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2019 National Guard Birthday Breakfast

By John Perry, VP Army Reserve and National Guard Affairs

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA hosted the 383rd birthday of the National Guard on December 11, 2019. This year's luncheon was celebrated at the Jackson Center with over 100 National Guard soldiers and chapter members in attendance.

Our keynote speaker was Maj. Gen. Sheryl Gordon, The Adjutant General (TAG) for the State of Alabama. MG Gordon spoke of the role of the National Guard is now more important than ever. MG Gordon spoke about the evolution of the National Guard from its creation to the present. She spoke on how the Guard adapts to the requirements of the country. She said that the Guard is flexible and prepared to meet the needs of the ever-changing events worldwide.

The annual breakfast doubles as a birthday celebration and a reunion for the National Guard soldiers both retired and still actively serving. Dave Carney, retired National Guard soldier, said "the breakfast has evolved into a "fellowship" where retired and active Guard soldiers can meet and renew old friendships".

Attending the event were Dr. Joe Fitzgerald - Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, LTG (R) Willie Williams (USMC), MG(R) Ken Quinlan, MG (R) Jim Rogers, MG(R) Paulette Risher, MG (R) Gailes, BG (R) John



Maj. Gen. Sheryl Gordon, The Adjutant General for the State of Alabama and Staff Sgt. Fernando Fernandez the youngest National Guard Soldier present, cut the cake at the National Guard Birthday Luncheon.

"Jack" Haley, BG(R) Bob Drolet, COL (R) Todd Grigsby, and numerous other active and retired National Guard soldiers. Also, Kris McBride, AUSA 3rd Region President, Dave Seay, AUSA State President, and several members of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter AUSA.

Chapter President, Steve Below, gave the welcome address and thanked all the

National Guard soldiers, both active and retired, for their dedicated service to the country.

Cutting the ceremonial birthday cake was SSG Fernando Fernandez, the youngest National Guard Soldier and MG Gordon, the oldest National Guard soldier in attendance. All the National Guard soldiers currently serving join in

for the photo op.

Special thanks to the NAVFOC and Ms. KC Bertling, for sponsoring this year's luncheon.

Special thanks to COL Mike Izzo and SFC(R) Dave Carney for their assistance in making this event a success. Lastly, thank you to MAJ John Manders for emceeding the luncheon.

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President's Message

Happy New Year! The Chapter closed out 2019 with our annual Holiday reception at the Von Braun Center. The reception was a great way for us to once again share the spirit of the season and to recognize our championship Team Redstone Army Ten Miler running team and our Third Region Volunteer Family of the Year, Dave and Judy Carney. This event also afforded the Chapter an opportunity to say thank you to our Community Partners and Team Redstone for their continued support of the many programs and events we conduct throughout the year.

The seventh annual Global Force Symposium is just around the corner. This year's event will be 17-19 March at the Von Braun Center. The Chapter will host social and professional networking events on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, followed by the JROTC/ROTC/Future Service Member panel and luncheon. Please visit our chapter website (www.ausa.org/chapters/redstone-huntsville-chapter) to register, sponsor an

event or for additional information.

Your Association and Chapter have many exciting opportunities for professional development, networking and most importantly, supporting our Soldiers, their families and Department of the Army Civilians. Here is a short list of upcoming events and activities:

Community Partner Breakfast

11 March

Rocket City Tavern

ASUA Global Force Symposium & Exhibition

17-19 March

Von Braun Center

AUSA Young Professionals Networking Social

17 March

Below the Radar

Rocket City Bash

18 March

Davidson Center

ROTC/JROTC Luncheon

19 March

Von Braun Center

AUSA Third Region Meeting

23-26 April

Army Museum, FT Belvoir

DA Civilian of the Year Dinner

28 April

Jackson Center

ROTC/JROTC Awards Presentation

Multiple locations throughout the Spring

Memorial Day Activities

Army Birthday Dinner

12 June

Trash Panda Stadium

AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Young Professionals Sub-Chapter – Chris Jeacock, President

The purpose of the Young Professionals Sub-Chapter is to raise the visibility of the U.S. Army and the Association within our community, provide opportunities for mentorship and networking, professional development, develop future leaders and service to our commu-



nity. Visit our website for more information on this program and to find out how to become a member.

Be an active member! For 2020, I encourage each of our Chapter members and Community Partners to take a few minutes to identify an area of particular interest. We are continuously looking for ideas and opportunities to support our soldiers, their families and DA Civilians. Along with

these opportunities comes the need for volunteers. If you are interested in providing a few hours to offer support, leadership or mentoring skills, please contact me or one of our Board members.

ARMY Strong!

Steve Below

Chapter president

Young woman breaks two-hundred-year-old tradition

Tuscaloosa, Ala. First Lieutenant Kayla Freeman, 26, Alabama National Guard, became the first African-American woman helicopter pilot in the 200 years history of the Alabama National Guard.

After receiving her wings in 2018, Freeman was deployed to Camp Taji, Iraq with her unit in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She flew over 250 combat flight hours accident free and incident free.

In May 2019, Freeman was awarded the Air Medal. "I didn't think about making history when I started this journey. I just wanted to do the best that I could do and hopefully inspire a few people along the way," Freeman said

Maj. Gen. Sheryl Gordon applauded Freeman's historic accomplishment. Gordon is the first female general officer in the Alabama National Guard and is now the first female to serve as its adjutant general. "We take the ideals of equal opportunity very seriously," Gordon said, "and we're extremely proud of lieutenant Freeman's achievements. She is further proof that we don't see race or gender in the Alabama National Guard -- we see Soldiers and Airmen and

their potential. She has worked very hard to earn those wings, and that's a great example for all of us."

"Freeman is a perfect example of the quality of soldiers we have in our military." Nicolas Britto, president, AUSA West/Central Alabama Chapter said.

Freeman attended Tuskegee University, where she received a B.S. in Aerospace Science Engineering. At her civilian job she is a Flight Test Engineer for the U.S. Army Redstone Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

On Wednesday, February 26, 2019, at the Tuscaloosa River Market, 1900 Jack Warner Pkwy, starting at 11:30 a.m., the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) West/Central Alabama Chapter, will be honoring Freeman with the 2019 Veteran of the Year Award, at its annual "Women's Leadership Luncheon." Alabama Governor Kay Ivey will be presenting the award to Freeman.

The event is open to the public. Tickets: \$30.00 per person. Make checks payable to: AUSA West/Central AL Chapter, mail to Post Office Box 32, Cottondale, AL 35453

No reservations will be accepted after February 22, 2020.



First Lieutenant Kayla Freeman, the first African American female pilot in the Alabama National Guard, getting ready for a flight in her CH-47F (Chinook) helicopter.

Army photo

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Chaplain's Corner

Dealing with Personal Loss

I hope you don't mind me sharing a personal experience about a loss in my life and how God helped me to cope and recover. I hope this is helpful to you in some way.

It was a Saturday morning in April twenty-seven years ago, I was supposed to be at Limestone Prison to share the Gospel with inmates. As I prepared to leave home, I received a clear and ominous warning from the Lord, don't go. I could tell it was a message from the Lord and I remember I said, Yes Sir, I won't go. Two hours passed. I started to rationalize that maybe I misunderstood, and I should go ahead to the prison. As I planned to leave, I told my wife that I was going ahead, and as I headed to the door that same warning came back, don't go. This time as an old soldier I knew I had better obey, so I made up my mind to stay home, wondering why I was not supposed to go.

At about 2:00 p.m. a neighbor called who I had been counselling and praying with by phone that week desperately saying that he and his wife, who was a registered nurse, just had to come over to pray with us about their family problem! I told him my wife was not there, but as I said this the door opened as she returned from town. Ten minutes later we greeted them and welcomed them into our living room. My wife of 31 years who had endured the family separations and hardships that go with an Army career, opened her Bible and started to read a scripture that she thought the Lord had for them from Philippians, Chapter 4: 4-9,

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts

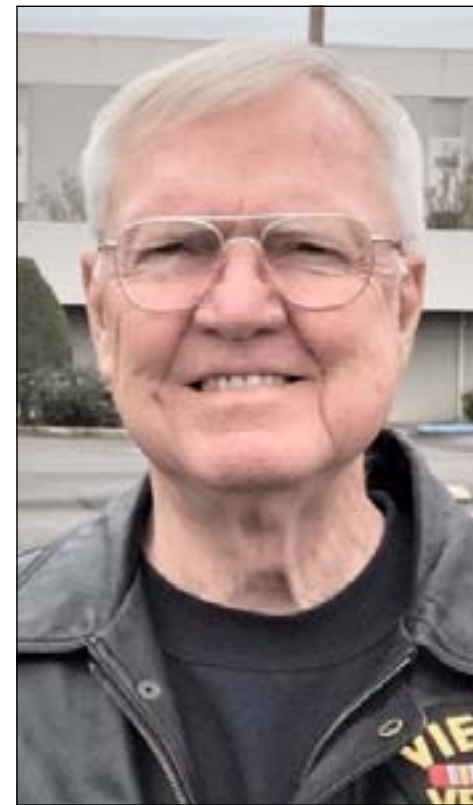
and your minds in Christ Jesus".

I will never forget, as she read this scripture how she was suddenly struck with a heart attack and was gone! No matter how we tried, we could not bring her back. An hour and a half later after that ride in the ambulance to the hospital I was back home, a stunned widower.

The shock and emptiness were overwhelming, but it became clear that this beautiful scripture was meant for me as I experienced the "peace that passes all understanding" and the healing that only He could give. In time He blessed me with another beautiful lady.

In my life there were times that I left the Lord, but as His Word says, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you," He never has, and I'll never forsake him again. As I grow older, I know without any doubt that the best is yet to come!

Jim Henderson,
Chaplain



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Chapter hosts luncheon for survivor of USS Indianapolis

By Nancy Kate Braugher

A recent event sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army's Redstone-Huntsville chapter featured a 94-year-old survivor of the USS Indianapolis, the decorated Navy cruiser that was torpedoed and sunk by a Japanese submarine during World War II.

Master Sgt. Edgar Harrell was the featured speaker at the USS Indianapolis-Survivor Luncheon, which was co-sponsored by the chapter and Axis Wealth Management.

More than 250 people attended to listen to Harrell's eyewitness account of the horrific sinking of the USS Indianapolis. Attendees included local veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Residents of the Flight II "Tot" Farm

Redstone-Huntsville State Veterans Home, ROTC and Hazel Green High School JROTC center, military personnel and elected officials were also present at the Sept. 15 event at the Jackson Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Harrell, now 94, held the audience spellbound as he spoke of the ship's secret mission to bring its top-secret cargo from the port of San Francisco



Sgt. Edgar Harrell, front right, was the featured speaker at the USS Indianapolis-Survivor Luncheon, which was co-sponsored by the chapter and Axis Wealth Management.

The cargo were components for the atomic bombs that would be dropped on Japan and ultimately end World War II.

The ship and crew succeeded in delivering the cargo to its destination, but disaster struck as they traveled from Guam to Leyte in July 1945.

Two torpedoes ripped through the USS Indianapolis, which was carrying 1,197 men. Nine deaths after a narrow escape from the explosions, 317 were able to abandon the ship but unable to send a distress signal.

No one knew they were in danger, leaving them stranded for four and a half days in shark-infested waters covered in oil before the survivors were spotted by the crew of a P-51 Mustang on routine patrol.

Harrell, who lives in Nashville, travels extensively throughout the United States telling of his experience. Redstone-Huntsville was grateful to be one of his stops along the way to hear his story of courage and survival.

Nancy Kate Braugher is the Redstone-Huntsville chapter's vice president for needs relations/marketing.



7th Annual Rocket City Bash

By Nancy Kate Baugher

VP of Digital Communications

Join more than 800 professionals under the lights of the Saturn V for the seventh annual Rocket City Bash March 18th at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The bash will begin at 5:30 pm till 9 pm.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army is the host of the bash serving as AUSA Global Force Symposium and Exposition's premier networking opportunity.

Dress for the bash is casual. Be prepared to jam out to the band, Juice, eat some yummy food and participate in this year's silent auction. Tickets are \$50 for industry members and \$35 for all military and government civilians.

For more information about sponsoring or to purchase tickets, visit www.ausa-meetings.org.



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Bill Marks appointed

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Bill Marks to the Senior Executive Service position of Deputy Director, Office of Center Operations. With an annual budget of approximately \$100M, the organization includes 127 engineers and specialized civil servants and 700 contractors. Services provided by the Center Operations Office include industrial labor relations, environmental engineering, occupational health, facility management, logistics and transportation, protective services, emergency management, and subordinate site operations.

Mr. Marks has served in numerous staff and leadership roles throughout his career. His unit leadership roles include serving as a Rifle Platoon Leader in the 25th Infantry Division (Light); Company Commander of a Maintenance Company in the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized); Battalion Commander in the 3rd Infantry Division; and Garrison Commander of Redstone Arsenal where he retired as a Colonel in 2016.



Bill Marks

Mr. Marks was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Ordnance Corps and detailed to the Infantry in 1990. He served twice in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served from 2005 to 2006 as the Battalion Executive Officer and 2009 to 2010 as the Battalion Commander of 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. He most recently served as an Executive Director at Geocent, LLC.

Mr. Marks earned a bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of South Alabama. He holds a master's degree in Public Administration from Webster University and a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the Air University. He is also a graduate of the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Marks' awards include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, the Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for The Schools Foundation and the Association of the United States Army - Redstone Chapter. He is a member of the Downtown Huntsville Chapter of the Rotary Club International, a member of the Huntsville Committee of 100, and serves as Chairman of Launch 2035.

Mr. Marks is married to the former Laurie Quick of Columbus, Georgia. They have two sons, William and Jacob, and reside in Huntsville, Alabama.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Marks to the Marshall family. I know I can count on you to give him your full cooperation and support as he transitions to his new role.

Original signed by
Jody Singer
Director

National Security Appropriations package passed by Senate, FY20 process complete

Includes Largest Military Pay Increase in a Decade, \$1.375 Billion for Border Wall

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The United States Senate today passed the second of two FY2020 comprehensive appropriations packages, H.R. 1158, by a vote of 81-11. The legislation includes spending measures for the Appropriations Subcommittees on Department of Defense; Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies; Financial Services and General Government; and Homeland Security. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.), who also chairs the subcommittee on defense, issued the following statement upon passage of the national security-related funding legislation:

“Finally, we have secured the funds and resources for our military – our national security. This package includes a significant increase in defense funding and the largest pay raise in a decade for our men and women in uniform. Further, Congress has now passed many of the President’s important priorities, such as funding to defend our Southern border and the protection of critical transfer authorities that will allow him to devote additional resources to border security and immigration enforcement, as needed. We have worked tirelessly to advance these bills, and I am proud of our end result – the completion of our FY2020 appropriations process. I want to thank my good friend, Vice Chairman Leahy, and also Leaders McConnell and Schumer. Our bipartisan path led to success thanks to the hard work and cooperation of all of our

colleagues. I am proud to say that this legislation is on the way to President Trump’s desk.”

The package of bills was passed by a vote of 280-138 in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, December 17th and was signed into law by the President on Friday, December 20, 2019.

Impacting North Alabama:

- Army Research – \$12.5 billion, an increase of \$1.5 billion from last year, for investments in transformational technologies to address modern and future Army warfighting needs.

- Missile Defense – \$10.4 billion for the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), including \$628 million to support urgent MDA unfunded priorities such as space sensors, hypersonic defense, and cybersecurity.

- Hypersonic weapons – \$1.9 billion to support and accelerate offensive and defensive hypersonics research and prototyping efforts, an increase of \$362 million from last year. This funding includes \$161 million to address an unfunded priority for the Army Hypersonic Weapons System.

- Cyber – \$268 million in additional funding to expand and accelerate cyber research across the Department of Defense, and an additional \$200 million to support the Department’s new 5G program.

- Military Space – Fully funds National Security Space Launch and Space Command, and includes funding to establish Space Force and Space Development Agency.

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Congressman Mo Brooks (second from the left), one of north Alabama’s AbilityOne champions, congratulates Phoenix employee Shannon Green (seated) and her husband Kevin (second from the right). Joining them are Phoenix VPs Amy Patterson (left) and Wes Tyler (third from the right), Phoenix board chair Mary Turner (third from the left) and Phoenix board member Kenneth Anderson (right).



UAH Charger Military Appreciation Weekend

Dave Poehlein, VP of NCO Programs would like to thank everyone for their support of the UAH Military Appreciation weekend. Big thanks to Jason Rucker for allowing AUSA and Team Redstone to be a part of UAH Hockey's annual celebration of our military members.

Night one activities included presentation of the colors by Grissom High School and ceremonial puck drop by Brigadier General Bill Boruff, Deputy Commanding General for OCONUS Operations at Army Contracting Command. At inter-

mission, he led the swearing in ceremony with approximately 51 future soldiers.

Ceremonial puck drop night two was by Lieutenant General Neil Thurgood, United States Army, Director of Hypersonics, Directed Energy, Space and Rapid Acquisition. Afterward he presented Bob Jones High School's JROTC members with three-star notes along with Dave Poehlein with an AUSA coin. Lastly, thanks to the two outstanding National Anthem singers we had each night, Brittany Smith and Abby Wright.



General Thurgood and VP of NCO Programs Dave Poehlein.

Bill Marriott's retirement ceremony

By Rhonda Sutton

He supported the Navy and the Army for 44 years. GEN Royar from AMC provided the keynote remarks. Quite a few Community Partners and members were in attendance. Rhonda provided Bill with our 60th anniversary coin as a token of our appreciation for his support of our chapter. Bill is also a previous DA Civilian of the Year winner.



William P. Marriott
Deputy to the Commanding General
U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command

William Marriott was born into Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Fla., during his father's service as a Navy helicopter instructor pilot. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy in 1979, he enjoyed a 26-year career as a Naval Aviator.

After graduation from the Academy, he attended flight training in Pensacola, Fla., and Corpus Christi, Texas, and was designated a Naval Aviator in November 1980. After training in the P-3 Orion, he joined the Patrol Squadron SIXTEEN (VP-16) "War Eagles" where he became an Instructor Pilot and deployed to Bermuda, the Philippines, Spain and Iceland. His other operational tours include: Aide and Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean/CTF-67 in Naples, Italy, with the Patrol Squadron FIVE "Mad Foxes" as the Maintenance Officer and Senior Instructor Pilot deploying in support of Operation DESERT STORM and also deploying to Rota, Spain, and Keflavik, Iceland; Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron SIXTEEN where he led them on a multi-site deployment to Puerto Rico, Panama, and Iceland; and Commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing TEN at Whidbey Island, Wash. In April 2001, he led Wing TEN through an international crisis when 24 members of one of his aircrews were detained in China after a mid-air collision with a Chinese fighter aircraft.

Marriott's staff tours include: Safety and Flight Standardization Officer for Patrol Wing ELEVEN; Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel for Selection Board Matters; Senior Aide-de-Camp to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John Shalikashvili; Federal Executive Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy assigned as Staff Director for a bipartisan commission headed by Dick Cheney and Richard Perle; Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.; another tour in the Pentagon as a Congressional Analyst for the Secretary of the Navy in the Office of Program Appraisal; Chief of Naval Operations Fellow in the Strategic Studies Group at Newport, R.I.; another tour in the Pentagon as the Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller); and the Executive Secretary for the Department of Defense in direct support of Secretaries of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Robert Gates.

Marriott retired from active duty in 2005. He was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in July 2005 and served as the Executive Secretary for DoD until departing for the U.S. Army Materiel Command in 2009. He served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and G-1. He reported to the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command as the Deputy to the Commanding General in 2015. He served as the Executive Director of AMCOM from February to June 2019.

His awards include the Presidential Rank Award - Meritorious; Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service; Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award; Superior Civilian Service Medal; Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit (with one star); Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Navy Meritorious Service Medal (with two stars); Navy Commendation Medal (with four stars); and numerous campaign, operational and honorary ribbons.

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Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

2020 Department of the Army Civilians of the Year Awards Dinner

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) will recognize local Department of the Army Civilians who have demonstrated exceptional performance and made significant contributions to the Army and whose leadership and expertise have made a major, positive impact on the Army.

We will recognize nominees from six groups: Management / Executive Award, Technical / Technical Management Award, Professional / Technical Award, Supporting Staff Award, DoD Award, and Non-Appropriated Fund Award.

Date and Place: April 28, 2020 at the Jackson Center

Program: There will be an Informal Social with Cash Bar available before the Dinner starting at 5:30 p.m., with the Dinner and Awards Program starting at 6:00 p.m.

For additional information and sponsorship opportunities please contact:

Matt Mingus, Chairman, AUSA DA Civilians of the Year Awards Dinner
mmingus@ctgnow.com Phone: 334-717-0706

Registration for the Dinner will open in February. The link to register will be available on the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter Website: www.ausaredstone.org



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AUSA Membership Benefits

By Michael Bryce, VP of Membership

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Want to get away for a quick vacation, AUSA members also get discounted rates at many rental car providers and select hotels.

Once you decide to support your Army by becoming a member of AUSA, you can begin to take advantage of these great rewards and discounts at <https://www.ausa.org/member-benefits>. AUSA is continuing to find new partners to provide even more benefits and opportunities for our members. But the greatest benefit of your AUSA membership is saved for last; access to education opportunities. Did you know that in 2019 AUSA provided almost \$300,000 in scholarships to 33 different AUSA members? Each scholarship is valued at ~\$48,000! There are a total potential for 44 national level scholarships valued at \$325,000 available in 2020. All members who are interested in pursuing higher education can apply. Scholarships are intended to render financial assistance for student enrollment in a college-level institution. The application deadline for these national level scholarships is May 15, 2020, don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity available to AUSA Members! See our website for application information at <https://www.ausa.org/resources/scholarships>.

In addition to the 44 national level scholarships, there are multiple additional scholarships available in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and army specific focus areas; there are dozens of these other scholarships available ranging from \$500 to full ride scholarships valued at \$48,000.

Become a member of AUSA today and take advantage of the many benefits offered by our organization to help you stay healthy, grow to your full potential, and relax after working hard!

Remember in addition to these benefits, your membership allows you as a business or an individual to:

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Advocate to the American public and Congress for the things that important to our soldiers, past and present, and their families

Stay informed of what is happening in YOUR Army whether it is policy, doctrine, and other changes

Network and build relationships with other professionals, Army and company leaders and soldiers in your community

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Grow through professional and educational events

AUSA is open to everyone, whether you have a relationship with the US Army, or would simply like to offer your support to our soldiers. Indeed AUSA welcomes anyone who subscribes to the philosophy of a strong national defense with special concern for the Army. Join now at www.ausa.org/membership.



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Veterans Prayer Breakfast

Members of the AUSA board attend the annual YMCA Prayer Breakfast at the YMCA in Madison, Alabama. It is held to offer appreciation for the sacrifices veterans and their families make on behalf of our nation. During the event, AUSA board member KC Bertling, president and founder of the Legacy 4 Korean War Veterans Association was honored with the Brigadier General Bob Drolet Service to Veterans Award.



Ordway awards tradition

Redstone-Huntsville hosted the 15th annual SGT John Ordway Awards Breakfast at The Jackson Center, partnered with Redstone Sergeant's Major Association to recognize the Army's tradition of taking care of soldiers and their families, by presenting the SGT John Ordway Award to an active duty first sergeant from the Tennessee Valley. This year's award went to CSM Mike Dove.

Three soldiers were also recognized for their contributions and received the SGT John Ordway Leadership Award. 1st SGT Anthony Eggleston, 1st SGT Kelvin Eades and 1st SGT Stacey McCarty.

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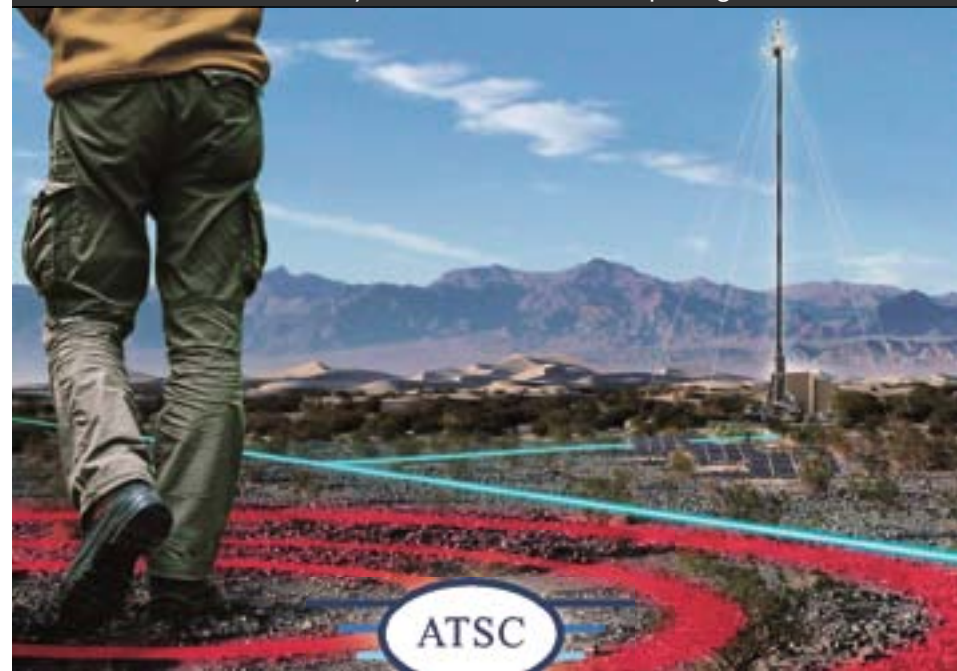
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Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Redstone-Huntsville Chapter on their 60th anniversary. I join the entire Redstone Arsenal defense community in congratulating the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter on reaching this momentous milestone.

Established in 1959, the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter is the Tennessee Valley's premier private, nonprofit, educational association of individual, business and organization members dedicated to supporting and maintaining a strong national defense with emphasis on the role of the United States Army.

The AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter has been recognized year after year as one of America's best chapters. Twelve times in the past fifteen years, the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter has been named the ``Best Chapter Overall of the Year'' by AUSA National for chapters in the largest category, those over 1,350 members.

The AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter plays a vital role in major armed forces events such as the Army Birthday/Flag Day/Installation of Chapter Officers Dinner, Army National Guard Birthday Breakfast, Army Reserve Birthday Breakfast, Missiles Symposium, Blast-Off Bash during AUSA Global Force Symposium and Exposition in Huntsville.

In closing, I would like to again congratulate the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter on their 60th anniversary and thank this outstanding chapter for their contributions to the Army and the Tennessee Valley. I look forward to what the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will accomplish in the future.

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