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# The Canopy

North Central Florida All Airborne Chapter

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*Connecting sky  
soldiers, past  
and present.*

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## *Super Slim Holiday Edition*



*The Canopy wishes you success in all your  
endeavors in 2024!*

# Directory & Chapter Calendar

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### Upcoming Events

Saturday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 1300 hrs      January Chapter Meeting  
 VFW Post 8083

### From The Editor

In order to give the staff of The Canopy (and the unit PAOs) a break for the holidays, this is the "Super Slim Holiday Edition". Enjoy the pictures and I'll see you all on January 13<sup>th</sup>!



Remarks complete,

*Ron Dahlgren*

Editor, The Canopy

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10 Most Recent Canopy Boosters - Thank you for your support!	
Galen Mitchell	Jerry & Robby Brust
Heath Davenport	Frank Dochniak
Nick Harty	<b>Regis Rossa</b>
<b>Darla &amp; Jay Tatman</b>	Marianne & George Zablocki
Howard Northrup	Arthur Tate

## Chairman's Message

A big Airborne THANK YOU to all that helped with the preparations and decoration for the Christmas Party. Also a big thank you to Irene Mitchell, Gary Blasczienski, Joyce Damon and Hope Alger for their raffle donations. I'm sure I may have missed someone. It was a huge mission but we accomplished it. We had 45 people attend the Christmas Party so no one went hungry. Mission BBQ had some great food and the dessert table was full of goodies. There was a ton of turkey leftover so all additional food was donated to the VFW. The desserts were excellent and those that brought them deserve a big round of applause.

Dan Marrin was made an Honorary Member of the Chapter for his years of entertaining our chapter and also other military organizations locally.

Frank Dochniak was named the Trooper of the Year and Linda Hall was named the Trooperette of the Year. Thanks for your hard work and congratulations to both of you. A great time of catching up and merriment was had by all. Our Color Guard came from Westport High School in Ocala. They did an excellent job presenting the colors and helping with serving and clean up. Frank Rasbury led us in all the versus to "Blood On the Risers." Everyone remembered the chorus and jumped in. Howard Northrup, Jay Tatman and Regis Rossa gave generous donations to the Chapter. The 50/50 was won by Sandy Hamilton. We also did our annual donation to the VFW at the Christmas Party for all their support for our meetings there. The Spirit of Christmas was pretty evident so Thank You.



On another note, Adrian Stocker won the Santacon Contest in the Villages recently.

The 82nd Airborne Association wrote our chapter a very nice thank letter for the total contributions of \$564.00 for the year to help the young troopers and their families.

Just a reminder that our 2024 dues for the year of \$20.00 are due in January. Also please attend the January 13 meeting so we can vote on the motion of whether we have meetings over the summer months or not. We need your input since we'll be voting on it then. I've had some feedback but would like more please. Also think about helping out at the next 82nd Airborne Convention

to be held in Orlando. The Tampa Chapter has solicited our support . It is a fun time and is usually held around the second week of August. I'll let you know as soon as I get word of the exact dates for the convention. The Rosen Centre, where the convention is held, is an hour away from The Villages. More to come. Hope to see you on the manifest for January 2024. Airborne!

*Tony Alger*, Chairman, North Central Florida All-Airborne Chapter

# Chapter Christmas Party

Photos by Ron Dahlgren









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