



Donald D. Lassen Atlanta All Airborne Chapter



1 January 2015

Dear Fellow Troopers,

The 38th Annual Airborne Awards Festival will be held this year on 1-4 April 2015 at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel, 4711 Best Road, College Park, GA. This is the same hotel that we have used the past several years.

The theme of this year's Festival will be recognizing our Korean War paratroopers. We are excited that our Guest of Honor and Awards Banquet Guest Speaker this year will be General (Retired) Charles C. "Hondo" Campbell, a decorated Viet Nam veteran who commanded at all levels, and was the Commanding General of US Army forces in Korea as a Lieutenant General. As such, he is intimately familiar with the Korean War and the current situation on the peninsula. He is a paratrooper, Special Forces qualified and recipient of many awards and decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal.

We are also excited to announce new additions this year. In addition to the Ft Benning trip, we are offering a day trip hosted by the Atlanta History Center. We will also receive a briefing on the White Tigers of the Korean War on Saturday by Colonel (Ret) Ben S. Malcom. We will again be entertained during the banquet by the 18-member Sentimental Journey Orchestra.

The Airport Marriott is about ten minutes from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport. The hotel has a shuttle that will bring you from the airport to the hotel at no charge. Self-parking is free, but you will have to pay for valet parking. Check in time for the hotel is 3 PM. If you arrive before that time, our hospitality room will be open for your convenience, where all those that have arrived before you will be waiting. You must make your reservations before March 9. Make your reservations early to ensure you get the accommodations that best suit your needs. Your hotel reservation form is included. **MAIL** it directly to the hotel. **DO NOT** send it with your Airborne Awards registration.

We look forward to seeing you.

AIRBORNE!

Troy E. "Gil" Gilleland, Jr.

Co Chairman, Airborne Awards Festival

Colonel (Retired), Senior Executive Service (Retired)

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38th Annual Airborne Awards Festival, Atlanta, Georgia 1-4 April 2015

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday 1 April:

12 Noon – Registration Opens (All Day); Hospitality Room Opens (All Day)

Thursday 2 April:

7-8 AM – Early Registration

8 AM/11 AM – Board buses for trips to (a) Fort Benning (8AM) and (b) Atlanta History Center (11AM)

10 AM – Hospitality Room Opens (All Day)

4-6 PM – Return from Fort Benning & Atlanta History Center; Registration Opens

10 PM - Quick Draw (if enough interest) held in Hospitality Room—you do not need to be present to win

Friday 3 April:

9 AM – Registration Opens (All Day, except during events)

9:30 AM – 82nd Update Briefing -

11 AM – Cocktail Hour

12 AM – Memorial Luncheon

3 PM – 101st Update Briefing –

10 PM – Quick Draw (if enough interest) held in Hospitality Room—you do not need to be present to win

Saturday, 4 April:

9:30 AM – White Tigers Korea briefing – Hospitality room opens immediately following

10 AM – Ladies Brunch

12 PM – Registration Opens

4 PM – Hospitality Room closes until after Banquet

6 PM – Cocktail Hour for Banquet

7 PM – Awards Banquet

10 PM – Airborne Hop

IMPORTANT NEWS:

BENNING TRIP: This trip will entail a bus trip to Benning, a wreath-laying ceremony at the Airborne Walk, a demonstration by the 1-507th PIR about Airborne School, lunch with members of the 1-507th, and a visit to the National Infantry Museum's Armored Vehicle Restoration Facility that is housed in BG George Patton's 2nd Armored Division 1941 Tank Repair Building. Unfortunately, there is no Airborne 5th Jump & Graduation this week, and due to funding constraints, we are not allowed to participate in live-fire. We are attempting to schedule other events, e.g., Ranger graduation, etc. Watch for updates on our website: www.82nd-atl.com.

ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER TRIP: This trip will entail a bus trip to local historical locations in Atlanta. We will leave the Marriott at 1100 and travel a short distance for lunch at Mary Mac's Tea Room, an Atlanta Landmark since 1945. After lunch we will re-board the bus and travel another short distance to the Atlanta History Center located on 30-plus acres in Midtown Atlanta. The History Center has over 1,500 original Civil War artifacts on display along with photographs, dioramas, videos and more. This is one of our nation's largest exhibitions of original Civil War artifacts. Included at the history center is the 1996 Olympic Games museum and "Down the Fairway with Bobby Jones" which describes the evolution of the world-famous Masters Tournament and the development of the modern game of golf.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY ORCHESTRA: We are pleased to announce that the Sentimental Journey Orchestra will play again this year during and after the Airborne Awards Banquet.

Airborne Awards Registration
April 1, 2, 3, 4 2015 – Atlanta, Georgia

The early bird party begins at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 1. If you arrive early, our Hospitality Room will provide you a place to wait until your room is available. Eats and drinks are provided there, free for all paid attendees.

Fill out the form below and return it, along with your check to address listed at bottom of form. Register early to ensure you get the accommodations you request. Remember, full refund in case of withdrawal, up to March 15th.

Registration Fee:

You must pay this even if you do not attend any events.

\$40 per person _____

I will attend:

Thursday, April 2 Circle Trip #1 or #2 (includes lunch)

#1 - Bus Trip to Ft. Benning

#2 - Bus Trip to Atlanta History Center

\$40 per person _____

Friday, April 3

Memorial Luncheon - 12 Noon

\$40 per person _____

Saturday, April 4

Ladies Brunch

\$20 per person _____

Awards Banquet & Hop

\$40 per person _____

Total for Registration and All Events: Payment must accompany Registration Form
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DATE SERVED _____ UNIT(S) _____

CAMPAIGNS _____

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ PHONE: _____ E-mail _____

I will arrive _____ I will depart _____

Email address for confirmation: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

Atlanta All Airborne Chapter
1087 Carson Lane
Hampton, GA 30228-1694

CANCELLATION POLICY

100% refund, including Registration Fee, if request is received by Sunday, March 15, 2015.

Refund of events (less registration fee) with requests received between from March 16 and March 28, 2015.

NO REFUNDS AFTER SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015.

All Events **MUST** be paid for prior to March 28.

Any Registration received after March 28 and **ALL WALK-INS** will be charged an additional \$10 per event.

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DO NOT SEND MONEY FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please use the enclosed hotel reservation form and mail to the address on the form
or call the contact info provided on the form.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AIRBORNE AWARDS FESTIVAL

Contact: Annette Purcell

email: grandma1423@att.net

PH: 678-592-7441

Or

Kurt Linden

PH: 678-699-7073

AIRBORNE AWARDS PROGRAM OUTLINE

Wednesday April 1 This is the date of the Early Bird Party. The hospitality room will open at 12 Noon, on the Lobby Level (follow the signs) and will provide a place for the early arrivals to enjoy themselves until their rooms are available. **Hotel Rooms are not available until after 3 pm.**

Thursday April 2 The buses will depart from the Hotel at 8 AM sharp for Fort Benning and 11 AM sharp for the Atlanta History Center. We will return to the Hotel by 6 PM, have the evening free for a leisurely dinner and hold another Quick Draw in the Hospitality Room at 10 PM.

Friday April 3 The first official function of the Festival, the Memorial Luncheon, takes place today at Noon. The Cocktail Hour begins at 11 AM to give everyone a chance to mingle while you find your way to your table (open seating) and meet the new arrivals of the morning. The Memorial Service is dedicated to the memory of all the Troopers lost in combat during the past 70 years. Prior to the luncheon at 9:30 AM, there will be an update briefing by the 82nd Airborne Division, giving us a rundown of their activities during the past year and a readiness update of the Division. Following the luncheon at 3PM, there will be an update briefing by the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division, giving us a rundown of their activities during the past year and a readiness update of the Division. The evening will be free for Unit meetings, a leisurely dinner or whatever you choose to do. If there is enough interest, we will hold a Quick Draw at 10 PM in the Hospitality Room and one lucky person could walk away with \$1000. There will be other winners of \$25 and \$50. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

Saturday April 4 At 9:30 AM COL (Ret) Ben S. Malcom will provide a briefing on the White Tigers of Korean War fame. This will be a very informative briefing and is in-line with our theme of honoring Korean War paratroopers. COL Malcom was recently inducted into the Georgia Veterans Hall of Fame, and is a true American hero. The ladies will have a brunch at 10 AM, with games and prizes. The Awards Banquet will begin with Cocktails at 6 PM and the Banquet will begin at 7 PM. Following dinner, to finish out the evening, we will have the Airborne Awards presentations and the recognition of Airborne Achievements by the members of the various Airborne Organizations across the Country. After the Awards presentations, we will dance to the great sounds of the Sentimental Journey Orchestra in the ballroom, then adjourn to the Hospitality Room where festivities will continue until 2 AM.

The legends, the heroes, the organizers and the planners of the Airborne World turn out for this ALL Airborne Festival, from WWII to present day, along with the leaders of most National Airborne Organizations.

The entire Festival is staged for the benefit of every person who has ever served in the Airborne.

This is a great opportunity for you to show your pride for yourself and your Airborne comrades, and to join them openly in Airborne camaraderie. If you still have an old uniform that you can fit into, it will be entirely fitting for you to wear it at this gathering.

Hopefully, our program for 2015 will be exciting and enjoyable for everyone and our biggest yet.

Come join us and be a part of this 38th Annual ALL Airborne Festival and make it Airborne's greatest spectacle of the year.

***** Men should wear coat and tie for the Memorial Luncheon and the Awards Banquet *****

***** Ladies appropriate dress *****

***** Active Duty: Dress Uniform *****



2015 AIRBORNE AWARDS FESTIVAL / ATLANTA, GA
Monday, March 30, 2015 – Saturday, April 4, 2015

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: Monday, March 9, 2015

NAME _____ Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____ MARRIOTT REWARDS # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NO. OF ROOMS	ROOM PREFERENCE	ROOM RATES + 15% Tax
_____	King – (1 bed)	Single -- \$ 90.00
_____	Double - (2 beds)	Double -- \$ 90.00
_____	No Preference	Triple -- \$ 90.00
		Quad -- \$ 90.00

PLEASE NOTE: This is a non-smoking hotel.

NOTE: If requested room type is not available, the next available room type will be assigned. CHECK-IN: After 3:00 PM CHECK-OUT: 12:00 Noon
YOUR ARRIVAL DATE: _____ TIME _____ YOUR DEPARTURE DATE _____ TIME _____

SHARING ROOM WITH: 1) _____ Last Name _____ First Name _____

To guarantee a room for arrival after 6:00 p.m., a major credit card is required. To avoid penalty, please cancel your reservation at least 24 hours prior to arrival. Failure to do so will result in your credit card charged for one night's room & tax.

METHOD OF PAYMENT
_____ VISA _____ MasterCard _____ American Express _____ Diner's Club _____ Discover _____ CHECK # _____

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

RESERVATIONS may be:
MAILED to BRENDA THOMAS., Atlanta Airport Marriott, 4711 Best Road, College Park, GA 30337
OR FAXED to BRENDA THOMAS at 404-209-6838
OR E-MAILED to: brenda.thomas@marriott.com

For revisions or cancellations, please fax, e-mail or call Brenda Thomas at 404.209.6851