



## **“DESTINATION ORLANDO”**

**82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division  
Orlando, Florida**

**69<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
12-15 August 2015**

**PANTHER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**  
Fellow Panthers:

First I would like to commend those deployed for the exemplary work being done and hope for their safe return.

Now I would ask you all to assist the association in any way you can. We have some expenses that need to be addressed and things like new membership, buying raffle tickets or just donations would help.

I hope to see many of you at our meeting/brunch at the national convention in Orlando fl.  
“H-Minus”

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### **505 PANTHER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

#### **ELECTED OFFICERS:**

President: Ed Herlihy  
Vice President: Leo Hobson  
Sergeant at Arms: MSG (R) Mike Oesh  
Business & Tax Advisor: Allen E. Schoppe

Secretary: SGM (R) Jeff Briggs  
Assistant Secretary: Bert Schmitz  
Treasurer: Wheeler Small  
Quartermaster: Bert Schmitz

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Commanding Officer: Col. Curtis A. Buzzard	Command Sergeant Major CSM Brian Severino
Honorary Col. of Regt: LTG (R) James Johnson	Honorary CSM of Regt: CSM (R) Ted Gaweda
Representing 555 PIB: Wheeler Small	Representing Golden Brigade: Paddy Barry
Representing 505 RCT: Joseph Schwan	Past President: Richard Young
Active Duty Liaison Officer: MSG Anthony Henry	

#### **CURRENT COMMANDING OFFICERS AND CSM'S OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> BRIGADE**

Commanding Officer: Col Curtis A. Buzzard	5/73 <sup>rd</sup> : CSM Ames
Command Sergeant Major: CSM Brian Severino	1/319 <sup>th</sup> : CSM Williams
Plans Sergeant Major: SMG Embic	BSB": CSM Peters
1 Panther: CSM Burgoyne	307 BEB: CSM Reid
2 Panther (vacant)	

### **2015 CONVENTION BRUNCH & MEETING for THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 10:00 Hrs**

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ BUFFET BRUNCH & MEETING @ \$28.00 each. (Please indicate number attending.)

**Brunch Sub-total** \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**I CAN/CANNOT ATTEND THIS YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE ACTIVITIES:**

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

GENERAL 505 PANTHER ASSN. FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

RENEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (\$15.05) \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

JOIN LIFE MEMBERSHIP (\$75.05) \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Contributions Sub-total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Twelve tickets are enclosed for our 2015 raffle. We ask you to either purchase them or offer them to someone else. The price is a modest \$10 for all of them and the seller of the winning ticket also wins \$50. The drawing will be held on 13 August during the Panther Association brunch. Please place the stubs in the enclosed envelope along with this form. 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$505, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$100. You need not be present to win

**I AM PURCHASING THE FOLLOWING RAFFLE TICKETS: (Circle one)**

\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00 EA. OR 6 for \$5 OR 12 for \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Tickets Sub-total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**ADD HERE:** THE TOTAL FOR ANY "REGIMENTAL ITEMS" PICTURED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES:  
(all prices include postage & handling)

Blazer Bullion Crest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Regimental Necktie \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Combination Bullion & Necktie Set \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.50 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Ladies Scarf \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Third Brigade License Plate \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Regimental Patch: \_\_\_\_ Ready \_\_\_\_ Panthers \_\_\_\_ H/Minus @ \$5.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

505 PIR Airborne Medallion \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Panther Association 2" Challenge Coin \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Congressional MOH 2" Coin \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Magnet 3" round \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Panther 505 Patch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Denim Shirt – Size \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeve long/short \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Panther 505 Hat \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.05 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Regimental Items Sub-total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

**GRAND TOTAL: (Dinner, Contributions, Tickets, Regimental Items & Coins) = \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

Please return THIS FORM in the enclosed envelope along with any 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.

## REGIMENTAL ITEMS FOR SALE

### **Blazer Bullion Crest: (35.05)**

This 3"x 4" hand-sewn, three dimensional blazer emblem to be worn on sports coats or jackets, is highlighted with gold bullion thread and a magnetic pocket insert.



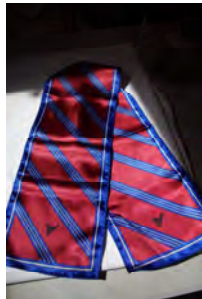
### **Regimental Necktie:**

(\$25.05)



### **Ladies Scarf:**

(\$25.05)



### **Third Brigade License Plate: (\$10.00)**

This is a 5 3/4" x 10 3/4" steel stamped, enamel painted standard size plate.



### **505 PIR Airborne Medallion: (\$45.05)**

#### **(Made in America by Veterans)**

This medallion is 6" in diameter and is 2 lb. 5oz. solid cast brass. It makes an attractive garden or lawn ornament, it mounts on a brass rod and has a flag mount. It is a fitting tribute to everyone who ever served in the 505.

## **REGIMENTAL IRON-ON PATCHES: (\$5.05ea)**



Ready  
3 1/4" X 3"



Panthers  
2 3/4" X 4"



H/Minus  
2 3/4" X 4"



Panther 505  
3" x 2"

### **PANTHER CHALLENGE COIN FOR SALE (\$17.05)**

The engagements beginning with WWII at the top are in correct order clockwise and are accurate according to the U. S. Dept. of the Army. The coin actual size is 2" diameter.



### **CONDE MEDAL OF HONOR COIN (\$17.05)**

To honor SFC Felix Conde-Falcon's action in Vietnam on 4 April 1969



### **NEW ITEMS THIS YEAR**



**Refrigerator Magnet  
3" Diameter (\$5.05)**



**Embroidered Denim  
Shirt (\$45.05)**

(Custom shirt submit Size, long or short sleeve)



**505 Panther  
at (\$18.05)**

We hope to keep this newsletter interesting so feel free to send any past or current pictures, stories or comments and we'll be happy to add them to our next issue.

Send items to: SGM Jeffrey Briggs, Ret.  
2400 Bailey's Crossroads Road, Coats NC 27521-8920  
Or email: [jeffrey.briggs47@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.briggs47@gmail.com)

**Check out your Panther website: <http://www.505thpantherassociation.org/>**

## **THE LUCKY ONES !!**

### **Winners of the Panther Association Raffle 2014**

CPL Flickinger 2/505 \$505    MAJ Devine 5/73 \$200    CSM Onstine 2/505 \$100

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## **JOIN US !!**

### **SOUTHERN STYLE BREAKFAST BUFFET - \$28.00 PER PERSON**

**Thursday 13 August 2015 10:00 hrs. in the Panther Hospitality Room**



Fresh Chilled Florida Orange Juice, Grapefruit Juice & Cranberry Juice  
Display of Sliced Seasonal Florida Fruits & Berries  
Served with Strawberry Yogurt Dressing  
Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs & Cheese  
Southern Grits with Cheddar Cheese & Sweet Butter  
Hot Biscuits with Sausage Gravy  
Crisp Apple Wood Smoked Bacon & Country Ham  
Seasoned Yukon Gold Breakfast Potatoes  
Chef's Freshly Baked Fruit & Cheese Danish, Flaky Croissants  
Assorted Muffins & Coffee Cake  
Sweet Butter, Honey & Fruit Preserves

**(This brunch is immediately followed by the  
Panther Association Meeting in the same room)**

Panther Association Convention Hospitality Room will be on elevation ( 2 ) rooms 9/10.

The P. A brunch and meeting will be there at 10: Hrs 13 Aug 2015.

Also the Golden Bde. will be having their meeting there at their agreed upon time.

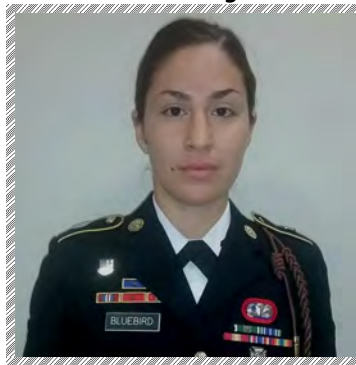


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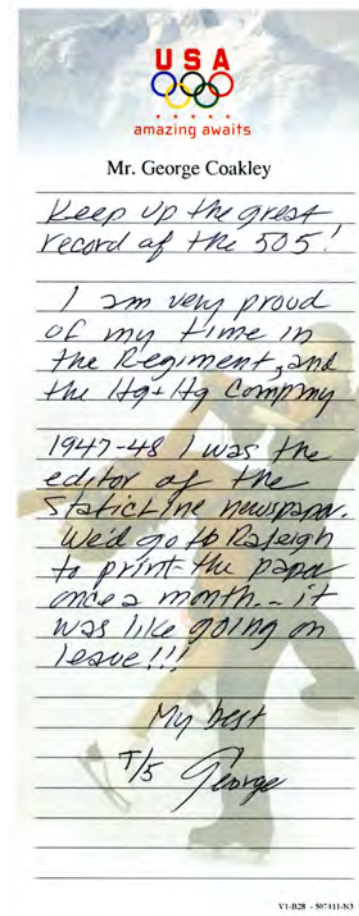


## Congratulations to Terri L. Bluebird Soldier of the year 2015



SPC Bluebird won the Soldier of the Month Board in September 2014. She went on to compete at Brigade level for Soldier of the Year in early November 2014 then on to Soldier of the quarter in late November 2014. After winning that she won the 82<sup>nd</sup> Soldier of the Year Competition held in February 2015. The next board she will compete in is the XVIII ABN Corps and Fort Bragg Soldier of the Year Competition in early June.

### Blast from the past



## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS - SEND A CARE PACKAGE

This is a list of contacts and APOs for 3rd BCT in Iraq if you want to send a care package.

SGT Kayla Young  
HHC, 3BCT, 82nd ABN DIV  
BDSC  
APO AE 09305

1SG Gourge Yakop  
HHC/1-319 AFARS, 3BCT,  
82ND ABN DIV (ERBIL)  
APO AE 09316

CH (CPT) Hank Mauterer  
HHT/5-73, 3BCT, 82ND ABN  
DIV (TAJI)  
UNIT #3103  
APO AE 09305

CPT Sheron Collins  
B CO/BSB, 3BCT, 82ND ABN  
DIV (AL ASAD)  
UNIT #3101  
APO AE 09305

CPT Charles Gallagher  
1-505th PIR/3BCT, 82ND ABN  
DIV (TAWHID)  
UNIT #3107  
APO AE 09305

CH (CPT) Scott King  
HHC/1-505th PIR, 3BCT 82ND  
ABN DIV (BDSC)  
APO AE 09305

MAJ J.D. Pritchett  
HHC/2-505th PIR, 3BCT,  
82ND ABN DIV (BESMAYA)  
UNIT #3105  
APO AE 09305

CH (CPT) Joe Reffner  
HHC/BSB, 3BCT, 82ND ABN  
DIV (TAJI)  
UNIT #3103  
APO AE 09305

CH (MAJ) Brian Tung  
HHC/3BCT, 82ND ABN DIV  
APO AE 09330

The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.  
G.K. Chesterton



## TAPS

### WE REMEMBER AND HONOR DECEASED PANTHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Timothy Dyas  
John Lattimer  
John Slaviero  
Allie Lamonica

Charter Life Member  
Charter Life Member  
Life Member  
MED 505 1942-1945

James Curran SVC/505 1954-1956  
Jerry Golightly 1/505 1962-1964  
Fredrick Hicks 1/505 1943-1946  
Norberto Ruiz HHC 2/505 2002-2012



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## World War I 328th Infantry 82nd Division AEF Rock, Fort Bragg



Located on the grounds of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Museum at Fort Bragg NC, the stone was carved in 1919 by a Georgia stonemason to honor the 82nd Division's 328th Infantry. The stone was originally located at Camp Gordon, Georgia, the original base of the 82nd Division and where they were organized in August of 1917. Fort Bragg became the home of the 82nd Airborne in the early 1940s, with the stone being relocated there.

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## Don't Forget!!

The Triple Nickle 2015 Reunion Information  
can be found at the following link:



<http://triplenickle.com/reunion.htm>

You can download the flyer and registration form.

Join us for our 36th Annual Reunion!!  
Make your reservations now.....

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## Excerpts from “Reflections about an 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Memorial along the Entrance Road to Arlington Cemetery

For what it is worth, here are my observations and reflections. I don't know what it should be called – a memorial or monument because I think that both are appropriate. Maybe there are better names.

There are dozens of monuments in the D.C. area but I want to concentrate my observations on those that encompass the 100 years of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Division, 82<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division to be celebrated in 2017.

**Dreams for an 82<sup>nd</sup> Memorial:** This will be tough but the 82<sup>nd</sup> has always taken on the tough missions – it just takes a little longer to accomplish the impossible. My vision is to try to combine elements of all of the current memorials into one major effort. Some of the vision includes recognition of 82<sup>nd</sup> soldiers from all periods: WWI, WWII, Cold War, Vietnam, Grenada, Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Missions, Panama, Desert Storm, and the Global war on Terrorism.

I picture bronze soldiers that people can kneel down next to and say a prayer for those thousands of men and women who have given their lives in the service of our country wearing the Red, White, and Blue patch of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division on their sleeve. People should be able to touch and feel it. People from all over the world should know what the 82<sup>nd</sup> is all about.

The memorial may honor sons or daughters, husbands, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, uncles or grandfathers or your best foxhole buddy who didn't make it home. Citizens of countries that the 82<sup>nd</sup> fought for freedom in should also be able to say “Thank You”.

It should convey that same message a hundred years from now. Undoubtedly, there will be more men and women to honor long after we are gone from our glorious Division and to our next posting in the sky.

4 February 2014 By Richard F. O'Hare (804-338-8222) [gbc82abnvn@aol.com](mailto:gbc82abnvn@aol.com)

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### 82nd Airborne paratroopers in action during Iraq training mission



Iraqi soldiers practice movement drills during a squad live-fire exercise March 1 at Besmaya Range Complex, Iraq. The soldiers received instruction from members of the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, to improve their combat proficiency against DAISH.



Sgt. Maj. Frank Velez, command sergeant major of the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley, command sergeant major of U.S. Army Central, and Sgt. Maj. Antonio Nunez of the Spanish legion, tour the Spanish compound of Besmaya, Iraq, March 1. The U.S and Spanish forces are in Iraq as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, a coalition mission, to advise Iraqi soldiers in the fight against DAISH. (Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Deja Borden, 20th Public Affairs Detachment, U.S. Army Central)



Sgt Maj. Michael Grinston, senior enlisted leader of the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command - Iraq, 1st Infantry Division, and Lt. Col. John White, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division meet with a senior leaders of the Iraqi army March 1 at Besmaya Range Complex, Iraq. Leadership from both armies observed a training exercise for the Iraqi soldiers. The purpose of the training was for Iraqi forces to prepare for combat against DAISH. (Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Deja Borden, 20th Public Affairs Detachment, U.S. Army Central)



photo by Sgt. Deja Borden

Sgt. Jerry Dees, a trainer with the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division instructs Iraqi soldiers on movement techniques during an exercise March 1 at Besmaya Range Complex, Iraq. Dees demonstrated movements by drawing different scenarios in the sand. The 2-505 PIR Soldiers shared their knowledge with Iraqi forces to aid in the fight against DAISH. (Photo by Army Sgt. Deja Borden, 20th Public Affairs Detachment, U.S. Army Central)



A soldier with the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, instructs Iraqi soldiers during a training exercise March 1 at Besmaya Range Complex, Iraq. The soldiers conducted both practice and live-fire movement drills in order to better combat DAISH. (Photo by Army Sgt. Deja Borden, 20th Public Affairs Detachment, U.S. Army Central)







CPL Alvin Cullum "Sergeant" York  
8 October 1918  
Newr Chatel-Chehery, France



## MEDAL of HONOR RECIPIENTS



SSG Felix M. Conde-Falcon  
4 April 1969  
Ap Tan Hoa Vietnam



LTC Emory J Pike  
15 September 1918  
Vandieres France



1SG Leonard A. Funk, Jr.  
29 January 1945  
Holzheim Belgium



PFC Charles N. Deglopper  
9 June 1944  
Merderet River at la Fiere, France



PVT John R. Towle  
21 September 1944  
Near Oosterhout Holland



PVT Joe Gandara  
9 June 1944  
Amfreville France

Courtesy of the 505th Panther Association Veterans and Active Duty.  
H/Minus ATW