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Newsletter of the Arkansas Chapter
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AUSA-Arkansas Recognized At AUSA National Conference

• **Arkansas Chapter Recognized by AUSA National** – Thanks to all the Chapter hard work, AUSA-AR received FOURTEEN streamers at the National Conference this year.

- Merit Chapter
- Star Chapter
- ROTC Support
- Community Partner Support
- Army History
- Army Birthday
- Soldier for Life
- Reserve Component Support
- Excellence in Reserve Component Growth
- Greatest % Increase in Reserve Component
- Professional Development
- Volunteer Development
- Institute for Land Warfare Support
- Take the Hill

(For more from the Conference see "News From AUSA National" Section)



On 8 November 2018, Chapter president COL Harold Tucker presented the 14 streamers from the AUSA National Meeting presentation to the AUSA Arkansas Chapter board members. L to R are: LTC Ret. John Messer, past AR chapter president; Ms Lyn Lewis, VP of Membership; COL Ret. Harold Tucker, chapter president; chapter Officer LTC Ret. Stan Warrick; chapter Officer COL Ret. Nick Flannery; and current AR state president LTC Ret. David Cooper.

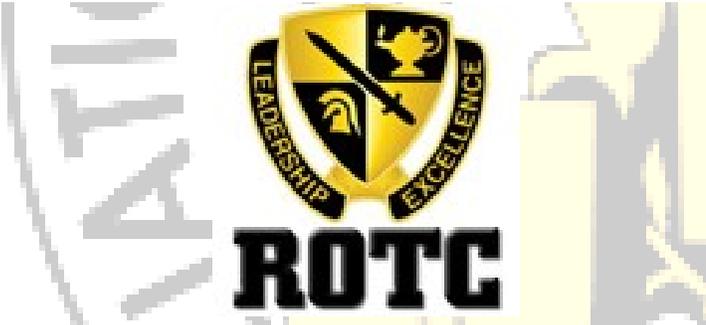
Chapter Updates



- COL Ret. Harold Tucker represented the AUSA AR chapter at the Camp Alliance “Boots and Bowties” fund raising event on October 19th. This is a joint collaboration between the National Guard Association, First Responders and Camp



Alliance to help families of each group (military members, families and First Responders) through camps, events and unit adoptions. MG Ret. Ken Penn, National Guard Association pictured at right, above, helped the event as did Mr. Bob Clausen from KARK Little Rock (pictured above with COL(R) Tucker). Despite the pouring of rain outside, it was a great event and opportunity to help raise funds for Camp Alliance in Arkansas. For more info see this link: <https://campallianceinc.org>



- Henderson State University’s Vietnam Veterans present a scholarship to an HSU cadet each year. AUSA-AR was invited to participate the presentation on November 3rd and help recognize the scholarship recipient. This year’s scholarship was presented to Cadet Carolyn Kelley.

(L to R) COL Ret. Harold Tucker AUSA AR President, Cadet Kelley’s mother, Ms Lisa Kelley, Cadet Carolyn Kelley, and Dr. Glen Jones, President Henderson State University)

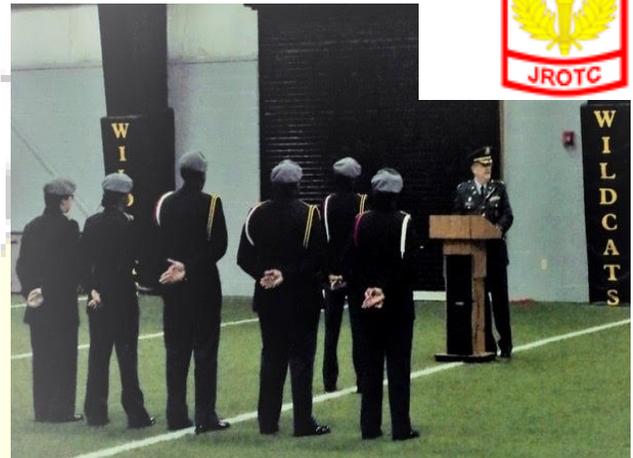


- On November 9th, AUSA-Arkansas was able to recognize (long overdue) the outstanding service of the AR chapter treasurer, Ms. Terry Hirsch. For over 10 years, Ms. Hirsch has served as the chapter treasurer ensuring there were never any late annual financial reports submitted to AUSA National and the monthly financial reports to the Chapter.



- After the quarterly AR Veterans Coalition meeting on 16 November, the Coalition members (AUSA, MOAA, VFW, American Legion, Special Forces Association, Marine Corps League etc.) and community partners helped serve meals to Veterans from the Arkansas State Veterans Home in North Little Rock, Fort Roots area. It was a great time to serve and speak with Veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Persian Gulf conflicts concerning their service to our country.

- Watson Chapel High School JROTC, Pine Bluff, held a Veterans Day ceremony and 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I on November 12th. COL(R) Harold Tucker, AUSA-AR Chapter president was the guest speaker. He spoke to the cadets and guests on how WWI impacted Arkansas and, more specifically, how many residents of Jefferson County served, sacrificed, and even gave their lives during “the Great War”. COL Tucker encouraged the students to excel in their studies and possibly help discover or continue medical research to further reduce the number of injuries or casualties suffered by military members from accidents or combat.



Arkansas Army National Guard Updates

The Arkansas National Guard celebrated the 382nd birthday for the National Guard on December 13th. To help in this celebration, MajGen Berry, the Arkansas Adjutant General, assisted by the youngest Air Guard and Army Guard members cut the birthday cake at Cp Robinson. COL(R) Harold Tucker represented AUSA-AR at the celebration. AUSA is closely associated with the Enlisted National Guard Association and **ALL** ENGAA members are now also AUSA-AR members. This partnership combines our strength of numbers to enhance the efforts of both organizations to better present the needs and issues of Army Soldiers and Families to political decision makers and enhances execution of the AUSA mission of “Educating, Informing and Connecting” with military and civilians across Arkansas.



Pictured in the foreground: MG Ret. Ken Penn, National Guard Association, COL Ret Harold Tucker AUSA AR Chapter President and CW5 Don Kinder, Warrant Officer Advisor for Arkansas (Photo credits to OCS Candidate Charles Davis, AR State Public Affairs Officer)



ARKANSAS ARMY RESERVE NEWS

AUSA-AR is looking forward to meeting with the leadership of the 90th SUSBDE during their Yearly Training Briefings in early 2019!



State President

Holiday greetings to all Arkansas Chapter members and family.

Arkansas Chapter had an outstanding 2018 year:

- ✓ *Hosting the 4th AUSA Region meeting this last spring, first ever in Little Rock!*
- ✓ *Growing to nearly 2000 chapter members. And,*
- ✓ *Earning 14 streamers at the National Meeting - 3rd most among all the chapters in the 4th Region!*

Thanks for the hard work. Looking forward to 2019.

Best Regards for an even better New Year,

David Cooper
Arkansas State President



Chapter President

Greetings from the Arkansas Chapter President.

It was my privilege to represent the Arkansas AUSA chapter at the National Meeting 8-10 October 2018. At that meeting the chapter received 14 recognition streamers for the exciting things accomplished by the chapter this past year. Many thanks to those in the chapter that participated in various events to help make this recognition possible.

Looking forward to next year, the JROTC and ROTC award season will be shifting into high gear March - May and I'm always looking for presenters at the 25 JROTC and 5 ROTC programs across the state. If you have a relationship with a JROTC or ROTC program in the state and would be willing to be the AUSA presenter please email me at

AUSA.AR.Pres@comcast.net so I can coordinate the date, location and time.

There will also be other JROTC/ROTC activities that will need AUSA AR representation and I would welcome any member and/or community partner to participate in these events. Please watch for more info in future newsletters.

We are planning to shift venues for this year's Army Birthday celebration. It will be held in conjunction with the Camp Robinson Army Birthday celebration. All components, Active, Guard, and Reserve will be welcome to attend the 14 June event. Again, watch for more info in next edition of the newsletter and our 'coming soon' Facebook page.

The 40th anniversary for the AUSA Arkansas Chapter is 23 October 2019. I plan to invite all past presidents, former chapter officers and all current and past AUSA AR members to attend this event. Location and time to be announced soon but for now pencil in the date for the 40th AUSA AR anniversary celebration.

If there are issues that you would like the AR AUSA Chapter to address or to pass along to AUSA National please make those known to me for discussion and action.

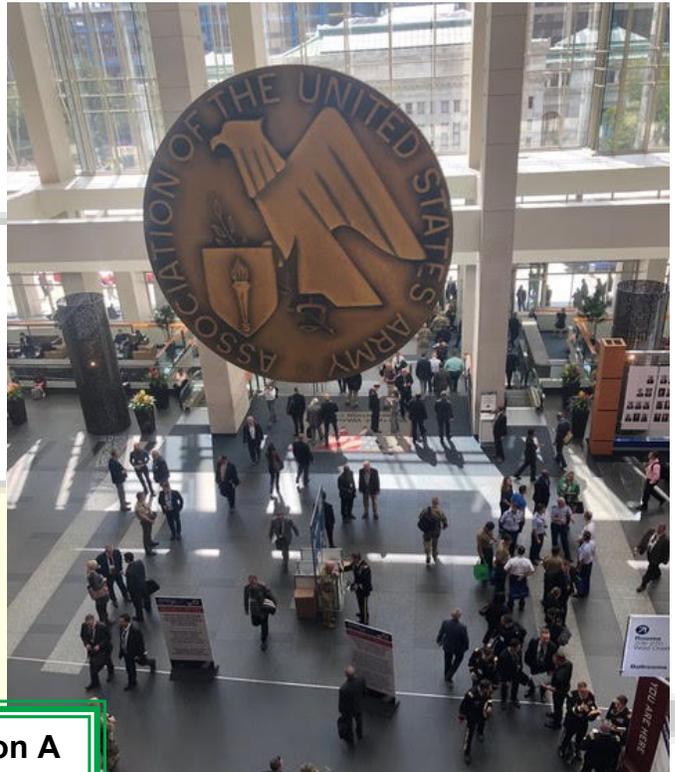
I am pleased to be your chapter president and look forward to more great things to happen with the AUSA Arkansas Chapter.

Finally, I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a super New Year! And, remember be watching after New Years to 'like' our new Facebook page. More to follow shortly.

Harold Tucker
Arkansas Chapter President



NEWS FROM AUSA NATIONAL



2018 AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition A Smashing Success!!!!

The over 31,000 attendees at the 2018 AUSA National Symposium at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center ranged from JROTC Cadet to four Star active and retired Generals and military from over 30 foreign countries. Numerous presentations regarding family issues, soldier issues, future training requirements, future equipment requirements, ROTC/JROTC group discussions, Reserve component meetings for both the Army Reserve and National Guard, Command Sergeants Major of the Army meetings with all CSMs, Warrant Officer focus meetings and some about future retiring soldiers and Department of the Army (DAC) civilian issues and retirements.

Additionally, each day, two huge exhibit floors were open to all attendees to speak with vendors and view exhibits and displays including armored vehicles, new helicopters (shown at right), plus every imaginable pistol, rifle, and various optics (scope and night vision). An attendee could spend two complete days and still not see all the exhibits!



After a superb opening ceremony GEN Ham shared the Army's six Modernization Priorities





COL Ret. Harold Tucker, Chapter President and Chapter Officer, Mr. Jerry Dodd attended representing AUSA Arkansas.



Mr. Jerry Dodd, Chapter Legal Counsel, meets with AUSA President GEN(R) Carter Hamm

General Ret. Ham, AUSA president and CEO, spoke in an AUSA Leadership session regarding the current status of AUSA and how its numbers have grown from 65,000 to over 130,000 over the past year. (Notice ribbons for all the Chapter Streamers on our Attendees' name tags!)

Full gamut of articles covering the entire Meeting can be accessed at: <https://www.ausa.org/ausa2018>



The 2018 Annual Meeting and Exposition of the Association of the U.S. Army, concluded with the awarding of the association's highest honor, the George Catlett Marshall Medal for sustained commitment to the men and women of the American armed forces, to ABC News global affairs correspondent Martha Raddatz for telling the American people about the strength, will and sacrifice of U.S. soldiers and their families. Raddatz is the author of *The Long Road Home: A Story of War and Family*, which recounts a brutal

48-hour firefight in Sadr City, Iraq, in 2004, and its impact on soldiers and their families. The book was made into a National Geographic miniseries.

"I know of no one who has done more to connect the American soldier to the American public," said retired Gen. Carter F. Ham, AUSA president and CEO, who said Raddatz is a unique journalist and author "who unselfishly dedicates her time, talent and energy to telling the story of veterans, of soldiers and their families."

- **AUSA RELEASES ALVIN YORK GRAPHIC NOVEL**

In the 100th anniversary year of the Armistice that ended the “Great War”, the Association of the U.S. Army released its first graphic novel.



featuring the story of Sgt. Alvin C. York’s heroic deeds in World War I, for which he received the Medal of Honor for valor.

This product is designed to expand upon the AUSA mission of educating the public in a format appealing to a younger audience. It tells the story of York, a Tennessee native, who went to France as part of the 328th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Division, was part of a small group in an Oct. 8, 1918, attack where he is said to have killed 25 German soldiers, captured 132 and single-handedly knocked out machine-gun positions after most of his detachment was gunned down. Gen. John J. Pershing, the American Expeditionary Forces commander in Europe, called York “the greatest civilian soldier” of the war.

Many comic book veterans were part of the production. The script was done by Chuck Dixon, best known for his work on Marvel Comics’ *Punisher*. Dixon also worked for DC Comics on *Batman* and *Nightwing*, and adapted J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Hobbit* into a graphic novel.

Drawings and the cover were done by Rick Magyar, an artist, penciller and inker who has also worked for Marvel and DC on *Iron Man*, *ROM Spaceknight*, *Defenders* and *Omega Men*. Colors for the York novel were done by Peter Pantazis, who has worked on *Justice League*, *Superman* and *Wolverine*. Lettering was done by Troy Peteri, who has worked on *Spider-Man*, *Iron Man* and *X-Men*.

Available at www.ausa.org/york,

- **Quarterly Links to Army News**

January 2019 –

<https://www.ausa.org/issues/ausa-news-january-2019>

December 2018 –

<https://www.ausa.org/issues/ausa-news-december-2018>

October 2018 –

<https://www.ausa.org/issues/ausa-news-october-2018>

- **Quarterly Links to Army Magazine**

– January 2019 –

<https://www.ausa.org/issues/army-magazine-vol-69-no-1-january-2019>

December 2018 –

<https://www.ausa.org/issues/army-magazine-vol-68-no-12-december-2018>

November 2018 –

<https://www.ausa.org/issues/army-magazine-vol-68-no-11-november-2018>

- **DIGITAL 2018-2019 ARMY
“GREEN BOOK”**

<https://www.ausa.org/issues/army-green-book-2018-2019>

- **LATEST ILW PUBLICATION(s)** – AUSA’s latest professional education publication are:

- “Maneuver Robotics and Autonomous Systems: Enhancing Tactical Maneuver” by Tyler Wesley (ILW Spotlight 18-5, November 2018) Read it online at: <https://www.ausa.org/publications/maneuver-robotics-and-autonomous-systems-enhancing-tactical-maneuver>

- “Seizing the High Ground - United States Army Futures Command” by COL Daniel S. Roper, USA, Ret., and LTC Jessica D. Grasseti, USA (ILW Spotlight 18-4, October 2018) Read it online at: <https://www.ausa.org/publications/seizing-high-ground-united-states-army-futures-command>

- “The Influence Machine: Automated Information Operations as a Strategic Defeat Mechanism” by MAJ Christopher Telley, USA (Land Warfare Paper 121, October 2018) Read it online at: <https://www.ausa.org/publications/influence-machine-automated-information-operations-strategic-defeat-mechanism>



- “Pinks and Greens” are officially the next Class A uniform! Modeled on the WWII-era Army uniforms, the new Army service dress uniform will be known simply as “Army Greens” and will become replace the Army Blues uniform in 2020. The current Blues will return to its previous “formal dress” status and occasions for wear.

The Army Greens will also see the return of the garrison (aka “overseas”) cap as well as trousers and brown oxford shoes standard for both male female uniforms (females will have the option of a pleated skirt and brown pumps). It will also have sewn on patches and end the issue with the Blues of not being able to readily identify a Soldier’s unit of assignment.

The new uniform is expected to cost ~\$400 and 2028 is the tentative “wear out” date for current service dress uniforms.

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Other News You Can Use

- **AUSA Membership Rates** – As you spread the word about all that AUSA Arkansas does to Educate, Inform, and Connect with all Arkansans, they will undoubtedly ask about the cost of membership (and for your own renewal!). For cadets and junior enlisted, the cost is still only \$10 for two years. For all others it is \$40 for two years, \$75 for five years, or only \$400 for a Life Membership. Joining or renewing can be done on-line at www.ausa.org or email to membersupport@ausa.org. Don't forget to include our Chapter (C4101) when completing the application form.

Membership Brings Benefits – Voice On Capitol Hill – advocate for the entire Army Community – Benefits & Discounts – Discounts on insurance, car rentals, hotels and more – Professional Development – Civilian Jobs links – careers.ausa.org/ – Stay Informed – Army Magazine and other AUSA Publications Keeps you connected to what is happening in YOUR Army.

- **LRAFB 19th Medical Group Holidays and training down days – (the clinic has yet to post dates for 2019)**

- **December – 24/25/31**

- **Expired Medication Drop Box** – LRAFB has installed a drop box for expired medications at the Clinic Pharmacy. Just look for the big blue “MedSafe” metal bin in the pharmacy lobby.

- **The LRAFB Bowling Center has reopened! New hours: M-TH 1600-2100, F 1600-2300, SA 1200-2300, SUN 1200-1800. Bowling Specials:** Cosmic Bowling (under the black lights!) SAT 2100-2300, Rent-a-Lane WED 1600-2100, bowl as many games as you want @ \$18 for 2 hrs. Senior Discount (>55) \$1.75/game versus \$2.50 regular. Call 987-3338 for more information and deals.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 19 Jan 2019 Malvern JROTC Host Color Guard, Drill and PT Competitions
- 25 Jan 2019 JROTC State Air Rifle Match Newport AR
- 2 Feb 2019 White Hall host JROTC Raider Challenge for state of Arkansas
- 16 Feb 2019 Fort Smith Northside host JROTC Mega Rifle, Raider, Drill and Color Guard competition
- 23 Feb 2019 HSU/OBU host JROTC Military Challenge
- 2 Mar 2019 North Little Rock host JROTC Color Guard and Drill Competition
- 9 March 2019 American Legion State JROTC Rifle Match at UCA
- 12 April 2019 Valley View Jonesboro host Drill, Color Guard, Cadet Challenge and Obstacle Course
- 13 April 2019 NLR National Cemetery for Fallen Soldier, Sherwood Forrest
- 2-7 June 2019 JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge, Camp Robinson
- 14 June 2019 244th Army Birthday celebration location at Camp Robinson (NLR)



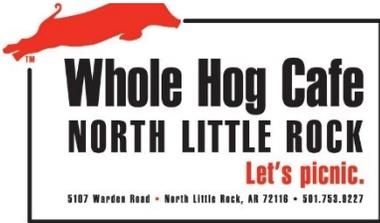
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Little Rock Chapter President – COL(R)
Harold Tucker (ausa.ar.pres@comcast.net)
Chapter VP for Membership – Lyn Lewis
Chapter Treasurer – Terry Hirsch
Chapter Legal Counsel – Mr. Jerry Dodd
Chapter Chaplain – OPEN
Director of Public Relations – BG(R) Bud Jameson
Chapter Web Master – OPEN



*“Once A Soldier,
Always A
Soldier!”*



Editor’s Final Thoughts

What a year! I cannot believe it has all gone by SO fast, but it has been my honor to try to chronicle it all for you as the editor of our Chapter newsletter. **Your** Chapter expanded its support to the Arkansas Army Community – in support of the AUSA mission to “Educate, Inform, and Connect” – through an ever-growing menu of activities and events. And this has only been possible because of the growing support and participation of our Membership – YOU – albeit at a modest pace. And 2019 – as befits our 40th anniversary year – promises to see even more growth in both membership AND Community engagements as we expand our networking with both Army Guard and Army Reserve units, to other entities such as the Sherwood Military Advisory Council and the Camp Pike/Camp Robinson Community Council, as strengthen our partnerships with groups such as the Arkansas Veterans Coalition. I look forward to meeting more of you and welcome your input to make your newsletter better and more relevant. So, whether you say

*Merry
Christmas*

*Seasons
Greetings*

let me put a
by saying,



on this

“Have a Happy New Year!” BRJ