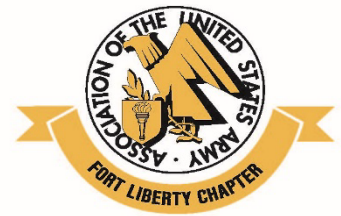


Fort Liberty



ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

June 2023

N E W S L E T T E R

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Home of the Airborne and Special Operations Forces

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Volunteering is at the heart of the Association of the United States Army.

Here is what Mother Teresa says about volunteering.

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love and together we can do something wonderful."

This edition of the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter is all about what we have accomplished with a relatively small number of volunteers, considering that Fort Liberty is the largest Installation in the Army by population.

For just a moment, imagine what we could accomplish with a few more volunteers to better serve Soldiers, Families, DA Civilians, Veterans, Retirees, and our Community Partners. Consider the additional support we could provide to Army Recruiters, University ROTC programs, and High School Junior ROTC programs. Everyone receiving this newsletter is a member of AUSA. This is our request for you to consider becoming a volunteer in an area where you can provide value to something you love to do.

We have opportunities to volunteer on committees involving the following activities:

Family Support Activities | NCO/Soldier Programs | Veteran and Retiree Affairs | Scholarships |

Public Affairs and Education | Awards (from the local level to the national level) |

Young Professionals | Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Activities | Army Civilian Affairs |

Recruiting, ROTC, and JROTC Activities | Community Partners | Legislative Affairs |

Administration for our AUSA Chapter

The Fort Liberty Volunteer Services Offices says that volunteers served over \$7,800,000 worth of work on the Installation in support of the Soldiers, Families, and Army Civilians who protect us every day and are often just a phone call away from a deployment in 18 hours. Serving those who serve us is one of the greatest causes and reasons to volunteer.

If you have a personal calling in any of these areas and feel the love in your heart to give back, then call us at 910-396-3755. Leave a message with your name, call back information, and interest. We will get back to you as soon as possible when one of our current volunteers checks the telephone each day.

Mother Teresa says it best: "Everyone can do SOMETHING."

Al Aycock

MG, U.S. Army Ret.

President, AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter



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FORT LIBERTY REDESIGNATION CEREMONY

June 2023

Fort Liberty, NC



AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter President, MG (Ret) Al Aycock; Executive Vice President, SGM (Ret) Shirley Draughn; Senior Advisor, MG (Ret) Rodney Anderson; along with hundreds of soldiers, veterans, dignitaries, and military family members joined at the Main Post Flagpole to witness Fort Bragg's historic redesignation to Fort Liberty at 9 a.m. June 2.

LTG Christopher Donahue, XVIII Airborne Corps Commanding General, Command Sgt. Maj. TJ Holland, XVIII Airborne Corps Command Sergeant Major, Col. John Wilcox, installation Garrison Commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Seymour, installation Command Sergeant Major, conducted the official casing of the Fort Bragg Garrison Colors.

"Welcome to Fort Liberty, the center of the universe," began Donahue. "The United States of America's strategic platform to respond to anything, anywhere in the world to ensure the liberty of all our fellow citizens. As you look around this group, across this installation, this community, you will know that we are ready to ensure liberty for all our citizens anywhere."

The name Fort Liberty honors the heroism, sacrifices, and values of the Soldiers, Service Members, Civilians, and families who have, and will serve at the installation. All The Way...Fort Liberty! – MG (Ret) Rodney Anderson



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

June 2023

Scholarship Presentations



On June 14, 2023, the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter held its annual scholarship awards ceremony and luncheon at the Iron Mike Conference Center, Fort Liberty, NC. This event was conducted in partnership with the Fort Liberty Sergeants Major Association and Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, with more than 75 leaders, Soldiers and Civilians in attendance. The ceremony recognized 10 Fort Liberty Chapter awardees in the amount of \$2,500 each; eight SGM's Association Awardees of \$500; and two Sergeant Audie Murphy Awardees. Congratulations to all the Scholarship Recipients!

Fort Liberty Chapter Awardees:

- Joseph Beaver
- Tawnee Brown
- Claire Burke
- Leanne Churchill
- Jaylan Jones
- Mya Parks
- Dusty Sanders
- Arthur Sellers
- William Sellers
- Hunter Tatman

Sergeants' Major Association Awardees:

- Alysisa Allen
- Anthony Bidoli
- Mela Fritz
- Christina Herbert
- Arcadia Hilton
- Jaylan Jones
- Hanifa Kamaraka
- Trinity Matthews

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Awardees:

- Leslea Helm
- Jayvion Summerville

2023 Fort Liberty Scholarship Sponsors:

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Many thanks to the Fort Liberty Chapter, Vice President of Scholarships, LTC (Ret.) Emmett Burke, for his continued hard work with the annual scholarship program.

Thank you to the sponsors for their generous contributions in helping with recognizing student's academic excellence, leadership achievements and community service.

248TH ARMY BIRTHDAY

June 2023

Fort Liberty Chapter Army Birthday Celebration



The Fort Liberty Chapter marked the 248th Army Birthday, with a celebration that included the traditional cake-cutting ceremony. The oldest member (CW5 Nicholas Bidoli, USASOC) and youngest member (CPL Cynthia Vijone, Sergeant Audie Murphy Club) of the Army family in the audience took part. MG (Ret) Aycock, the Chapter's President, SMA(R) Daniel Dailey, and SGM(R) Draughn also participated in the cake cutting ceremony.



The celebration featured a keynote address by retired Sergeant Major of the Army, Daniel A. Dailey, AUSA Vice President of NCO and Soldier Programs. SMA (Ret) Dailey gave an amazing and impactful speech, while providing encouraging and motivating comments to the scholarship recipients.



The AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter welcomed its special active-duty guests; the Commander and Command Sergeant Major of the 406th Army Field Support Brigade, COL Larry Dean and CSM Thomas Fitzwater.



Members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club added a special touch to the ceremony by performing the presentation of the colors.

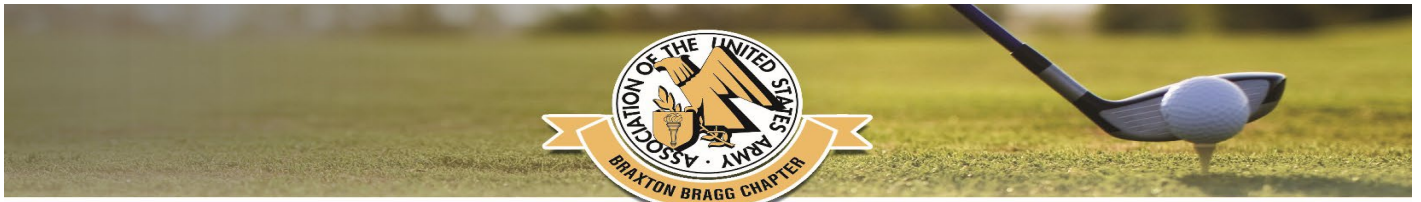


Thank you to all our Membership, Community Partners, Association Members, DA Civilians, North Carolina Veteran organizations, and our Volunteers. Without our support, none of this would have been possible!

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

June 2023

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Community Partner

2023
RALEIGH, NC

NORTH CAROLINA DEFENSE SUMMIT
SEPT. 26 8am - 6pm
SEPT. 27 8am - 12pm



REGISTER AT <https://DefenseCommunities.org/regional/north-carolina/>

The Fort Liberty Chapter will join our Community Partner, the NC Military Affairs Commission, to help sponsor and attend the North Carolina Defense Summit, 26 – 27 September 2023 in Raleigh, NC. The summit is focused on bringing solutions to topics facing military installations/host-communities and the defense sector.

SPONSORSHIPS

June 2023

XVIII Airborne Corps Right Arm Night



RIGHT ARM NIGHT: March 2023, The AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter was one of the sponsors of \$250 for Right Arm Night, while participating in the old Army tradition of promoting camaraderie and esprit de corps. Leaders across the installation and community partners came together with those standing to their right - the ones helping them get through daily missions - to build relationships, while mixing and mingling with other leaders who have brought their battle buddies with them. As a sponsor, chapter board of directors set up a table booth filled with educational and membership information. Right Arm Night afforded an opportunity to present the chapter's message in a variety of creative ways to the military community.



Our Community Salutes (OCS) Ceremony



OCS CEREMONY: April 2023, the Fort Liberty Chapter sponsored and attended the "Our Community Salutes" first ever ceremony in Fayetteville NC to recognize 90 high school seniors who were going into the military. The chapter provided sponsorship of \$500 dollars and were afforded the opportunity to set up a table filled with promotional and educational items to share with the attendees. Board of Directors advertised its products and services, and provided the enlistees, their families and recruiters with resources that can aid in the enlistee's transition into the military. Chapter President, MG (Ret) Al Aycocock, held discussions with Brig. Gen. Stacy M. Babcock, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Reserve Command, Fort Bragg, NC during the event. The chapter was honored to support the next generation of patriots enlisting in the U.S. Armed Services and to the recruiters.



Left: January 2023, BODs attended the SGMs Association meeting; shared information on AUSA's new launch of free basic membership and held discussions with incoming SMA, CSM Michael Weimer.



Right: April 2023, attended the JROTC Drill Competition Ceremony at South View Highschool to witness Cadets showcase their talent. Purchased trophies for winners.



Left: January 2023, Ariel Aponte (Immediate Past President) supported the Army Recruiting, JROTC/ and ROTC programs and Joint Service U.S.C.G. and Navy Recruiting at the Recruiting BN Oath of Enlistment Ceremony.



Right: April 2023, Senior Advisor, Laderek Green presented the inductee with an SGT Audie Murphy Case sponsored by the Chapter.



Left: January 2023, Ryan Sattelberg, Vice President of NCO and Soldiers Programs, recognized the honorees of BLC Class 003-23.



Right: May 2023, Tawni Dixon (Vice President, Family Support Program) and Ryan Sattelberg (Vice President, NCO & Soldier Programs) presented gifts to the two 82nd Airborne Division Junior Paratroopers of the Year recognition program.



Left: April 2023, chapter provided sponsorship of \$1000 to the MWR for the ACS Volunteer Appreciation Picnic; an event to recognize all volunteers contributed to the mission.



Right: Past President, Andrew McFowler and Senior Advisor, LaDerek Green conducted a professional development forum for the 407th Brigade Support Battalion.

Bottom: April 2023, the chapter attended the 18th ABN Corps Spring Civic Leaders Social. Purchased hams at the post Commissary for the Easter Ham Donation Drive.



June 2023

2023 Internship Program



2023 INTERN PROGRAM: January 2023, the Chapter's President, Al Aycock and EXCOM members met at the Iron Mike Conference & Catering Center to welcome Cadet Chris Palaguachi, an enlisted Green to Gold (G2G) candidate at Campbell University, to serve as an intern with the chapter. The chapter's internship offers a workplace learning experience that assist participants to prepare for employment by observing and performing within the chapter's operating environment and the work activities performed by members of our team. Sarah Sattelberg, the chapter's Marketing & Communications Vice President and then Director of Alumni Engagement at Campbell University referred Cadet Palaguachi to the chapter. Cadet Palaguachi exceptionally served as an intern with the chapter from January – May 2023, alongside the Marketing and Communications and Young Professional Committees.

Young Professionals Networking



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORKING: May 2023, the chapter's intern (Chris Palaguachi) and Vice President for Young Professionals (Joseph King) coordinated and led a very successful Young Professional Networking event at the Dirtbag Ales Brewery & Taproom, Hope Mills, NC. The keynote speaker was SGM (Ret) Ryan Sattelberg, the Chapter's Vice President of NCO & Soldiers Programs. SGM Sattelberg provided an excellent overview to the young professionals on "the 3 -ships' of leadership" in business. His presentation provided valuable insight into "the power of influence in leadership". In addition, our President, MG (Ret.) Al Aycock spoke to the young professionals on the importance of connecting with the community, volunteering their talents, and building lasting and valuable relations to support business growth. It was a fun evening of networking, with other veterans, active duty, military spouses, community partners and military supporters in the community.

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THANK YOU!!

To our Board Members

Fort Liberty Chapter Board of Directors continue to display their selfless service and dedication to the Army and the Soldiers and Families of Fort Liberty. Through their commitment, the Fort Liberty Chapter was successful in helping grow the AUSA membership to its one million goal! Thank you so much for organizing, hosting and sponsoring such fantastic events, fundraising for scholarships and other programs, and supporting units and recruiters in 2023.

It's been a lot of work, but you've done an excellent job. Thank you for your time and effort!

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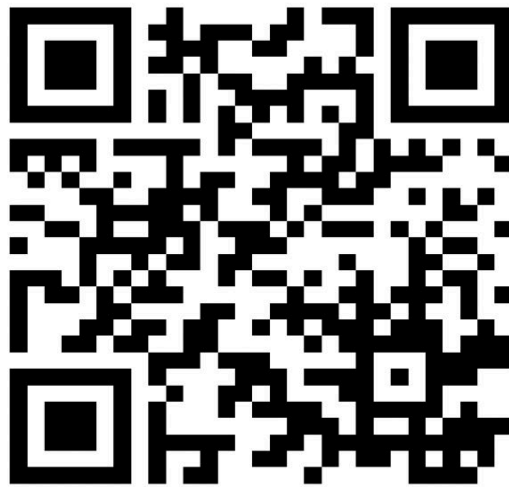
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