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82nd Airborne Division to live the legacy during All- American Week

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – For the first time since 2006 all of the brigade combat teams in the All-American Division will be back to enjoy the festivities of All-American Week, the 82nd Airborne Division’s annual week of competition, fun, and remembrance.

“Even though we’ve held this event, to one degree or another, since 2006 this year’s will be truly special because we’ll have everyone here to enjoy some good Paratrooper competition between the brigades, and enjoy the week’s activities with their families,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Bryant Lambert, the top enlisted advisor in the 82nd Abn. Div.

The “Living the Legacy- Back to Basics” themed week will be held May 16-20 and will give the active-duty Paratroopers a chance to honor and meet Veterans from years past as well as show them that the Paratroopers of today are still living up to the high-standards that they set for us.

Additionally, the troopers will compete in a variety of athletic and airborne events, which add to the excitement and camaraderie of the week. The week will kick-off with a division-wide four-mile run and transition into the sports events, with the main event being the combatives tournament.

The other sports events of the week will include division wide softball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and flag football tournaments. Some of the other non-traditional sports events will be a 10-mile race, tug-of-war competition, team assault course, jump competition, and boxing smoker.

On the Thursday, before the week comes to a close, more than 22,000 Paratroopers will assemble for the division review, the annual division memorial ceremony honoring those who have fallen serving our Nation.

The final and most exciting event will be the Joint Operational Access Demonstration at Sicily Drop Zone on May 20, which will show-case the proud legacy of the capabilities, readiness and firepower of the 82nd Airborne Division Paratrooper.

This year, for ease of parking and traffic out at the drop zone all those wishing to attend will park across from Pike Field and be shuttled out to the JOAD. The shuttles will begin moving spectators out to the event around 9:30 a.m. and continue running until 5 p.m.

At Sicily DZ there will be numerous static displays that will range from allowing the family members to get behind a .50 Caliber Machine Gun or try on a parachute that the Paratroopers jump with. They'll get to see an airfield seizure demonstration, equipment being dropped out of an aircraft via parachute, and watch Paratroopers do what they do best, jump. The jump is scheduled to happen at noon.

“We look forward to a great All-American Week, building up the camaraderie between units, and showing everyone that the 82nd has and still does live up to the legacy that the Paratroopers who came before us created for the All-American Division,” said Huggins.

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