congressmen to pass legislation to honor Fond du Lac native and honorary member of the BSC, Jim Megellas. We would like to have him awarded the Medal of Honor. This award is long overdue and needs our support.

Our next meeting is in Eau Claire and thanks again to Tom Laney in making the arrangements. Check newsletter for location and time. Lets continue the Airborne spirit and head to Eau Claire on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Go Airborne all the way,

Chairman Mike Haller

meeting! This medal is important for all Airborne. Please contact your reps and ask them to get behind HR 795 and S. 3232!

Barb and I attended the Vets Badger game and found one Madison Glider Re-enactor who promised to stay in touch. Hopefully we can get them for Airborne Days. John Scocos is re-deploying to Iraq.

Send me an Email and I'll send you the newsletter and meeting notice for posting in color! Please post these meeting notices at your Legion, VFW, DAV, Church, school and local newspapers.

We need to cover Wisconsin's Paratroopers who are fighting or have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please let me know of Badger Paratroopers you meet! Thanks to Liz & Reuben for helping me through the Brett Favre mess!

God bless the Airborne and the Green Bay Packers!  
-Tom Laney, Editor

### BSC AGENDA Sept. 27, 2008 EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

- I. Call to Order - Quorum
- II. Pledge and Prayer
- III. Approval of 7-26-08 Minutes
- IV. Treasurer Report
- V. Secretary Report
- VI. Vice Chair comments
- VII. Chair comments
- VIII. Project coordinators reports
- IX. Old Business
  1. 2009 Meeting Schedule
  2. Wisconsin Airborne Day(S)—July 2009
  3. Phone Chain—Call, Car Pool
  4. Letters to Senate, House "Maggie"
  5. New Members Campaign

#### BREAK

- X. New Business
  1. Convention Delegates Report
  2. Airborne Sales items, new?
- X. Members comments and suggestions
- XI. Adjourn  
Eat, Drink & Be Merry!

## Help Plan Airborne Days! Next BSC Meeting:

Sept. 27, 2008

**American Legion Post 53  
634 Water St.  
Eau Claire**

Social gathering 2pm  
Meeting 3:00 to 5:00  
Drinks 5:00 to 6:00

Chicken & Swiss Steak Dinner 6:00 PM  
\$13 (includes tax & tip)

**Send dinner reservation checks by Sept. 20**

**To: Reuben Clark,  
5318 Greenbriar Lane,  
Madison, WI 53714-3404  
608-222-4833**

## Eau Claire Hotels (Airborne Checked for Quality!)

**Days Inn**  
2305 Craig Rd.  
\$46-\$52  
715-834-3193

**Plaza Hotel**  
1202 Clairemont Ave.  
\$85-\$93  
715-834-3181

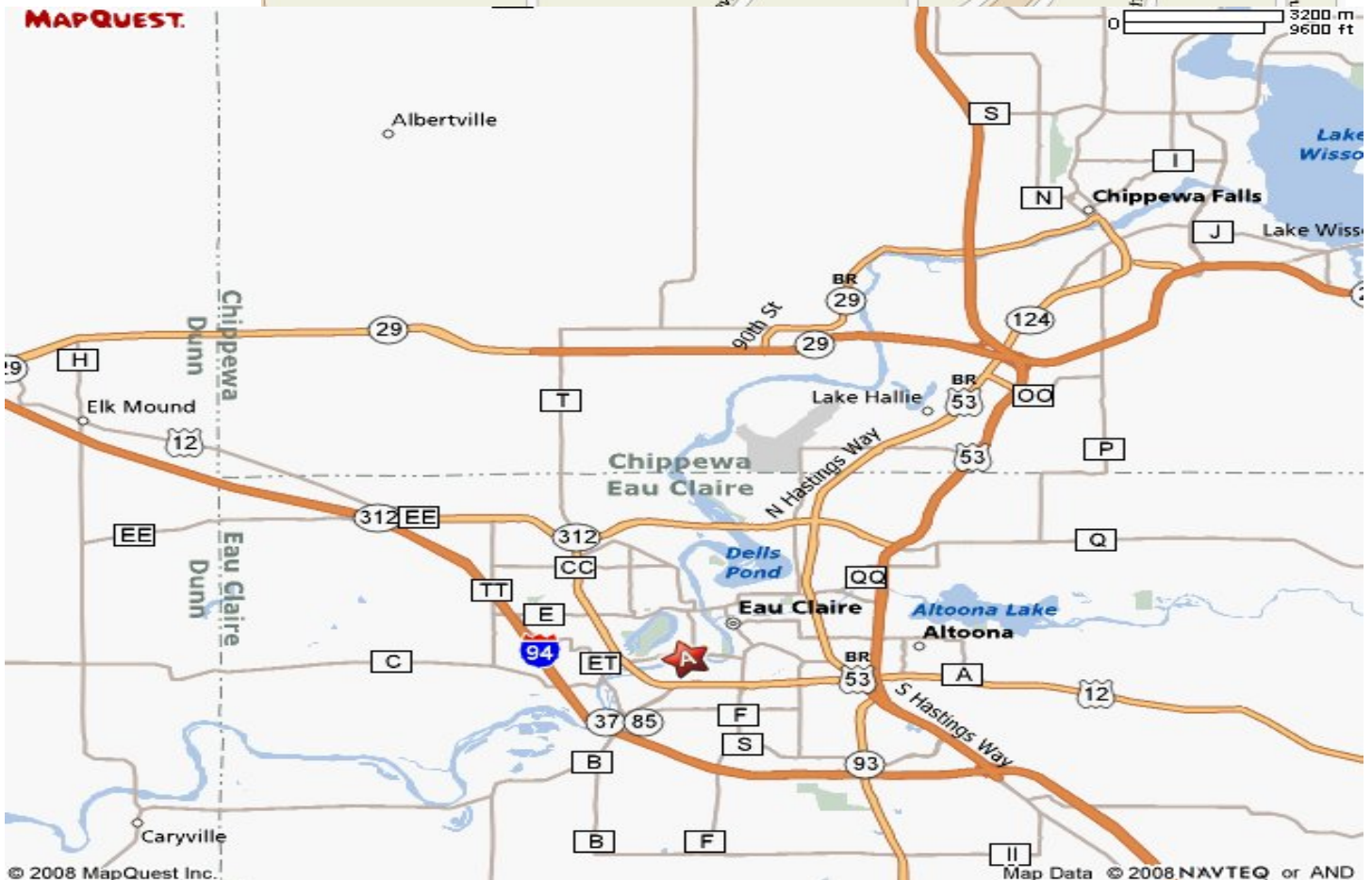
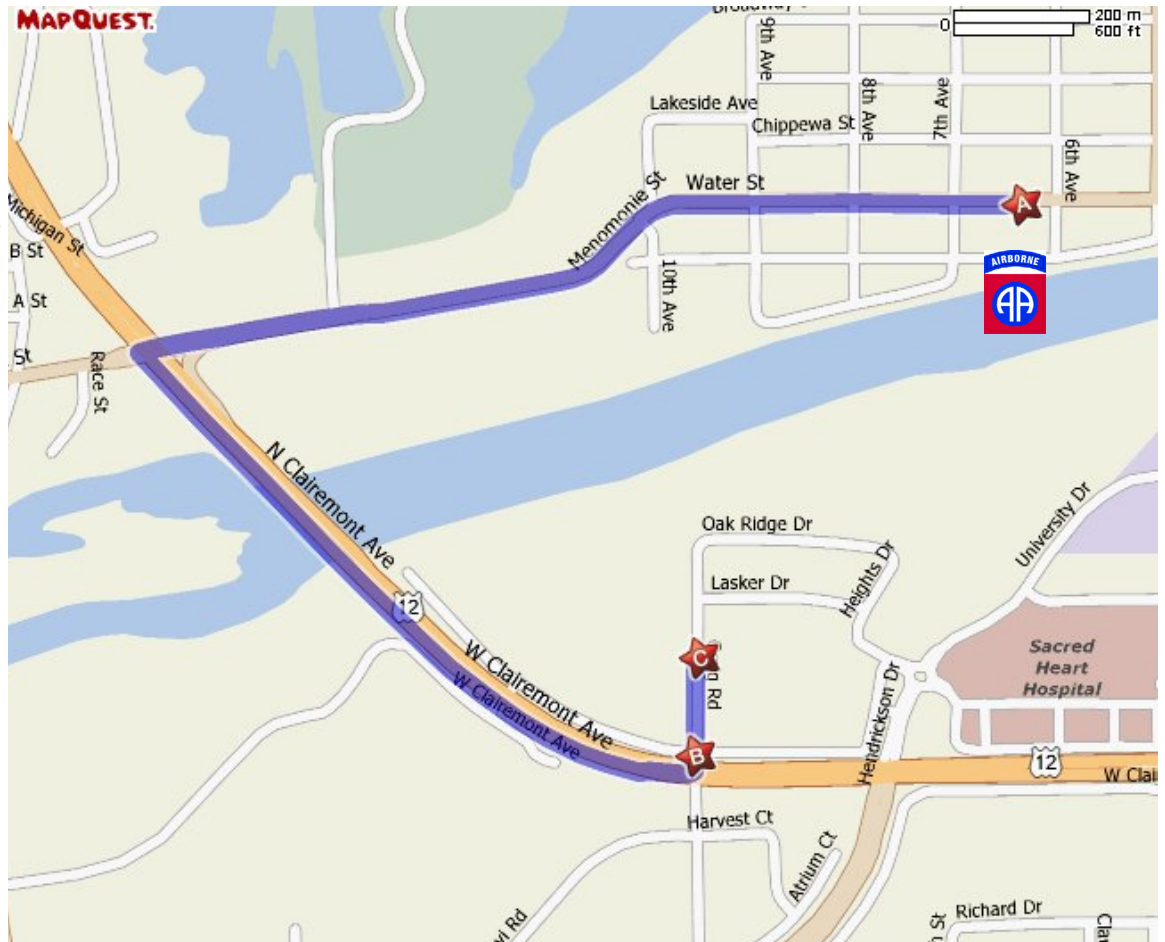
(Rooms plus tax)

*Call by Sept. 25th and  
mention Tom Laney, 82nd  
Airborne for rate.*

82nd Airborne  
 "A" marks 634  
 Water St. American Legion Post  
 53  
 "B" and "C" mark  
 hotels.

**Plaza** is at "B"  
 1202 W. Claire-  
 mont  
 And  
**Days Inn** is  
 across from Plaza  
 at 2305 Craig Rd.

To get to the  
 meeting from ho-  
 tels take Claire-  
 mont N. to Meno-  
 monie St. which  
 turns into Water  
 St. and go to 634  
 Water St.



## Call an Airborne Brother and tell him to drop in to Eau Claire!

### BSC MEMBERS

	<u>P.O.</u>		<u>P.O.</u>		<u>P.O.</u>
Uhlig, Alan	Abbotsford	☐ Sponem, Phillip	Jefferson	☐ Dogans, Acie	Racine
Schug, kAnthony	Abrams	☐ Millard, Richard	Kenosha	☐ Mainar, Edward	Racine
Leasum, Charles	Adell	☐ Kasper, Harold	King	☐ Schust, Ernest	Racine
Rady, Zenon	Almond	☐ Givens, John H	LaCrosse	☐ Sys, Joel	Racine
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Wichman Vernon	Appleton	☐ Faber, Wayne	Lomira	☐ Shrader, Robert	Ripon
Lundquist, Ronald	Ashland	☐ Clark, Reuben	Madison	☐ Dawley, Christopher	Salem
Briggs, Reginald	Baraboo	☐ Fogle, Lavern	Madison	☐ Ludas, Michael	Salem
Gaukel, Thomas	Baraboo	☐ Nelson, Michael	Madison	☐ Detroit, William	Schofield
Haller, Michael	Baraboo	☐ Sanfillippo Salvador	Madison	☐ Dragan, Anton	Sheboygan
Teriaca, Raymond	Beaver Dam	☐ Scocos, John	Madison	☐ Reineking, Walter	Sheboygan
Anderson, Carl H	Beloit	☐ Smith, Gregory	Madison	☐ Grzeszkowiak Ron	Sheldon
Huebschen, Herbert	Beloit	☐ Lepak, Marlin	Marathon	☐ Ouellette, William	Sparta
Moe, Norris	Beloit	☐ Loy, Charles	Marathon	☐ Meise, Wilbert	Spring Green
Bresnahan, Michael	Big Bend	☐ Saxton Robert	Marinette	☐ Thomas, Stanton	Stevens Point
Lisowski, Kevin	Blair	☐ Schoettler, Tom	Mauston	☐ Murphy, Robert	Sun Prairie
Musser, Terry M	Blk River Falls	☐ Sell, Clarence	Mayville	☐ Mingus, Robert	Taylor
Diemel, Gerald	Bonduel	☐ Moehrke, Edward	McFarland	☐ Phillips, Robert	Tomah
Kuhnke, kkWilliam	Bonduel	☐ Niebur, Martin	McGregor IA	☐ Tyler, James	Tomah
Strutzenberg Eugn	Brodhead	☐ Lucksted, Donald	Melrose	☐ Comeau, Rodney	Tomahawk
Williams, Glen	Brodhead	☐ Helms, Eric	Menasha	☐ Loster, Theodore	Twin Lakes
Griswold, Eugene	Brookfield	☐ Clifford, Ralph M	Mesa AZ	☐ Luedtke Donald Sr	Union Grove
Arvanitis, Andrew	Cardiff UK	☐ Belsha, Louis	Milwaukee	☐ Montalto, Michael	Verona
Clark, Richard	Centuria	☐ Fitzpatrick William	Milwaukee	☐ Hoyt, Steven	Victoria MN
Laney, Tom	Colfax	☐ Kelley, James	Milwaukee	☐ Langaard, Donald	Viroqua
Megellas, James	Colleyville TX	☐ Miller, James	Milwaukee	☐ Graham, Chester	WalnutCreek CA
Conklin, Raymond	Cottage Grove	☐ Rindall, Darryl	Milwaukee	☐ Pallan, Jack	Waterford
Falkenrath, Marlin	Crivitz	☐ Rodriquez, David	Milwaukee	☐ Rupaner, Markus	Waterford
Clampitt, Robert Sr	Cross Plains	☐ Schmitz, James	Milwaukee	☐ Hapke, Milton G	Watertown
Steffen, Arthur	Danbury	☐ Shapiro, William	Milwaukee	☐ Bankert, Les	Waukesha
Deneen, Jerome	Deerfield	☐ Truchan, Robert	Milwaukee	☐ Melland, Chris	Waupaca
Williamson, Robert	Delavan	☐ Morris Frank	Mosinee	☐ Erdman, DuWayne	Wausau
Jezierski, Daniel	Duluth MN	☐ Morris, James	Mosinee	☐ Kloss, William	Wausau
Hurlburt, Perry	Durand	☐ Whalen, Richard Jr	Mukwonago	☐ Okpichka, William	Wausau
Gardner, James	Eagle River	☐ Hemes, George	Neenah	☐ Schwarm, Lester	Wausau
Hartman, Kipp	Edgerton	☐ Belsha, Joe	Nekoosa	☐ Traynor, Roy	Wausau
Welch, Ervin	Elkhorn	☐ Mueller Bruno Jr	Nekoosa	☐ Miller, Matthew	Wautoma
Strauss, Gerald	Found du Lac	☐ Stolp Dr. Nathan	Nekoosa	☐ Hoyer, Daniel	West Bend
Starck, Gordon	Franklin	☐ Mankiewicz, C.C.	New Berlin	☐ Holcomb, Gilbert	Weston
Lucksted, Robert	Franksville	☐ Totsky, Michael Sr	New Berlin	☐ Schmitz, Bert	Winneconne
Statezny, kBruce	Franksville	☐ Lepkowski, Myron	Oak Creek	☐ Grotefend, Michael	Wis Rapids
Saxton Anthony	Ft Bragg NC	☐ Lucksted, Ted	Onalaska	☐ Heuer, Robert	Wis Rapids
McGinnis Clifford	Ft. Atkinson	☐ Baumann, Gary W	Oneida	☐ Schneider, Joseph	Wis Rapids
Studelska, Norbert	Grafton	☐ Mohr, Tom	Oregon		
Allard, Leonard	Green Bay	☐ Ceman, Scott A	Oshkosh		
Anderson, Mark R	Green Bay	☐ Dahlen, Lee	Oshkosh		
Lodzinski, Ronald	Green Bay	☐ Genz, Leon H	Oshkosh		
Berendt, Roman R	Greendale	☐ Kimball, Harry C	Oshkosh		
Olejniczak, Mike	Greenleaf	☐ Schmidt, William	Oshkosh		
Brown, Ronald D	Hixton	☐ Wojahn, Jack	Oshkosh		
Hendrickson, James	Hollandale	☐ Rasmussen Doug	Phillips		
Larson, Bernard	Hollandale	☐ Mountin, Mike	Plover		
Rennhack, Howard	Humbird	☐ Pakulska Walter Jr	Plover		
Hetrick, Jeremy	Ironwood MI	☐ Darr, Timothy Sr	Plymouth		
Hauri, Harry	Janesville	☐ Brehmer, Todd	Potter		
Lichtfuss, Jeff	Janesville	☐ Land, Edward	Powers, MI		
Sathre, William	Janesville	☐ Stoikes, Carl	Prairie du Sac		
Tobin, William	Janesville	☐ Edgerley, Millard	Princeton		

**Call these guys!**

**Look for members in your town or neighborhood. Pick up the phone book and tell them to get to the Sept. 27th meeting in Eau Claire to help plan Airborne Days and tell some jump stories! Do it now!**

### In Airborne Memory

**Lenny Allard**, 84, died 8/25/2008 in his Green Bay home. He served in WWII with the 82nd airborne division and was a member of the Badger State Chapter, 82nd airborne Association. He married Regina Gondek on May 14, 1949 at St. Willebrord Catholic church. He is survived by his wife Regina, Michael and Kathy Allard; Kristine and Tom Service; Kelly Allard and his fiancé Laura; 10 grandchildren, three great grandchildren; one stepbrother Duaine and his wife Lois; one stepsister and her husband, Geraldine and Orville Helm. Services were private. Condolences can be sent to [BlaneyFuneralHome.com](http://BlaneyFuneralHome.com)

**Harry C. Kimball**, Oshkosh, died March 28.

**Harold A. Kaspar**, King, died date unknown.

**Lavern Fogle**, Madison, died Jan. 31.

Please let us know when you see obituaries of Wisconsin Paratroopers and Glider Riders.

Just give me or any of the officers a call and I will try to find whatever I can. And you can send me details whenever you get them, even if it's long after a Trooper passes. We can then notify all members.



Those of you who receive BAN by Email can make this fundraiser for our 173rd Brothers and Sisters. Otherwise just buy a 173rd T-Shirt!

Help us throw a party to welcome home the 173rd Airborne Brigade from Afghanistan. This is the unit Sgt. Joshua Brennan of McFarland was assigned to before being killed in Asadabad, Afghanistan on Oct. 26, 2007.

Sunday Sept. 7

Noon to 8pm

Con Safos

5100 Erling Ave. McFarland

\$20 Person—\$45 Family

### Baby In Baggy Pants



Will there always be an Airborne? Of course! This is Kipp D. Hartman Jr., son of 504 PIR Airborne Ranger Kipp Hartman and wife Laura. Born on New Year's Day, already we can see this kid pushing a stick with those Devils In Baggy Pants and outrunning his Dad!

### 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," Doc says. You can place your name on this memorial to all our Airborne Brothers and Sisters for only \$100! Contact Tom Gaukel for more info.

### Look Airborne!

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

### AIRBORNE BEST!

If we don't have it we can get it. Competitive prices and all proceeds go to benefit your Chapter.

### AIRBORNE BSC Histories Wanted

Tell us about yourself! We have the book that was done by Doc many years ago but I'm doing this so we will have info on everyone, at least all who submit their history to us. I hope people will look at the outline here and get some idea of how to put it together.

Include Date, Full name, Address, Phone.

Birthday and place of birth

Dad's Name

Mom's Name

Brothers and Sisters

Brief history of grade school thru high school, college, trade school, etc. What was it like growing up?

Graduation dates, Work history

Service dates, drafted or enlisted

Military ID#, MOS

Basic training base, AIT base, Jump School (Bragg or Benning?) If at Bragg, how did your platoon treat you? Other schools—Pathfinder, Jungle, Ranger, etc.—How tough were they?

Unit assignments, Field Operations

Number and place of jumps/glider rides

Combat landings and battles— Try to get this out.

Jump/Glider Stories—Talk about all the close calls and crash landings.

Airborne Friendship Stories—Talk about all the nice things Troopers do for each other, Discharge date & rank.

Life after service—Church/Community/ Civic involvement. Family

Married? Date and spouse's full name and how you met. Children and grandkids names and birthdays and what they do.

Anything else.

Send to: John Givens, 4355 Mariah Dr. S., LaCrosse, WI 54601-2355

# Badger State Chapter Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2008

Farm Kitchen in Baraboo, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Haller at 3:10 P.M. Gerald Diemel confirmed that a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer was led by Reuben Clark. Fifteen members and ten guests were present. One of the guests, Lawrence Zink, joined the chapter right after the meeting.

Motion by Frank Morris, 2nd by Tom Gaukel, to approve the minutes of the 5-29-08 meeting held in Watertown. Tom pointed out one correction; the minutes indicated that the chairman and vice-chairman will be the delegates from the BSC at the National Convention in St. Louis in August. In fact, Frank and Jim Morris will be the delegates. Noting the correction, the minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report; The balance sheet was distributed by Treasurer, Reuben Clark. He reported that we have taken in about \$1160.00 so far on the sale of challenge coins. John Givens said that 150 coins have been sold, 2 are missing (or were given away) and that leaves 48 coins left for sale. He will be taking them to the National Convention in August. Reuben reported that the care of the flowers for the Memorial Bridge in Stevens Point has been paid for. Frank Morris has been to the monument and said the U.S. flag was tattered, but the Wisconsin flag was OK. (Tom Gaukel reported later that a new U.S. flag has been placed at the Memorial Bridge.) The writing of "AIRBORNE" on the memorial is fading. It is the type of stone that attracts dust. Frank has checked with stone people and he and Jim will be cleaning the stone in the near future. Reuben was asked if he had sent the \$100.00 to the Museum for War on Terrorism at Fort Bragg. He has not, since it was never voted on at a meeting. Reuben reported there are 125 life members and 37 Regulars. Of those 37 regulars, 11 are delinquent. Reuben will personally contact the delinquents. The Treasurers Report will be placed on file.

Secretaries Report; John Givens reminded the members that we have a transient membership and when addresses are changed, please notify John or

Reuben. He also said that in the 82nd Airborne Division Assoc. bulletin that he receives from Fort Bragg, stated it is now acceptable to hand salute the flag at parades etc., even if you are not in the active service.

Vice Chairman's Report; Tom Laney passed out a written report. He said he and Gerald Diemel attended the American Legion Post 75 in Fond du Lac on July 19 when they renamed their building in honor of James "Maggie" Megellas. We discussed building support for the Medal of Honor, bills s-3232 and HR-795. He is working on a website for the BSC.

Chairman's Comments; Mike Haller said how proud he is of the attendance at the meetings. It shows we are paying proper respect to all Airborne, both past and present. He reminded members to send their profile to John Givens for inclusion in the history book he is preparing. He also welcomed the younger members who were at the meeting.

Project Coordinator's Report; Tom Gaukel mentioned that the "Airborne" artist print the BSC is giving to the Veterans Home at King, WI. will be presented to them when our chapter conducts our meeting there on November 8th, or on the 15th. He passed around the plaque that will be put on the frame or under the glass. It reads: Presented by, The BADGER STATE CHAPTER, 82ND ABN. DIV. ASSOC. Mike Haller said it is in the process of being framed. Motion by Tom Gaukel that the chapter send \$100.00 to the Fort Bragg Museum for the War on Terrorism Memorial, 2nd by Frank Morris, motion carried. Tom has not been able to get names of families with children of deceased Airborne. He also questioned the status of Care Packages. Bert Schmitz was handling that but has not been at recent meetings. John Givens will contact him to see if Bert can give us an up to date status report.

Old Business; A) Memorial Bridge Shrub Status: Frank Morris reported that you wouldn't want to put very tall shrubs as they would obscure the view. He and his wife, Marge, suggest that flat shrubs be used. It is too late in the season for planting this year. They will check prices next spring and report back. Frank and Marge will do the planting. Tom Gaukel moved that this matter be tabled until next spring, 2nd by Bill Tobin, motion carried. B) Ripon college "Maggie" project: Tom Laney made a motion that we place a tribute display case (one of two the chapter purchased) at Ripon College in honor of the 82nd Airborne and Jim Megellas. Seconded by John Givens, motion carried. C) Museum display case status: Tom Gaukel has been working with the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison for the placement of the second display case. Other possibilities are King, Tomah, or Milwaukee. Memorabilia is needed for cases. If you have anything to contribute, please contact Tom Gaukel. Ed Moehrke brought a WWII helmet to be placed in the cabinet.

D) King gift picture framing status: Mike Haller is taking care of having it framed.

E) High Ground Recommendation: After considerable discussion, motion by Jim Morris to drop High Ground consideration at the present time. Seconded by Tom Gaukel, motion carried.

F) St. Louis convention van status: Tom Gaukel reported that 16 have signed up. A 15 passenger van will be used and a car. We will leave Baraboo at 9:00 AM. on Thursday, Aug. 14th, and return to Baraboo on Sunday, Aug. 17th.

New Business: A) Next meeting (when/where) following discussion, motion by Tom Gaukel, 2nd by Reuben Clark, that the next meeting be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 in the Eau Claire area. Motion carried. It was suggested that the Executive Committee meet and establish time and places for the meetings in 2009. That way they could be published ahead of time. B) New member campaign: Tom Gaukel suggested that BSC members that belong to an Am. Legion or VFW, or other groups, try to post a note in their newsletters, etc., to inform the membership about our Airborne chapter. C) Meeting ideas? (What do members want?): Young member, Kipp Hartman suggested an "Airborne Day at the Dells" next summer and use it as a promotional. Another young member present at the meeting, Bob Phillips, displayed an incredible treasure of Airborne historical items including actual combat maps. Bob will also be helping Tom Laney with the BSC website.

Members Comments; Lawrence Zink, Baraboo, a guest who joined the chapter right after the meeting, addressed our members. He was a 20 year combat vet of the 82nd, Rangers and Special Forces. He has 875 jumps!!!! Thank you Larry, welcome to the chapter, and thank you Mike Haller for recruiting him.

Rick Whalen has a 2 year old German Shepard named "Bear" and they go out and visit veterans in the hospital in Milwaukee.

The BSC secretary, John Givens was asked to send a Get Well Card to Les Schwarm.

Tom Gaukel suggests that members call other members in their area and ask them to attend the next meeting, perhaps you can car pool. The next newsletter will have a membership list included by area.

Kipp Hartman reported that Mike Brennan, father of fallen Josh Brennan, is helping put together a "Welcome Home 173rd Sky Soldiers" party. The party will be held at the 173rd's base, Camp Ederle in Vicenza, Italy. This will require a large amount of money.

Motion by Reuben Clark that the proceeds from the raffle at the meeting be given to this cause. Seconded by Frank Morris, motion carried. Motion by Tom Laney seconded by Bill Tobin, that the chapter donate \$200.00 and encourage our members to purchase a T-shirt (being sold to raise funds). Motion carried.

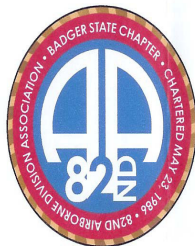
Tom Laney presented a letter, (with proper requirements) requesting Jim "Maggie" Megellas be made an Honorary Member of the BSC. Seconded by John Givens, motion carried.

Gerald Diemel reported that there are BSC jackets available for purchase.

Adjournment; Motion at 5:40 PM by Jim Morris, seconded by Tom Gaukel, motion passed. Secretary, John Givens and Liz Clark

**GO AIRBORNE!**

**Support the 173rd by buying a T-Shirt!**



BSC Challenge Coins! All proceeds will benefit the BSC. Prices: Non-Members & Legs: \$10 each. BSC Members: \$8 each for one to five; \$7 each for six or more. (Plus shipping.) Order from John Givens, 4355 Mariah Dr. S., LaCrosse, WI 54601-2355 Ph. 608-788-3651. Email: johngivens996@centurytel.net

**Airborne Events:**

**Old Abe Tour**, Sept. 27, 10am from Eau Claire Legion Post 53, 634 Water St. We'll go to Jim Falls to view the Old Abe Monument. Old Abe was the inspiration for the 101st Airborne's Screaming Eagle.

**South Florida**, Oct. 16-18 50th Anniversary, 21st All Airborne Days, Ft. Lauderdale Hilton, 800-445-8667

**173rd Airborne**, Homecoming Fundraiser, Call Mike Brennan 608-220-7112.

**Old Abe**, 101st Airborne Chapter meets at The Highground, Sept. 20.

**AIRBORNE MUSEUM DISPLAY**

The Badger State Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc. is attempting to gather authentic Airborne memorabilia to be used in display cases to be placed in Veterans' facilities and local museums throughout the State of Wisconsin.

Our goal is to promote the legacy of Wisconsin Airborne Veterans. If you have any authentic Airborne memorabilia that you would be willing to share for our displays, we would greatly appreciate it. Your name will be placed with any donation on display and any memorabilia you donate will be returned to you at your request. Donations could include: patches, uniforms, pictures, medals, materials, equipment, etc.

If you would like more information on our Museum project to promote the Wisconsin Airborne Legacy or to find out about membership, please contact Tom Gaukel, 1721 Manassas Dr., Baraboo, WI 53913. Call: (608) 355-2382."

**Car Pool**— For those of you who don't care to drive or are concerned with the price of gas, (like all of us) , why not try car pooling to BSC Meetings? Next issue we will publish a "By Post Office" list of BSC members in your area. Call and ask a Trooper to attend a meeting with you. It's worth a try now!

**Paraglide Stories**

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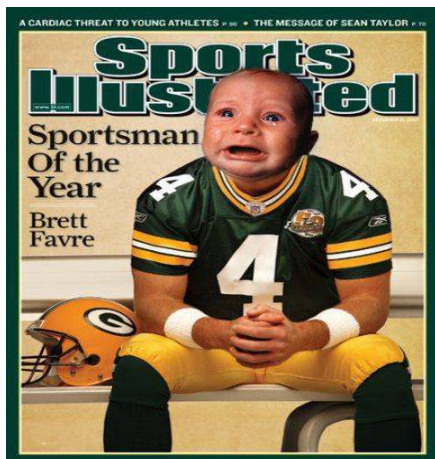
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## 82nd Airborne Convention Shots

Clockwise, BSC Secretary John Givens and Adjutant Steve Helms admire their excellent work on the BSC's Challenge Coins; Delegate and Trustee Jim Morris with Trustee Tom Gaukel and John Givens enjoy some soda; and the 505's All Americans Color Guard looking sharp.

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