



## **“ OPERATION OZARKS ”**

**82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association**  
**Springfield, Missouri**

**68<sup>th</sup> National Convention**  
**August 20-24, 2014**

### **PANTHER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**

Greetings Panthers:

It is that time of year again when I ask you to help our Association in whatever way possible. This newsletter gives many examples of what we do for the active duty troopers. We have many expenses that occur during the year, one of them being this newsletter. At the national convention we will be having our biannual meeting in which we will be having our election of officers. It is important for all possible to attend as we have important issues to discuss. As all those who attended the brigade picnic found out, our Secretary Bert Schmitz is stepping down and I would like to thank him for all the years of outstanding service to the Association.

“H-MINUS”

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### **505 PANTHER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

#### **ELECTED OFFICERS:**

President	Ed Herlihy	Vice President	Leo Hobson
Treasurer	Wheeler Small	Secretary	Bert Schmitz

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

Honorary Col of Regt. Representing 555 PIB	LTG James Johnson Ret. Joe Murchison	Honorary CSM of Regt. Representing Golden Bde.	CSM Ted Gaweda Ret. Pat Barry
Representing 505 RCT	Gerald Weed	Past President	Richard Young
Liaison Officer	CSM Jeffrey Briggs Ret.		

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

Col Fenzl	CSM Ames	5/73rd
CSM Severino	CSM Williams	1/319th
SMG Embic	CSM Peters	BSB
CSM Burgoyne 1 Panther	CSM Reid	307 BEB
CSM Stunkard 2 Panther		

### **2014 CONVENTION BRUNCH & MEETING for THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 10:00 Hrs**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ BUFFET BRUNCH & MEETING @ \$25.00 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) \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROGRAM \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Twelve tickets are enclosed for our 2014 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 21 August at 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 @ \$5 OR 12 @ \$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 Buillon & Necktie Set \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.50 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

Regimental Patch:\_\_\_ Ready \_\_\_ Panther \_\_\_ 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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**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.



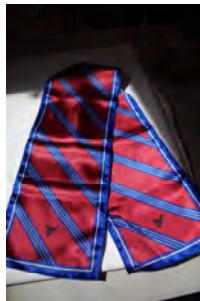
### **Regimental Necktie:**

(\$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 PATCHES: (\$5.05ea)**



**Ready**  
**3 1/4" X 3"**



**Panther**  
**2 3/4" X 4"**



**H/Minus**  
**2 3/4" X 4"**

### **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



### **WIN ST. MICHAEL, PATRON SAINT OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION WITH A DONATION TO THE WOUNDED WARRIOR FUND**

This museum-quality collectible Archangel Michael sculpture is cold-cast bronze, hand-painted by Master Artisans. Fascinating details include a real metal sword, feathers in the Archangel's wings and scales on the dragon. Sitting on a handsome mahogany-finished base with title plaques

You can win this bronze statue by donating to the Wounded Warrior Fund. A slip with your name is entered into the drawing for every \$5 donation you make, for example: a \$25 donation earns 5 slips.

ALL proceeds from ticket sales go to the WOUNDED WARRIOR FUND. The drawing will be held on 21 August at the Panther Association Brunch & Meeting.





**BREAKFAST BUFFET - \$25.00 PER PERSON**

Thursday 21 August 2014 10:00 hrs. Kansas B & C

Sliced fresh seasonal fruit & mixed berries.  
Scrambled eggs.  
Smoked Bacon & Sausage links.  
Biscuits & sausage gravy.  
Breakfast potatoes.  
Orange juice & coffee.  
Bagels with cream cheese & preserves



**FOR RESERVATION PLEASE R.S.V.P. EARLY**  
**PANTHER ASSOCIATION MEETING AT (during) BUFFET**  
Attire – collared shirt & slacks

***IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE SPONSOR AN ACTIVE DUTY TROOPER TO THE BRUNCH.***



**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: Bert Schmitz, PA Secretary**  
**8351 O'Connells Resort Road, Winneconne, WI 54986**  
**Or email: [boomerwi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:boomerwi@sbcglobal.net)**

**PANTHER ASSOCIATION MEETING 21 AUG 2014**  
**ELECTION UPDATE**

**Jeffrey Briggs (on lft.) running for PA Secretary**  
**Richard Lopez (on rt.) running for PA Vice-president**



## 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division



Capt. Matthew Weisner has always been part of a team and looked upon as a leader. Weisner, the commander of Company D, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, received the General. Douglas MacArthur Leadership award from the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Raymond Odierno, during a ceremony at the Pentagon May 30, 2014.



### TOP RANGER TEAM 2014

Team #12  
82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division

CPT Alexander Rhoads      1LT James Teskey



#### To any : H/505 PIR WWII

Leslie P. Cruise, Jr. would like to update the "4 combat jump" file for H Co. 505. If anyone could help please contact him:

Leslie P. Cruise, Jr.  
1045 Davis Grove Road  
Prospectville, PA 19002-1104

Check out WWII troopers featured on his website <http://www.6juin1944.com>

## AWARDS

### KOREAN WAR RANGERS AWARD

Wheeler Small, a member of the Airborne 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Infantry Company, receives a Korean War Rangers combat award at the Korean Veterans Reunion in Washington DC



### MEDAL-OF-HONOR AWARDED



Richard Conde accepts the Medal of Honor on behalf of his late father, Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Felix M. Conde-Falcon, from President Barack Obama during a ceremony at the White House on March 18, 2014.

Conde-Falcon, then a staff sergeant, distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an acting platoon leader assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division's Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, during combat operations against an armed enemy in Ap Tan Hoa, Vietnam, April 4, 1969.

## **THE LUCKY ONES !!**

### **Winners of the Panther Association Raffle 2012**

Mr. Joseph Schwan \$505      PFC Jared Smith \$200      CAPT Julian Mapp \$100

### **Winners of the Panther Association Raffle 2013**

Mr. Bill Moore \$505      Alex Okimoto \$200      PFC Andy Cervantes \$100

### **Winner of WWII Statue**

Mr. Paul Dawson CL Member

**Donation to the Christmas Stocking Program**  
\$1000

## **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

Thanks to PFC Bill Slawson, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Service Force, from the original 505 "D" Company for sending the photograph of this plaque in Verbomont, Belgium.

The bronze plaque shown here is mounted on the Liberation stone in the village's memorial Park. It was requested by the Mayor to commemorate the liberation of Verbomont by the 505 RCT of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division during WWII.

H/Minus ATW



“When the smoke cleared away, it was the man with the sword, or the cross bow, or the rifle, who settled the final issue on the field.”  
George C. Marshall





## **TAPS**

### **WE REMEMBER AND HONOR DECEASED PANTHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

Gordon Stark	505 RCT	4 Combat Jumps
Philip McKnight	505 RCT	2 Combat Jumps, 2 Glider Assaults
Warren Bowen	505 RCT	4 Combat Jumps
Julius Eisner	505 RCT	4 Combat Jumps
Robert Franco	505 RCT	4 Combat Jumps
William Steele	505 RCT	4 Combat Jumps
Ernest Schmidt	505 RCT	4 Combat Jumps, Member of 82 <sup>nd</sup> Honor Guard Berlin
Howard Hubner	505 RCT	2 Combat Jumps
Edward Laughlin	505 RCT	1 Combat Jump
Ira Strack	505 RCT	1 Combat Jump
Stanley Wojtowski	505 PIR	
Marion Miller	505 PIR	
Daryle Whitfield	505 PIR	
Frank Sharps	505 PIR	
Frank Wohlfart	505 PIR	
William French	505 PIR	
Jean Wade	505 PIR	
Edward Posey	555 PIB, 505 PIR, 2 <sup>nd</sup> ABN Ranger Co	

### **DECEASED GOLDEN BRIGADE MEMBERS**

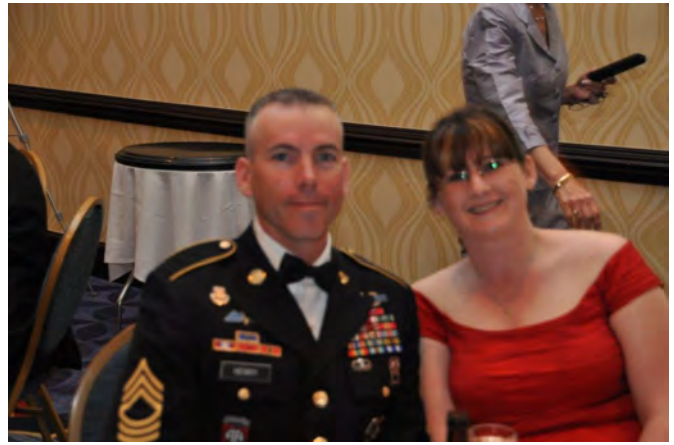
Carl Davis	B/1-505 PIR
William Stevens	K-TRP 1/17 CAV
Carl Couthard	HHC/505 PIR



## **ATLANTA AWARDS DINNER MAY 2014**



**SM Jeffrey Briggs, retired, & wife at the Atlanta Awards Dinner**



**MSG Anthony Henry & wife at the Atlanta Awards Dinner**



**Retired SM Jeffrey Briggs received his Panther Man-of-the-Year award at the banquet.**



**MSG Anthony Henry received his Panther Soldier-of-the-Year award at the banquet.**



**Leo Hobson & friend at the Atlanta Awards Dinner 2014**