

Chicago Chapter -- 82nd Airborne Division Association

Newsletter January 2019



Chicago Chapter 2019 Officers:

- Mark Mueller: Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary
- Glenn T. Granat: Vice Chairman, Sergeant at Arms and Historian

Upcoming Events:

- **13 January 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at The Ram Restaurant in Rosemont, IL, 14:00-16:00.
- **10 February 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery in Warrenville, IL, 14:00-16:00. Features Airborne Trivia!
- **10 March 2019:** Chicago Chapter monthly membership meeting at the The Ram Restaurant & Brewery in Rosemont, IL, 14:00-16:00. Quarterly 50/50 Raffle drawing.
- **Outings and Events:** Vice Chairman Granat will be hosting the Chapter's first fishing day on Saturday, 01 June 2019 from 08:00-14:00 at Tampier Lake in Orland Park. We will meet on the West shore of the lake, directly adjacent to the west parking lot -- look for the AIRBORNE flag. Please bring your lunch, beverages and fishing tackle! There will be a very cool prize for the largest fish of the day!
- **Chapter Meetings:** In addition to Chapter and Association updates, there is a monthly history report and static display of very cool Airborne item. There is also plenty of social time to meet and connect with other Airborne Troopers!

Membership:

Our Chicago Chapter current headcount is 199! Recent Annual renewals include Barney Janecki and Alan Bold.

Merchandise:

Our 2019 Airborne wall calendars are still available and can be purchased for \$15.00 each at our monthly meeting or via our eBay Store. Visit the Chicago Chapter web site.

THE AIRBORNE CREED



I am an Airborne trooper! A PARATROOPER!

I jump by parachute from any plane in flight. I volunteered to do it, knowing well the hazards of my choice.

I serve in a mighty Airborne Force—famed for deeds in war—renowned for readiness in peace. It is my pledge to uphold its honor and prestige in all I am—in all I do.

I am an elite trooper—a sky trooper—a shock trooper—a spearhead trooper. I blaze the way to far-flung goals—behind, before, above the foe's front line.

I know that I may have to fight without support for days on end. Therefore, I keep mind and body always fit to do my part in any Airborne task. I am self-reliant and unafraid. I shoot true, and march fast and far. I fight hard and excel in every art and artifice of war.

I never fail a fellow trooper. I cherish as a sacred trust the lives of men with whom I serve. Leaders have my fullest loyalty, and those I lead never find me lacking.

I have pride in the Airborne! I never let it down!

In peace, I do not shrink the dullest of duty not protest the toughest training. My weapons and equipment are always combat ready. I am neat of dress—military in courtesy—proper in conduct and behavior.

In battle, I fear no foe's ability, nor under-estimate his prowess, power and guile. I fight him with all my might and skills—ever alert to evade capture or escape a trap. I never surrender, though I be the last.

My goal in peace or war is to succeed in any mission of the day—or die, if needs be, in the try.

I belong to a proud and glorious team—the Airborne, the Army, my Country. I am its chosen pride to fight where others may not go—to serve them well until the final victory.

I am the trooper of the sky! I am my Nation's best! In peace and war I never fail. Anywhere, anytime, in anything—I AM AIRBORNE!

Monthly Trooper Profile: CPT(R) THOMAS J. CARTER



Captain Thomas J. Carter is a native of New York and entered the United States Army as an Enlisted Soldier in 1973. His enlisted service was spent with the 82nd Finance Company, 82nd Airborne Division; XVIII Airborne Corp Finance and Accounting Office, and 1st PPSD, First Corps Support Command; Company A, 826 Military Intelligence Battalion; First United States Army Area Intelligence Center and School, Sixth United States Army Area Intelligence School; Intelligence Instructor, Fort McClellan, Alabama, The United States Army Intelligence Center and School, Company C, 1st Battalion, 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne); the Defense Intelligence Agency,(DIA)and the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, The Pentagon; where he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was the Distinguished Leadership Graduate of the PLDC, First Corp Support Command Leadership School. Upon receiving a Direct Commission as an Infantry Officer, Captain Carter graduated from the Infantry Officers Basic Course as a Second Lieutenant.

Other early assignments were Adjutant, 2nd Battalion 2nd Infantry, Fort Lewis, Washington; Heavy Weapons/Mortar Platoon Leader, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Pathfinder Platoon Leader, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Executive Officer, 4th Airborne Company, 4th Airborne Battalion, Fort Benning, Georgia; and the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, The Pentagon; Assistant Adjutant, 12th Special Forces Group, (Airborne) Fort Sheridan, Illinois; and Executive Officer, Officer of the Reserve Components Advisor, 11th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Captain Carter was the Operations and Security Officer, 1018th Reception Battalion and the Operations Officer, 5th Lanes Battalion, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

His education includes the Infantry Officers Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Force Development Officers Course, and the Combined Arms Service Staff School. He also graduated from the Budget Managers, Training Managers, Personnel Managers and Mobilization Managers Officers Course. He is Airborne, Pathfinder and Mortar Officer qualified. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Business from Pace University, NY.

His awards include the Army Commendation Medal (2), the Army Achievement Medal (2), the Army Good Conduct Medal (3), the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (2), The National Defense Service Medal (2), the Army Service Ribbon, the Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation (Army-Air Force), Pathfinder Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

Captain Carter is regimentally affiliated with the 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment (Airborne) (Pathfinders).