# **BRAXTON BRAGG**



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### BRAXTON BRAGG KEEPS ROLLING ALONG

The ongoing pandemic has, as a paratrooper would put it, caused us to "hit, shift and rotate." We are all having to conform to the new normal. One of the major "hits" for the Chapter is the postponement of our annual Soldier Appreciation Golf Tournament. The Tournament was the Chapter's only true fundraiser that supported our sub-programs, mainly the Scholarship . And what we do in support of Soldiers and their family members depends of our ability to raise funds for programs. Not conducting the golf tournament is a major setback for our Annual Plan. Now it's time for some "out of the box" thinking.

The first Braxton Bragg virtual auction will be held **10 through 13 September**. The way this works is that you log on to the Auction website and bid on items for sale. Your purchases will be mailed to you after the auction. The Chapter receives a percentage of the cost of each item sold.

If it sounds like a fun thing to it's because it is and a great way to raise much needed funds for the Chapter. This is our first auction so we don't know how close we will come to making up for the loss of the golf tournament. Success depends on your support. So mark your calendars for 10-13 September at YourCharityAuction.com/Bragg and have your credit cards handy. It's never too early to start your Christmas shopping--just saying !

Andrew McFowler Braxton Bragg Chapter President



## 'FIRST IN.... LAST OUT' DIETZ PRINT AND MORE ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BID ON 10-13 SEPTEMBER @ YOURCHARITYAUCTION.COM/BRAGG

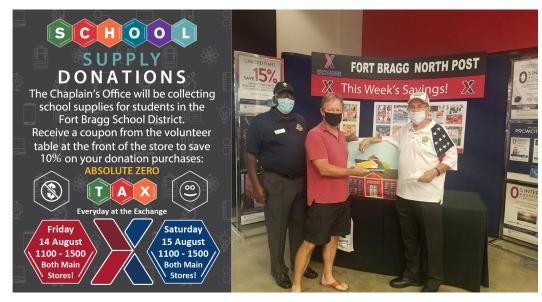


Renowned Artist, James Dietz, captures the transition of security responsibility from Soldiers of the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, of which XVIII Airborne Corps served as the core of the headquarters, to their strong and confident Afghan partners. XVIII Airborne Corps, both the first and the final Corps headquarters to serve in Afghanistan, testifies to the enduring commitment made by US Soldiers to the people, communities, and the Afghan National Security Forces over 13 years of continuous combat, the longest war ever fought by Americans.

## BACK TO

14-15 August 2020

AAFES, in conjunction with the Garrison Chaplain Office, hosted a "Back to School" supply drive at North and South Post Exchanges, 14 & 15 August 2020. The AUSA Braxton Bragg Chapter and Sergeants Major Association graciously supported this event by collecting seven large boxes of essential school supplies for students in the Fort Bragg School District.



The two associations were humbled to volunteer their time to give back to the community for such an important cause. However, this event would not have been successful, were it not for the huge support and generosity of the Exchange patrons who purchased and donated backpacks, notebooks, paper, pencils and pens, and other supplies and materials related to the educational process.

Members of the Braxton Bragg Chapter included Andrew McFowler (President), Jimmie Spencer (Vice President) and Wally Wallace (Treasurer). The Sergeants Major Association members included Mike Anderson (Adjutant), Joseph Brown (Treasurer), Antonio Barber (Membership), and Sharon Austin (Ways & Means Chairman); all of which passed out 10% coupons to patrons to help with the donation purchases. AAFES provided the promotional coupons to support the Garrison's Chaplain Office annual school supply drive.

Big thanks to the Chaplain's Office and AAFES for hosting this important event and allowing the local associations to be a part of it. The associations enjoyed fellowshipping with the community Exchange patrons and thank them for helping raise a tremendous amount of school supplies that will have a profound impact on teachers, schools, and the learning experience of the students in the Fort Bragg District.

By Shirley Draughn, VP Education & Public Affairs



By Maylene Ysasaga, VP Family Programs

#### 6 August 2020

Pictured are Ms. Angel Brown (left), Commercial Sponsorship & Advertising Manager for Fort Bragg MWR and Mrs. Maylene Ysasaga (right), VP for the Family Programs, Braxton Bragg Chapter.

The Braxton Bragg Chapter donated 200 packs of pencils as well as 600 mechanical pencils. The amazing MWR Team filled 200 backpacks for the families of Fort Bragg and distributed them on 11 August 2020.