

82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

72nd Annual National Convention

August 8-11, 2018

2019 NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINEES

HERLIHY, T. ED (Greater Hartford) – An AAM since 1993 (he joined the Association in 1992). He served as National President in 2017. He brings a level of experience and vigor unmatched by his peers. He has served as an officer of the Greater Hartford Chapter since its inception and has served as a National Director for over 10 years and continues to advocate for his airborne brothers and sisters.

JOHNSON, Randall H. (Greater Daytona All Airborne Chapter) – An AAM since 2002 (he joined the Association in 2000). Over the last 6 years he has served as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Director in his Chapter. He has played a major role in initiating the following: adopting the Riverview Veteran's Memorial Park, South Daytona, FL; Toys for Tots for Volusia County, FL; conducts various activities at the Emory L. Bennett Veterans' Nursing Home – volunteering at the gift shop, visiting with residents and hosting a yearly Christmas party; serve coffee, fruit and snacks at the Daytona Beach VA Outpatient Clinic once a month; participated in numerous JROTC/ROTC award ceremonies; implemented a recruitment/membership program; and having his Chapter join the Volusia County Veterans Association. If elected, he will continue to utilize his organizational, motivational and networking skills to help grow the Association. He brings a proven record of successful fundraising, public relations and attracting Veterans to organizations he supports.

OESCH, Michael (Vulcan Chapter) – An AAM since 1988 (he joined the Association as an AAM). He is currently serving on the National Board of Directors and was previously a member of the Awards and Public Relations Committees. He served on Active Duty for more than 20 years, including serving as a 1SG in the 82nd Airborne Division before retiring. He regularly attended All American Week and Convention for many years, serving as both a Delegate and a Director. He has served as Chairman for his Chapter as well as other Chapter offices. He is also serving as Vice President in the Panther Association and is on the 82nd Airborne Division Monument Committee. He feels that the Association has changed very much since he first joined, which is a good sign since we have entire new generations of members now. The Association has managed to continue the great Airborne traditions that should insure our future for those who are currently serving and those who have not yet served.

PITMAN, David (Washington, DC Chapter) – He joined the Association in 2017. He is an active member of the Chapter, participating in 2017 Wreaths Across America and is currently the Vice Chairman of the Chapter. He is a Desert Storm Veteran and has strong ties to the 325th Parachute Infantry Regiment and is also very active with the 325th Veterans. He has participated in past All American Week events and just recently volunteered to serve as the Chapter and Association's Wounded Warrior Committee Liaison to the Walter Reed Navy Medical Center. He is also a member of the Chapter's 2018 Army 10 Miler team. If elected, he will bring new ideas and fresh motivation to our Association. He is a current US Government employee and lives with his family in Maryland.

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REZABEK, Gary “Doc” (PVT John Towle MOH Cleveland Chapter) – An AAM since 2009 (he joined the Association in 2001). He served as a medic for 20 years and is a veteran of Operation Just Cause and Desert Storm. He has served as National Director for 3 terms and is currently serving as National Secretary. He has served on the Association’s Wounded Warrior Committee for the past 6 years. He has been past Chairman for 8 years and is currently serving as the Chapter’s Vice-Chairman. He is dedicated to the Soldiers of our great Airborne Division and the Veterans of our Association. One area he would like to focus on is working on an outreach program for our Wounded Warriors. He remains dedicated to the continued upward growth of our Association.

SLABACH, Cletus R. (Tillman E. Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne Chapter) – An AAM since 1992 (he joined the Association as an AAM). He proudly served with 2/505 PIR from 2/1987 – 8/1989. He served again with the 1/504 PIR from 9/1991 – 6/1994, and deployed in 1993 with the Multinational Force and Observers to the Sinai Peninsula. He served a third time with the 2/504 PIR from 6/1995 – 3/1996. He obtained the rank of SSG during his service along with his Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. He has been a loyal and valued member of his Chapter and led their “Day at the Range” fundraiser activities the past two years. He is currently serving as the Chapter Sergeant at Arms. Believing that we can make a difference for Active Duty and Veterans of our Association, he will use his leadership, communication, and organizational skills along with his professional work experience to grow the membership with Active Duty and Veteran Troopers through social media. He would like to build on the current campaigns to provide services to Active Duty Units and Wounded Warriors.

TUCKER, Nero (Vulcan Chapter) (**ALTERNATE**) – An AAM since 2004 (he joined the Association as an AAM). He has served as a National Director; served for seven years as Chairman of his Chapter; and served as vice-chairman of the Chapter for one year. He has represented his Chapter as a delegate to the annual Convention and has become well-known and respected among fellow paratroopers. During his tenure as Chapter Chairman, membership increased by around 25% and the Chapter’s financial status improved tremendously. He also assisted with the ROTC program recognizing one Airborne qualified cadet from one to four universities in his state. He served three tours in the 782nd Maintenance BN in the Division and retired as Warrant Officer in 1996 out of the Division. He is also retired from civil service as the Fleet Manager of the UH-72 Helicopters Project Office, U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Command in 2016.