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Gen. Martin Dempsey selected for 2019 George Catlett Marshall Medal



Retired Gen. Martin E. Dempsey will receive AUSA's George Catlett Marshall Medal during the association's annual meeting in October. (Department of Defense/D. Myles Cullen)

etired Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the 18th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the 37th Army chief of staff, has been selected by the Council of Trustees of the Association of the U.S. Army as the recipient of the 2019 George Catlett Marshall Medal for sustained commitment to America's armed forces.

AUSA's highest honor for distinguished public service, the award will be presented to Dempsey Oct. 16 at the Marshall Dinner, the final event of the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C.

"Gen. Dempsey exemplifies the characteristics and traits that we seek in our nation's most senior leaders. He is, to me, the epitome of the selfless leader whose strength of character serves as a model for each of us to emulate. He loves soldiers and their families, and he loves our Army," said retired Gen. Carter F. Ham, Association of the U.S. Army president and CEO.

"I am confident that Gen. Marshall would be proud of our choice to honor Gen. Dempsey with the 2019 Marshall Medal."

Dempsey said Gen. George Marshall "was the leader I studied most in the latter part of my career."

"When I became chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I actually borrowed his official portrait from the Center for Military History to hang in my office. When faced with a complex, challenging issue, I would often ask myself, 'What would Gen. Marshall do?'" Dempsey said.

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This is the last monthly edition of *AUSA News*, the award-winning publication launched in October 1978. Beginning in May, a new weekly publication will replace *AUSA News*. Called *AUSA Extra*, it will combine the content of *AUSA News* and AUSA Weekly Bulletin into a single digital publication emailed to members every Thursday. Look for it in your inbox.

Several key senior Army leadership changes are on the way

he Trump administration formally nominated Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley on April 8 to become the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs, along with several other major nominations that will reshape military leadership.

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville was previously nominated to succeed Milley as the Army's top uniformed leader.

Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, director of the Army staff, is now nominated to succeed McConville and receive a promotion to general.

Martin is a Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Inherent Resolve veteran and former 1st Infantry Division commanding general who also commanded the National Training Center and Fort Irwin, California.

Four other Army nominations were also made April 8 to the U.S. Senate.

Lt. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera, XVIII Airborne Corps commanding general and commander of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, is nominated for a fourth star and assignment as U.S. Army Pacific commanding general.

Maj. Gen. Michael "Erik" Kurilla, U.S. Central Command chief of staff, is nominated for a third star and would succeed LaCamera at the XVIII Airborne Corps.

Lt. Gen. Laura J. Richardson, U.S. Army Forces Command deputy commanding general, is nominated to lead U.S. Army North at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Maj. Gen. Robert "Pat" White is nominated for promotion to lieutenant general and to assume III Corps command at Fort Hood, Texas. White is serving as director of the J-3 at U.S. European Command.

It is not clear when the Senate Armed Services Committee will take up the nominations.

Dempsey from page 1

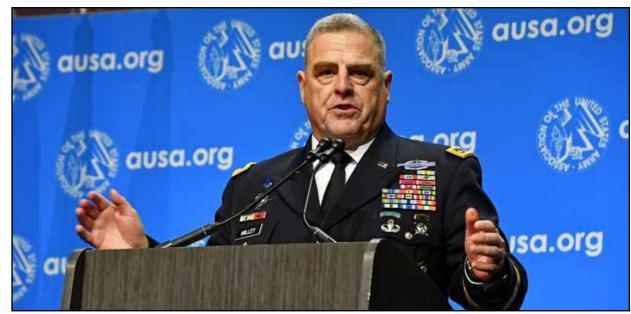
Dempsey, a career armor officer and 1974 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, retired in 2015 after 41 years of military service that included combat service in Iraq and professional development assignments at the U.S. Military Academy, Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College.

His major command assignments included the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, the 1st Armored Division, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, and U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Dempsey became Army chief of staff in April 2011 and then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in September 2011. Since retiring, Dempsey has been a devoted supporter of service members, veterans and their families.

As a Rubenstein Fellow at Duke University in North Carolina, he lectures and teaches about ethical leadership.

He serves as chairman of USA Basketball, the



Gen. Mark A. Milley, top, has been nominated to become the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of staff. Gen. James C. McConville, bottom left, with Army Secretary Mark T. Esper, is nominated to succeed Milley as the Army's top uniformed leader. (AUSA photos)



national governing body that selects the teams that represent our country in international competitions up to and including the Olympics.

Leadership, integrity and understanding what it means for our Army to be a profession were constant topics for Dempsey.

To be an effective leader, "the first thing you have to do is be yourself," he said in a 2012 interview when he stressed traits such as humility, responsibility and trust as important components of command.

"One of our great strengths as a nation is the diversity of backgrounds we draw into our military and the way that we mold them into professionals dedicated to a particular set of values," he said. "We truly believe it's not just what we accomplish but how."

Dempsey and his wife, Deanie, have been married for 42 years. They have three children who have served in the Army. Their son, Chris, remains on active duty and is currently deployed commanding 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment.

They have nine grandchildren.

The Marshall Medal, awarded by AUSA since

1960, is named for General of the Army George Catlett Marshall Jr., a former Army chief of staff who also served as secretary of state, secretary of defense and U.S. special envoy to China in a public service career that spanned the Spanish-American War through the Truman administration.

Dempsey is the sixth former chairman of the Joint Chiefs to receive the Marshall Medal.

Past recipients include Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gerald R. Ford and George H.W. Bush; General of the Army Omar N. Bradley; and retired Army Gens. Gordon R. Sullivan, Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Colin L. Powell, Bernard W. Rogers, Maxwell D. Taylor and John W. Vessey Jr.

Other recipients include two former defense secretaries who also served as directors of the Central Intelligence Agency, Leon E. Panetta and Robert M. Gates; Duke University head basketball coach and U.S. Military Academy graduate Michael Krzyzewski; comedian Bob Hope; and actor Gary Sinise.

Last year's recipient was Martha Raddatz, ABC News' chief global affairs correspondent and author of *The Long Road Home: A Story of War and Family*.

AUSA asks Congress to support Guard, Reserve readiness

Capitol Focus

By Julie Rudowski

ver the next few weeks, the House and Senate armed services committees will start drafting their fiscal 2020 defense authorization bills. A letter to committee leadership from the Association of the U.S. Army and other associations outlined joint legislative priorities designed to enhance reserve component operational readiness while continuing to promote the goals of Total Force integration.

The letter was signed by retired Gen. Carter F. Ham, AUSA's president and CEO, along with leaders from the Adjutants General Association of the U.S., the Air Force Association, the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S., the National Governors Association, the National Guard Association of the U.S., and the Reserve Officers Association.

It focuses on four main objectives: TRICARE Reserve Select expansion, modernization and recapitalization of reserve component equipment and platforms, consistent National Guard and Reserve equipment account funding, and an increase to full-time support.

TRICARE Reserve Select expansion

TRS is a premium-based insurance plan available to qualified members of the reserve component and their families. Current law mandates that federal employees eligible for TRS must use the more expensive healthcare offered by the Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan.

The letter notes that "more than 20 percent of our reserve component service members remain uninsured."

It goes on to state that "by increasing access and guaranteeing medical coverage for all National Guard and Reserve members, you will ensure they meet the medical standards required of a deployable force. Additionally, these changes will provide the Department of Defense with a powerful retention tool and significant employer incentive as we provide operational reserve support."

The associations urge that Congress consider the expansion of TRICARE Reserve Select to federal employees as well as study the feasibility of eliminating service member premiums.

Reserve component equipment

Like their counterparts in the active Army and Air Force, National Guard and Reserve troops continue to face equipment shortfalls that threaten their readiness, safety and desired lethality.

The associations urge Congress to continue their efforts to provide robust funding to ensure that the Total Force, including reserve component legacy platforms and equipment, is modernized with updated technologies.



Sgt. Wesley Carter, Texas Army National Guard, stands on top of a Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicle during training at a military range in Djibouti. If approved by Congress, the fiscal 2020 defense budget request would provide a new wave of tactical vehicles and aircraft to the Guard. (U.S. Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Shawn Nickel)

If approved by Congress, the fiscal 2020 defense budget request would provide a new wave of tactical vehicles and aircraft to the Guard.

In addition to \$1.2 billion for new Black Hawk helicopters, the proposal includes nearly \$200 million for 512 Joint Light Tactical Vehicles, with plans to provide more than 3,000 JLTVs to the Guard in the next five years.

Another \$155 million would go toward converting 23 L-model Black Hawks to the V-model, with additional aircraft planned for future years.

Consistent NGREA funding

The associations expressed their appreciation for National Guard and Reserve equipment account funding provided by the fiscal 2019 DoD appropriations legislation, acknowledging that it would "allow us to continue to address equipment shortfalls and ensure compatibility across all components."

The legislation provided \$1.3 billion in NGREA funding, which included \$421 million for the Army National Guard and \$421 million for the Air National Guard.

"It is through your continued support of NGREA that fiscal resources are leveraged to outfit the Total Force with equipment and weapons systems that maintain a lethal and deployable force," the letter states.

The associations urge Congress to continue to provide robust NGREA funding.

Increase to full-time support

In addition to part-time forces, the reserve component relies heavily on FTS to train, administer and maximize readiness.

These critical full-time personnel support mission-critical roles, including:

- Facilitating rapid response during domestic operations by preparing service members and equipment
- Organizing, administering, training and instructing fellow soldiers and airmen.
- Maintaining reserve facilities, relationships with the local community and day-to-day unit continuity.

The letter states that "along with the active component, the reserve component experienced commensurate decreases in FTS due to end strength drawdowns during the last 10 years. Congress has begun to increase authorized end strength levels—this makes sense to combat a more hostile threat environment and increased operational tempo.

"However, reserve component FTS levels should increase commensurate with the end strength changes. This will ensure our reserve force structure remains ready and deployable."

The associations ask Congress to provide increases to FTS end strength levels.

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Benefits Highlight

By Susan Rubel

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The March/April issue focuses on Gettysburg. Although Antietam holds the dubious honor of the deadliest single day of fighting, more men fell on the fields of Gettysburg in three days than on any other North American battlefield before or since.

More importantly, this battle represented a strategic turning point in the American Civil War and has been referred to as the "high-water mark" of the Confederacy.



In the May issue, the focus changes to D-Day, perfect timing for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in June

Prior to D-Day, World War II had been raging across the European continent for more than four years. Since Adolf Hitler's forces invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, most of Western Europe had fallen under Nazi control.

The Allies knew they would have to invade the continent and attack into the heart of Germany to break Hitler's grip on Europe and defeat the Nazi regime. Operation Neptune/Overlord, commonly referred to as "D-Day," would be the invasion to secure a foothold in northern France and allow for the final offensive.

The Normandy invasion would be the largest combined air-sea assault landing in history. This massive feat would finally enable the Allies to deploy on the continent forces of sufficient size and scale to bring about the beginning of the end of Hitler and his Third Reich.

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Susan Rubel is AUSA's Affinity Programs Director.

AUSA accepting applications for 41 national scholarships

The Association of the U.S. Army is now accepting applications for 41 national-level scholarships that will be awarded this fall. Applications, which in some cases require sub-

Applications, which in some cases require submission of an essay, letters of recommendation and a biography, must be received by July 31. Scholarship recipients will be notified by November.

More than \$300,000 will be provided in scholarships aimed at providing financial assistance for students enrolled in college-level institutions.

Thirty-five scholarships are open only to members of AUSA, including a member's spouse and children.

Six are Army scholarships administered by AUSA that do not require membership.

Those requiring membership include three scholarship programs targeted to science, technology, engineering and math for those who have been accepted into an accredited college or university. Fifteen scholarship are available, ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000.



Also limited to AUSA members are three fullride scholarships that will be awarded for Trident University, an accredited online institution offering bachelor's and master's degrees that gives credit for leadership and professional experience. These scholarships are valued at up to \$48,000 each.

Additionally, AUSA membership is required for 10 general studies scholarships, ranging from

\$2,000 to \$25,000, three debt-reduction scholarships of \$2,000 each for those who have completed a degree in the last two years, and four professional certification scholarships of \$2,000 each.

Details on the scholarships, including eligibility rules and requirements, are available here at https://www.ausa.org/resources/scholarships.

Many AUSA chapters also offer local scholarships.



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Best Ranger Competition showcases the Army's finest

NCO and Soldier Programs

By Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, USA Retired

reetings from the Association of the U.S. Army, our Army's association for education and professional development and a major supporter of the Army's Soldier for Life efforts.

The 36th annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition started in the dark of the morning on April 12 with 53 two-man buddy teams competing to be the best of the best at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The first event set the stage for the 60-hour challenge as all the teams sprinted from the starting line on a buddy-team run of unknown destination and distance.

"The Best Ranger Competition measures three critical aspects of our chosen profession: physical fitness, marksmanship and technical skills," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmie W. Spencer, an AUSA senior fellow.

Team 19, representing the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Capts. John Bergman and Michael Rose, won this year's competition.

Both Bergman and Rose have been here in this competition before; both know and understand the challenges and commitment this competition demands



Capts. John Bergman (right) and Michael Rose, representing the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), won the 2019 Best Ranger Competition. (U.S. Army/Markeith Horace)

Both competed together as second lieutenants in the 2014, finishing in first place, while assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

Additionally, Rose was part of the winning team in 2017 while assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Their persistent, dedicated and committed focus on physical strength and endurance led to their successful quest to be recognized once again as the best of the best

Each year the competition evolves and changes from the previous year.

This year, over the three days and two nights of competition, the competitor field was cut to 24 teams after the first 24 hours, and then cut again to 16 teams for the final phase of the competition on Sunday.

The first event on the final day of the competition was the Darby Queen Obstacle Course. The teams must individually move over, around and through 24 challenging obstacles across Camp Darby.

The namesake of the competition is Lt. Gen. David E. Grange Jr., who served from 1942 to 1984.

Grange was a combat veteran of 20 campaigns from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

During his 42 years of service to America's Army, Grange served as a Ranger instructor and director of the Ranger Department, and commanded Fort Benning, the 2nd Infantry Division and the U.S. Sixth Army.

The competition began in 1981 to identify the best two-man Ranger buddy team in the Ranger Department at Fort Benning.

The competition grew and expanded over the years to include all Ranger-qualified soldiers serving in all three components of the Army, sister services and partner nations around the world.



Rose, right, reaches for Bergman during the combat water survival assessment at Victory Pond. (U.S. Army/Patrick Albright)

NCO awarded Medal of Honor for 'immortal act of valor'

taff Sgt. Travis W. Atkins was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for saving the lives of his fellow soldiers in Iraq more than a decade ago, by shielding them from an insurgent wearing a suicide vest.

In a White House ceremony on March 27, President Donald Trump presented the Medal of Honor to Atkins' son, Trevor Oliver, who was 11 when his father was killed in 2007.

"We can never measure the true depth of our gratitude nor the full magnitude of your loss, but we can pay everlasting tribute to Staff Sgt. Travis Atkins' truly immortal act of valor," Trump told Oliver, Atkins' parents, Elaine and Jack Atkins, and other family members.

Before receiving the award, Oliver spoke of his father and thanked everyone for "everything you've said to me over the last few days," and recalled his father telling him "the funniest stories" about his Army buddies.

"The medal is something that I take a lot of pride in, but it's the words that are the real prize," Oliver said. "I feel so close to you and to him with every story I hear."

Atkins was awarded the nation's highest military award for valor for his actions on June 1, 2007, while serving in Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry).

During a mid-morning route security mission that day in the town of Abu Samak outside of Baghdad, Atkins detained and began to search a group of suspected insurgents. One of the men resisted, and Atkins and the insurgent were soon engaged in hand-to-hand combat.

As Atkins was trying to subdue the man, he realized the man was working to detonate a bomb that was strapped to his body under his clothing.

Moving into a bear hug position from behind, Atkins body-slammed the man to the ground and, using his own body to shield his fellow soldiers from the explosion, absorbed the blast at the cost of his own life.

Best Rangers from preceding page

For those considering competing in a future competition, competitors must be Ranger qualified, have no adverse personnel actions pending, complete a Ranger Physical within the last 12 months, and submit a competitor packet with a letter of intent from their chain of command.

All competitors arrive three days early and are billeted on Camp Rogers for an orientation and training itinerary on the course.

Finishing in second place was team 28 with 1st Lt. Alastair Keys and Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Gerber representing the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

In third place was team 20 with 1st Lts. Nathan Penick and Edward von Kuhn, also representing the 101st Airborne Division.



Staff Sgt. Travis W. Atkins was posthumously awarded the nation's highest military award for valor for his actions on June 1, 2007, while serving in Iraq. President Donald Trump presented the Medal of Honor to Atkins' son, Trevor Oliver. (U.S. Army photo)

Five previous Medal of Honor recipients—retired Army Staff Sgt. Ronald J. Shurer II, former Army Spc. Ty M. Carter, former Army Capt. William D. Swenson, former Army 1st Lt. Brian M. Thacker and former Marine Corps 1st Lt. Harvey C. Barnum Jr.—were at the ceremony, as were the three soldiers whose lives Atkins saved and 50 other soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division.

"Today the name of Staff Sgt. Travis Atkins will be etched alongside the names of America's bravest warriors and written forever into America's heart," Trump said.

"In his final moments on earth, Travis did not run. He did not hesitate, he rose to the highest calling, he laid down his life to save the lives of his fellow warriors."

All three teams had outstanding performances throughout the competition, consistently maintaining some of the highest scores in each event.

The competition would not be challenging enough without some Georgia thunderstorms, and this year was no different, with heavy rains arriving on the final day of the competition.

The competing teams were tested on their day and night land navigation skills, extended road marches, weapons firing on seven different ranges to include small arms and machine guns and establishing an 81 mm mortar firing point.

The competition included a host of obstacle course challenges to include the famous Darby Queen Obstacle Course, rappelling, multiple technical and tactical tasks, and, to keep the Rangers focused on the unknown, a variety of mystery tasks.

This competition represents, in many ways, what

is expected of our very best soldiers in uniform who wear the Ranger tab.

Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, commander of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, recognized the Best Ranger Competition winners along with all Rangers past and present.

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Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, USA retired, is AUSA's Vice President for NCO and Soldier Programs and was the 13th Sergeant Major of the Army.





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Spouse of the Year strives to tell military families' stories

AUSA Family Readiness

By Terri Barnes

he true stories of military life are important to Maria Reed, the 2019 Armed Forces Insurance Military Spouse of the Year for the Army.

As the creator, producer and host of her own home improvement show, "Moving With the Military," Reed believes telling those stories makes a difference in both the military and civilian worlds.

The seeds for "Moving With the Military" were planted a few years ago, when Reed was watching home improvement shows. From her perspective as professional filmmaker and military spouse, she didn't believe the shows featuring military families accurately portrayed the life she knew.

"There was nothing positive," Reed said. "I knew they had the wrong impression of our lives, and I wondered if we could do it in a different way. I wanted to create a makeover-type show that focused on the positive impact military life can have on a family."

In late 2016, she told her husband she had an idea to create her own home improvement show tailored to the lives of military families, one that would also appeal to a civilian audience.

"I stayed up 72 hours straight and wrote the business plan, built the website, put together a strategic marketing plan," Reed said. "I showed it to my husband, and he agreed with my idea. He said, 'That's great, I love it, and I'm deploying in 30 days."

Even deployment couldn't dampen Reed's enthusiasm, however. She gathered a team of military spouses and veterans who shared her vision, and together they moved forward. Because, as Reed says, "That's just what you do."

Now in its third year, "Moving With the Military" is available on various streaming and social media platforms. Viewers of the program get to know military families by watching Maria and her team help those families in their mobile lifestyle.

The episodes are usually surprise makeovers of specific living spaces, according to the need of a particular family—perhaps a dining room, a homeschool classroom, or even a front porch. Other episodes include craft projects and recipes.

For Reed, the important thing is to celebrate military life.

"Home improvement is about so much more than decorating," she said. "It's a connecting point. Sometimes it's just being there, being a friend. Our show is about home improvement, but it's also about problem-solving, cooking, crafting and community-building."

Reed also reaches out to those in need.

After Hurricane Harvey hit the Houston area in 2017, she and her team collected supplies and delivered them to people affected by the storm.

Additionally, Reed has developed a relocation



Maria Reed is the 2019 Armed Forces Insurance Military Spouse of the Year for the Army.

app called My Ultimate PCS and is working on a cookbook she calls *The Military Melting Pot*, with stories and recipes from military spouses.

"All the things that have happened to me have led me here," said Reed of her mission to share stories about adaptable military families.

Learning to adapt

Reed began learning how to adapt almost as soon as she could walk. Her family immigrated to Florida from Cuba when Maria was 18 months old, and her parents were her first and best examples.

"When my parents came here, they were in their 40s," Reed said. "I think about what that change was like for them, starting all over only speaking Spanish. I learned English from playing with kids in the neighborhood and watching kids' shows on PBS."

As she grew up, Reed was eager to participate fully in her adopted homeland.

"The biggest thing I wanted to do when I turned 18 was to become a citizen," she said. "I wanted to vote. This is my country, and I feel very passionate about it and about our history."

Adapting to a new country, culture and language was excellent preparation for life as a military spouse, Reed said. She has been married to her soldier, Patrick, for 16 years, and they have two teenagers, Parker and Patrick.

Reed lived in one home growing up but says she moved more often for her career in film than she has moved in her 11 years as a military spouse.

Making television shows might seem like a natural career choice for someone who grew up in a place called Hollywood—Hollywood, Florida, that is—but show business was not Reed's first plan.

"When I started college, I was going to be an

attorney," Reed said. However, when a friend was filming a commercial in Spanish and needed a translator, Reed took time off from her job at a law firm to help. "On the first day, I fell in love with everything about the film industry, and I never looked back," she said. "I gave my notice at work and told my parents I wasn't going to law school."

As an undergrad, Reed majored in business and finance to learn what she needed to fulfill her dream of having her own production company. She spent 20 years in the film industry and realized that dream.

Her company produced mainly commercials, working for large companies like Proctor & Gamble, Toyota and HBO. Reed found opportunities for women producers—particularly Hispanic women—were limited, but she didn't let that discourage her.

"I've heard 'no' a lot in my life, but it's never stopped me. It's been my fuel," she said. "No isn't forever. It might be 'no' just for right now."

She became a wife and later a mother of two children. Eventually, Reed decided to leave the demanding schedule of her career in filmmaking.

"We realized somebody had to be home to raise the kids, and I wanted to be mom and stay at home," she said. "That lasted about six months, then I became the uber-volunteer mom at school, PTA, yearbook, anything. I was always there."

Making a difference

That volunteerism led her to become a high school teacher for nine years, until she returned to her passion, the film business, and "Moving With the Military" was born.

Reed said she'd like to have the budget to take her show and her makeover crew wherever military families are in the world. For now, most of her projects are in Texas and neighboring states.

"Our goal would be to go to a network for a bigger audience. We want more people to hear the stories of military families," Reed said. "We have a large civilian following, because they're fascinated by what we do. We can bridge the military-civilian divide with these stories. It's not asking anyone to feel sorry for us. It's showing how we work together in this life we love."

Reed aims to be authentic on the air and off, translating her own military experience into the program.

"I'm not just talking about military families," she said. "I'm living this life right now. I hope people see me and know this is what a military spouse looks like. We are from everywhere, all shapes, sizes, and colors, and cultures."

As for her new title as the Army MSOY, Reed hopes it will give her opportunities to improve the quality of life for military families.

"It's not about me. I can accomplish more by taking other spouses with me. It does help open doors and start conversations. For anyone, for me for each other—opening doors for each other, that to me is a bigger win."

Terri Barnes is a writer and editor whose husband retired after 30 years in the Air Force.

Army budget moves forward in 'unusual' legislative year

View from the Hill

By Mark Haaland

n Capitol Hill, the committees on armed services and the defense appropriations subcommittees are making considerable progress holding hearings and reviewing the Defense Department and military services' budget requests for fiscal year 2020.

Army Secretary Mark T. Esper and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley have now appeared before all four defense committees/subcommittees for the Army's budget posture hearings.

The hearings for the most part have been cordial and positive. The most contentious issue has been over funding for the border wall, which is a White House and DoD issue more than an Army issue.

In the hearings, Esper and Milley have attentively thanked Congress for supporting Army readiness in past years. They have provided examples of how Army readiness has improved, such as the increased numbers of ready brigade combat teams and combat training center rotations.

Readiness remains the Army's No. 1 priority. The other major focus of senior leaders has been to explain the Army's priorities for modernization in the 2020 budget request.

In their opening remarks and in response to questions, Esper and Milley discussed the Army's process for reviewing every modernization program, nothing that the Army is making adjustments in this year's budget request to support the National Defense Strategy and reflect today's national security environment, with a more concentrated focus on Russia and China.

The defense committees have complimented the secretary and the chief for the Army's comprehensive review of its modernization programs, and members of Congress have been generally supportive of the Army's recommendations so far.



The Association of the U.S. Army supports the Army's priorities for readiness and modernization and is encouraging Congress to support the Army's budget request.

In addition, AUSA is reinforcing the Army's request for the fiscal 2020 National Defense Authorization Act and Defense Appropriations bills to be enacted in time for the new fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Congressional support can still change going into markup, but for now, support for the Army's budget request for modernization and readiness is positive and encouraging.

Looking ahead, members of Congress are out on Easter Recess for two weeks, working in their states and districts. When they return, the Senate Armed Services Committee plans to mark up its version of the National Defense Authorization Act in the third week of May and the House Armed Services Committee plans to mark up the first week in June.

This order of business is unusual; traditionally, the House committee marks up before the Senate.

Please stay tuned for further reporting on this "unusual" legislative year.

Mark Haaland is AUSA's Government Affairs Director.

Civilian employees play critical role in the Army's success

By Ellen Helmerson

ivilians have worked alongside our Army's soldiers since the Revolutionary War. Initially, Army civilians were employed as clerks, skilled tradesman, physicians and unskilled laborers. Over time, as the Army's missions have grown more complex and varied, so too have the positions that civilians occupy.

The Army Civilian Corps is one of the largest and most effective elements within the Department of Defense. Today, more than 250,000 men and women work in Army Civilian Service and perform myriad professional, technical and administrative occupations at various operational levels and in 28 countries around the world.

Today, Army civilian talent is found in 31 broad career programs comprised of more than 540 talent and skill specialties. These careers include engineering, medical, science, technology, mathematics, contracting, cyber security, administration, and many, many more.

Filling these civilian positions with the best talent relies on a variety of approaches that includes competitive recruitment, political appointment, veteran- or military spouse-focused recruitment, and special appointment authorities for disabled individuals. Similar to the ranks in our military, the range of civilian service spans GS-2 through GS-15 and at the Senior Executive Service level.

Army civilians are committed to serving our Army, not just by being employees of the federal



Without Army civilians as part of our Army Profession, the ability to accomplish the Army's evolving missions would be seriously impaired, the author says. (U.S. Army/Amy Christopherson)

government but also by promising to support our nation through an oath that is very similar to that of our Army soldiers:

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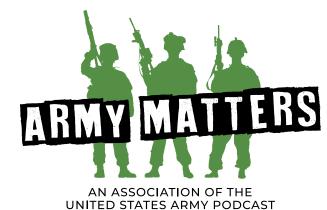
Without Army civilians as part of our Army Profession, the ability to accomplish the Army's evolving missions would be seriously impaired, and by extension, national interests would not be adequately served.

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Ellen Helmerson is chairwoman of AUSA's Army Civilian Advisory Committee and a retired Army senior executive.



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New graphic novel features Vietnam Special Forces hero

AUSA Book Program

By Joseph Craig

The AUSA Book Program will release its second digital graphic novel in May, titled *Medal of Honor: Roy Benavidez*.

Master Sgt. (then-Staff Sgt.) Raul "Roy" P. Benavidez is a legend in the Special Forces community. Even before he earned his Green Beret, Benavidez showed uncommon courage and determination.

In 1965, while serving as a military adviser in Vietnam, a land mine explosion left him paralyzed, and doctors told him he would never regain use of his legs. Against doctors' orders, he would crawl out of bed every night to strengthen his limbs. It took over a year, but he eventually was able to walk out of the hospital on his own power.

Benavidez went back on active duty and qualified for Special Forces. He returned for another tour of duty in Vietnam as part of the 5th Special Forces Group, Studies and Observation Group.

On the morning of May 2, 1968, he was at an airbase outside of Loc Ninh when some badly shot-up helicopters returned after an attempt to extract a 12-man Special Forces team in the field.

Benavidez jumped aboard to help with one more rescue attempt.

His actions over the next "six hours in hell," as he later described them, were recognized years later when President Ronald Reagan presented Benavidez with the Medal of Honor—and they are recounted in full-color detail in the new graphic novel.

Medal of Honor: Roy Benavidez features the same creative team that put together Medal of Honor: Alvin York, which was released in October as AUSA's first issue of the series.

These talented figures have worked on some of America's most popular comics.



Master Sgt. Raul "Roy" P. Benavidez is flanked by President Ronald Reagan, right, and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, left, during the Medal of Honor presentation. Benavidez is the subject of the AUSA Book Program's new graphic novel. (Courtesy Ronald Reagan Library)

The script was written by Chuck Dixon, who is known for his work on books such as *The Punisher, Batman, G.I. Joe*, and *The 'Nam.* Rick Magyar (*Avengers, Captain America, Guardians of the Galaxy*) provided pencils, inks and the cover.

Pete Pantazis (*Justice League, Superman, Wolverine*) served as colorist, and Troy Peteri (*Spider-Man, Iron Man, X-Men*) was the letterer.

The AUSA Book Program also had help from several advisers to make sure the details were correct.

Matt Seelinger of the Army Historical Founda-

tion provided invaluable guidance and information. John Stryker Meyer, author and Special Forces combat veteran, shared insights into the experiences of the Green Berets in Vietnam.

And Eric Blehm, author of Legend: The Incredible Story of Green Beret Sergeant Roy Benavidez's Heroic Mission to Rescue a Special Forces Team Caught Behind Enemy Lines, knew all the figures involved and helped clear up many questions.

To get your copy of *Medal of Honor: Roy Benavidez*, please visit www.ausa.org/books.

Joseph Craig is AUSA's Book Program Director.

Longtime AUSA William Penn Chapter president dies

Tames A. Donahue Jr., a longtime leader in the Association of the U.S. Army's William Penn Chapter, died April 9 from an apparent cardiac episode. He was 74.

Donahue, who lived in Churchville, Pennsylvania, served for many years as an executive in the defense industry, including more than 20 years with the Department of the Army, where he was the director of research, development and engineering for Army munitions laboratories and NATO North American test centers, according to his obituary.

He served as president and board member of AU-SA's William Penn Chapter and supported the Army through membership in the West Point Society.

"Jim was a stalwart patriot and a lifelong friend of the Army," said retired Col. Larry Rubini, an Army Reserve ambassador who worked with Donahue through AUSA. "Jim doggedly fought to preserve and protect the well-being of soldiers and their families and, by extension, all service members and their families."

Donahue is survived by his wife of more than 51 years, Linda A. Taraborrelli Donahue, four children, 11 grandchildren and many other family members and friends.

He was laid to rest April 15 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Cheltenham, Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to West Catholic Preparatory High School, 4501 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19136 or Aldie Counseling Center, 11 Weldon Drive, Doylestown, PA 18901.





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Special Forces sergeant major honored for military service

Chapter Highlight Fort JacksonPalmetto State

By W. Thomas Smith Jr.

rmando Yturria, a retired Army Special Forces sergeant major and a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, was recently recognized by the Quilts of Valor Foundation for his distinguished military service as a special operations leader.

Yturria, who is now a Richland County Sheriff's Department investigator, retired from the Army in 2005 after 25 years of service and multiple deployments

He was presented a Quilt of Valor by Anne Mixon, the foundation's state coordinator, and Tammany McDaniel, the organization's national executive director, during ceremonies attended by senior military and RCSD officers as well as AUSA members.

"Armando's extraordinary service to his country parallels his equally committed exceptional service as a law enforcement officer to this department and to the many communities we serve," said Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, who also is AUSA's Fort



Retired Sgt. Maj. Armando Yturria, left, a Quilt of Valor recipient, is honored by Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, AUSA's Fort Jackson-Palmetto State chapter president. (RCSD/Joye King)

Jackson-Palmetto State chapter president.

"This is also reflected in the love and commitment he has always demonstrated and given to his family, all of whom well know the meaning of sacrifice and service."

Quilts of Valor, which has its headquarters in Winterset, Iowa, was founded by Army mom Catherine Roberts in 2003 when her son was deployed to Iraq.

to the many communities we serve," said Richland Established as "Quilts for Soldiers," Roberts County Sheriff Leon Lott, who also is AUSA's Fort eventually changed the name to honor veterans

from all the services.

"Armando is the kind of model ground combat leader that, frankly, sets himself apart and at the same time draws other soldiers to him," said retired Marine Corps Col. Steve Vitali.

Yturria, a Gold Star father, is married to Richland County Sheriff's Capt. Maria Yturria, director of the department's public information office. She also served in the Army and is an AUSA member.

For more information, visit Quilts of Valor at http://qovf.org.

ROTC cadets, Army recruiters bowl at 'Stars and Strikes'

Chapter Highlight Greater Los Angeles

By Felicia Campbell

he Stars and Strikes Bowling Tournament really put the "fun" into fundraising—in fact, the benefits of the tournament turned out to be far more than just the dollars it raised for the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Stars and Strikes became an event that brought together the constituents of the chapter—groups that know of each other but don't really know each other

"Our 'Battle of the Battalions,' which pitted the four ROTC battalions in our area was great fun," said retired Lt. Col. Pete Seitz, GLAC chapter president. "Seeing the cadets interacting, throwing some shade and getting to know the other battalions was priceless."

The competition continued with the Army's Los Angeles Recruiting Battalion going head-to-head with the Southern California Recruiting Battalion.

The GLAC members had fun meeting the cadets

and soldiers.

In fact, other bowlers at the alley came by to meet everyone once they heard about the tournament.

"It was an afternoon of great fun and great connections," said Patti Mente, GLAC vice president and Stars and Strikes chairperson.

"The comment I heard most was 'when are you doing this again?"

The next Stars and Strikes Bowling Tournament is set for Nov. 9.

Felicia Campbell is the AUSA Greater Los Angeles Chapter's Vice President for Communications.



Cadets from the Fullerton 'Titan' ROTC Battalion took first place in the 'Battle of the Battalions' at the GLAC AUSA Stars and Strikes Bowling Tournament. USC, UCLA and Claremont-McKenna Battalions will be looking to take that crown at the tournament in November. (AUSA photo)

Military basketball tournament brings troops together

Chapter Highlight Pikes Peak

The Military Basketball Association held its annual basketball tournament April 12-14 at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado with support from the Association of the U.S. Army's Pikes Peak chapter.

"What better venue for these games than one of our nation's most military supportive regions," Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey said in a statement.

"To all of those leaders, the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines on the military varsity basketball individual men's and women's teams across our country, and in all military services—thank you for representing our armed forces so well, and for fostering a culture of physical fitness, competitive sportsmanship, and warrior ethos so vital to our military values," Dailey added.

The 2019 MBA Championship men's team is from Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida, which edged out the team from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, by just one point.

The 2019 MBA Championship women's team hails from Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. This is the first year the MBA has featured a women's tournament, and four teams competed.

forces," said retired Lt. Gen. Guy Swan, AUSA's vice president of education, in an interview. "There is no better sport to demonstrate teamwork than basketball."

The MBA and the Pikes Peak chapter recently formed a strategic alliance to help tie together the missions and strengths of both organizations.

This partnership allows the chapter (https://ausappc.org) to manage many of the sponsorship, fund-

"Teamwork is the heart and soul of our armed raising and promotional aspects of the tournaments, so that the MBA can focus primarily on tournament planning and execution.

> The Military Basketball Association provides volunteer basketball coaches and players and seeks to promote the military athlete. The nonprofit association is governed by its commissioner and 10 board members.

> For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ militarybasketballassociation.



Retired Lt. Gen. Guy Swan, far left, AUSA's vice president for education, congratulates the 2019 MBA Championship Women's Team from Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. (Karen J. Montalvo)

Local chapter seeks to double community partnerships

Chapter Highlight Fort Rucker-Wiregrass

ne chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army wants to double its business members over the next three months, and if it can exceed its goal by even just a few members, the Fort Rucker-Wiregrass chapter of AUSA—already boasting thousands of individual members—would become the largest in Alabama.

"Membership equals capability and a greater opportunity to get funding," said retired Col. Mark Jones, president of the AUSA Wiregrass chapter.

Funding for the military is always in flux, Jones said, and strong community support can't be underestimated.

The chapter's partnerships with local businesses rose recently from 36 to more than 100. Some of those agreements have lapsed, and the chapter is looking to add around 100 more in the next 90 days.

"Army aviation is not cheap. These are flying machines, and they are expensive. That is why we need sustainable and predictable funding," Jones said, according to a report in the Dothan Eagle.



The Fort Rucker-Wiregrass chapter of AUSA is working to increase its business members as it continues to support the home of Army aviation. (U.S. Army/Chief Warrant Officer 4 David P. Peveto)

In 2015, busloads of Wiregrass residents flocked to Fort Rucker, Alabama, home of Army aviation, for a listening session when Congress was considering sequestration—a significant reduction in military spending, said Mark Culver, chairman of the Houston County Commission.

When it comes to the budget, community support can be a significant factor, said Dothan School Board Chairman Mike Schmitz, who also serves as the vice president for membership for the Wiregrass chapter.

According to a 2008 Troy University study, Fort Rucker creates 23,150 Wiregrass jobs directly and indirectly, pouring \$850 million in wages and salaries into the local economy.

The study also showed that retirees living within 50 miles of Fort Rucker earned \$1 billion in military retiree and annuitant pay.

Corporate memberships start for as little as \$175 annually. Applications for membership can be found at www.ausawiregrass.org, then click on community partner application.

2019 AUSA Global Force Symposium and Exposition recap

early 7,000 people attended this year's Association of the U.S. Army Global Force Symposium and Exposition, the largest crowd since the event was moved to Huntsville, Alabama, in 2014. In addition, exhibit space was sold out, with more than 180 exhibitors

This year's event, from March 26-28, was a resounding success, bringing together leaders from the Army, Defense Department, industry and academia.

Undersecretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy, opening speaker at the Global Force symposium, said the Army has been making tough choices for the future and has more difficult decisions ahead.

"These are exciting times in the Army, and we are going to need all of the help we can get," Mc-Carthy said.

The \$182.3 billion Army budget pending before Congress represents split priorities of continuing to improve current readiness while also trying to make headway on modernization.

One concern is that cutting programs now to help pay for future modernization only works if the Army can show success, he said.

"Part of Washington is you have to get a first down or they are going to take the ball away," he said, noting the Army is close to announcing prototypes for enhanced night-vision goggles that include some new daylight tools and for precision long-range strike.

"There is a lot of energy behind this effort, but it is going to take partners in industry," he said.

Multi-Domain Operations

Two top Army generals—the commanders of U.S. Army Pacific and Army Materiel Command—had similar messages about preparing for multidomain operations.



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Gen. Robert B. Brown, the Army Pacific commanding general, is responsible for a multidomain task force that is working out kinks in an evolving 2-year-old concept that embraces joint and multinational operations. Brown said the forces will need to adopt the new operating concept "or they will become irrelevant."

Twenty-four months into a four-year project, Brown described the state of integration like this.

"We are as joint a force as any in the world. The bad news is we are still not joint enough."

While the task force effort has centered in the Pacific, he stresses this "is not a capability that is unique to the Pacific."

There are hurdles to overcome in how to handle cyber, command and control and countering drones, Brown said, along with making certain international partners are included and discouraging single-service solutions.

Gen. Gus Perna, Army Materiel Command commanding general, also talked about the logistics and sustainment challenges of multidomain operations.

"We cannot leave any domain uncovered," he said, stressing the need for the Army to work with industry on the challenge of global, rapid repair, replacement and resupply."

This is especially important to prepare for the new capabilities planned by Army Futures Command. "We need to develop the industrial base today, not just when they arrive," he said of the new capabilities.

Army Modernization

The Army of 2028 and beyond needs more than just the weapons and systems modernization that has received so much attention since the creation of the Army Futures Command.

While new capabilities are important, the Army also needs to evolve its doctrine, training, organizational structure, installations and personnel management, Lt. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, director of the Army Futures and Concepts Center, said during the symposium.

"We cannot modernize overnight," he said, suggesting that changes will come at different speeds in different areas but all are headed toward the goal of being ready for multi-domain operations. And, it will be a total change, he said. "We will modernize the Army holistically, not as we've done in the past."

"Materiel modernization is not so hard as organizational changes," Wesley said, loosely describing a far-off plan that would have the Army organized to address the biggest threat of major conflict in Europe or the Indo-Pacific.



Thousands of soldiers, defense industry representatives, members of the media and more gathered to hear the Army's leaders discuss the future. (AUSA photo)

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Personnel changes will be an important part of this, he said. Leaders at all levels will have to be prepared for split-second changes in conditions and tactics, and new methods will be needed to train soldiers for warfare that could be across land, sea, air, space and cyberspace.

To get the right people, especially those with niche talents, changes may be needed in recruiting policy to allow more lateral entry into the Army, Wesley said.

The Army also could look at reducing permanent change-of-station moves to provide more stability in assignments, he said, suggesting soldiers should be moved to a new installation for good reason, "and not because you've been there too long."

Recruiting challenges

The Army must find ways to quickly evolve as it works to recruit new soldiers and grow the force, the service's top personnel official said.

"Today, everyone is in a competition for talent," said Casey Wardynski, assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs.

The Army faces some "unique" challenges as it tries to attract Generation Z, Wardynski said.

"We have to be thinking, will we wait until they're 17? Or will we begin talking to them when they're 12, 13, 14 or 15, when they form the set of things they're thinking about doing with their life?"

First impressions matter, Wardynski said, and today's youth live in a world of YouTube, gaming and streaming.

"If we wait until they're 17 or 18, we will not be their first impression. Others will have made that for us," he said. "We will be the second or third impression. It'll take much more effort to get them thinking about what we have to offer."

After falling short of its recruiting goal last year, the Army has boosted its recruiting force and rolled out several new initiatives, including a new focus on recruiting in 22 major cities across the country.

The Army is on track to meet its 2019 goal of 68,000 new soldiers, and plans call for the active force to grow by 2,000 soldiers every year for the next five years.

Moving forward, the Army must continue to leverage social media and technology to attract prospective soldiers, Wardynski said.

"It's up to us to bring the right technologies to bear to give them a balanced picture ... and ensure we are first choice and not the choice after all other choices have failed to materialize," he said.

xTechSearch winner

Adranos, Inc., a Purdue University startup in West Lafayette, Ind., is the winner of the Army's inaugural xTechSearch competition at the end of the Global Force Symposium.

Retired Gen. Carter Ham, AUSA president and CEO, said the sixth annual event in Huntsville represented "a tremendous opportunity for the many industries and services that support the Army to have a conversation with the Army to better understand its requirements and to better lay out their capabilities so that the Army can make good decisions moving into the future" while providing a forum for



Gen. Gus Perna, right, Army Materiel Command commanding general, swears in new soldiers during an ROTC luncheon hosted by AUSA's Redstone-Huntsville chapter. (AUSA photo)

professional development discussions.

"We will be back in March 2020," he said. The exact dates for the 2020 Global Force event have not been determined.

Adranos received a \$200,000 check to continue work on ALITEC, a cost-effective solid rocket propellant that increases the range of ballistic missiles against other propellant-based projectiles by 40 percent.

Also named were 12 finalists for xTechSearch 2.0.

The Expeditionary Technology Search, shortened to xTechSearch, calls on companies to demonstrate technologies that can help the Army meet its modernization challenges.

The goal is to seek nontraditional innovators who can work with the Army, including through cooperative research opportunities with Army scientists, as it modernizes the force.

From robotics and night-vision to radar, machine

guns and duct tape, innovation has driven the very nature of how the Army fights, said Jeffrey White, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology.

"Innovation reforms, both large and small, have improved the lives of our soldiers," he said. "And continued innovation is absolutely critical for force modernization."

For xTechSearch 2.0, up to 25 entrants were featured at this year's Global Force Symposium.

The 12 companies chosen to move on to the next round will receive \$120,000 and an invitation to demonstrate their offering at the 2019 AUSA Annual Meeting later this year.

They are Lumineye; MELD Manufacturing; United Aircraft Technologies; Cogitari, Inc.; Great Lakes Sound and Vibration; AKHAN Semiconductor, Inc.; Novaa Limited; Spark Thermionics, Inc.; Olifant Medical; Vidrovr, Inc.; Antimicrobial Materials; and Valley Tech Systems.

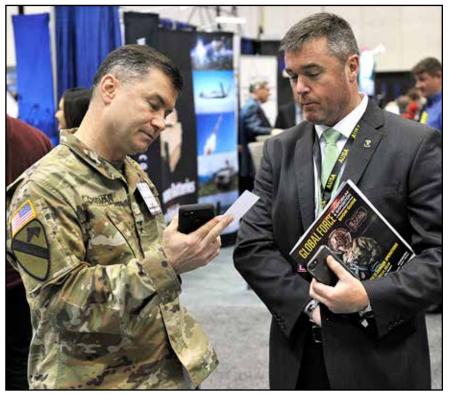


At the end of the Global Force Symposium, Adranos, Inc. was named the winner of the Army's inaugural xTechSearch competition. (AUSA photo)

Fostering relationships between the Army and industry

Soldiers and members of the defense industry were busy interacting on the exhibit floor at the Global Force Symposium and Exposition. (AUSA photos)













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Next Futures Command leaders might serve longer tours

The next commander of the U.S. Army Futures Command might serve a seven- or eight-year tour in a dramatic change in general officer assignments modeled after the late Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, who directed the Navy's nuclear propulsion program for three decades.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley raised the possibility of an extended Futures Command tenure during a House Appropriations Committee hearing when he was asked about how the Army planned to make big changes in the acquisition process and leap ahead in technology when there is constant turnover in Army command.

Milley said a "Rickover model" with one leader appointed for an extended period is part of the Army's concept.

Rickover served in the Navy for 63 years, making him the longest-serving service member in U.S. military history. He became a flag officer in 1953 to head development of the Navy's nuclear propulsion program. He served until 1982.

Any changes won't happen right away, Milley said. Gen. John M. Murray, the current Futures Command leader, already has 39 years of service and will retire in a few years.

The Futures Command commander after Murray, though, is likely to be someone younger and lower-ranking than a four-star who will stay and grow in the job, Milley said.



Gen. John M. Murray, commander of Army Futures Command, speaks at AUSA's Global Force Symposium and Exposition. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley recently said the next commander of Futures Command might serve a seven- or eight-year tour. (AUSA photo)





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Fort Huachuca-Sierra Vista (5)

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Fort Riley-Central Kansas (6)

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Gem State (5)

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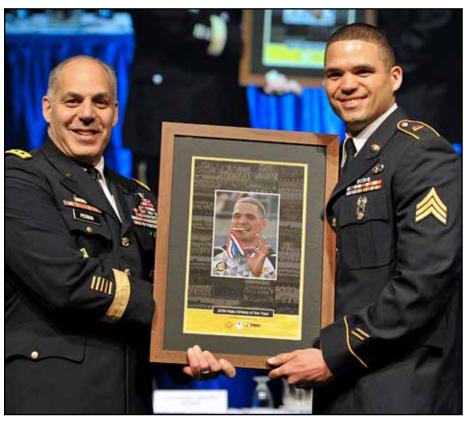
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Sgt. Michael Melendez-Rivera, right, the U.S. Army Male Athlete of the Year, receives his award from Gen. Gus Perna, Army Materiel Command commanding general, at the AUSA Global Force Symposium and Exposition. (AUSA photo)



A soldier dons his gas mask during the Gunslinger Challenge at Fort Hood, Texas. (U.S. Army/Spc. Calab Franklin)



Col. Ben Skardon, a WWII POW, recipient of two Silver Stars and survivor of the Bataan Death March, poses at the mile 8 marker of the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. Skardon is 101 years old and the only survivor of the actual death march to walk in the memorial march. (U.S. Army/Ken Scar)



Staff Sgt. Garrett Golden, Badge #651, conducts his last walk on the plaza at the Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery. (U.S. Army/Spc. Jerod Bradley)