

## Meeting Minutes for Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter (TBAAC) of the 82d Airborne Division Association

Meeting Location: VFW Post 6287 5120 N U.S. Hwy 41, Apollo Beach, FL 33572

11 Members were present.

1200 Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance

### **New Officers Sworn In-**

Chapter Secretary sworn in- Lucien Campillo (LTC US Army retired)

### **Old Business-**

- Henry Recognized the outgoing Leadership Willie Rivera and Ed Richards with Certificates of Appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the Chapter and the Association. (Enclosure A)
- Henry spoke about the successful Christmas Dinner and thanked all involved for the hard work.
- Tom gave the financial Update (See Enclosure B) and update on progress to changing the Bank Account location.

### **New Business-**

#### **Four Motions presented, all passed.**

1. Motion presented to quorum to begin notification and process to amend and update Chapter By-Laws. (Secretary, Lucien Presents motion, seconded by Willie, no opposition)
  - a. Members of the Chapter were presented the first draft of the new by-laws via email and posted on Social Media. Initial feedback received will be incorporated and sent out again to membership for review. Executive committee will meet again to discuss in February and the final recommended by-laws will be presented to membership during the March Meeting.
2. Motion to allocate no more than \$200 dollars annually to design, build and maintain a chapter website, use social media to simulcast general meetings, and make functional and free email addresses for officers. (Lucien presents motion, seconded by Willie, motion passed unopposed)
  - a. Authorizes Secretary to procure, design and maintain a website and domain name. Purpose is to communicate to current and recruit future members. Intent is to find sponsors for the website in order to be revenue neutral or to generate revenue for the chapter.

- b. Authorizes Chapter to stream chapter meetings on social media. No members can vote online. The purpose is to communicate important meetings for members who cannot make the meeting.
  - c. Authorizes Secretary to make functional email accounts for the chapter. These will have no cost to the chapter. These emails will be passed to future officers to maintain continuity.
- 3. Motion to conduct meetings in various locations to increase chapter participation. General meeting every other month with a social meeting on the off months. Amended to say that at the December meeting Chapter will reevaluate and continue or find a location centrally located in the region. (Vice Chairman, Brandon presents motion and after discussion Amends motion, passed by members present)
  - a. After some discussion chapter agrees to use multiple locations.
  - b. Amended to evaluate at the end of the year as some members expressed concern about not having our own place.
  - c. Members brought up that social meetups should not be too late for safety reasons
- 4. Motion to have chapter pay for 4 people (2-guests, 1 speaker, 82d ABN Assoc Pres) for the Airborne Spring Break Dinner. (Vice Chairman, Brandon, presents, seconded by Ed motion passed unopposed)

#### **Airborne Spring Break.**

- Henry gave an update on Airborne Spring Break. Paratroopers (2) have been requested to participate and waiting on final approval from Division on the troopers. Henry provided tickets for members to sell and some documents for locations. Henry will publish itinerary.

(Enclosure C)

#### **Chairman's Vision for CY 19.**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division is the most recognizable unit in the world. It is our responsibility to ensure that we, as representatives, hold to the high standards that make being Airborne Troopers unique.

- It is our challenge to grow and strengthen our Association and Chapter to ensure that we continue our history and the traditions of the "Airborne" community.
- Become partners with our community through engaging in local event representing the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, the Association and our Chapter.
- Continue to partner with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in assisting troopers that are transitioning out of the service in our Chapter area.
- Solidify the overall structure of the Chapter in order to provide strong continuity for the future and for all members.

- All members find camaraderie and pride in being a member of our Chapter. It doesn't matter if you served one year in the Army or were a career Soldier you are an Airborne Brother or Sister.

**Next Meetings:**

Chapter Social Meeting 7 Feb 2019, Sparkmans Wharf Tampa FL. 1730 (Alternate location will be announced in case of inclement weather)

Executive Committee Meeting 2 March (Time/Location TBD)

General Meeting 9 March Golden Corral, 6942 W Hillsborough Ave, Tampa, FL 33634



# *82nd Airborne Division America's Guard of Honor*



## *Certificate of Appreciation*

*Is awarded to*

***Mr. Willie Rivera***

*Past Chapter Chairman*

*For your outstanding contributions and service to the  
Tampa Bay All-Airborne Chapter of the  
82nd Airborne Division Association  
Given under our hands at Tampa, Florida.*

*This 12th Day of January 2019*

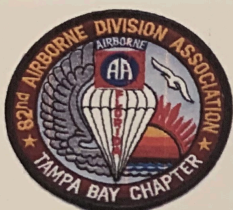
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*Lucien Campillo  
Chapter Secretary  
Tampa Bay All-Airborne Chapter*

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*Henry B. Thorpe, III  
Chapter Chairman  
Tampa Bay All-Airborne Chapter*





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Tampa Bay All-Airborne Chapter

**Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter**  
**82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Assoc.**  
**January 12, 2019**

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1. In the Wells Fargo bank as of December 31, 2018: general fund: \$1,065.55  
R & R fund: 1,387.24  
Total 2,452.79
2. I looked at local banks online and visited Sun Trust. They have a simple Business checking for \$5 monthly fee. The first year it is waived. So that is better than the current \$14 monthly fee at Wells Fargo. The way I see the procedure for the two checking accounts: get the death certificate, take it to Wells Fargo with a letter designating the new owner, Tom?? Go to Sun Trust, get a simple business checking, Henry, Tom, Lucien approved signers?? Who will be owner? Tom holds check book, Debit card? Make a wells fargo check out for the balance of the account, deposit into Sun Trust Account. In a week or so, owner goes to Wells Fargo and closes account and credit card.
3. The "owner" of the Wells Fargo account is Jack Nolan, the previous treasurer. Wells Fargo will not change the account or close it unless the owner approves. Since Jack passed away in 2016, I requested from the county a death certificate. Then the Designated new owner with a letter from the chapter minutes, can take it to the bank And have the old owner taken off the account. I feel Henry or myself should be the new Owner and add Henry as a signer and take Ed Richards off as a signer. Also Lucien as a signer??
4. The Christmas meal price mix up?? Mal had an old price of \$28.95 per person. The bill came in at \$35 per person. She was going to just take off the \$170 for the 2 servers that Willie had already paid for and that would have gipped her and brought her price down to \$21.14 per person. I didn't think that was fair for her to gip herself because of our mistake using the wrong price. So we settled on \$30 per person. So the people who Gave \$35 per person are getting a refund.  
I also want to say that I was the POC for the Christmas party headcount. I get to the party and there were 6 people added to the headcount that I didn't know about. They bypassed me and went to Mal. That was not right!!!! That cannot happen again. Actually, now that we have a secretary, and vice chairman, maybe they can be in charge of events?????
5. In past years we have given the Dunedin post \$100 donation for use of the hall for the Christmas party. May I suggest that we do that again?
6. We have a new board. Some rules: If I have to write a check for anything, I need written approval or a signed invoice from Henry. I also need receipts and invoices for EVERYTHING with the purpose of the expenditure and to whom and approved by Henry. If we get a donation, ask them "Is this for the general fund or R and R fund??" Donations come in, I have to know where to put it. I send out thank you cards. I cannot receive any money unless I know what it is for and who it is from, unless it is from a raffle. Also, when we have a raffle, what is it for??? I always have to know. Large expenditures need to be voted on by the membership at meetings. THEN it is spent. Please no spending without approval from members especially for big amounts. Don't do it backwards unless unforeseen reasons.

Tom Giddings  
Treasurer