

AIRBORNE AWARDS FESTIVAL



**April 3 - 6, 2019
Columbus, Georgia**

FEATURING, US Army MCOE Commander: MG Gary Brito

US Army MCOE Commander, Major General Gary Brito, a native of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was commissioned an Infantry Officer through Penn State University and entered active duty in March 1987.

He most recently served as the Commanding General, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk. Previous assignments include Deputy Commanding General for Sustainment, then later Operations, 25th Infantry Division; Director, Force 2025 and Beyond, US Army Capabilities and Integration Center (ARCIC), Training and Doctrine and Command (TRADOC); and Operations Officer (G3) for III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas. In that capacity, he deployed and served as the Deputy Director, Afghanistan National Security Forces (ANSF) Development, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Throughout his career, MG Brito has served in a variety of command and staff assignments to include Commander, 120th Infantry Brigade, First Army; Commander, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division; Operations Officer (S3), 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment; and later as the Brigade Operations Officer (S3), 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. Additionally, he served as the Aide-de-Camp to the III Corps Commanding General, Fort Hood, Texas; and Chief, Commander's Planning Group (CPG) and interim Executive Officer to the Commanding General, TRADOC.

Major General Brito has twice served at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California: first as a Company/Team and Battle Staff Observer/Controller and later as a Senior Battalion and Brigade Combat Team Trainer. He served in multiple company grade positions at Fort Benning, Georgia, and has deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

MG Brito is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Airborne and Ranger Schools, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Command and General Staff Officers Course, and Senior Service College at the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS), Norfolk, Virginia.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Studies from Penn State University, a Master's degree in Human Resource Management from Troy State University, and a second Master's degree in Joint Strategy and Campaign Planning from the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. He is also a graduate of the MIT Seminar XXI Program.

**Hilton Garden Inn, 1500 Bradley Lake Blvd, Columbus, GA.
Reservations: 706-660-1000**



Fellow Paratroopers,

The 42nd Annual Airborne Awards Festival registration is now open! I am honored that Fort Benning MCOE Commander, MG Gary Brito, will be our guest speaker. We return to Columbus, GA this year, and in cooperation with the 507th PIR, will host our traditional Hospitality Suite, attend an Airborne Graduation, and relive our youth as the **Liberty Jump Team** executes an Airborne Operation on Fryar DZ, followed by BBQ and beer and a visit to the National Infantry Museum! We have added a Memorial Dinner to the agenda Friday night.

Register for the festival before March 11, 2019. You can register by mail (Registration form included) with payment or register and pay through our secure website www.82nd-atlanta.com. Looking forward to seeing you!

AIRBORNE!!

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Chairman, Donald D. Lassen All Airborne Association
COL (Retired)

42nd ANNUAL ALL-AIRBORNE AWARDS FESTIVAL



April 3 – 6, 2019 Columbus / Fort Benning, Georgia

REGISTRATION FORM

Hilton Garden Inn 1500 Bradley Lake Blvd, Columbus, GA Reservations: 706 660 1000 Mention All Airborne

Complete and mail this form with your payment Remember to register with the Hotel no later than March 11, 2019.

*Name of Registrant: _____ *Email: _____

*Spouse/Guest: _____

*Home Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip: _____ *Phone: _____

BASIC REGISTRATION

*Registration Fee (Except Liberty Jump Team) \$49.00 X _____ # guests Subtotal: \$ _____

Registration Fee (507th PIR / Active Duty) \$10.00 X _____ # guests

This registration fee is mandatory for all attendees with the exception of Liberty Jump Team. If only attending the Banquet, no registration fee is required, but you will not be allowed to participate in other activities or Hospitality Suite. **Special Rate thru 11 March \$119.00: Hilton Garden Inn 1500 Bradley Lake Blvd, Columbus, GA 706 660-1000*

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

#Trip to Fryar Drop Zone: \$29.00 X _____ # guests Subtotal: \$ _____

*Observe Abn Opn, BBQ & Beer at Uchee Creek Rec, Army Marksmanship Training Unit Demo, visit Natl Infantry Museum
Fee waived for Liberty Jump Team and 507th PIR*

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Trip to Fort Benning \$29.00 X _____ # guests Subtotal: \$ _____

Attend Airborne Graduation, Wreath-laying Ceremony, lunch at DFAC, Vendors on site, 507th Museum, Status of the Airborne Brief, visit Ranger Joe's

Memorial Dinner \$39.00 X _____ # guests Subtotal: \$ _____

Hosted at Hilton Garden Inn. Remembering fallen warriors from WWII forward. Guest Speaker TBA

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Ladies Brunch \$20.00 X _____ # guests Subtotal: \$ _____

Hilton Garden Inn 11:00 AM

Awards Dinner \$49.00 X _____ # guests Subtotal: \$ _____

507th PIR & Liberty Jump Team \$30.00 X _____ # guests Subtotal: \$ _____

Hospitality Suite Closes at 4:00 pm on Saturday. Cocktails at 6:00 PM. Ceremony Starts at 7:00 PM

*If you do not wish to attend functions, put 0. Do not leave blank.

Mail registration form and check to: Atlanta All Airborne Chapter Grand Total: \$ _____

C/O Jim Jenkins
1136 Spring Mill Dr
Lilburn, GA 30047

Visit website and register online at www.82nd-atlanta.com

Hospitality Suite will be located on Main Floor of Hilton Garden Inn

-Wednesday, 3 April from 12:00 Noon – Midnight. Free Beer, Booze, Snacks

-Thursday and Friday from 4:00 PM – Midnight. -Saturday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. 10:00 PM - Midnight

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EVENT REGISTRATION

When you arrive, check-in to pick up your festival materials, event tickets, and name tags. Follow the signs to the Airborne Awards Festival registration.

Wed (12:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

Mornings and evenings pre and post events

**Registration desk closes during events*

HOSPITALITY SUITE

A place to relax, enjoy complimentary snacks and beverages, karaoke, and meet with fellow paratroopers.

Wed: (12:00 PM – Midnight) Fri (4:00 PM – Midnight)

Thur: (5:30 PM – Midnight) Sat (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
(10:00 PM - Midnight)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

12:00 PM **Early Bird:** The Hospitality Suite will open at 12 Noon, on the lobby level. Early arrivals enjoy!

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 AM **Trip to Fryar DZ:** Travel to Fort Benning and board WWII aircraft. Watch the Liberty Jump Team execute an Airborne Operation. After the jump, we will host a delicious Beef and Chicken BBQ, Soda or Beer. The Army Marksmanship Training Unit will perform demonstration. Enroute to the Hotel, we will visit the historic National Infantry Museum

5:30 PM **Evening Options:** Join us in the Hospitality Suite for Karaoke, beverages, snacks, and sandwiches.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 AM **Trip to Fort Benning:** Take a trip down memory lane and observe the Graduation Ceremony of our newest Airborne Soldiers! Following the Graduation, we will conduct our Annual Wreath-Laying Ceremony to honor Paratroopers of the past. Visit the historic Luke Keating Airborne Museum in the 507th PIR HQs, purchase Airborne Memorabilia from local vendors, and enjoy a meal at the DFAC. The Commander of the 507th PIR will then brief a "Status of the Airborne". We will stop at Ranger Joe's on the way back.

7:00 PM **Memorial Dinner:** Join us in honoring all fallen Soldiers from WWII forward as we conduct our Memorial Service and enjoy a buffet-style dinner with a Guest Speaker and the 82d Airborne Chorus

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 AM **Hospitality Suite opens:** Try to remember the stories we told last night!

11:00 AM **Ladies Brunch:** A chance for the ladies to get together for lunch, games and prizes

11:00 AM **Luke Keating Historian:** Re-live history and hear about Airborne combat actions during WWII

4:00 PM **Hospitality Suite Closes**

6:00 PM **Reception and Awards Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn**

Keynote Speaker, US Army MCOE Commander: MG Gary Brito

Presentations and Entertainment: We'll finish the evening with the Airborne Awards and have invited the **82d Airborne Chorus** to provide entertainment. There will be photographers onsite to capture the memories.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Location:

- **Hilton Garden Inn**, 1500 Bradley Lake Blvd,
Columbus, GA. *Mention All Airborne Association*

Reservations NLT 11 March: 706-660-1000

-Banquet to be held at Hilton Garden Inn

Cancellation Policy:

-If received by March 10, 2019 – 100% refund

-If received by March 20, 2019 – refund of events
(less registration fee)

-If received after March 26, 2019 – no refunds

When do I pay Registration and Event Fees?

All registrations MUST be paid prior to March 11,
2019. Any registrations received after March 11
or walk-ins will be charged an additional \$10 per
event.

Forms of payment:

-Credit cards accepted through our secure, online
registration here. If paid by check, please print and
mail registration form and payment to: Atlanta
All Airborne Chapter, C/O Jim Jenkins, 1136 Spring Mill
Dr, Lilburn, GA 30047

Hotel Reservations:

-Contact Hilton Garden Inn. 706 660-1000. **DO NOT
include hotel with registration fees.**

Dress Code:

-Casual for all events except Memorial Dinner
(business casual) & Banquet (Coat and Tie,
Military ASU/Dress Mess / semi-formal/formal
for women)

Questions not covered here:

Please visit our chapter website at www.82nd-atlanta.com or contact Jim Jenkins, 770 564-3546 or Al Fracker, 770 841-4345

How do I get on email list for updates?

Please visit www.82nd-atlanta.com and sign up for our
email updates. You can also find more
information relating to the event and our
chapter.

Do I have to attend every event during the festival?

We want you to enjoy your visit with fellow
paratroopers and encourage you to only attend
the events that interest you.

What is included with my registration fee?

Registration includes the Hospitality Suite and
participation in all the general events that do
not have an additional fee associated with
them.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATIONS

**Please note your hotel reservations must be made directly
with the hotel NLT 11 March for special rate:
accommodations are not included with event registration.**

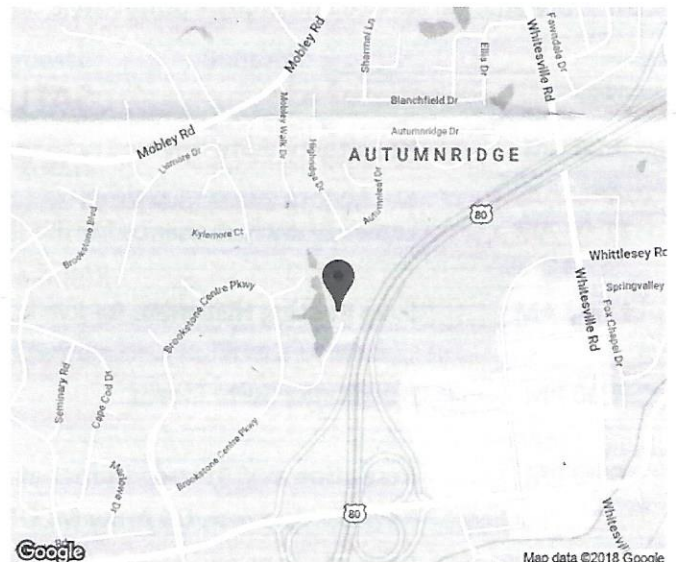
Hotel Accommodations

We have negotiated with the Hilton Garden Inn to provide
discounted rooms at a \$119 rate which includes
Complimentary Breakfast, wi-fi, parking and all amenities.
They are self-contained and can host all internal events (Ladies
Brunch, Hospitality Suite, Memorial Dinner, Historian Briefing,
and Awards Ceremony).

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Mention All Airborne Association for group rate

Ground Transportation

If flying into Columbus Airport, get cab or Uber. 5.4 Miles
If flying into Atlanta Hartsfield, **Groome Transportation** runs
hourly to and from Columbus. **\$86 round trip. 706-324-3939**



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Center Pkwy. RT on Bradley Lake Blvd