

Spring 2017

Panther



Association

America's Guard of Honor

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2017 ALL AMERICAN WEEK – Panther Veteran Events

- Mon, May 22, 5:00pm – Battalion Open House, 3rd Brigade battalion areas
- Tue, May 23, 10:30am – Brigade picnic, behind 3rd Brigade dining facility
- Tue, May 23, 6:00pm – Panther Assoc Hosted Social, Landmark Inn
- Wed, May 24, 11:00am – Golden Brigade Wreath laying ceremony, 82nd Museum
- Wed, May 24, 6:00pm – Golden Brigade Hosted Social, Landmark Inn
- Landmark Inn, 1208 Glider Street, Fort Bragg, NC. (910)495-1215, reservation code: GBC; room rate- \$64.99 plus tax
- For a schedule of the Division events, please visit <http://www.505thpantherassociation.org/index.html>

71st NATIONAL CONVENTION – A Century of Service!!!

- Aug 9, 2017 9:30am to Aug 12, 2017, 11:59pm
- Thu, Aug 10, 6:00pm – Panther Assoc General Membership Meeting
- Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL
- For a schedule of the Convention events, please visit www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html



FROM THE PANTHER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Greetings Panthers,

As we celebrate **75 years** and the Division celebrates **100 years** of faithful service to this great country, I would like to extend a personal note of thanks to you for your service and sacrifice, your unwavering support to the Panther Brigade Combat Team, and your continued commitment to the Panther Association!

If you want to connect with the current Troopers in the Panther Brigade, a great way to do so is by attending All American Week! This year, Col Beaudoin and CSM Johnson are laying out the red carpet with battalion open houses on Mon, May 22 and the brigade picnic on Tue, May 23. Tuesday evening, we are hosting a social for all Panther veterans and active duty Troopers at the Landmark Inn. The Golden Brigade Chapter will host a social on Wed evening, also at the Landmark Inn. If you plan to attend All American Week, please RSVP to Jeff Briggs at jeffrey.briggs47@gmail.com

What's new this year? All new Lifetime and new Annual members will receive an association decal that they can proudly display (see next page for design). If you are a current lifetime member and want a decal, please contact Jeff Briggs.

Finally, enclosed are our annual raffle tickets, which continues to be our main source of income. I ask that you purchase them or donate if you can do so. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Convention.

For those that can make it, I look forward to seeing you during All American Week and/or later this summer at the Division Convention!

All the Way...H-MINUS!!!

Al Paquin

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Did you know? Records show the 505th was originally called an Airborne Infantry Regiment with an activation date of 6 July 1942 at Fort Benning as part of the U.S. Airborne Command. The 505th trained and prepared for combat under this organization with Col. James Gavin until being assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division in February 1943. This assignment triggered the 505th to move to Fort Bragg as part of the deployment of the 82nd Airborne Division to Tunisia, North Africa. By 9 July 1943, the 505th, as the lead element for the Division, conducted the first regimental sized combat parachute operation in the history of the U.S. Army at Gela, Sicily, just over a year after activation. On 14 September 1943, following the 505's return to Tunisia from Sicily, the second combat parachute operation for the 505th was conducted at Salerno, Italy. In October 1943, the 505th was ordered to the United Kingdom with the Division in preparation for "Operation Overlord" or the Allied Normandy Invasion on 6 June 1944.

All the Way...H-MINUS!!!
Mike Oesch
Panther Association Vice President



RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE! Annual Raffle Ticket Fundraiser is back!!!
1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00

- Total Tickets Requested: _____ \$ _____
1st Prize \$205.00, 2nd Prize \$105.00, 3rd Prize \$75.00. Drawing is Thu, 10 August 2017 in Orlando, Florida during the 71st National Convention. You need not be present to win.



ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Wounded Warrior Program: \$ _____
- Sponsor a Trooper at Convention: \$ _____
- Panther Association General Fund: \$ _____
\$100.00 Contributors receive a Challenge Coin of choice P.A., CMOH or Slim Jim Gavin Coin.
\$50.00 Contributors receive a Bumper Sticker or Flash Light Pen
ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE, Receipt furnished upon request.



MEMBERSHIP

- Lifetime Member (\$75.05): \$ _____
- Renew Annual (\$15.05): \$ _____
- New Annual (\$15.05): \$ _____

****NEW THIS YEAR – All new Lifetime Members and Annual Members will receive a vehicle decal upon joining the association!**



FROM THE QUARTERMASTER. Come visit our website to view our current memorabilia for sale!!! www.505thpantherassociation.org/quartermaster.htm

New!!! Get your exclusive 75th Anniversary Coin today! This coin was designed in cooperation with General Gavin's daughter, Barbara Gavin Fauntleroy. The proceeds from the sale of this coin will benefit the 3rd Brigade and their families.



\$20.00



GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM along with any RAFFLE TICKET STUBS and your CHECK for the "GRAND TOTAL" made out to the "PANTHER ASSOCIATION". All donations are tax deductible. CHECK HERE _____ AND WE WILL MAIL YOU A RECEIPT.