Greater Augusta – Ft. Gordon Chapter

AUSA Breakfast & Briefings

Featuring

Colonel James Clifford
Garrison Commander
Cyber Center of Excellence and Ft. Gordon

May 14, 2019

Our Keynote Speaker

Colonel James Clifford
Garrison Commander of the Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon

COL Jim Clifford was commissioned in 1994 as a Signal Officer upon graduation from Rutgers University. After attending the Signal Officer Basic Course at Fort Gordon, he was assigned as a platoon leader in the 112th Signal Battalion (Airborne) (Special Operations) and later as the Signal Detachment Commander at Fort Bragg, NC. From 1999-2001, he served in Hawaii as the S6 for 2/27 Infantry "Wolfhounds", then assumed command of the 390th Signal Company at Fort Shafter. He was then assigned to U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg as a Troop Commander, S3, and XO of Signal. His follow-on assignment was S3 in the Office of Military Support, followed by a Joint tour as the J6 for the Joint Interagency Task Force – National Capital Region. He was assigned as the G-6 for the 25th Infantry Division and selected as the Commander, Joint Communications Unit. His deployments include OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR (Bosnia), and multiple deployments to the CENTCOM AOR supporting OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, RESOLUTE SUPPORT, and INHERENT RESOLVE.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Rutgers University, a Master of Arts in Information Technology Management from Webster University and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from The Eisenhower School.

COL Clifford's military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), and the Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC). He has also been awarded the Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Badge, and foreign jump wings from Jordan, Honduras, Germany, and Latvia, as well as the Signal Corps Bronze Order of Mercury.

COL Clifford is married to Hannah Clifford, a 1995 USMA graduate, former Army Signal Officer and current Cybersecurity Executive. They have two children.

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Program Agenda

Welcome..... COL(R) Kelly Knitter
Pledge of Allegiance……..……All
Invocation…….....CH(R) Jim Truitt
Opening Remarks……..……COL(R) Kelly Knitter
Announcements/Awards.....COL(R) Thom Tuckey
Introduction of Speaker……COL(R) Kelly Knitter
Keynote Speaker ..……..……...COL James Clifford
Closing Remarks…….....COL(R) Kelly Knitter

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NEWS AND EVENTS

AUSA Greater Augusta – Ft. Gordon Chapter Wins Region Award!

COL (Ret) Kelly Knitter, Chapter President accepts the award for **"Best Chapter"** in the Third Region in its size category. The Third Region covers 19 AUSA chapters.

AUSA Board Member Presents Awards to JROTC Cadets at Lakeside High School

AUSA Board Member, Mark Parker, presented AUSA awards and medals to the two top cadets at the Lakeside High School JROTC Awards Ceremony

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Important Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

May 16th – YP/Morale Call (Gordon Club)
May 17th – MI Military Ball (Marriott)
June 7th - 159th Sig Corps Annv. Ball (Marriott)
June 11th – AUSA B&B (COL Chu – NSA/780th Int)
June 14th - Army Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony (Alexander Hall)

AUSA Board Members Say Farwell to MG John Morrison

AUSA Board Members bid Commanding General John Morrison farwell at the April Breakfast & Briefings. We will miss having such a great leader at the helm of the Cyber Center of Excellence.

AUSA Board Member Presents Awards to Top JROTC Cadets at Harlem High School

AUSA Board Member, Jim Whelan, presented special AUSA medals and certificates to the top cadets at the Harlem JROTC awards ceremony.

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