

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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AUSA is the membership that pays you back. The first way it pays you back is service to others. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help your Fort Liberty AUSA Chapter after our previous newsletter. Also, thanks to the record number of you who have recently joined and to those who helped bring you into our ranks in service to our Army and comrades. Your faith in AUSA as the membership that pays you back is exceptionally rewarding for every Soldiers, Family Member, Veteran, and to all our faithful Community Partners.

By joining AUSA and maintaining your membership, you also help ensure your local AUSA Chapter and AUSA National are able to serve the best interests of our Army and enable taking care of each other.

In terms of being the membership that pays you back financially, please create and sign into your online AUSA account. Go to <https://www.ausa.org/member-benefits-public> and the website will guide you to either sign in or create an account. You will find incredible deals negotiated by AUSA National for everything you need from gifts to travel to legal documents. Most of these benefits are available to all membership levels.

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Please look inside this newsletter to see all that we have done recently and all that we have planned. Whatever you can do from being a member, to being a volunteer, to helping lead one of our many projects, is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for everything you help us support - Soldiers, Family Members, Veterans, and Community Partners.

Yours in service,
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Al Aycock
President, AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter
Major General (Retired), U.S. Army



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EDUCATION & PROGRAMS

February 2024

Fort Liberty Chapter Scholarship Program



Scholarship Program Announcement: The Fort Liberty Chapter is pleased to announce that the Chapter's 2024 Scholarship Program is now open. Take your education to the next level with our exclusive scholarships. Applications are open until 15 April 2024. Learn how you can take advantage of this special benefit at [Fort Liberty Chapter's Scholarship Program 2024 AUSA | AUSA](#)

Fort Liberty Chapter Scholarship Program

Scholarship Program Sponsorship: Since 1984 you have allowed the Fort Liberty Chapter to provide \$700,000 in scholarships. Last year the chapter awarded ten scholarships to deserving military family members and children attending school throughout our region. This has only been possible with your generous support. We are hoping that with your help, we can do more for these truly hard-working military families and their children who are preparing to take their place in the working world. The chapter is asking that you consider sponsoring one or more scholarships this year.

In recognition of your support to the program, all contributors will be invited to attend and be recognized at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony (12pm on 11 June 2024 at the Iron Mike Conference Center). Contributors will also be recognized on the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter social media platforms.

Thank you in advance for your leadership and steadfast support of this vital program.

Please mail your donation to: Fort Liberty Chapter, Association of the United States Army, Post Office Box 70036, Fort Liberty, North Carolina 28307. Or [Click Here](#) to make your sponsorship or donation.

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MEMBERSHIPS

Community Partner (Dervik Real Estate)



On 16 Nov 2023, CSM(R) Andrew McFowler (Past President) presented “Dervik Real Estate”, CSM (R) LaDerek Green, a plaque for his continued membership of the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter’s Community Partner’s Program. CSM(R) Green and his wife Viktoria are the current Owner/Brokers of Dervik Real Estate and have been a Community Partner since June 2022. Dervik Real Estate Brokers philosophies are based on both honesty and integrity. In addition, CSM(R) Green joined the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter’s Advisory Board Committee, February 2023 and Viktoria took the lead as the chapter’s Communications and Public Affairs Vice President in September 2023. The Fort Liberty Chapter appreciates their steadfast support to the Fort Liberty community.

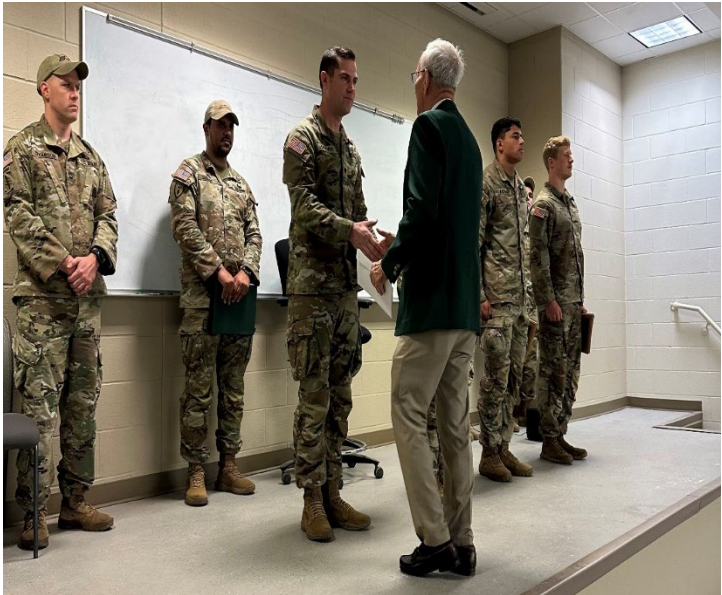
Community Partner (The UPS Store #7705)



On 17 JAN 24, CSM(R) Andrew McFowler (Past President) and Viktoria Green (Vice President, Public Affairs) represented the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter in presenting “The UPS Store #7705”, owners, CSM (R) King Parks and Latonia Parks, a plaque for their new membership of our unique Community Partner’s Program. The UPS Store #7705 offers a variety of products and services, including printing, shipping, and packing, mailboxes, notary, shredding, house accounts, faxing and scanning. In addition to their support to the chapter’s Community Partner’s program, Mrs. Parks often joins the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter with volunteering in a variety of settings. Their support to Soldiers and their families has already been phenomenal.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NCO & Soldier Programs



Top Left: Senior Fellows CSM(R) Jimmie Spencer, NCO & Soldier Programs, presented the four Distinguished Honor Graduates gift cards at the U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers (Green Berets) - Basic Leadership Course (BLC) Class graduation, held at the Camp Mackall Training Center, on 26 January 2024.

Top Right: SGM (R) Sattelberg presented gift cards at the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Liberty - BLC 003-24 graduation to the Distinguished Honor Graduate-SPC Corey Cuppels; Honor Graduate-Peyton Voss; Distinguished Leadership Graduate- SPC Melody Jones, Iron Warriors SPC Elizabeth Heisland and SPC Jared Roberts; and Instructor of the Cycle, SSG Matthew Sholz.

Bottom Left: SGM (R) Ryan Sattelberg, Vice President, NCO & Soldier Programs, represented the Chapter at the ARSOF - BLC graduation, on November 10, 2023. SGM (R) Sattelberg presented the Distinguished Honor Graduate, Honor Graduate, and Leadership Awardee gift cards.

Bottom Right: Fort Liberty Chapter staff attended the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Liberty NCO Academy Change of Responsibility Ceremony to welcome incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin A. McLellan and thank outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Maj. Mark A. Ring on Feb. 1, 2024, at the NCO Academy, Fort Liberty, NC.



MILITARY FAMILIES

2023 Fort Liberty Family of the Year



The AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter was honored to help sponsor and attend the 2023 Fort Liberty, N.C. Family of the Year ceremony on 28 Nov 2023. Army Community Service accepted nomination packets from units across Fort Liberty. There were 14 phenomenal families nominated for their demonstration of strength, resilience, and cohesion as a family, as well as their involvement in the unit and community. Lt. Gen. Christopher Donahue, Commander of the 18th Airborne Corps and Fort Liberty and senior military officials, expressed the importance of celebrating military families for their involvement in their community, and for supporting other families.



1LT Nasser Hassoun, of Fort Lauderdale, FL and his family were deemed Family of the Year. 1LT Nasser, is assigned to the B Detachment, 319th Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Battalion, 525th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade, 18th Airborne Corps. He has been in the Army for 3+ years and been stationed at Fort Liberty for 2+, while his wife, of Houston, Texas is also in the National Guard and attached to a military police unit. MG(R) Al Aycock, Chapter President and SGM(R) Shirley Draughn, Executive Vice President, presented the new FOY with a gift basket full of goodies and a gift card for the family, valued at \$500. The President talked with the family about accepting the nomination for the Fort Liberty Chapter AUSA FOY.



November 2023. The AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter sponsored, briefed, and presented gift cards at the 406th Army Field Support Battalion-Liberty Food Service Program quarterly meeting and recognition ceremony, to the Junior and Senior Chefs of the quarter. CSM(R) Andrew McFowler, Past President and CSM(R) LaDerek Green, Senior Advisor attended the event, and approximately 60 Food Service professionals. The Fort Liberty Chapter gained 15 new basic memberships after the ceremony.



In support of Fort Liberty military families for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the Fort Liberty Chapter donated to the Armed Services YMCA, during its annual turkey challenge. The chapter's newest volunteer, Leona Flinn, visited the North Post Commissary and purchased two turkeys that will be provided to families in need. Holidays can be a challenging time for military families. The AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter was honored to display this small gesture of thanks to show support for our troops and their families.



On November 24, and December 23, 2023, the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter participated in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) annual gift-wrapping program. AAFES patrons stopped by the chapter's station, while getting the opportunity to interact with the chapter and get their gift-wrapping needs met for the holidays. The Fort Liberty Chapter gift wrapping station was in the North and South Post Exchanges. This was a great fellowshiping, membership drive, and fundraising opportunity.



The Fort Liberty Chapter was honored to help Military Families during the annual Fort Liberty Armed Services YMCA Operation Holiday Hooah toy drive. Each year the Fort Liberty Military community hosts toy drives, toy drops, and toy ruck marches to help our most Junior Families during the holiday season! Shauna Johnson, Chapter Secretary, assisted in helping families shop for 400+ children! Shauna also purchased and presented Charity Gift Cards to the Fort Liberty ASYMCA team.

Professional Development & Membership Drives



Fort Liberty NC – CSM (R) LaDerek Green, Senior Advisor, and CSM (R) Andrew McFowler, and other staff members represent the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter in attending and providing a briefing at the 82nd Airborne Division’s in-processing briefings each Mondays. The staff provides paratroopers a brief history of AUSA and Free Membership Card with QR Code to help increase 82nd ABN DIV Association Members. Membership Cards are placed in the in-processing packets. Paratroopers are provided the opportunity to join the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter after the in-processing briefings.

Community Support



Fort Liberty NC – The AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter Past President, CSM (R) and three staff members attended the GEN (R) Peter Schoomaker and COL (R) Charles Beckwith’s Dedication Ceremonies, at McKellar’s Lodge, Fort Liberty, NC. McKellar’s Lodge and Road were renamed Beckwith Lodge and Schoomaker Road during this renaming ceremony. The AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter sponsored the meal for the event, comprised of a catered morning continental meal for the 80 attendees. Board of directors collaborated and communicated the chapter’s mission and upcoming activities with Fort Liberty Senior Officials and North Carolina elected officials.

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Fort Liberty Chapter Board of Directors It's people like you that make us love what we do! This Valentine's Day, I hope you find joy in everything you do! Happy Valentine's Day to a great team! We work well together because we support each other, and that is something to be celebrated!

YOU are our Valentines. We are so grateful to have your love and support for our mission. I wish you and all your loved ones a wonderful Valentine's Day spent together. Hoping it's full of chocolates, flowers, and lots of love!

Chapter President, MG Al Aycock, USA Retired

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Fort Liberty Chapter's Community Partners, Happy Valentine's Day!
 Here at the AUSA Fort Liberty Chapter, we are so grateful for your trust in our organization and your passion for our mission. Today, YOU are our Valentines. Thank you for believing in our team. This Valentine's Day, we would like to share how meaningful your ongoing support is to us. With your help, our team will continue to support Soldiers and their Families. We hope each of you have a great day full of love and sweet treats!

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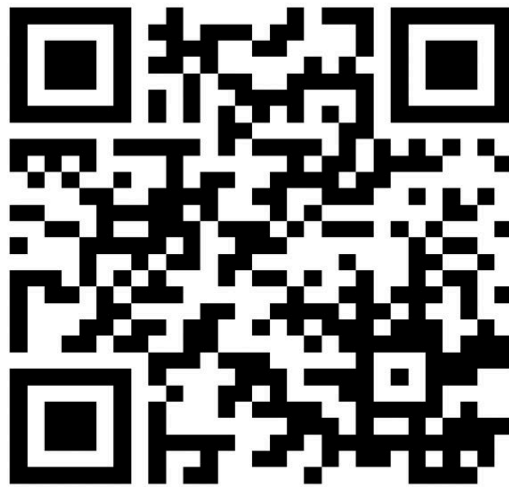
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