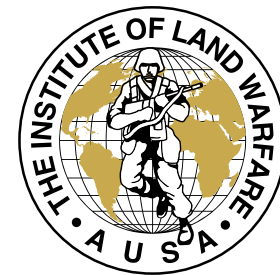




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Sniper teams from across the globe travelled to Fort Benning, Ga., to compete in the Annual International Sniper Competition. The goal of this competition is to identify the best sniper team from a wide range of agencies and organizations that includes the U.S. military, international militaries, and local, state and federal law enforcement. (Photo by Master Sgt. Michel Sauret)

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Piggee: Command maintenance, supply discipline are essential

AUSA Staff

The Army's ability to sustain itself in an austere environment against a capable adversary will depend on leveraging today's technology more quickly, the Army's chief logistician says.

It will also require focusing on the fundamentals of command maintenance and supply discipline, Lt. Gen. Aundre F. Piggee, Army deputy chief of staff, G-4, for logistics, said in remarks at a breakfast hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army's Institute of Land Warfare.

"A hundred years ago we were really only worried about two domains – land and sea. Now we look to secure the ultimate high ground, space, while also leveraging and protecting information in cyberspace," Piggee said.

Adding, "From my perspective, logistics will be contested in every one of these domains."

Since 9/11, Army logisticians "lost proficiency" on the fundamentals of maintenance and supply disciplines because the tasks were performed by contractors on the battlefield, he said.



Lt. Gen. Aundre F. Piggee, Army G-4, told the AUSA audience 'logistics will be contested' in every future domain. (AUSA News photo by Luc Dunn)

In the past two years, the Army has regained its footing with improvements in the supply of spare parts across the Army and standardized brigade combat team supply stockage, which has resulted in more weapon system repairs in forward locations.

Excess equipment is being turned in and redistributed more efficiently, ammunition stockpiles are up and combat pre-positioned stock is expanding, Piggee said.

Continued modernization is now focused in four areas, Piggee said: demand reduction; advanced parts manufacturing capabilities, including on the battlefield; autonomous resupply; and leveraging the Global Combat Support System, an automated logistics system that provides a common operating picture from the tactical to the strategic level.

Piggee also pointed to the need for improvement in processes. Soldiers, he noted, "buy lots of stuff online" and rarely visit storefronts to purchase goods. Adding, "But when it comes to picking up uniforms and equipment, we're still using 20th-century processes. Changing our distribution system is a big opportunity."

New Army uniform – green jacket, tan pants approved

We support the decision changing the Army uniform to the iconic World War II-style green jacket and tan pants that present distinctive Army identity and reflect an important period of Army history.

And, frankly, the Army needs a little boost in visibility at a time when it is having difficulty recruiting in an environment where only a small percent of service-aged youths is both qualified and interested in military service.

Uniform changes are never easy, and critics abound, both in and outside the Army.

But the proposed greens uniform – a name drawn from the pinks and greens uniform that first appeared in the mid-1920s and was retired in the mid-1950s – provides a smart, stylish look for everyday wear that allows dress blues to become what they were always intended to be: the dress uniform that is a bit too formal to wear every day.

Limited soldier testing, like at the recent Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., drew largely positive responses, particularly from younger soldiers and officers.

With a long phase-in to avoid out-of-pocket costs for enlisted soldiers and for senior NCOs and officers who are nearing retirement, the Army has stated it does not intend to seek any increase in appropriated funds to implement this change.

Preliminary indications are that the Army will delay issuing the new uniform to troops until they actually complete initial entry training, thereby reducing the costs attached to issuing service uniforms to those who cannot successfully complete training. And, the new uniform is expected to have a 33 percent longer wear life.



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, center left, and soldiers model the new Army greens uniform, modeled on the Army World War II 'pinks and greens' uniform, while attending the 2018 Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition held in October. (AUSA News photo)

While cost is most certainly a factor in this decision, it is not the only or even the primary reason to change.

America's Army needs a uniform that is its own, that is readily identifiable by the citizens the Army serves. The uniform should create a positive, professional public image for the Army at a time when many Americans know little about their Army, and couldn't tell the difference between a soldier or a police officer.

The greens uniform does all of that.

We like the preliminary decision that the women's version of the uniform will be issued with slacks and low-quarter shoes, with optional pumps and skirts for those who wish to purchase them.

The Army does need to redesign the maternity uniform, though. The first versions were pretty awful.

As two old soldiers with an enduring love of our Army, we think the time is right to make this change. We especially like that the Army is on the path to a new everyday service uniform that will stand out in a crowd.

We know sharp-looking soldiers will wear greens with pride.

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'Battle Plan' designed to support military and veteran families

AUSA Family Readiness

Patty Barron
Director
AUSA Family Readiness

The Association of the United States Army was honored to collaborate with the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University (MFRI) on an all-day event titled "Building Your Battle Plan to Support Military and Veteran Families."

The event, held on Nov. 13 at AUSA's Gordon R. Sullivan Conference and Events Center in Arlington, Va., featured experts and authors from MFRI's initiative, "A Battle Plan for Supporting Military Families."

This publication, the fourth in MFRI's "Risk and Resilience in Military Families" series, was a result of a 2015 convening of high-level experts and thought leaders in the fields of government, higher education, corporate, philanthropy, behavioral health, higher education and research on military families.

The event aimed to leverage the synergy from the 2015 gathering and build on the 2018 book release.

Participants heard presentations from chapter authors who summarized their topics and also provided insights on "how to develop their own battle plans to support military families before, during and after future conflicts."

The audience then set to work during tabletop activities building their own plans of support by answering questions such as: "What would I do differently to support military and veteran families when the next conflict breaks out? or "What lessons have I learned that I can implement immediately during the next conflict?"



Left to right: Jay Mancini, Amy Laura Arnold and Mallory Lucier-Greer are presented the 2018 MFRI Excellence in Research on Military and Veteran Families Award by MFRI director Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth. (AUSA News photo by Luc Dunn)

"These important groups are coming together to actively engage and collaborate to find solutions for military and veteran families," said Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth, MFRI director.

Adding, "History has shown us that major conflicts can arise without warning. These changes affect military and veteran families in a variety of ways. With this in mind, the attendees collectively built viable solutions that can be strategically implemented during a future major conflict."

The highlight of the day was the presentation of the 2017 and 2018 MFRI Excellence in Research on Military and Veteran Families Award.

According to MFRI, the award aims to bring visibility of military and veteran families by increasing the impact of rigorous scientific evidence on pro-

grams, policies, and practices, strengthening connections between researchers and practitioners and raising awareness about military and veteran families across many disciplines.

The 2017 research award winners were: Janet Kahn, Ph.D., LMT; William Collinge, Ph.D., MPH, LCSW; and Robert Soltysik for their paper titled "Post 9/11 Veterans and their Partners Improve Mental Health Outcomes with a Self-directed Mobile and Web-based Wellness Training Program: A Randomized Control Trial."

This study featured Mission Reconnect, an online wellness training program for veterans and their partners to use individually and together at home. <https://www.missionreconnect.com/#login>

The 2018 award went to Amy Laura Arnold, Ph.D., CFLE; Mallory Lucier-Greer Ph.D.; Jay Mancini, James Ford; and Kanduda (K.A.S.) Wickrama for their paper titled: "How Family Structures and Processes Interrelate: The Case of Adolescent Mental Health and Academic Success in Military Families."

Research analysis indicate family forms (specifically being a part of a stepfamily or single-parent family) were associated with increased depressive symptoms and decreased academic performance.

However, when accounting for family support, parent-adolescent connection, and personal initiative, no differences were found across family structures. Military youth can thrive in the presence of healthy family processes.

The Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University conducts research on issues that affect military and veteran families and works to shape policies, programs, and practices that improve their wellbeing.

To learn more about MFRI, click here: www.mfri.purdue.edu



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Pratt speaks at American Indian Heritage Month event



Harvey Pratt, Cheyenne/Arapaho, marine veteran and forensic artist, is designing the 'Warriors' Circle of Honor' for the National Museum of the American Indian National Native American Veterans Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C., and slated to open in 2020. (AUSA News photo by Luc Dunn)

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Goggle-binocular improves vision, weapon accuracy

Devon Suits
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The Army is slated to release the newest Enhanced Night Vision Goggle-Binocular (ENVG-B) to a select number of combat units sometime in fiscal year 2019, according to the Soldier Lethality Cross-Functional Team (CFT) officials.

The new ENVG-B has both night vision and thermal-sensing capabilities and “stereoscopic binocular depth perception,” providing soldiers with an illusion of depth on a flat image, officials said.

According to 82nd Airborne Division soldiers who field-tested the new technology, the new ENVG-B is a “game changer” providing soldiers with a unique advantage against an adversary, said Brig. Gen. David Hodne, soldier lethality CFT director, during the Association of the U.S. Army’s Annual Meeting and Exposition.

Soldiers testing the new device had a 100 percent improvement in weapons qualifications using that ENVG-B, along with a 300 percent increase in detection of targets in day and night environments, and a 30 to 50 percent decrease in the time taken to shoot a target, Hodne added.

Over the next three years, the Army is scheduled to field about 10,000 ENVG-B systems, according to Brig. Gen. Anthony Potts, the program executive officer in charge of PEO-Soldier. U.S. Army Forces Command has yet to finalize the list of units that will be among the first to receive the new ENVG-B.

Aside from the new night binoculars, the Army will also field the new ENVG version 3 in fiscal year 2019, he said.

Both devices will incorporate a wireless system that connects the goggles to a soldier’s rifle sites, Potts explained. Through testing, soldiers employing the ENVG version 3 “rapid target acquisition” capability have seen a 100 percent increase in first-time target engagement.

Request for common cartridge

Back in July, the Army awarded an opportunity contract to five companies to develop prototypes for the Army’s Next Generation Squad Automatic Rifle System. The new system is said to replace the M249 squad automatic weapon serving in the automatic riflemen role.

Prototypes from the new weapon system are slated to be evaluated sometime in June 2019, Potts added.

“Much of this effort is informed by the findings of the 2017 Small Arms Configuration Study.

Previously, Probability of Hit drove a lot of our requirements,” said Hodne. “But now, [the Army is] looking at energy – at range. It is one of the critical factors that will define the next generation squad weapons, both the automatic rifle and the rifle.”

Coinciding with the new squad rifle system, PEO-Soldier recently released a “draft Prototype-Opportunity Notice” to help develop a 6.8mm common bullet cartridge, Potts added.

The goal is to have lethal effects on targets beyond 300 meters. The Phase II Prototype Opportunity will ask vendors to propose an automatic rifle, a rifle and a common cartridge.

“There’s a great logistics support function to having a common cartridge on the battlefield,” Potts said.

Adding, “From an engineering perspective ... if you’re going to optimize a cartridge, you want the engineers that are developing these weapons to be able to optimize both concurrently.”



The Army is slated to release the newest Enhanced Night Vision Goggle-Binocular to a select number of combat units sometime in fiscal year 2019. (U.S. Army photo)

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Green Berets wage secret war in ‘Land of a Million Elephants’

AUSA Book Program

Joseph Craig
Director
AUSA Book Program

The U.S. Army Special Forces, the Green Berets, fought a secret war in the Kingdom of Laos from 1959 through 1974.

Their strategic mission was to prevent the country from toppling over to the communist side (or at least keep it neutral) while U.S. conventional forces fought next door in South Vietnam.

The war in Laos – known as the “Land of a Million Elephants” – had to be a secret one because the Geneva Agreements that guided the French departure from Indochina banned the use of foreign troops into the country.

As a result, covert American operations combined elements of the military, the State Department and the CIA, all under the control of the U.S. ambassador.

For decades, little was publicly known about the war. But now materials are finally being declassified. Col. Joseph Celeski, U.S. Army, Ret., who served 23 of his 30 years of service in the Special Forces, has used these documents and extensive interviews with veterans to finally tell the story in *The Green Berets in the Land of a Million Elephants*.

Colonel Celeski answered a few questions to give some insight into his new addition to the AUSA Book Program:

AUSA: When did you decide to write this book?

Celeski: Probably in late 2013, and certainly by January of 2014 after my goal of working at least 10 years after retirement in September 2004 before finding a new hobby.

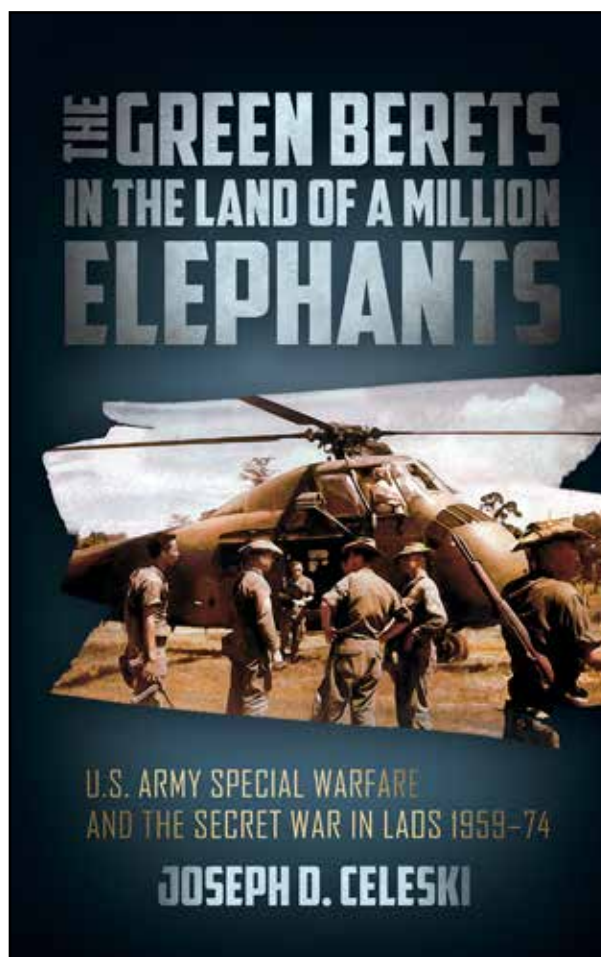
My favorite pastime is reading, researching, and writing about U.S. Army Green Berets – Special Forces – and the exploits of the wider SOF community. I decided to focus on the gaps in our history which have not been covered more widely in the military history literature.

AUSA: How did the war in Laos differ from the war in Vietnam?

Celeski: The most significant difference between the two wars is that the State Department, through their ambassadors to Laos, commanded and controlled U.S. military forces instead of the war being run by a theater-level military command.

Very unique.

It was also an interagency run war – State Department, Department of Defense, the intelligence community, USIS, USAID, and so on. Much of the activities of the United States in this war were clandestine and covert to circumvent the very many restrictions of the Geneva Agreements and protocols of the 1950s to prevent any introduction of foreign military forces into the country.



AUSA: Which of the American ambassadors was most effective in Laos?

Celeski: Ambassador Winthrop G. Brown. I think he was both effective and an impressive leader for his two years serving in the Land of a Million Elephants, starting in August of 1960.

Brown juggled the U.S. response to the Kong Le coup in late 1960, Kennedy's transition of the U.S. forces in Laos under a MAAG [Military Assistance Advisory Group] in April 1961, the expansion of

Green Beret teams into the country, and the running of the clandestine and covert unconventional warfare programs.

He was a strong supporter of the use of U.S. Army Special Forces to achieve his diplomatic objectives.

AUSA: What were the most important lessons learned by the Green Berets?

Celeski: You can't just focus your training on only soldiers, NCOs, and junior officers in a foreign army you partner with, and you do not need to create them in the image of our Army capabilities.

You have to simultaneously advise and train the senior leadership, the political leadership, and the military institutions which support the security force – schools, logistics, medical system, air support, manufacturing of local arms and weapons, intelligence systems and so forth.

Know the language and culture! Accompany your advised unit into the field and fight with them in combat – that's key and essential to have credibility as an advisor.

AUSA: Out of the many stories found in the book, is there one you would like to highlight?

Celeski: There are a few worth mentioning, and I do not want to take away anything from all of the Army veterans who served and fought in Laos in many engagements between the Pathet Lao and the North Vietnamese Army.

But for the subject of the book, the guerrilla warfare program on the Bolovens Plateau region is one of the most successful uses of unconventional warfare. It was run almost solely by about 11 Special Forces teams.

To order a copy of *The Green Berets in the Land of a Million Elephants*, visit www.ausa.org/books.

AUSA donates to National Vets Memorial

AUSA Staff

The Association of the U.S. Army has made a \$1 million pledge to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum of Columbus, Ohio, the first and only national museum in the U.S. dedicated to honoring veterans.

“We are honored to be part of this national-level effort to honor veterans,” said retired Gen. Carter F. Ham, AUSA president and CEO.

AUSA is the only military or veteran service organization to date to have made a substantial contribution.

Located in downtown Columbus, the museum is funded through private philanthropy and public partnerships, including AUSA's donation, which will be paid in \$200,000 annual installments.

A 53,000-square-foot building located in a riverfront park, its exhibits include personal artifacts, imagery and videos of veterans telling

their stories in their own words, focused on service in the military and how military experiences shaped their lives.

The aim, organizers said, is “to stimulate an ongoing dialogue to increase connections between civilians and veterans.”

There is a strong emphasis on the stories of individual veterans.

The museum is intended as a place where the stories of veterans of all branches of the service and all eras of conflict will be told.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter was appointed in June as the museum's president and CEO.

In a message to AUSA, he said, “Thank you for your extremely generous commitment.”

Adding, “This gift will allow us to have a powerful impact on our existing programming and future exhibitions that allow us to honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans as well as inspire everyone to serve a cause greater than self.”



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Kelley, Roque, 75th Ranger Regiment, are 2018 Best Snipers

NCO and Soldier Programs

**Sergeant Major of the Army
Kenneth O. Preston, USA, Ret.
Vice President, Noncommissioned Officer
and Soldier Programs**

Greetings from the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), our Army's and our soldier's professional organization.

The feedback from all the noncommissioned officers and soldiers who attended this year's Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition was overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic.

This feedback covered the full spectrum of events from the Army Ten-Miler, to participating in the Warrior Challenge with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, to the professional development forums and recognition events centered on noncommissioned officers and soldiers, and to the amazing displays throughout the five exhibit halls.



The attendance at the meeting topped 31,000 and our soldiers, the Department of Defense and Department of the Army civilians, family members and many friends of the Army were present and participated in an action-packed, three-day event.

The planning for next year's AUSA Annual Meeting has already begun and is scheduled for Oct. 14-16.

While the 2018 Army's Best Warrior Competition awards came to a close at the Annual Meeting, the best sniper teams from around the world were converging on Fort Benning, Ga., for the 2018 United States Army International Sniper Competition.

A total of 30 sniper teams representing the Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, United States Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Sweden, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Australia, United Kingdom, Germany, Israel, New Zealand, and the Netherlands completed the 18th annual event.

This year's top sniper team for the second consecutive year was the team from the 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., that performed consistently throughout the competition in all the physically and mentally challenging events executed during the three days.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Roque and Staff Sgt. Brandon Kelley demonstrated for the second year in a row that they are the best two-person sniper team in the world.

"Our training philosophy, our competing philosophy has always been the same. It's expectation



For the second consecutive year, the team from the 75th Ranger Regiment, represented here by Staff Sgts. Brandon Kelley and Jonathan Roque, took first place in the 18th Annual International Sniper Competition at Fort Benning, Ga. (Photo by Markeith Horace)

management when you go into it and try to get some points on the board, and be consistent, consistent, consistent. It always translates to cumulatively a good score," said Kelly.

Roque and Kelley scored the most points in the multi-day competition that involved two-person teams from across the Army, from other services in the Department of Defense, from the FBI and from 10 international countries.

All the teams were tested in long-range marksmanship, observation, target detection, stalking, reconnaissance and reporting, and the ability to move with stealth while concealed.

In second place was the team from the Colorado Army National Guard – Staff Sgt. Michael E. Fulmer and Spc. Tristan Ivkov.

In third place were the airmen from the Swedish 17th Wing, Air Force Rangers – Lance Cpl. Erik Azcarate and Lance Cpl. David Jacobsson.

In addition to the top three finishers receiving recognition at the closing ceremony, awards for Top Stock, Top Spotter, Top International Team and the Iron Man Team also received recognition.

The Top Stock award was Team 17, 75th Ranger Regiment with Staff Sgt. Roque and Staff Sgt. Kelley.

The Top Spotter award went to Staff Sgt. Mi-

chael E. Fulmer, Team 9, Colorado National Guard.

The Top International Team award winner was Team 30, Swedish 17th Wing, Air Force Rangers with Lance Cpl. Azcarate and Lance Cpl. Jacobsson.

Iron Man Team was awarded to Team 30, Swedish 17th Wing, Air Force Rangers with Lance Cpl. Azcarate and Lance Cpl. Jacobsson.

"Working together in this venue is a great way for us to share ideas, build rapport, and train our forces," Brig. Gen. David M. Hodne, the U.S. Army Infantry School commandant, said at the closing ceremony.

Adding, "After all, the purpose of the International Sniper Competition is to improve our collective lethality."

Like the Best Warrior Competition, the Best Sniper Competition represents the ultimate competitive event where each competitor was able to demonstrate both their physical and mental competencies.

"Some teams, this is their Super Bowl; this is what they train for," said Kelley. "For us, this is an additional evaluation [to see] where we are before we go overseas and do our job. And it's treated as such."

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“We take it as an additional training opportunity,” said Roque. “We take full advantage of it.”

The airmen from the Swedish 17th Wing Air Force Rangers won first place in the European Best Sniper Competition last month, which was held at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany.

This team had only been together for three months since graduating their sniper training.

Additionally, the Swedish team did not bring their issued rifle or scope they used in the European competition.

“We will borrow all the equipment and weapons from the Americans which is one of the biggest challenges. We have never practiced before with this equipment and we are not familiar with the weapon other than its basic functions and operation.”

“It proves our education is good back home in Sweden,” said Jacobsson.

Many of the team members talked about the camaraderie and competitiveness of the competition, but they also spoke highly about the best practices they learned from each other.

Staff Sgt. Daniel Grogan and Sgt. Charles Gifford from the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, placed second among the U.S. Army division teams and 13th overall in the competition.

“Being a sniper is not a job, it is a lifestyle,” said Gifford, adding, “Snipers have to retain a large amount of technical information, which is why many constantly go back through their notes and fundamentals.”

“I really looked forward to learning what I could from the other U.S. military and foreign teams,” said Grogan, adding, “It is interesting to see the different TTPs [tactics, techniques, and procedures] and training points.”

“One of the best parts of being a sniper is teaching other soldiers the basics, everything from aiming techniques to firing positions,” said Gifford.

“All these competitions are fantastic because they bring together the best across the world in a specific area and whenever we have the best together everybody’s going to learn something, everybody’s going to leave better than they were,” said Capt. Gregory Elgort with the U.S. Army Sniper Course.

“And everybody is going to take away a new tactic, a new technique that they didn’t know from somebody else,” Elgort added.

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Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, retired Sgt. Maj. Tom Gillis, president, Strickland Memorial Fund, and Pam Swan, Veterans United, present the \$4,000 SGM Larry Strickland Educational Leadership Awards to 1st Sgt. Anthony M. Hampe (Senior NCO Award—top) and Sgt. 1st Class Joseph S. Kirkey (Mid-Grade NCO Award—bottom) at the AUSA Annual Meeting. (AUSA News photos)



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, Sgt. Maj. Paul Shultz, sergeant major of public affairs, and Pam Swan, Veterans United, present the \$4,000 SGM Dawn Kilpatrick Memorial AUSA Scholarship Award to Sgt. 1st Class David R. Wheeler, Armed Forces Network, Camp Humphreys, Korea, at the AUSA Annual Meeting. (AUSA News photo)

AUSA welcomes 8 new Army veterans to 116th Congress

Capitol Focus

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The 116th Congress will seat a record number of veterans with more than 90 serving in the House and Senate. Here are the new members of the 116th Congress who served in the Army.

■ Rep.-elect Jim Baird (R) was an Army first lieutenant in Vietnam in 1971, part of the 523rd Transportation Company, when his gun truck, "The Proud American," was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade. Baird lost his left arm.

Elected to represent Indiana's 4th District, Baird is a strong supporter of boosting defense spending.

■ Rep.-elect Jason Crow (D) will represent Colorado's 6th District in the 116th Congress. Crow joined ROTC in college and went on to serve on active duty from 2002–2006. As an Infantry Officer, Crow served one tour in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan.

After his service, Crow, now an attorney, served on the Colorado Board of Veterans' Affairs, focusing on veterans' homelessness and substance abuse issues.

■ Rep.-elect Mark Green (R) will represent Ten-

nessee's 7th District. Green, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, served in the Army from 1987–2006.

From 1987–1990, he served as a rifle platoon leader, scout platoon leader, and battalion personnel officer in the 194th Separate Armor Brigade, and from 1990–1992 as a supply officer and an airborne rifle company commander in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Serving as an Army special operations flight surgeon, Green was assigned to the 160th Special Ops Aviation Regiment. His most memorable mission was the capture of Saddam Hussein, where he interviewed Saddam for six hours the night of his capture.

Last year, Green was nominated to serve as the Secretary of the Army before withdrawing his name from consideration.

■ Rep.-elect Max Rose (D) served in Afghanistan in 2012 and 2013, earning a Purple Heart when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Rose, who will represent New York's 11th District, is the first post-9/11 combat veteran to seek office in New York City. He continues his service today in the Army National Guard.

■ Rep.-elect Greg Steube (R) will represent the 17th District of Florida. After law school, Steube enlisted in the Army after the September 11th attacks and served from 2004 to 2008.

In the Army, he spent one year as a commis-

sioned Airborne Infantry Officer, and three years in the Army JAG Corps, serving as a captain with the 25th Infantry Division in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

■ Rep.-elect William Timmons IV (R) was recently commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the South Carolina Army National Guard as a JAG Officer.

He is currently assigned to the 263rd Army Air Missile Defense Command in Anderson, South Carolina. Timmons will represent the 4th District of South Carolina.

■ Rep.-elect Michael Waltz (R) served in the Army from 1996 to 2007 obtaining the rank of Lt. Colonel. Elected to represent Florida's 6th District, Waltz served as a Special Forces officer with multiple combat tours to Afghanistan.

No stranger to Washington, he also served in the White House and Pentagon during the Bush Administration as an advisor and policy director for counterterrorism.

■ Rep.-elect Steve Watkins (R) served in the Army from 1999–2005.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy, Watkins achieved the rank of Captain and served in Afghanistan.

After his service, he spent another decade serving as an independent contractor in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout Central Asia, working predominantly with the Department of Defense. Watkins will represent the 2nd District of Kansas.

Army pushes vertical lift to field new attack helicopters

Sean Kimmons
Army News Service

Future Vertical Lift (FVL) projects are primed to expand on recent progress this fiscal year as the Army searches to replace its aging fleets of helicopters.

In less than six months, the new cross-functional team for FVL has already published two requests for proposals on a future attack reconnaissance aircraft and future tactical unmanned aerial systems.

"We were able to push those two efforts pretty quickly," Brig. Gen. Walter Rugen, the team's director, said during a panel discussion at the Association of the U.S. Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition.

But "we're not resting on our laurels. We have much more to do this coming year."

Intended to be a smaller variant, the future attack reconnaissance aircraft, or FARA, will likely serve as a close combat conductor for advanced unmanned aerial systems (UAS) as well as provide support to troops on the ground.

The anticipated award date for competitive prototypes is next June.

Two industry performers will later be selected to Phase II in those efforts and receive a fixed funding level of about \$735 million between fiscal



AH-64D Apache helicopters, such as these, must all be modernized if the Army wants to stay competitive. The Army has created the Future Vertical Lift Cross-Functional Team to help further its Future Vertical Lift modernization priority. (Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel McClinton)

years 2020–23, according to the solicitation.

The rapid solicitations to industry, Rugen said, were made possible by the great interaction in his team that includes personnel from the contracting and science and technology communities.

Part of the Army Futures Command, Rugen's team was created last year alongside similar cross-functional teams to tackle six modernization priorities.

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December 2018

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Cribbins Award
Army Civilian of the Year:
CSM Jesse Sablan, USA, Ret.



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Editor's note: Association of the U.S. Army awards to Army units, Association chapters, and medal/award recipients were presented at the Annual Meeting by Gen. Carter Ham, USA, Ret., AUSA president and CEO, and Lt. Gen. Patricia McQuiston, USA, Ret., vice president for membership and meetings. (Photos by AUSA News)



Largest Year End Membership: Central Texas-Fort Hood

Retired Col. Larry Phelps, chapter president; Lt. Gen. Paul Funk, commanding general, III Corps and Fort Hood; and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Crosby.



Largest Regular Army Division: 1st Cavalry Division

Retired Col. Larry Phelps, chapter president, Central Texas-Fort Hood; and Maj. Gen. Paul Calvert, commanding general, 1st Cavalry Division.



**National Guard Division with the most AUSA Members:
29th Infantry Division**

Maj. Gen. John Epperly, commanding general, 29th Infantry Division; and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald L. Smith.



**USAR Command with Strongest Support to AUSA:
80th Regional Support Command**

Brig. Gen. Aaron T. Walter, commanding general, 100th Training Division; and Command Sgt. Maj. William Pendleton, 83rd U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Center.



Best Chapter (Group 1): George Washington Chapter

Retired Col. Glenn Yarborough, chapter president; Maj. Gen. Michael Howard, commanding general, U.S. Army Military District of Washington/Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region; and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Woodring.



Best Chapter (Group 2): Monmouth

Glen Parada, chapter treasurer; Brig. Gen. Jemal Beale, adjutant general, New Jersey Army National Guard; and Retired Col. Sam Fuoco, chapter president.



Best Chapter (Group 3): Columbia River

Retired Sgt. Maj. Jerry Glesmann; Brig. Gen. William Prendergast, commander, Land Component Command, Oregon Army National Guard; and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Foesch, command senior enlisted leader, Oregon National Guard.



Best Chapter (Group 4): COL Edward Cross

Chris Ager, chapter immediate past president; retired Lt. Col. Gregory d'Arbonne, chapter president; and retired Lt. Col. Ret Andrew Corrow, chapter vice president for ROTC.



Best Chapter (Group 5): Charleston (tie)

Retired Lt. Gen. Roger Thompson; and retired Col. Joe Trez.



Best Chapter (Group 5): National Training Center-High Desert (tie)

Lori Picard, chapter vice president, family programs; Renita Yvonne Deason; and Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew Lowe, National Training Center and Fort Irwin.



Best Overseas Chapter: GEN Creighton Abrams

Lt. Gen. Christopher Cavoli, commanding general, U.S. Army Europe; Dave Fulton; Genna McGowan, chapter vice president, young professionals; and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Abernethy, U.S. Army Europe.



Congratulations to all individual, chapter and unit award winners!

Army recognizes outstanding NCOs at Eisenhower Lunch

Editor’s note: Army awards to noncommissioned officers were presented at the Annual Meeting’s Dwight D. Eisenhower Luncheon by Gen. Mark Milley, Army chief of staff, and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey.



2018 United States Army Drill Sergeant of the Year
Sgt. Devin Crawford, U.S. Army Reserve, 3-334th 1st Brigade, 95th Division, 108th Training Command, Neenah, Wisc.



2018 United States Army Recruiter of the Year
Staff Sgt. Billie Getche, Denver Recruiting Battalion, 5th Recruiting Brigade



2018 Army Reserve Recruiter of the Year
Sgt. 1st Class Jessica Schrecker, Oklahoma City Recruiting Battalion, 5th Recruiting Brigade



2018 Army National Guard Recruiter of the Year
Sgt. Deborah Elliott, Colorado Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Colorado Springs, Colo.



2018 Active Component Career Counselor of the Year
Sgt. 1st Class Aimee Fields, 21st Special Troops Battalion, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Germany



2018 Reserve Component Career Counselor of the Year
Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Compton, U.S. Army Reserve, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Health Services Command, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas

Annual AUSA-ROTC lunch salutes the Army's future leaders



Lt. Gen. Guy C. Swan, Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) vice president for education, presents the annual AUSA \$4,000 Army ROTC Scholarship to Cadet Alec Hoopes, Virginia Military Institute, at the ROTC Luncheon held during the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition.



Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, is the featured speaker at the annual AUSA ROTC Luncheon held in conjunction with the association's Annual Meeting and Exposition.



Maj. Gen. John R. Evans Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Cadet Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Mario Terenes present the U.S. Army Cadet Command's \$93,849 ROTC Scholarship check to Donjayla Jenkins, Howard University.



Retired Lt. Gen. Pat Donahue, Lockheed Martin Corp., left, presents \$3,000 checks while retired Lt. Gen. Ray Mason, the ROTC lunch's host, awards streamers to the outstanding AUSA-ROTC Companies. From the top: University of North Georgia (UNG), accepted by Cadet Tyler Farley and Dr. Bonita Jacobs, UNG president; St. John's University Fighting Saints Battalion, accepted by Cadet Matthew Tschida; and the Howard University Bison Company, accepted by Aric Catimbang.



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3 top NCOs receive Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Awards

Chapter Highlight Redstone-Huntsville

Elizabeth Behring
Army Materiel Command

Three of the Army's top NCOs received accolades for their leadership during a recognition breakfast presented by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

"I am an American Soldier, and I am [very] proud of it. But the most important NCO is not the sergeant major; it's the first sergeant," Command Sgt. Maj. Rodger Mansker, said Army Materiel Command's command sergeant major, who was the guest speaker at the event held at the Jackson Center.

Adding, "Our first sergeants are responsible for the good order and discipline of our formations and are looked to as the standard bearers of their organizations. They are truly the epitome of the non-commissioned officer."

First Sgt. Teddy Wade, who is the Aviation and Missile Command's Headquarters and Headquarters Company first sergeant, was the active-duty recipient of the Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award. Wade, a combat documentation production specialist, was previously the AMC command photographer.

Besides Wade, the AUSA chapter also presented the Ordway leadership award to two members of the Reserve Component.

First Sgt. Terry Anderson, the first sergeant of the Army Reserve's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 926th Engineer Brigade, out of Montgomery, Ala., received the award while his wife Arnetthia and two of his three sons, Tiyrai and Tiyri, looked on.

Representing the Army National Guard, 1st Sgt. Joseph Lundberg traveled from the Pentagon, where he is currently serving on active duty as the



Command Sgt. Maj. Rodger Mansker, Army Materiel Command's senior enlisted advisor, congratulates the newest recipients of the Sergeant John Ordway Leadership Award during a recognition breakfast in Huntsville, Ala. From left: 1st Sgt. Terry Anderson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 926th Engineer Brigade, Army Reserve Component; 1st Sgt. Teddy Wade, Headquarters and Headquarters, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Active Duty; and 1st Sgt. Joseph Lundberg, on an active-duty tour to the Pentagon, Army National Guard. (Photo by Elizabeth Behring)

operations sergeant major for the Army Wounded Warrior Program.

Lundberg manages the Advocate Support Branch that provides care for more than 12,000 seriously wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans across the United States and Europe.

That kind of guidance and direct care of troops led the local AUSA board of directors to seek recognition for those leaders who do the most to support their soldiers and their soldiers' family members.

The Sergeant John Ordway Leadership Award was created with permission from Ordway's descendants in 2005 to recognize the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

sary of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Ordway, known to have been the only soldier throughout the expedition who could read or write, served in the capacity of first sergeant.

He made sure the troops were taken care of with rations and supplies, and wrote letters home to their families.

"Nothing is more rewarding than to watch troops grow and become leaders. It's not about us – it's about the future – and you have a choice to make a difference, even if they don't stay in the Army. It's the toughest job but also the most fulfilling," Mansker said.

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The teams are designed to speed up an outdated acquisition process in order to get new capabilities to soldiers faster. "It's about overmatch. We have to build that overmatch by 2028," Rugen said. "Our current programs have to be vibrant enough to take that risk on, but we also have to look at the future risk and understand that and harmonize those two aspects."

Future tactical unmanned aerial systems are to be developed as brigade combat team-oriented platforms and could eventually replace the RQ-7 Shadow.

"We heard for a long time [from industry] that you're ready," said Brig. Gen. Thomas Todd, the

program executive officer for Army Aviation. "So, you're going to get your chance. We're ready to see what you got."

In December, the Army plans to award three vendors to further develop their technology over a three-year period of performance where soldiers will also be able to provide feedback.

"We look forward to potentially having a couple solutions per vendor as well," Todd said at the panel discussion. "I ask that you be agile in your proposals. Think about what we really need, get after it quickly because it's going to happen very fast."

The advanced UAS portfolio will also include air-launched effects, which could have unmanned systems launched from helicopters while in the air.

"We really have to get after lethality," Rugen said. "We're going to be very much focused on our

air-launched effects, creating that overmatch with our pacing threats."

Rugen also said his team is working toward a future long range assault aircraft, or FLRAA, which would be a medium-sized variant.

An analysis of alternatives for the aircraft is expected later this fiscal year. The Army will then wrap up its Joint Multi-Role Technology Demonstration program. Those two pools of knowledge will be important in realizing the next step forward.

"We feel like we're going to finish up the JMRs, we're going to finish up our AOA," Todd said, "and really have the requisite knowledge to be able to understand how we exploit that knowledge in an efficient way to get that great technology into soldier's hands."



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ACTIVE DUTY/GUARD & RESERVE ISSUES

House Action

H.R. 2099 (GI Bill Fairness Act) Cosponsors: 1

- Amends title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance.
- Introduced by Rep. Mark Takano, D-Calif.
- **Referred to Committee: Veterans' Affairs**

H.R. 4633 (Credentialing, Educating, & Relevant Training Initiative For Your Heroes Act (CERTIFY)) Cosponsors: 13

- Permits individuals who are eligible for assistance under a Department of Defense educational assistance program or authority to use such tuition assistance for licensing and certification programs offered by entities other than an institution of higher education.
- Introduced by Rep. Steve Russell, R-Ark.
- **Referred to Committee: Armed Services**

H.R. 5038 (Reserve Component Benefits Parity Act) Cosponsors: 58

- Reduces the age at which a member of the Reserve Component is eligible to receive military retirement pay by three months for every 90 days mobilized under 12304b authority within a single fiscal year; mandates that officers and enlisted members of the Reserve Component receive a monthly allocation for each month they are deployed if they meet requirements written under current law; and, protects the level of pay for federal civilian employees who are members of the Reserve Component once they are mobilized by supplying a "reservist differential" payment that currently exist for other mobilization authorities.
- Introduced by Rep. Steven Palazzo, R-Miss.
- **Referred to Committees: Armed Services; Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Government Reform**

Senate Action

S. 492 (Servicemember Retirement Improvement Act) Cosponsors: 1

- Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow members of the Ready Reserve of a reserve component of the Armed Forces to make elective deferrals on the basis of their service to the Ready Reserve and on the basis of their other employment.
- Introduced by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas
- **Referred to Committee: Finance**

RETIREE ISSUES

House Action

H.R. 303 (Retired Pay Restoration Act) Cosponsors: 97

- Permits additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the VA for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.
- Introduced by Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla
- **Referred to Committees: Armed Services; Veterans' Affairs**

H.R. 333 (Disabled Veterans' Tax Termination Act) Cosponsors: 53

- Permits retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation
- Extends eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service.
- Introduced by Rep. Sanford Bishop, D-Ga.
- **Referred to Committees: Armed Services; Veterans' Affairs**

Senate Action

S. 66 (Retired Pay Restoration Act) Cosponsors: 13

- Permits additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the VA for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.
- Introduced by Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev.
- **Referred to Committees: Armed Services**

SPOUSE/FAMILY ISSUES

Senate Action

S. 2379 (Military Spouse Employment Act) Cosponsors: 6

- Improves and expands authorities, programs, services, and benefits for military spouses and military families.
- Introduced by Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va.
- **Referred to Committees: Armed Services**
- **Language included in the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act**

VETERANS' ISSUES

House Action

H.R. 3272 (Veteran Education Empowerment Act) Cosponsors: 124

- Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a grant program to provide Veteran Student Centers at institutions of higher education to assist veterans in the pursuit of higher education.
- Introduced by Rep. Lois Frankel, D-Fla.
- **Referred to Committee: Veterans' Affairs**

H.R. 4571 (Fair Access to Insurance for Retired (FAIR) Heroes Act of 2017)

Cosponsors: 9

- Expands eligibility for the TRICARE program to include certain veterans entitled to benefits under the Medicare program due to conditions or injuries incurred during service in the Armed Forces and to waive the Medicare Part B late enrollment penalty for such veterans.
- Introduced by Rep. Susan Davis, D-Calif.
- **Referred to Committee: Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means**

Senate Action

S. 591 (Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act) Cosponsors: 35

- Expands eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program and to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life.
- Introduced by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.
- **Referred to Committee: Veterans' Affairs**
- **Language included in S. 2193, Caring for Our Veterans Act of 2017**

S. 1198 (Veterans Care Financial Protection Act) Cosponsors: 3

- Protects individuals who are eligible for increased pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance from dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices.
- Introduced by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.
- **Referred to Committees: Veterans' Affairs**

S. 2117 (Fair Access to Insurance for Retired (FAIR) Heroes Act of 2017) Cosponsors: 1

- Expands eligibility for the TRICARE program to include certain veterans entitled to benefits under the Medicare program due to conditions or injuries incurred during service in the Armed Forces and to waive the Medicare Part B late enrollment penalty for such veterans.
- Introduced by Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla.
- **Referred to Committee: Veterans' Affairs**

S. 2193 (Caring for Our Veterans Act of 2017) Cosponsors: 0

- Streamlines and strengthens veterans' healthcare services at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and in the community to ensure efficient, timely and quality care.
- Introduced by Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga.
- **Referred to Committee: Veterans' Affairs**
- **Passed by Committee on Nov. 29, 2017 and referred to the full Senate**

Lydia Batista, medical center nurse, accepts chapter award

Chapter Highlight Charleston

Charleston South Carolina Chapter Association of the U.S. Army

The Vice President for Veteran Affairs at the Association of the U.S. Army's Charleston South Carolina Chapter, Larry Dandridge, presented the chapter's Outstanding Service Award to Lydia Batista a Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center registered nurse, in early October.

Batista was nominated for the award by retired Staff Sgt. and VA patient Eugene Williams, his family and Dandridge for the care she gives to her patients at the RHJ VA Medical Center in Charleston, S.C. The award was presented in front of her peers and supervisor at medical center's Intensive Care Unit.

The medical center is a Five-Star Hospital and has been rated in the top 10 percent of all public and private hospitals for quality of care and customer satisfaction for many years. It has the lowest turnover rate of nurse employees of all civilian and VA medical care facilities in the United States.

The center's cancer program is accredited by the Commission on Cancer, American College of Surgeons; the laboratory is accredited by the College



From left: AUSA Charleston Chapter VP for Veteran Affairs Larry Dandridge, Lydia Batista, and Ralph H. Jonson VA Medical Center's Chief, Community Engagement & Veteran Experience Fred Lesinski. Lydia received a wall plaque and a framed letter of commendation and appreciation from the AUSA Charleston Chapter.

of American Pathology and the Self-Management Education program received national standards recognition from the American Diabetes Association.

The Charleston Post Baccalaureate Nurse Residency Program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and there are 190 students in nursing trainee programs that is the only VA in the nation to offer three nurse residency programs.

AUSA's Charleston South Carolina Chapter ad-

opted the RHJ Johnson VA Medical Center 14 years ago and is dedicated to supporting this outstanding medical center and its over 80,000 patients and families.

The chapter has donated more than \$20,000 to the center over the past 14 years and Dandridge, a long-time volunteer and assistance and advisor, wrote an award-winning book, *BLADES OF THUNDER* (Book One) that has raised more than \$65,000.00 for RHJ VA's Fisher House, Charleston.

Squad-immersive environment – Move, shoot, keep on going

Devon Suits
Army News Service

Over the next year, 26 installations are scheduled to receive the new Squad Advanced Marksmanship Trainer – with the first potential location slated for Fort Drum, N.Y., officials said.

The Army has been working on a squad-immers-

sive environment since 2009, but limitations on virtual reality and other related technologies have hindered the development process, according to Maj. Gen. Maria Gervais, director of the Synthetic Training Environment (STE) Cross-Functional Team.

Recent advancements in the \$5.2 billion virtual reality and gaming industry, though, have enabled the Army to field the virtual marksmanship trainer as an “immediate solution until a more robust

squad-immersive environment is developed,” Gervais said.

Tied to the Soldier Lethality Cross-Functional Team, the new trainer is a joint venture with the Marine Corps, helping infantry and “close combat” forces achieve their training objectives, Gervais explained during the Association of the United States Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition.

During a recent demonstration at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., forces were outfitted with a goggle device synched to the Squad Advanced Marksmanship Trainer. From there, the squad lined up in a four-man stack and went through a series of breach-and-clear scenarios, she said.

Through the marksmanship training device, one scenario transported breaching forces to a Middle Eastern virtually-constructed environment, where they engaged with simulated enemy forces. More importantly, Gervais said, the four-man stack was able to do this while navigating through a live training environment.

“Now, we're seeing technology where you can link the squad in, they can move, they can shoot, and keep going,” she said. “So, pretty exciting stuff.”



The Army has been working on a squad-immersive environment since 2009. (U.S. Army graphic by Peggy Frierson)

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Chapter commemorates Vietnam War's 50th Anniversary

Chapter Highlight Robert E. Lee

Amy Perry
Assistant Editor
Fort Lee Traveller

Community members and guests from the local area gathered for the annual Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and POW/MIA National Recognition Day Luncheon at the Lee Club.

The Robert E. Lee Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army sponsored the observance in conjunction with the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Lee.

Sgt. Maj. Darrick A. Brown, Joint Mortuary Affairs Center sergeant major, was the guest speaker.

He shared his thoughts about the long-practiced military occupation that he now oversees, and how those experience have affected his life.

The annual POW-MIA observance, he noted, is emblematic of America's duty to not forget and bring those still missing home.

"I am constantly reminded of 82,232 service members listed as missing in action from past conflicts," he said.

Adding, "[We have a] responsibility to Vietnam War veterans, prisoners of war and those missing in action. We continue to recognize their sacrifice and [ensure] our accountability of U.S. service members until the number of missing in action is at zero."

He also noted, "It is never too late to pay tribute to the men and women who answered the call of duty with courage and valor. They reflected the pride of our nation in the faces of our enemy as they endured the rigors of combat and hardships as prisoners of war."



Members of the Joint Service Honor Guard march forward as they prepare to place headgear at the Missing Man Table during the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and POW/MIA National Recognition Day Luncheon at the Lee Club. (Photo by Amy Perry)

The Garrison Commander, Col. Hollie Martin, said that next year marks the 50th anniversary of the first news story about prisoners of war and those missing in action in Vietnam.

"The story inspired families of missing service members to seek the answers and raise awareness of our responsibility to look for those who were not able to make it home on their own," she said.

Adding, "Their persistence helped bring home prisoners of war from many previous battlefields. From February to April in 1973, Operation Homecoming repatriated 591 United States prisoners of war." The event also included a Missing Man Table and Honors Ceremony performed by the installa-

tion's joint service honor guard. The 392nd Army Band provided music.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established by an act of Congress in 1998.

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act allowed a commemoration program for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Its objectives are to honor veterans and their families for their sacrifices, highlight the contributions of the armed forces, and recognize those who made contributions on the domestic front, among others.

Memorial Day 2012 was the official start of the commemoration. It is scheduled to conclude on Veterans Day 2025.

Immersive environment from preceding page 'One World Terrain'

In addition to the virtual trainer, the Synthetic Training Environment Cross-Functional Team, or STE CFT, recently approved an "Army Collective Training Environment Initial Capability Document" to serve as the foundation for all STE support elements.

"We need to be able to provide our soldiers and leaders the ability to conduct hundreds of repetitions wherever they are located so they can improve muscle memory and increase proficiency," Gervais said.

Adding, "The STE makes it possible to enhance home-station training and unit performance. Most importantly, the STE is focused on establishing common standards, common data, and common terrain to maximize interoperability, ease of integration, and cost savings."

Additionally, the STE team has increased their industry engagement, leading to the selection of two firms to support development of "One World Terrain" and another two for the Army's air and ground simulation platforms.

Moving forward, the CFT is considering what architecture and industry support is necessary to maintain the STE as a service, she said.

Similar to the way Netflix works, incorporating a "training as a service" business model would potentially keep the STE up to date with the newest tools, providing soldiers the best possible training without any latency.

"With One World Terrain, we want to be able to pull down terrain at the right fidelity. If you're a squad, the fidelity has got to be better," Gervais said.

"It's not a game. If there's latency ... you lose it. And when you're doing ... an exercise in your training, you can't have that."



'The STE makes it possible to enhance home-station training and unit performance,' Gervais said. (AUSA News photo by Luc Dunn)



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The Wall That Heals, bearing 58,318 names, visits Rocket City

Chapter Highlight Redstone-Huntsville

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To one unfamiliar with it, it is just a wall – panels filled with names – but for the men and women who served in Vietnam, and the loved ones left behind, it represents loss, sacrifice, memories and healing.

The Tennessee Valley community recently had an opportunity to pay their respect to the nation's Vietnam veterans without ever boarding an airplane for Washington, D.C., when The Wall That Heals made a stop in Huntsville, Ala.

The three-quarter scale replica arrived in Huntsville Oct. 30 from Paducah, Ky., and was open 24 hours a day until 3 p.m. Nov. 4.

The Wall's presence in the Rocket City provides a venue for the young and old alike to learn more about the Vietnam War and to say thank you to those who served. But, more importantly, it will give Vietnam veterans a chance to grieve, remember and heal.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime for them," said John Perry, who helped organize the event. "There's a lot of pent-up emotions about the war. This is an opportunity for them to hopefully get some healing – that's why they call it 'The Wall That Heals.'"

Presented by Intuitive Research and Technology and hosted by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1067 in partnership with the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, the Huntsville/Madison County Veterans Memorial and the City of Huntsville, The Wall That Heals stands at 7.5 feet tall at its highest point and is 375 feet long.

It bears the same 58,318 names on the same panels as the original, and just like the memorial in D.C., visitors can do name rubbings.

"We all know the Wall," said Bryan Dodson, one of the lead organizers.

"There are panels we know. We have an affinity toward certain panels because of our experiences by year. I can physically go out and tell you where certain names are."

In addition to viewing the Wall, visitors could fully immerse themselves in the history of the Vietnam War by stopping by the mobile Education Center, as well as the nearby Jaycee building, which houses a variety of Vietnam War displays and exhibits, to include uniforms, equipment, weapons, a Huey helicopter.

On Saturday, Nov. 3, the Jaycee building was home to the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War



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Lecture Series featuring guest speakers retired Brig. Gen. Robert Stewart, retired Brig. Gen. Joseph Stringham and Joe Galloway, the only civilian recipient of the Bronze Star Medal in Vietnam and co-author of the book, "We Were Soldiers Once and Young."

Over the course of the Wall's four-day visit, more than 1,400 local students toured the site.

"We want the students to remember and learn about the event," said Laura Ayers, who organized the educational tours. "It is about covering the whole conflict and making sure they can remember and have that opportunity – and to say thank you."

"We want to have these students go back and ask their grandfathers about what they've been through in hopes that they can instill in their grandchildren to remember – remember the price they've paid."

The traveling Wall last stopped in Huntsville 18 years ago.

About two years ago, retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet recommended it make another visit before it's too late for many of the Vietnam veterans.

"A lot of people have not been to the Wall in Washington, and it has a tremendous effect when you go up there," said Pete Fast, one of the lead organizers.

"This will be the last time most of us get to see the Wall."

The Wall also reached out to those who did not

serve in the war, but may have contributed to the disrespect members of the military experienced at the time, Dodson said.

"They feel like they need to do something to honor this era, because they themselves, and others, mistreated the veterans of the Vietnam era," Dodson said.

Adding, "They held them accountable for political decisions rather than honoring what they went through on behalf of the country. It is an opportunity for healing not just for veterans, but for people who experienced the political turmoil of this nation at that time. There are many who have regrets about what they did at that particular point in time."

Huntsville had to apply to bring the Wall to the city, and is one of about 30 locations it will visit in 2018.

Since the Rocket City's request was accepted, a core team of seven organizers, with countless others supporting them, worked tirelessly organizing operations, volunteers, security, education and a variety of other pieces. Many are Vietnam or Vietnam era veterans.

"Our nation is what it is because people have been willing to stand up and sacrifice. Certainly our Vietnam veterans are a great example of that," said John Hamilton, Huntsville city administrator.

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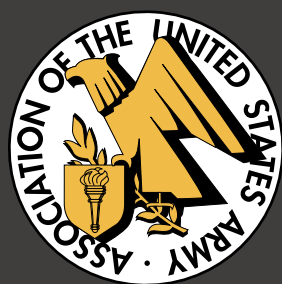
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Nov. 11, 1918 – World War I ends – All veterans remembered

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A century ago on Nov. 11, an armistice was signed to end World War I – the war to end all wars.

History has shown, though, that conflict did not stop with that agreement. Through the decades, America has fought many other times in support of its ideals.

Some of those wars are memorialized in the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

At a nearby location, the long-awaited World War I monument is expected to join those memorials in 2021.

Whatever your opinion on war is, those who volunteered or were drafted to defend this nation should not be forgotten.

Visiting the war memorials that dot the nation's capital, attending a humble parade in any small American town or just shaking the hand of a veteran can honor their sacrifice.

In the Vietnam War, one of my uncles was a marine who patrolled through thick vegetation after it was sprayed with Agent Orange. In 2014, he died from bile duct cancer, believed to be the result of his exposure to the toxic blend of herbicides as well as liver flukes.

During World War II, my late grandfather served as a mechanic for P-51 Mustang fighters that battled in dogfights up in the skies above Europe.

Other family members, including myself, also served honorably.

On this Veterans Day, I felt I owed it to them, and to the countless others who signed up before me, to visit a few of the memorials.

The first living link to the past I met was Ewing Miller at the National World War II Memorial.

Just a month after he turned 95, Miller braved chilly weather to speak during a ceremony at this memorial.

During the war, Miller served as a B-24 Liberator bomber pilot assigned to the 719th Squadron that flew missions out of Italy.



Ewing Miller, right, a former first lieutenant with the U.S. Army Air Forces who was a prisoner of war in World War II, poses for a photo after a Veterans Day ceremony at the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. (Photo by Sean Kimmons)

Miller, a former U.S. Army Air Forces first lieutenant, conducted more than 20 combat missions until February 1945, when his plane was downed by a flak burst. He was the sole survivor.

For the rest of the war, Miller was held as a prisoner of war.

After his speech, Miller and other veterans helped lay wreaths at the memorial. With the assistance of his four-wheeled walker, Miller then posed for photos and chatted with onlookers.

"A day doesn't go by that I don't remember those fellows," he said to me.

Adding, "But time has dulled their memory and they now have become part of that America that gave their lives from the time of the Revolution.

"The important thing was," he added, "that there is an ideal of America and that's what we strived for."

A short walk away at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, I traced my fingers across a few names etched into the black granite slabs that bore all U.S. troops killed in the war.

The tactile sensation from the carved out names against my fingers seemed to draw me in closer.

Tommy Lee Stephens ... Bobby L. Weathers ... Charles C. Asselta.

I wondered about the lives behind those names. Where did they serve, how did they die, who still missed them?

I then stepped back and watched the other visitors. In front of Panel 38 West of the stone memorial, Donald Fredenburg's face reflected off the mirror-like polished granite.

Dressed in his cavalry hat and medals pinned on his shirt, the former 1st Cavalry Division sergeant stood quietly and stared at the rows of names.

Moments later, when he began to leave, I asked him why he came to the memorial on Veterans Day.

"I feel that I owe it to my friends who are on this wall over here and to give them the respect that they deserve," said Fredenburg, who lives in Atlanta.

He told me he had served in Hue and lost a few buddies during his tour in 1968-1969. One, in particular, was Cpl. Donald Olsen.

Both men deployed to Vietnam around the same time and were placed in the same platoon.

"We kind of paired up," Fredenburg said. "We just hit it off real well."

During one mission, he and Olsen were ordered to investigate a cave possibly used by the enemy in a place called Rocket Ridge.

He and Olsen were parallel to each other as they flanked each side of the cave. All of a sudden, a shot rang out.

"Right through the heart and that was it," he recalled of his friend's fatal wound. "That could have been me on that side.

"That's the main reason I come up here."

I then shook his hand and thanked him as he left the memorial.

After all, he was one of the reasons I also came here.



Portraits of a U.S. service member killed during the Vietnam War lay against a polished granite panel that is part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. (Photo by Sean Kimmons)

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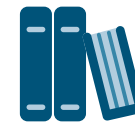
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Retired U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Michael Kacer competes in the IF2 shot put event at the 2018 Invictus Games in Sydney, Australia. Kacer was able to complete some impressive throws which secured his silver medal in the event. (Photo by Sgt. David Long)



A child of a 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) Soldier prepares to execute pre-jump commands at a mock aircraft during the 10th Annual Kid's Q-Course, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. (Photo by Sgt. Ian Ives)



A military police officer with the 545th Military Police Company, U.S. Army Alaska, is sprayed with oleoresin capsicum while conducting familiarization training at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. All security forces and military police personnel are exposed to OC spray when they first arrive at their units. (Photo by Alejandro Pentildea)



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