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Countdown to the 2019 Annual Meeting begins

By Rhonda Sutton,
Executive VP Redstone-Huntsville Chapter and Annual Meeting Chairperson-

Greetings AUSA members! When you pick up this issue to read, the final countdown to our 2019 Annual Meeting will be well underway! The Army's most powerful event covers everything you need-all in one place! This year promises to be another outstanding event for 30,000+ attendees, 700+ exhibitors, 130+ programs from 80+ countries!

- As attendees you will have access to:
- Informative and relevant presentations on the state of the Army
 - Panel discussions and seminars on pertinent military and national security subjects
 - A variety of valuable networking events including ticketed dinners and receptions
 - A hands-on opportunity to specify and see the latest technology in action
 - Best of all – an opportunity to network with fellow chapter members, like-minded Community Partners and Army leadership!

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Rock out at AUSA annual Tuesday evening concert

AUSA is pleased to welcome Gary Sinise & the Lt. Dan Band for a special performance on Tuesday, October 15 from 1930-2130. With performances at military bases, benefit concerts around the world, and now the 2019 AUSA Annual Meeting, the Lt. Dan Band entertains, educates and inspires with its explosive show. A special thank you to Veterans United for co-sponsoring this event with AUSA.

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COST: Admittance is free for all registered attendees

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President's Message

Your chapter has been quite busy during the Summer and Fall of 2019. In September our Young Professional sub-chapter hosted their annual USA Patriots Softball Tournament (formerly known as the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team). A Leadership Breakfast with LTG Thurgood was held for our Community Partners. We live streamed AUSA's Hot Topic on Army Aviation and Army Cyber. We co-hosted a very special luncheon featuring Mr. Edgar Harrell, survivor of sinking of the USS Indianapolis during WWII.

AUSA will host its annual symposium in Washington, DC 14-16 October. The Team Redstone running teams will be defending their Army 10 Miler title on 13 October – Good luck Skip, Harry and team. The Redstone-Huntsville chapter hospitality suite will be located at the Washington Convention Center in room 146B on the evening of 15 October (prior to the LT Dan Band concert). Invita-

tions will be distributed soon.

In November, we will be actively supporting Veteran's Week activities. Events include Veteran's Day Parade, Veteran's Day dinner, Prayer Breakfast, Boots at the Veteran's Memorial and many more. There will be multiple opportunities to volunteer and participate.

Be an Active member! For 2019, I encourage all our Chapter members and Community Partners to take a few minutes and identify an area of interest for you. We need volunteers to support: the Veterans and Retiree Programs (Bill Tillman); to assist with Family Programs (Jim Rountree); become a mentor to our Young Professional (Andrew Norton); to present awards to JROTC/ROTC cadets (Peter Grant); to recruit new members and community partners (Mike Bryce or Marc Jacobson); or to answer a call from a deploying/redeploying Army National Guard or Army Reserve unit (John Perry). Find something you like to do and

contact Kurt Weidenthal our VP for Chapter Support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing officers and Board members for their dedication and support to your Redstone Huntsville Chapter of AUSA. Bob English, Willie Pullum and Bill Stevenson each served for over a decade in multiple leadership positions. Leo Gilliland helped create and lead our Young Professional sub-chapter. Kara Wall worked tirelessly creating and maintaining our digital communications footprint. Finally, our outgoing president, Sam Torrey served with distinction and mentored many of the new Executive Committee members. Thank you for your leadership, sacrifice of time and commitment to this chapter, our community and AUSA.

Army Strong!



Newly elected

Newly elected VPs and Board members for the 2019-2020 AUSA Board and Executive Committee.

Third region news

Kris McBride, 3rd Region President and Dave Seay, State President met with Nicolas Britto, President of the West Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army to discuss the path forward for this chapter.

The meeting included several areas, putting an annual plan down on paper, a budget to expand their platform and how to improve participation at events. Nic and his team are doing great work in Tuscaloosa.

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Career fair for West Alabama

11 July 2019, AUSA West Alabama Chapter sponsored a career fair in Tuscaloosa, AL along with Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation Authority (PARA), and the Alabama Department of Labor at the McDonald Hughes Community Center. More than a thousand jobs were available to include 62 different employers.



Alabama State Senator Gerald Allen welcomes 16 high school students that are volunteering this summer at the VA Hospital in Tuscaloosa. The students met with representatives from Hunt Refinery, Phifer Corporation, and many other companies.

Young Professionals update

By Andrew Norton, VP of Young Professionals Sub Chapter

The AUSA YP Redstone Chapter has been hard at work over the last few months preparing for the USA Patriots Softball Tournament (formerly the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Tournament). The tournament will be hosted at Madison Academy on September 28th. The opening ceremony will begin at 10 AM followed with the USA Patriots playing Madison Academy and then the USA Patriots playing Team Redstone at 12:30 PM. The event is free to attend this year. In-between games 1 and 2, we will have food trucks, inflatables, games for all ages and live music!

For those unaware with the USA Patriots, our AUSA YP Redstone Chapter has been supporting the USA Patriots since 2014. The USA Patriots Softball Team is a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is to inspire and educate others while enhancing the health and welfare of Wounded Warrior Amputees. The USA Patriots represents some of our nation's bravest and most determined heroes, soldiers and veterans. These men and women have sustained severe injuries resulting in amputation, and through extensive rehabilitation, they have become competitive athletes again, playing against able-bodied teams in exhibition games across the country. Their armor now includes prosthetic legs and arms, along with extreme perseverance and attitude. In addition, the team host an annual Kids Camp where we bring in 20 children (between 8-12 years old) with amputa-

tions or loss of limbs for a week-long camp where our team members serve as coaches and mentors.

This year we also had the opportunity to work with the BeArded WARRIORS to support our efforts for the USA Patriots Softball Tournament. They are a local organization of military and non-military all volunteers providing opportunities to veterans and their family to experience the fun and camaraderie of after-service community involvement.

We are looking forward to another great event this year and encourage everyone to come out on September 28th!

Meeting

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Meeting event schedule

Sunday, October 13th (morning) – 35th Army Ten-Miler HOOAH Tent come out to cheer on the Team Redstone Championship Running Team! Race starts at the Pentagon. We will be in the HOOAH Tent Zone located in the Pentagon North Parking Lot. Race events begin at 7:35 am.

Monday, October 14th (9:30 AM) – Annual Meeting Opening Ceremony hear from the Secretary of the Army at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center – Join the Chapter and be prepared to make some noise. Look for our signs and check our Twitter feed @AUSA-Redstone indicating the area we have reserved. Usually we try to get as close to the front as possible.

Monday, October 14th (12:30 -2:30 PM) – Community Partner Luncheon

this is a ticketed event and you will need to send your ticket requests to Rhonda Sutton RSutton@quantum-intl.com. All Community Partners are invited to attend but will need a reservation!

Tuesday, October 15th (5:00 PM – 7:30 PM) – 3rd Region Hospitality Open House Reception- Meet fellow chapter members at and Community Partners along with special visitors and dignitaries at the 3rd Region Hospitality Suite. At the conclusion of this event, everyone will enjoy:

Of course there are a number of luncheons and dinners including the George C. Marshall Formal Dinner that are ticketed events in addition to those above.

All other Annual Meeting Information may be found at this website: <http://ausa-meetings.org/2019annualmeeting/>

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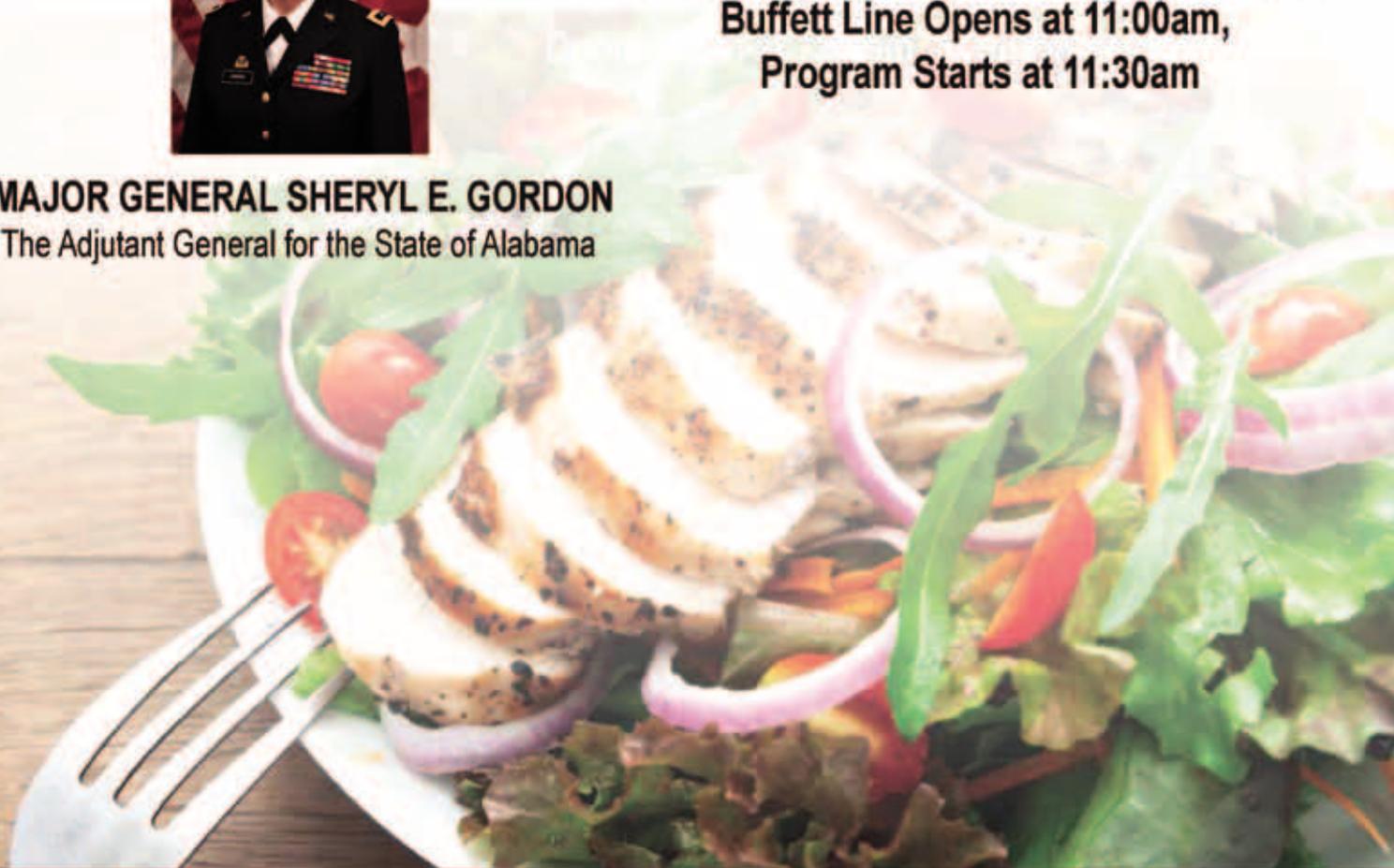
Wednesday, December 11, 2019

at the Jackson Center

6001 Moquin Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806

Buffett Line Opens at 11:00am,

Program Starts at 11:30am



This event is free - compliments of AUSA

Please RSVP to John Perry, Chapter VP for Army Reserve and National Guard Affairs, at john.perry@irtc-hq.com or 256-658-2010.

Chaplain's Corner

Helping People Make it up the Ladder
All of us in AUSA are dedicated to supporting our Army and have a wealth of experience and ability to help people make it up the ladder of success in whatever environment, whether actual military combat and training operations, the Department of Army's support of the Warfighter, such as technology and systems development and wholesale industrial and logistics support, or in defense contractor support, or even political efforts. The big question is how do we carry out what we have been called to do?

First, we know that the golden rule of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us is God's way and not only satisfies God's requirement, but is the most effective and productive way for us to get the job done establishing parameters we are to operate within. Our experience bears this out.

While my experience as a career soldier, business development manager and bi-vocational minister of the Gospel, may not be the best example or relevant to all in any given situation, I believe we all benefit when we understand and apply basic psychology and systems theory

in organizations to motivating others in an ethical way not just to best accomplish the mission, but to help others succeed personally and to be productive and happy.

As a three time company commander, twice in Vietnam and once in the training base, I, like many thousands of others had learned a lot, but then I came upon two concepts in graduate school as a captain that helped me in my career that I believe are fundamental in helping us effectively deal with individual people and with our organization. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs for individual behavior and General Systems Theory for dealing with organizations.

A lot fell into place in how I dealt with people and their motivations when I took a graduate course on the psychology of learning which introduced me to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs which explains human needs in terms of levels of need from the lowest to the highest in a pyramid starting from the bottom with basic survival needs, then safety and security, love and belonging, self-esteem, and at the top, self-actualization. The simple understanding that the lower level

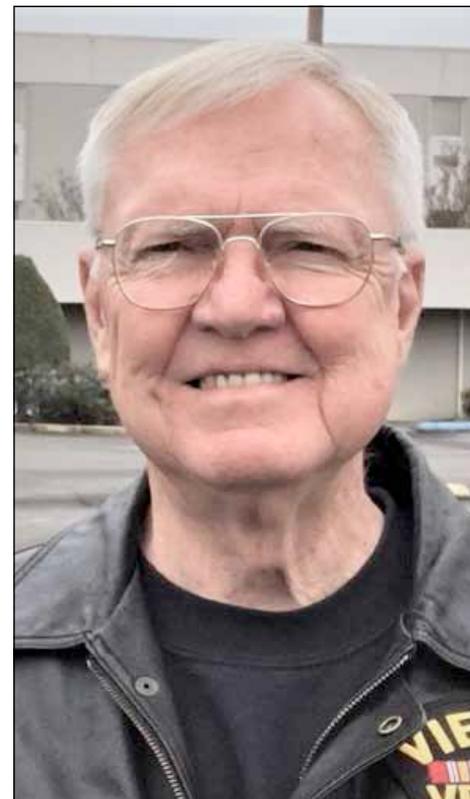
basic needs in the hierarchy have to be satisfied before people can be concerned about higher needs or motivated through what the leader might be able to do to help meet those needs at whatever level. This gave me the simple conceptual framework I needed to analyze how best to deal with individual people. This was the powerful tool that I needed for dealing with individuals.

The MBA course on Systems Theory helped me understand the functioning of organizations analogous to biological organisms living in a given environment, which receives inputs and needs stable, productive and optimum processes to produce the best outputs or results.

I was truly blessed to command Pueblo Army Depot and to put these tools to use and was amazed at the results, not so much through my efforts, but I believe the Lord gave me these two simple analytical tools to use in accomplishing what he called me to do to accomplish my mission and to take care of the people. God brings blessings when we do our best to operate by His Golden Rule.

God Bless You!

Chaplain Jim Henderson



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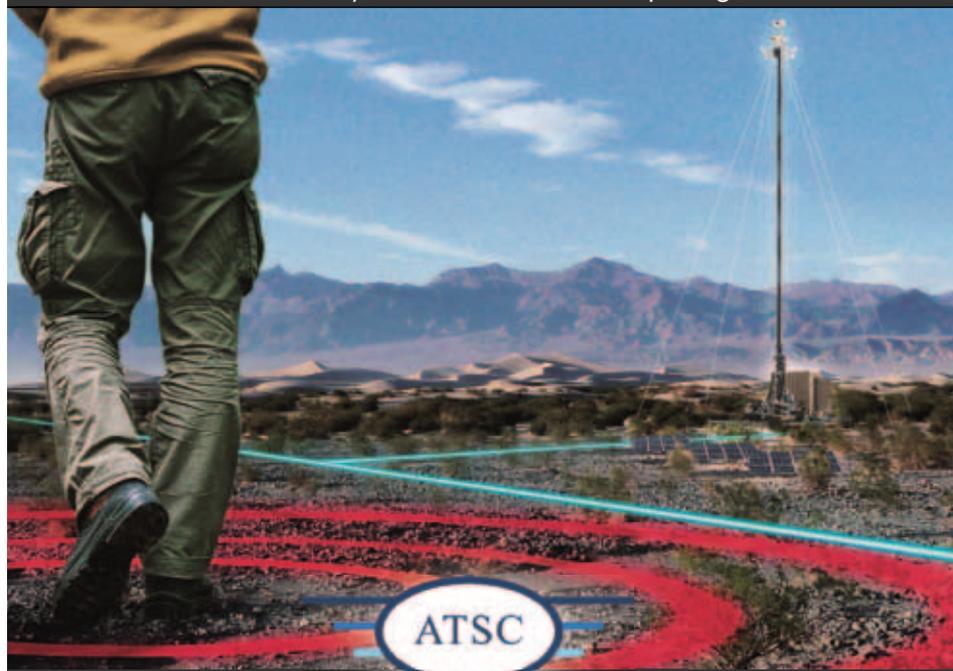


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Armed Forces Celebration week

Armed Forces Week Celebration was June 24-29, 2019. It kicked off at the downtown Veterans Memorial with the Proclamation Signing.

Later that afternoon, AUSA Redstone-Huntsville hosted the Iron Mike Golf Tournament at Valley Hill Country Club in South Huntsville. The tournament is named the Iron Mike Tournament because the 27" trophy awarded to the winning team has the "Iron Mike" bust on top, a nationally recognized representation of an Army Soldier.

The team with the lowest gross score had their names engraved on the trophy. Hor d'oeuvres and

drinks followed play! Monday night Fort Benning's Maneuver Center of Excellence Band played at Concert in the Park which ended with fireworks.

Tuesday you could find another musical performance by the MCOE Band at Bob Jones High School. Wednesday, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter enjoyed the Armed Forces Celebration Luncheon with guest speaker, General Gus Perna at the Von Braun Center. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for hosting. The week ended with a 7-mile Community Bike Ride on Redstone Arsenal.



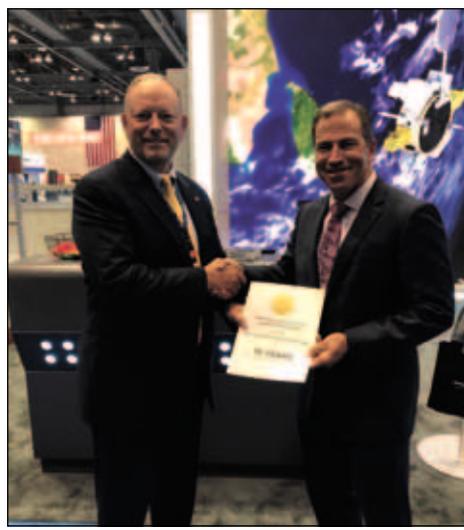
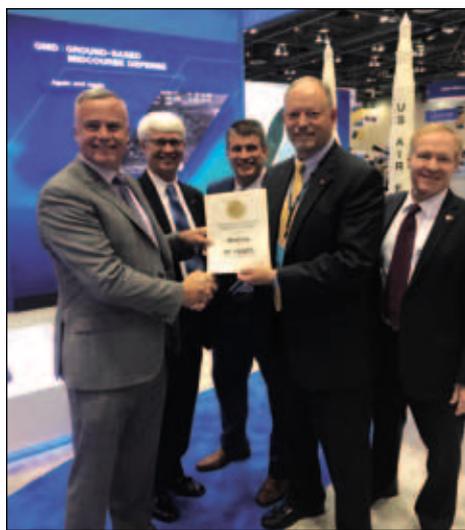
Fort Benning | Maneuver Center of Excellence Band kicking off the beginning Armed Forces Week at Concert in the Park. Photo by Nancy Kate Baugher



Joey Yearata (right), golf tournament chairman presenting Jim Ross (left) with the Iron Mike Trophy to celebrate his team's win. Thank you to all sponsors and those who came out to support. We hope to see you again next year!

A look at the Space and Missile Defense Symposium

Chapter President Steve Below presented longevity certificates to AUSA community partners during the 22nd annual Space and Missile Defense Symposium in Huntsville Aug. 5-8 at the Von Braun Center.



Why Membership Matters

When people approach me at networking or conference events and I talk to them about The Association of the United States Army, (AUSA) the most common questions I get are, "Why should I join AUSA?" and "What's in it for me?". These are both questions I asked when I was thinking of joining AUSA.

As individual and corporate community members of AUSA there are many personal and corporate benefits from discounts on travel and education to access to networking events and conferences. These benefits are all great, but I have come to realize that there really is only one answer to both questions that motivated me to become a lifetime AUSA member and to volunteer my valuable time, and join my local AUSA chapter board of directors. I care about the wellbeing and preparedness of the soldiers in our Army!

Every membership makes a difference to our soldiers and their families by providing AUSA with necessary resources to provide our Warfighters and their families with the best support our country has to offer them in their service to protect our rights and beliefs. Through individual and corporate memberships, AUSA, a non-profit educational and professional development association, is able to execute its mission to provide a voice for the Army, support the soldiers, and honor those who have served in order to advance the security of the nation.

Each membership helps AUSA to support our mission by funding programs and lobbying for benefits in 2020 such as:

Military benefits and total compensation package necessary to maintain the readiness of the All-Volunteer Force including pay, healthcare retirement, soldier and family quality-of-life benefits including housing

Support initiatives to achieve recruiting objectives for the Total Army and incentives for employers to hire and retain National Guard and Reserve soldiers

Support the Army's FY20 budget priorities for modernization, readiness and overseas contingency operations to ensure our soldiers restore overmatch vs. their opponents

Support reforms that free up time, money and manpower to generate more readiness and improve Soldier lethality while protecting family readiness and quality of life

Program for professional development of Total Army soldiers to ensure competitive skills and wages

One of the major differences between AUSA and other Army serving organizations is that AUSA is here to serve America's Total Army - Regular Army, National Guard, Reserve, Retired Soldiers, Government Civilians, Wounded Warriors, Veterans, concerned citizens and their family members. We advocate for our Soldiers, Army civilians, and their families; our industry partners, and supporters of a strong national defense. So if you are like me, and you are looking for a way to stay connected to the pulse of the Army, provide funding towards advocating for the benefits, equipment and wages that keep our Army soldiers strong, then please consider joining AUSA today!

Your AUSA membership allows you as a business or an individual to:

Be a part of an association that serves the entire Army!

Advocate to the American public and Congress for things that important to our soldiers, past, present, and their families

Stay informed of what is happening in YOUR Army whether it is policy, doctrine and other changes

Network, build and grow relationships with other professionals, Army and company leaders, and soldiers in your community through professional and education events

Get involved with your community through volunteering or networking events

AUSA is open to everyone, whether you have a relationship with the US Army, or would like to offer your support to our soldiers. Indeed AUSA welcomes anyone who subscribes to the philosophy of a strong national defense with special concern for the Army. Join now at www.ausa.org/membership.

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Congressman Mo Brooks (second from the left), one of north Alabama's AbilityOne champions, congratulates Phoenix employee Shannon Green (seated) and her husband Kevin (second from the right).

Joining them are Phoenix VPs Amy Patterson (left) and Wes Tyler (third from the right), Phoenix board chair Mary Turner (third from the left) and Phoenix board member Kenneth Anderson (right).

AUSA Community Partner: Native or Not

AUSA Community Partner Ana Lewis is the founder of Native or Not; a platform used to connect you to what matters most, local people and local businesses. She is the spouse of Major Zach Lewis who is active duty and currently stationed at Redstone Arsenal.

When the Lewis family received orders for Redstone Arsenal, they were ecstatic as Huntsville is Ana's hometown. Although she was thrilled to move back, Ana realized quickly with the immense growth of Huntsville she didn't know if she was "Native or Not".

After moving six times in the last ten years, Ana recognized that one of the biggest challenges of relocating frequently was feeling connected and at home in her new community. Ana believes local businesses make up the personality and charm of our towns, and having a direct connection to them automatically makes us feel more at home. However, with the limited advertising and marketing budget of a small business, these great local places are the hardest to find.

Each of the 160 businesses featured on nativeornot.net offer an ongoing military discount and a one-time only discount to anyone who is new to the city and natives of the community who want to connect more with great local businesses and people in the area.

Native or Not is in an exciting phase as the app will be released this Fall! The Native or Not App will create a more user-friendly experience for the consumer and a more efficient way for local businesses to connect with the people in the community who are eager to support them.

In May, Ana had the opportunity to share Native or Not through a grant contest sponsored by a Veteran-Owned business, The Street Shares Foundation. Also, thanks to Rigved Joshi, the director of i2c, an idea/tech incubator group at UAH. She has also had the opportunity to be featured on a new television show airing this Fall called Alabama UpStarts.

The vision of Native or Not is to expand into cities across the country and to partner with military spouses to develop the Native or Not App in his or her area; giving military spouses across the country an opportunity to earn income for his or her family.



Alabama UpStarts, statewide television show airing this Fall (Shark Tank Alabama Style)

Ana is thankful for the support of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA as the spouse of an active duty soldier and a local entrepreneur/start-up. She is honored to be a part of an organization that values connection and collaboration with community as much as she does.

AUSA Community Partner: Redstone Federal Credit Union

Redstone: Helping its members live brighter

From its humble beginnings, Redstone Federal Credit Union® held a simple philosophy of People Helping People. Living out that philosophy has led to its growth in membership, new products and services, and technological advances.

Today Redstone, or RFCU, serves more than 453,000 members and has more than \$5.1 billion in assets. It is one of the largest federal credit unions in the nation with 29 full-service branches and student-run branches in four high schools.

However, its impact is about more than brick and mortar. It's an investment in the communities it serves. Team members are active in their community, volunteering with agencies that help children, support the arts and build community.

Mary Grace Evans, RFCU Assistant Vice President of Community Relations, said it's about establishing strong relationships within those communities where Redstone has branches.

Redstone's community support reaches into Jackson, Limestone, Madison,

Marshall and Morgan counties in Alabama and Lincoln and Rutherford counties in Tennessee.

As an example, the credit union distributes classroom supplies to schools identified as being in disadvantaged areas.

RFCU has also partnered with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help people break free of the payday lending cycle.

Another valuable partner is the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Redstone-Huntsville Chapter. RFCU and AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter have worked together on various initiatives – including a current partnership that provides special membership opportunities for customers of Rural King -- America's home and farm store.

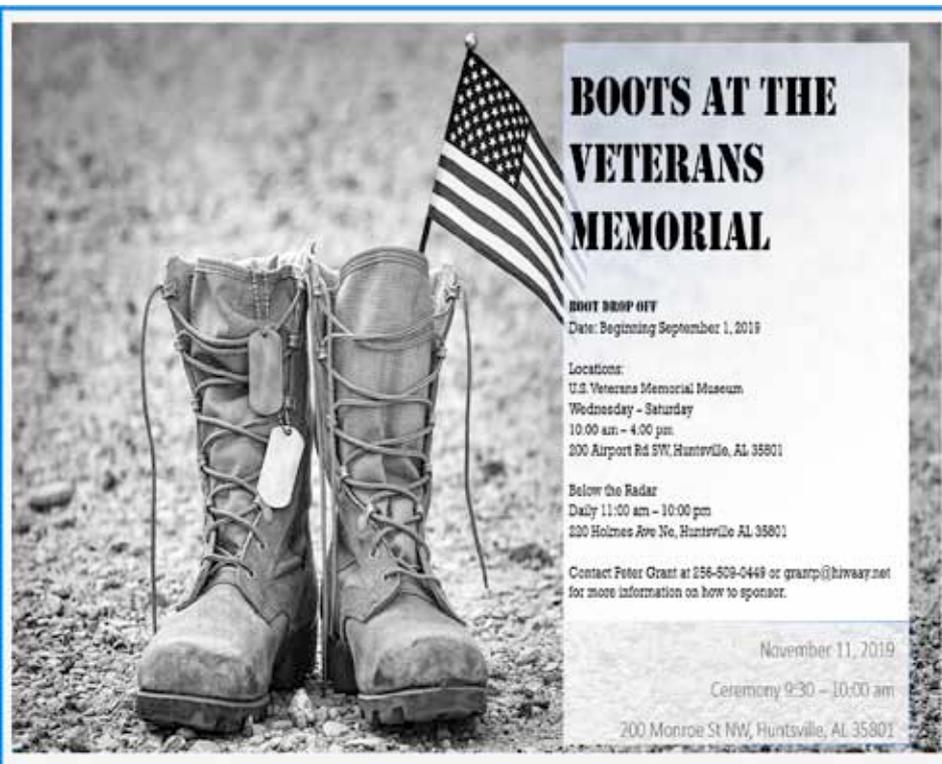
Through RFCU's partnership with AUSA, potential members who would like to join RFCU can now receive a complimentary one-year membership to AUSA Redstone Huntsville Chapter, which will then make them eligible to join RFCU.

"In addition to Redstone membership, they'll also be joining a wonderful non-



profit organization in AUSA's Redstone Huntsville Chapter, at no-cost to them. It's a win-win opportunity for new mem-

bers who take advantage of this," said Peter Alvarez, RFCU Assistant Vice President for Business Development.



Boots at the memorial

Ceremony:

- Chaplain will bless our service men and women.
- Guest speaker from the Armed Services to give remarks.
- A single pair of boots will be presented to the United States as a token of their support of the service member.
- A second pair of boots will be presented to the United States as a token of the support of their support of their Vietnam service member.
- A soldier will accept the boots and they will be placed with the other boots at the Memorial.
- Concluded with music

inform them at the drop off location. Otherwise the boots will be preserved at the Museum until the next ceremony.

Who Can Participate:

- All are invited to participate, especially: Veterans, Family members of Veterans (living or deceased), Friends of Veterans

After the Event:

Boots will be placed on display at the Veterans Memorial at 7am until 3 hours after the Veterans Day Parade. If desired, you may pick up your boots at the museum any time after November 13th.

How to Participate:

- Obtain a pair of boots (or shoes)
- Attach to boot lace a 5x7 inch paper with photo and basic bio and military service record
- If you wish to retain the boots, please

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PFC Robert Douglas Marlin
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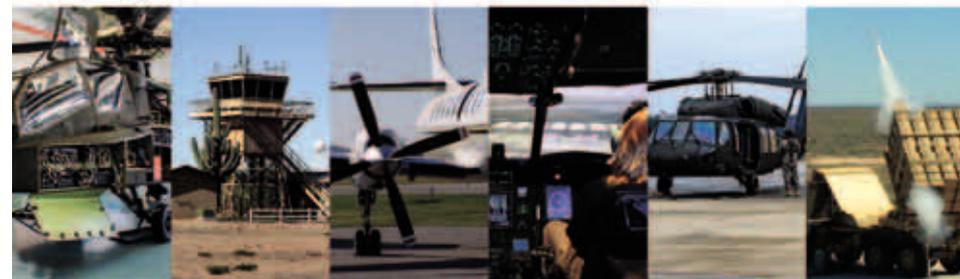
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Veterans Week 2019 events scheduled

By Max Bennett, Veterans Week Chairman

AUSA's Redstone-Huntsville Chapter is excited this year to be a big part of 2019 Huntsville / Madison County Veterans Week here in the Tennessee Valley. Many staples of the Veterans Week will remain the same but, as with most years, there will be some differences and some surprises. For instance:

The 2019 Huntsville Madison County Veterans Dinner, sponsored by AUSA, will be held in the VBC South Hall Ballroom this year. AUSA Board Member and Veterans Week Chairman, Max Bennett noted, "We usually have this dinner in the North Hall, but we are excited to try the South Hall Ballroom as a more intimate setting and see how it feels. The reception will be out in the foyer, beside the huge glass windows overlooking the waterway that separates the Embassy Suites and the VBC. It should be lovely."

We now have a consolidated website for all events at HuntsvilleVets.org because many different organizations have websites for all the various events, we created a single, easy-to-remember website that links out to all the various sites. No more web searches. Just go to HuntsvilleVets.org for links to tickets and information.

AUSA has moved the John Ordway Breakfast to Veterans Week. We invite everyone to attend this wonderful breakfast events that commemorates our Sergeant Majors. Details are forthcoming and a link to the tickets and info will soon be available at HuntsvilleVets.org.

For 2019, the 244th Marine Corps Birthday Ball is back over at The Westin Huntsville. The Marines have been trying different venues over the past few years, but they are back "home" at The Westin Huntsville. The cost is \$100 a seat (other prices for junior Marines).

2019 Veterans Week Event Calendar:

Mon, 4 Nov 2019: The 50th Anniversary (of the War in Vietnam) Lecture Series Luncheon. 10 am – 1 pm at the Jackson Center. This is a free event and open to the public.

Wed, 6 Nov 2019: Arrival of the Wounded Veterans. Sponsored by the Semper Fi Community Task Force. You are welcome to join us at the Huntsville Airport to

USS Indianapolis Luncheon, the Jackson Center

In July of 1945, the Heavy Cruiser USS Indianapolis sank after being hit by two enemy torpedoes. The ship sank in 12 minutes. Of the 1197 crew on board only 317 would survive. US Marine Sergeant Edgar Harrell was one of those survivors.

The now, 94-year-old SGT Harrell was the guest speaker at a luncheon co-sponsored by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA and Aria Wealth Management. Over 200 people attended the luncheon to listen to this witness account of this horrific disaster. Attendees included local WWII Veterans, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam War Veterans, ROTC and JROTC cadets and several military and elected officials.

SGT Harrell held the audience spellbound as he spoke of the secret mission the ship was on to bring their top-secret cargo from the port of San Francisco to their destination on the Island of Tinian in the Pacific Ocean. The cargo were components for the atom bombs that would be dropped on Japan and ultimately end WWII.

The ship and crew succeed in delivering their top-secret cargo to its destination. The ship and crew were heading home when disaster struck. Two torpedoes ripped through the ship. The radio man

was unable to send a distress signal. No one knew that ship and crew were in danger. The mission was so secretive that no one knew to check on the ship.

SGT Harrell spoke about the devastation caused by the torpedoes. His near-death and narrow escape from the danger of the explosions and abandoning the ship. He spoke of fighting to survive with no water to drink all while being in the searing sun for 4 and half days. He recalled with vivid clarity his fellow survivors trying to stay alive in the shark infested water.

26 days from the time the cargo was loaded on board the USS Indianapolis, Japan surrendered. WWII was over.

SGT Harrell's story was one of courage and survival. SGT Harrell, who lives in Nashville, travels extensively throughout the United States telling of his experience. It was a moving experience to listen to one of the last remaining survivors of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis disaster.

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Thu, 7 Nov 2019: The John Ordway Breakfast. A salute to Sergeants Major everywhere; join us for this special breakfast at the Jackson Center. More details and ticket prices (if any), will be posted at HuntsvilleVets.org as soon as it is released.

Fri, 8 Nov 2019: The "Heart of the Valley" YMCA Prayer Breakfast. Coffee social in the atrium is at 6:45 and the Breakfast doors open at 7:15 a.m. The YMCA will present the "BG Bob Drolet Service to Veterans" award to a deserving community member.

Fri, 8 Nov 2019: The 2019 Huntsville / Madison County Veterans Dinner, VBC, South Hall Ballroom. Social hour is 5-6 pm. Programs starts at 6 pm. Dinner is served approx. 6:30 pm. Dinner remains at \$50! Parking under the VBC: \$10. Parking on east side of Monroe: \$5.

Sat, 9 Nov 2019: 244th Marine Corps Birthday – Kilo Battery. The Westin Huntsville at Bridge Street. 7-10 pm. Tickets \$100 each. A link to more info and tickets is at HuntsvilleVets.org.

Sun, 10 Nov 2019: Veterans Steak & Potato Dinner. 6-9 pm at Madison Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Free to all veterans. Donations accepted from non-veterans.

Mon, 11 Nov 2019: 2019 Huntsville / Madison County Veterans Day Breakfast, The Roundhouse, doors open at 8:15 am. Honoring Blue and Gold Star families. Cost is \$15.

Mon, 11 Nov 2019: 2019 Huntsville / Madison County Veterans Day Parade, downtown Huntsville and broadcast live on WAFF Channel 48 and web-streamed live. Register your float / entry at www.waff.com. The Parade's Reviewing Officer will be GEN Gus Perna, Commanding General, Army Materiel Command; the Parade Grand Marshal will be CPT Gary 'Mike' Rose, recipient of the Medal of Honor. Best viewing areas are the Huntsville Veterans Memorial Park or Big Spring Park. This is a free outdoor event and is open to the public.

Association of the U.S. Army's 2019 Volunteer Family of the Year: David and Rose Carney.

Article excerpt from the Huntsville Times, By Shelly Haskins

"Their incredible resume of volunteer service resulted in the Carneys being named the AUSA 2019 Volunteer Family of the Year by the Redstone Chapter and then by AUSA's Region 3, which includes Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and a chapter in Panama, said Jim Rountree, who nominated the Carneys.

They'll find out in October if they won the national award.

"They've donated so much back to military families in addition to the programs that they've started," said Rountree. "I just feel like they are still so active and so focused on soldiers on their families that they need this recognition."

The bullet points on the nomination for the Carneys start well before David's retirement from the Alabama National Guard in 2005 and go on and on:

Organized dozens of deployment sendoffs and welcome homes for Alabama military units that served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Worked with hundreds of families of deployed soldiers to help them through those difficult times, including creating "We Care" events, at which families could video-conference with their deployed loved ones, long before

FaceTime or Skype was on everyone's phone.

Organized and promoted countless events like Operation Christmas Bear – which provided toys at Christmas to children of deployed soldiers - to give comfort to military families.

Served on the committee that created the Huntsville/Madison County Veterans Memorial and raised money for the effort through sales of the book, "The Making of a Memorial," which David co-wrote.

Served on the committee that organized 10 Honor Flights, taking World War II veterans to Washington to see the World War II memorial, and donated the proceeds of their book "Through the Eyes of Courage," to the Honor Flight effort.

Organized a belated "Welcome Home" for Vietnam Veterans in 2012.

Worked to organize and promote the annual Veterans Day Parade.

Served jointly as communication directors for the November 2018 visit of "The Wall That Heals," a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Published a book, "The Wall That Heals – Huntsville" showcasing the many personal stories and pictures and experiences of those who came to see the wall in Huntsville.

Those are just a few highlights from David and Judith Carney's volunteer activities".



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Alabama Leads Development of Army's Hypersonic Weapons

WASHINGTON, DC – On August 30, 2019 U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) praised the U.S. Army's decision to award two contracts for work in Alabama related to the production of hypersonic weapon systems – one for Dynetics Technical Solutions in the amount of \$351.6 million to produce Common-Hypersonic Glide Body (C-HGB) prototypes in Huntsville, Alabama, and the second to Lockheed Martin in the amount of \$347 million to serve as the Long Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW) prototype system integrator, part of which will be conducted in Courtland, Alabama.

“Hypersonic weapons are a critical priority as we continue to innovate and improve our nation's defense,” said Senator Shelby. “The decision by the Army to select Dynetics, located right here in Alabama, and Lockheed Martin's Courtland facility to advance this important national security initiative is a testament to the complex defense work taking place in our state. These contracts allow us to leverage commercial technology to field needed weapons to our soldiers in just a few years. This is incredible news, not only for Alabama, but also for the entire nation and the modernization of our armed forces.”

The \$351.6 million contract awarded to Dynetics will provide for the production of at least 20 C-HGB prototypes. Over a three year period, Dynetics, in collaboration with Sandia National Laboratories, will produce the first commercially manufactured set of prototype C-HGB systems, which will be used by the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, and the Missile Defense Agency. As the prime

contractor for the C-HGB, Dynetics will provide program and supplier management; procurement; assembly, integration and testing; electrical and mechanical manufacturing; and systems engineering for the prototype.

The \$347 million contract awarded to Lockheed Martin for its service as the LRHW prototype system integrator will allow for support in manufacturing, assembly, integration, test, systems engineering, and analysis – part of which will occur at Lockheed Martin's facility in Courtland, Alabama.

The C-HGB will be part of an integrated Army hypersonic weapons system prototype that will deliver residual combat capability to soldiers by Fiscal Year 2023. This new class of ultrafast, maneuverable, long range missile will launch from mobile ground platforms. Hypersonic weapons are unique in that they are capable of flying at five times the speed of sound and operate at varying altitudes.

These contracts are part of the U.S. Army's work to advance the fielding of a prototype hypersonic weapon by Fiscal Year 2023 and transition the development of Army hypersonic capabilities out of government laboratories, and into commercial production. This collaboration is administered by the Army Hypersonic Project Office, part of the Army Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office (RCCTO), which is headquartered at Redstone Arsenal in North Alabama and led by Lieutenant General L. Neil Thurgood.

AUSA Redstone Huntsville event calendar

Visit: www.ausa.org/redstone

- September 16: AUSA Hot Topic Live Stream Event for Community Partners-Army Cyber + Networks

- September 19: AUSA Redstone-Huntsville and Community Partner ARIA Wealth Management Hosts – Mr. Edgar Harrell, A Marine Survivor of the Sinking of the USS Indianapolis during World War II

- September 23: Community Partner Leadership Breakfast- Keynote Speaker: LTG Neil Thurgood, Director – Hypersonics, Directed Energy, Space and Rapid Acquisition – Rocket City Tavern 0700-0830

- September 28: AUSA Redstone-Huntsville YP Chapter- USA Patriots-America's Amputee Softball Team

- October 14-16: AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition, Washington D.C. – SAVE THE DATE! POC:

Rhonda Sutton, (256) 682-4955
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- October 19: AUSA Redstone-Huntsville and the West Point Class of 1979 USAREC “Meet your Army” in Atlanta at the Georgia State-Army Football Game! SEND A SOLDIER from Ft. Benning to the Game!

- November 4-11: AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Veterans Week

2019 Veterans Week Sponsorship Opportunities

- November 7: Ordway Breakfast-Jackson Center

- December 11: AUSA Redstone-Huntsville National Guard Birthday- the Jackson Center

- December 12: AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Holiday Party and General Membership Meeting –Von Braun Center – Details soon!

- December 21: Galaxy of Lights – Huntsville Botanical Garden AUSA Night – Details soon!

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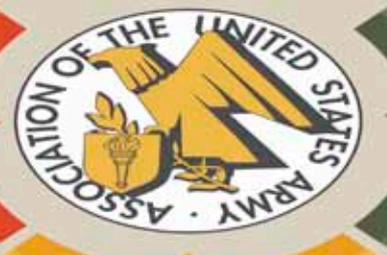
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