



AUSA Sunshine Chapter Newsletter – Winter 2022 (Jan – Mar)

Things are getting busy again as the thumbscrews are lifted. Your chapter needs you to know and to be involved. Here are some upcoming events you can join in on in the future as they come around again!

Chapter President's Message

Greetings to the members of the AUSA Sunshine Chapter, friends and sponsors.

COVID continues to be at the forefront of our lives and drives the challenges of keeping our Army family informed. That said, the Sunshine Chapter continues to move forward to a time when the pandemic does hamper our day-to-day activities. There is a light at the end of this tunnel as we see mandates and restrictions begin to loosen up and some semblance of normal returns. I personally like to thank each and every one of you for staying the course with the Chapter as we move forward.

The Chapter's winter/spring calendar has been full of planning for upcoming events and the start of what will be a great Spring and Summer for the Chapter.

Steve Beltson, Sr. VP Programs, and his team planned and executed our first Army social on February 8th. Although in past years we co-hosted a

social with the Marine Corps Foundation this was our initial social hosted exclusively by the Sunshine Chapter.

The turn-out at Island Wings (University and Alafaya) exceeded our expectations and we were honored to have Mr. Michael Harris, Executive Director Army Contracting Command-Orlando stop by and take part in the social.



AUSA Sunshine Chapter Army Social

Event by AUSA Sunshine Chapter (Official)
📅 Feb 8, 2022, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM EST
📍 4100 N Alafaya Trail #107, Orlando, FL 32826
Island Wing Company Grill & Bar



My thanks to Island Wings for their support and to Innovative Reasoning, LLC for their sponsorship. The chapter will be hosting this event every other month in conjunction with the PEO STRI/ACC-Orlando PALTS. For the remainder of 2022 the dates will be April 12th, August 9th, October 11th. We will not hold a social in June due to TSIS and the Army Birthday Ball or in December due to the holiday season. We are looking for industry sponsors for August and October please reach out directly to me or Steve Beltson.

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After an almost four-year absence we are going to once again host a Golf Tournament. I am proud and privileged to announce the 1st Annual SPC Brenden Salazar Sunshine Chapter Golf Tournament. SPC

Salazar is the son of our very own Jovanna Nelson (Lt Col, USA Retired). Brenden is a decorated Army infantryman who made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan in 2012. The chapter is humbled and privileged that we can honor Brenden and his family each year during the golf tournament and present a scholarship each year in Brenden's name. Please join us on May 9th at Eagle Creek Golf Club with a tee off at 8:30 AM. Sponsorships are available.



Speaking of the Army Birthday Ball, the planning committee has been formed and they have started with bi-weekly meetings. The ABB planning committee is headed up by Ms. Teresa Moon, Ms. Trish Lee-Buhl, and Ms. Jenna Tuck. They are putting together a ABB that will be second to none as we all look forward to a live ABB on June 18th. More to follow via the website, LinkedIn, Facebook and our newsletter. Sponsorships are available.



As a reminder Scholarships applications are due by March 11th to Scott Ariotti at scott.ariotti@gmail.com.



It is great to be back to planning in person events and I look forward to getting out and mingling with our entire Central Florida Army family.

Army Strong!!!

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