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**Newsletter of the Arkansas Chapter
of the
Association of the United States Army
3rd QUARTER 2017**

Chapter Update

- **Arkansas Hosting the Fourth Region Annual Meeting – REMINDER**, mark your calendars for this first ever event! Set aside **12-14 April of 2018** as we host the entire State and Chapter leaders from across the 4th Region. The major event for our membership will be the **President's Reception** on the first evening at the **Holiday Inn Presidential** off I-30 in downtown Little Rock. Please **make plans to attend**. We want to show the rest of 4th Region that AUSA-Arkansas is a vibrant and growing organization. We also need volunteers to help organize and support the meeting. Contact either David Cooper or Harold Tucker if you can volunteer some time.

- **Welcome to Members of the Warrant Officers Association!** Per a recent agreement signed between AUSA and WOA, we welcome all the Arkansas WOA members to AUSA-Arkansas. All of you now have "digital AUSA membership", effective June 1st of this year. This means you now can access all the educational and informational sites and materials on the AUSA home site, as well as now begin receiving our AUSA-Arkansas quarterly newsletter. (You may need to check with Member Services at the AUSA site for your log-in information.)

Your interests, your energy, and your creativity are welcome additions to our vital and growing Chapter!

- **241st Army Birthday Celebration is Rousing Success** – To better accommodate AUSA members and Soldiers of all status, AUSA-Arkansas worked with the local USAREC company to hold the Army's Birthday Celebration on Saturday, June 17th, rather than



on the official birthday on the 14th. Thanks to our Corporate members, we had a great venue at the Clinton Presidential Library, the traditional cake, and beverages for the attendees.

The highlight of the event was the ceremonial cutting of the cake, traditionally done by the oldest and youngest Soldiers present. This year those honors went to COL(Retired) Don English and PVT Robert Bussey.

This year's event also had the honor of the **Color Guard from the 90th Sustainment Brigade**, Camp Pike, North Little Rock, to post



BG(R) Jameson presents the AUSA-AR official coin to the members of the 90th Sustainment Brigade Color Guard

and retire the Colors. The five Soldiers, under the direction of 1SG Young, were SGT Billings, SPC Hunter, SPC McCracken, SPC Mosley, and SPC Roberts. Members of this highly trained Color Guard had only recently returned from the D-Day Commemoration in France. All five members have made that trip to commemorate the 90th Infantry Division's participation in the D-Day landings.

This year is also the 100th birthday of the 90th Division and the 90th Sustainment Brigade, as the successor unit, continues that honored lineage. Members of their Color Guard also supported the 90th Division Reunion in August.

On behalf of AUSA-Arkansas and our co-sponsor, the **Little Rock Recruiting Company** (Oklahoma City Recruiting Battalion) of the United States Army Recruiting Command, we also want to thank **Chaplain (COL, Retired) Ed Simpson** for both attending and for providing the invocation for the celebration, the Clinton Presidential Center for generously donating the venue, the **Whole Hog Café** for donating the non-alcoholic toasting beverages, and **Arkansas Flag and Banner** for the donation of the cake. We would also like to thank all members of the Arkansas Army Community for coming out to share our Celebration and to show your continued support for Our Army!

In our continuing effort to meet the needs of our members, AUSA-Arkansas would appreciate your feedback on your preference for next year's Birthday Celebration. Do you prefer another cake-and-social event, or one with a dinner? Please let us know by the first quarter of 2018.

- **90th SUSB Membership Drive** – Chapter President Tucker and Mr. Jameson were graciously invited to speak to members of the Army Reserve's 90th Sustainment Brigade about the importance of military professionals belonging to a professional organization that supports and advocates for their profession.



After the presentation, many Army Reserve Soldiers joined us with specific questions about AUSA and AUSA-Arkansas. Two Soldiers joined on the spot while others took applications to consider joining later.

- AUSA-Arkansas will be supporting their Best Warrior Competition in the 4th Quarter. **“Welcome Home” to Vietnam era Vets at Jacksonville MoMH** – AUSA-Arkansas donated a framed Vietnam-themed military print to the Jacksonville Museum of Military History to support their efforts to honor Vietnam era veterans with a day of special presentations, events, and activities. Chapter President Harold Tucker was on hand to make the formal presentation. The museum opted to hold a raffle and use the print to raise money for operational and educational expenses of the Museum.

Ultimately, over \$150 was raised! The winner of the print, COL(R) Bill Kehler, USAF, past

by the AUSA section to chat and by the organizers of the event.



Chapter President COL(R) Harold Tucker makes formal presentation of the AUSA print donation to Museum Director DannaKay Duggar

wing commander at LRAFB, indicated he intends to donate the print to the Arkansas Veterans Home at Fort Roots.

• AUSA-Arkansas General Membership Meeting –

The Chapter held one of its Annual Membership meetings in conjunction with the Memorial Day observances and Veteran’s picnic at the Sherwood Forest Community Center.

Veterans from all services were invited to the event and AUSA-Arkansas contributed to the support. While AUSA membership turn out was lighter than expected, the support of those who did attend was greatly appreciated by the many veterans who stopped



LTC(R) David Cooper meets with Incoming American Legion National President Denise Rohan at Sherwood event

• Continued Support To Arkansas Senior ROTC Programs

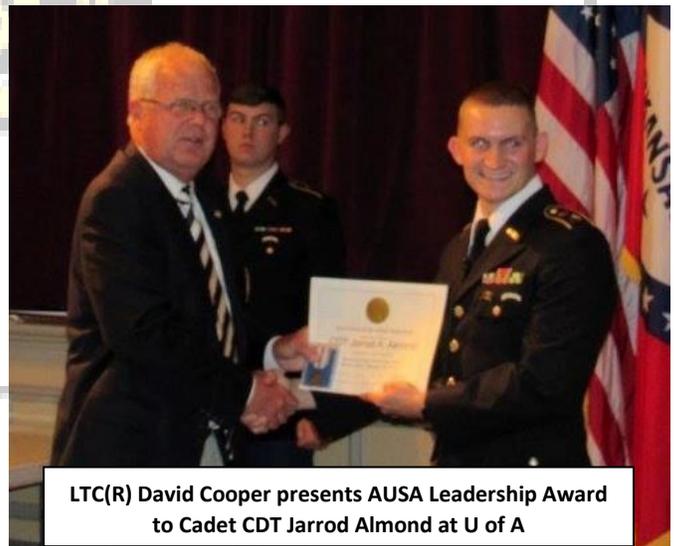


• UAPB Awards – Chapter President Tucker traveled to the University of Arkansas, Pine



Bluff to make the official presentation of the AUSA Leadership Award medal and certificate to Cadet Aaron Jones.

• University of Arkansas Awards – AUSA-Arkansas’ State President, LTC(R) David Cooper finished out the 2nd Quarter of 2017 with



LTC(R) David Cooper presents AUSA Leadership Award to Cadet CDT Jarrod Almond at U of A

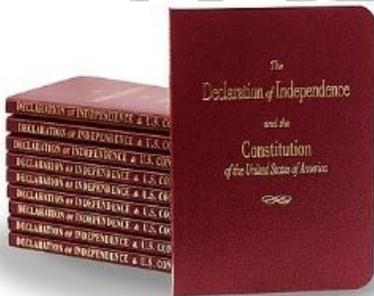


State President David Cooper presenting the AUSA History Award at U of A ROTC CDT Heath Land

a visit to Fayetteville to present Leadership Awards to University of Arkansas ROTC cadets.

- **“Constitutions for Comissionees”** – As part of its charter to “Educate – Connect – Inform”, AUSA-Arkansas will continue its educational program to provide a free personal copy of the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence to each soon-to-be-commissioned Army officer in the many Senior ROTC programs across the Natural State. The core of every officer’s actions is his or her Oath of Office, taken from the Oath administered to our President as directed by our Constitution. To understand our Constitution is to understand their Oaths and their highest obligations as officers.

Enabling the continuance of this program was a generous purchase agreement with the Cato



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non-profit, tax exempt educational organization that emphasizes the role our Founding Documents should have in public policy debate and their

importance in preserving the basic liberties that are the foundation of our free society. It strives to achieve greater involvement of the intelligent lay public in questions of policy and the proper role of government.



- **JROTC Leadership Camp at Camp Robinson** – State President David Cooper and BG(R) Bud Jameson were on hand to present the AUSA “Top Cadet” awards for the Cadet Challenge. This is an annual Junior ROTC event, with cadets from across the State and



Memphis, that challenges them physically and mentally while teaching team work, self-reliance, respect for others, and leadership. This year’s winners were Cadet Ethan Haley, Top Male Cadet, from Central High School JROTC, Memphis, and Cadet Sachmere Bougard, Top Female Cadet, from Trezevant High School, Memphis.

- JROTC Leadership Award Presentations

Arkadelphia JROTC



Mr. Jerry Dodd presents the AUSA JROTC Leadership Award to Cadet CSM Kris Hall

Fort Smith JROTC



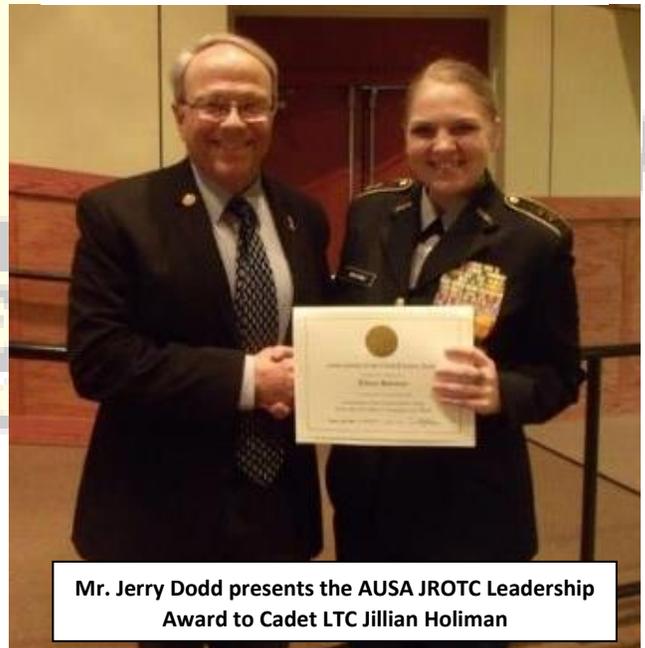
BG(R) Bud Jameson presents the AUSA JROTC Leadership Award – certificate and medal – to Cadet 1LT Mayra Perez during the Northside HS JROTC Awards banquet in Fort Smith

Conway JROTC



Conway HS Cadet Aleya Smithers receives AUSA JROTC Leadership award from Chapter President COL(R) Tucker

Malvern JROTC



Mr. Jerry Dodd presents the AUSA JROTC Leadership Award to Cadet LTC Jillian Holiman

Sheridan JROTC



Chapter President Harold Tucker presents the AUSA JROTC Leadership Award to Sheridan High's Cadet Nathaniel McDorman

Van Buren JROTC



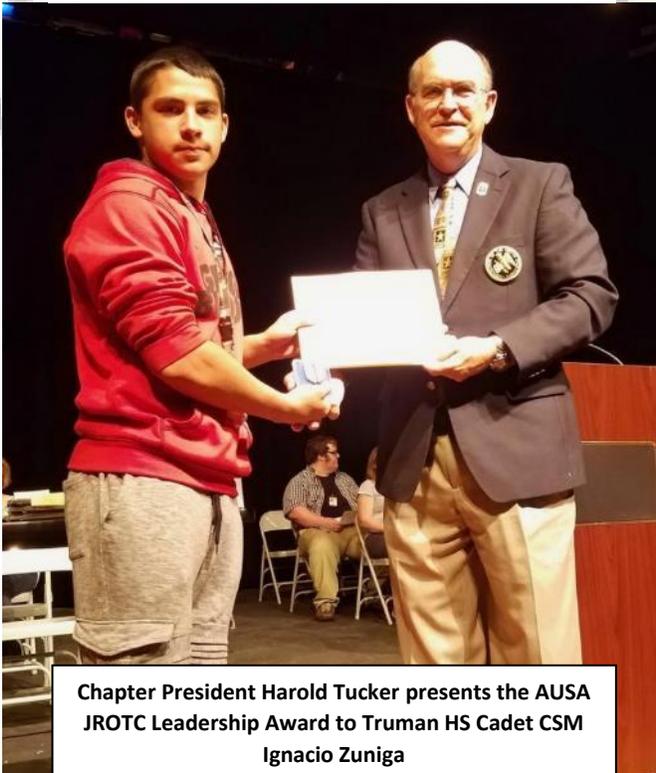
1SG(R) Phillips receiving AUSA JROTC Leadership award from President LTC(R) Cooper on behalf of Cadet Jacob Hutchins

Warren JROTC



COL(R) Harold Tucker presents the AUSA JROTC Leadership Award to Warren HS Cadet Gracie Rady

Truman JROTC



Chapter President Harold Tucker presents the AUSA JROTC Leadership Award to Truman HS Cadet CSM Ignacio Zuniga

Watson Chapel JROTC



Chapter President COL(R) Harold Tucker presents the AUSA JROTC Leadership Award to Watson Chapel HS Cadet Mo'nay Walker

White Hall JROTC



Chapter President COL(R) Harold Tucker presents the AUSA JROTC Leadership Award to Whitehall HS Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Colton Perkins

- Sign up a New Member – Earn the AUSA State Coin!



The first of its kind **AUSA-Arkansas Coin** is in! As the Arkansas contribution to the “Get Just One More” National membership drive, this very detailed and high quality symbol of your continued support for Soldiers and the entire Army Community in Arkansas **can be yours. Just sign up a new member!** Individual or Corporate membership doesn’t matter, but new members do.

Many thanks to your State and Chapter leadership for designing such a unique and collectible coin.

*“Once A Soldier,
Always A Soldier!”*

Army News

- **New Acting Secretary of the Army** – Former Army captain, and 75th Ranger Regiment veteran of Afghanistan combat, Mr. Ryan McCarthy was confirmed as the Under Secretary of the Army August 1st. He was also appointed to be acting Secretary of the Army after he was sworn in on August 3rd.

This was necessary as the current nominee for Secretary of the Army, Gulf War veteran Mark T. Esper, a U.S. Military Academy graduate who spent 10 years in the Army, has yet to be confirmed by the Senate. And the Senate Armed Services Committee has not scheduled a date for his confirmation hearing. It is not expected to be held until late September.

- **Army Adopting Armor Piercing Rounds and Considers Suppressors for ALL Infantry**

– In response to the development, and sale on the internet, of a new type of body armor that can defeat Army's standard Infantry round – and the attendant threat that it could be sought and acquired by many of the enemies the US Army is facing around the world today – the Army Chief of Staff, GEN Mark Milley, told Congress that the Army has developed a new 5.56mm round that will penetrate such body armor. The new round will still be fired from a standard issue M4 rifle.

To continue giving our Soldiers the best chance of winning in future fire fights, especially at night, the Army (and Marines) is looking into acquiring and issuing suppressors – there are no “silencers” such as are depicted in the movies – to its infantry units. Despite the additional cost, the Army sees many, many benefits. In combat, it reduces the noise signature of weapons significantly, as well as muzzle flash at night. In training, Soldiers shoot better because of the reduced noise and muzzle rise over non-suppressed weapons. And then there is the safety and long-term health benefit of not being exposed to the extremely loud report in either training or combat. (Editor's note: This latter is the rationale behind pending Congressional legislation to legalize civilian ownership of suppressors.) If the initial efforts to field and employ individual rifle suppressors are successful, there are plans to expand to suppressors for automatic rifles and machineguns up to .50cal.

- **New Army Certificate Commemorates Entrance Into the Profession**

– The Army announced on June 9th it has begun issuing “Soldier Certificates” to graduates of Army Initial Entry Training. Now, in addition to being awarded the Army Service Ribbon and the privilege of donning the black beret, graduates will also receive the new certificate (photo unavailable) at graduation. The new certificate is intended to strengthen the “Soldier for Life”

effort. No word on whether they will back-issue certificates to past graduates.

News From National

- **REMINDER – the 2017 AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition is 9-11 October at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, DC.** For more event information, tickets, travel, and lodging, use this link: <http://ausameetings.org/2017annualmeeting/>

In addition to hearing from and meeting with the senior leadership of the Army, as well as meeting fellow Soldiers and AUSA members, a highlight of this year's event will be the presentation of AUSA's highest award for distinguished public service, **the George Catlett Marshal medal**, to actor, humanitarian, and patriot **Gary Sinise!** If you haven't been, and can make your way to D.C., the Annual Meeting & Exposition is a great way to learn about today's Army and the planned Army of the future. **If you plan to attend, PLEASE** contact our State/Chapter leadership so they can ensure you get linked up with COL(R) Tucker. Thanks!

- **AUSA News – September Edition – is out on-line** – if you haven't registered your e-mail with AUSA (National), you most likely aren't receiving the new, on-line, version of the monthly “AUSA News” that we all enjoyed for years in newsprint copy. To access it directly, follow this link: [http://ausanews.ausa.org/publication/?m=44147&l=1#{\"issue_id\":432816,\"page\":0}](http://ausanews.ausa.org/publication/?m=44147&l=1#{\)

Otherwise, you can link to the full menu of AUSA publications via the homepage at: <https://www.ausa.org/publications-and-news>

You can also “follow” AUSA's national news at: <https://plus.google.com/+AusaOrg> where you will find AUSA news releases on the Army and the 119 Chapters of AUSA.

In this Edition, **AUSA-Arkansas** was recognized as an **“Eagle Chapter”** for exceeding both our number of members for the previous operating year AND number of

members of the previous month. Thanks to everyone working to “**Get Just One More**”. We are a growing chapter, but it will take effort and enthusiasm to continue. And now you can **earn a Chapter Coin!**

- **Institute of Land Warfare** – This past quarter, ILW published its latest paper entitled “Army Intelligence: Focus Areas For Science And Technology”. This informative and educational piece can be read on-line or downloaded as .pdf at: <https://www.ausa.org/publications/army-intelligence-focus-areas-science-and-technology>



State President

The AUSA Arkansas chapter just completed another successful year thanks to Chapter President Harold Tucker and his executive board. Our chapter was recognized by AUSA National and will receive the following streamer awards at the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition in D.C. in the following categories: **Greatest Percent In Membership, Excellence In Reserve Component Growth, Merit Chapter, ROTC Support, Army Birthday Event, Army History, Recruiting Command Support, Take the Hill, and Membership Communications.**

Great job!

During the next year there will be many opportunities for members to help the Arkansas Chapter grow and have another successful year. Contact COL Harold Tucker or myself (at

AUSA.arstatepres@yahoo.com) if you can help. Many thanks!

Best Regards

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Chapter President

It has been several months since our last newsletter and the summer has been very busy. The Chapter had a membership and information table at the Sherwood Community Center after the state Memorial Day ceremony and had the opportunity to speak with many Army and other service veterans that attended the picnic. It was a great way to recognize those who had served and especially recognize families of those that had made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

AUSA Arkansas also supported many JROTC and ROTC award ceremonies, military balls and other events as shown by the pictures in this edition. These covered almost the entire state and it was a privilege to meet the instructors and especially the cadets at the various high schools and universities. Also this summer at the JROTC Cadet Leadership Camp or JCLC, AUSA AR recognized the top female and male cadets after a week long event at Camp Robinson. Congrats to the two top cadets. This is a great program to recognize leadership in these cadets across the state of Arkansas.

Our state President, LTC (Ret) David Cooper attended the 4th Region meeting this summer and brought back future opportunities that could involve the Arkansas Chapter. More to follow on those initiatives.

It was a grand Army Birthday celebration again at the Clinton Center, meeting ‘future’ soldiers, current soldiers and many retirees that

attended. Thanks to the USAR's 90th Sustainment Brigade for providing the color guard and also to our corporate members for their cake, drink, facility and other support of the event. We look forward to an even bigger event in 2018 so stay tuned for more info.

I'll be attending the AUSA National meeting October 8-11 in Washington DC this year and I'll have the privilege to accept eight streamers that the Chapter earned this past year and mentioned earlier in this newsletter.

The Executive Board adopted these mission statements to describe AUSA Arkansas Chapter:

1. ROTC/JROTC support across the State (the Future)
2. Support to local Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Active Army units and their families (the Present)
3. Support to Army Retirees and Veterans (the Past - Soldier and family)

Everything that the AUSA Arkansas Chapter does will always reflect back to these three mission statements.

Finally, I want to advise all about the upcoming 4th AUSA Regional Meeting to be held in Little Rock on 12-14 April 2018. This is the first time Arkansas has hosted the meeting for our four states (TX, LA, OK, and AR) and it will be a great opportunity to Inform, Educate and Connect with the 4th Region President, Mr. Gus Rodriguez and the other chapter presidents across the four states. Be looking for additional information and the opportunity to meet these leaders during the 4th Regional Meeting. Much more to follow and also I'll be asking many of you for your support before and during the event.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **Little Rock AFB's 39th Annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day** is scheduled for **September 23rd** from **0900hrs to 1300hrs**. Opening comments by Colonel Gerald Donohue, Commander, 19th Airlift Wing at 9:00am. The event will be supported by the **19th Medical Group** who will administer **Flu Shots and fit and issue arch supports and ear plugs** for Retirees. (This would also be a great opportunity to inquire/schedule free eye exams and glasses – a **NEW BENEFIT** for Retirees!)

Refreshments are being provided by the AFCU, the BX, Commissary (DeCA), LRAFB Housing contractor, and donations from fellow military and Retirees. Door prizes will be awarded.

- For those who use the **LRAFB Pharmacy** for medical prescriptions, the 19th Medical Group will be **closed on September 28th** for training.

- **General Membership Meeting with 4th Region President** – Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the next GM meeting at 6pm (come earlier if you plan to dine) on **Thursday, October 24th** at the **Whole Hog Café in Sherwood**, on the HWY 67/167 southbound access road (Warden Rd). Come out and **speak with the 4th Region President!**

Other News You Can Use

- **REMINDER** – The **Retired Veterans Tax Relief Bill**, making military retired pay exempt from Arkansas State Income Tax, **begins on January 1st, 2018**. Be sure to adjust any automatic withholdings so you can take advantage of this tax relief beginning with your January checks!

• **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.

• **REMINDER – Veterans Granted On-Line AAFES Shopping Privileges.** As we posted in an earlier newsletter, on Veterans Day (November 11th) DOD will be extending PX/NEX privileges (on-line only) to **ALL Honorably Discharged** veterans in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our Nation. **HOWEVER**, you **MUST register**. This is the mechanism to verify your discharge status. Please do this at <https://www.vetverify.org/index.xhtml>. As there may be delays, depending upon demand, don't delay so you can begin this new benefit of your service as soon as it opens.

Visit either www.shopmyexchange.com or www.mynavyexchange.com to check out the values and special deals!

• **Lowe's Extending Military Discount to ALL Veterans!** Lowe's announced to Military Times that it will shortly be extending its current 10% military discount on all purchases beyond serving military, retirees, and their spouses, to include ALL military veterans. Veteran's will need to go to the Lowe's home page (<https://www.lowes.com/>) and sign up for a "MyLowe's" account. Do this by typing "military discount" into the query box and clicking on the magnifying glass icon. Currently that takes eligible military members to the site to sign up. Soon it will also accommodate all veterans.

The "catch" is that Lowe's is trying to phase out showing of military ID at checkout to receive your discount and will soon require ALL military

and veterans to have their "My Lowe's" card to continue receiving the proffered discount!

• **The Defense Finance and Accounting Service's addresses changed effective May 1, 2017** – The old addresses are being discontinued and will be replaced by addresses in Indianapolis.

The new addresses are:

• **Retired Pay:**

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Retired Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-1200

• **Annuitant Pay:**

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-1300

The old PO Boxes in London, KY, will remain open and all mail will be forwarded to the new address for one year. However, sending mail to the old address will add three to five days to the normal processing time. The telephone and fax numbers are not changing.

Please copy and paste the following web address into your web browser for additional contact information:

<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html>

• **The newest edition of Army Echoes is now available.** Army Echoes is the Army's official newsletter for Retired Soldiers and surviving spouses. It updates the retired Army community about changes to laws, policies, programs, and benefits that affect them. All Retired Soldiers and surviving spouses with active myPay accounts now receive Army Echoes electronically at their email address in myPay. Update your email address in myPay by visiting <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

Download your preferred version by clicking on the link below or by using your Army Echoes app (iOS and Android):

- Full Color:
<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes/latest.pdf>

- Black and White:
<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes/latest-pf.pdf>

Army Echoes Blog – The Army publishes articles to the Army Echoes Blog 3-5 days each week. These are the same type articles published in Army Echoes. Read the Blog at <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/blog>

Having trouble viewing the Army Echoes SmartDoc links? Recent security updates may have changed the way you view SmartDocs and emailed links. Here are possible solutions for viewing the recent Army Echoes distribution email sent by DFAS.

- **Disabled Links**

The Department of Defense disables website links in email for security reasons. In this case, the Army Echoes website is preceded by "Caution-". You might see "Caution-http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes/latest.pdf." If this happens, copy the website's entire name starting with "http://" and ending with "latest.pdf". Be sure not to copy "Caution-". Then paste this address into your web browser's internet address window and press "enter."

- **Security Certificate Warning**

If you received a website security certificate warning when attempting to open the Army Echoes link, it may be due to the Department of Defense not posting its security certificates in internet "trust centers" as commercial websites do. The Army Echoes website is a secure, Department of Defense website. You must select "ignore" to advance past this security certificate warning.

- If you still have concerns, send the editor an email at ArmyEchoes@mail.mil

- **VA Hotline goes live!** One of President Trump's promises to Veterans was to establish a "hot line" for Veteran complaints about the Veteran's Administration. The first step, a toll free phone line, was launched on June 1st. The call center (855-948-2311), called "The White House/VA Veterans' Complaint Hotline" is designed to collect and process the complaints of individual veterans in a more timely manner than working with the VA directly. Currently there are "live-answer agents" available during the workday, but by August 15th, it will be a 24 hour per day, 7 day a week operation.

- **State-by-State Veterans Benefits** – The American Legion recently rolled out a new service on their internet homepage, available to members and non-members alike, where veterans can research their state veterans benefits (the Legion also has Federal benefits and calculators at their homepage). The link for Arkansas veterans is: <https://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/arkansas>

- **Free Meals for Veterans** – As Veterans Day approaches, keep checking for updates of restaurants and other businesses offering meals and other recognition of Veterans at <http://militarybenefits.info/local-area-veterans-day-deals-for-veterans/> They are already listing Golden Corral, but will track and post as more are announced. There is also information on obtaining Veteran ID cards – if available – from various agencies and entities.

- **Little Rock VA in need of donated supplies** – Due to a recent influx of Veterans in need, the VA is out of the following items and requests donations in any quantity:

- Men's socks (large)
- Body Wash
- Deodorants
- Men's Briefs - M/L/X-L
- Razor Blades (Single – "safety")
- Laundry Detergent with HP (High performance)

Corporate Page



Whole Hog North Little Rock – 10% off for military Every Monday!



Welcome! Newest Corporate Member is
Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken
15% military discount EVERY DAY with valid ID



Clinton Museum Store – 15% discount for military, everyday!



Lynwick LLC - Military discount on string quartet performances at military functions and church events



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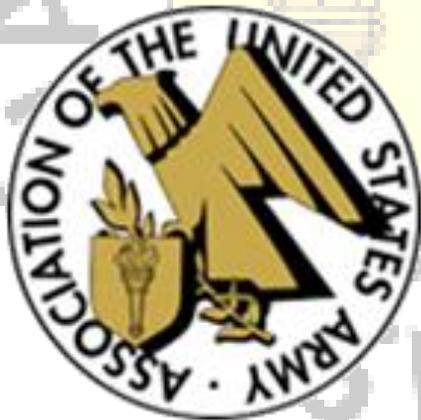


AUSA-AR Officers

Positions are still open!

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Chapter VP for Operations, Northeast –
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Chapter VP for Operations, South Central –
OPEN
Chapter VP for Membership – Lyn Lewis
Chapter Treasurer – Terry Hirsch
Chapter Legal Counsel – Jerry Dodd
Chapter Chaplain – OPEN
Director of Public Relations – BG(R) Bud
Jameson
Chapter Web Master – OPEN

Activity = Interest = Results



Editor's Final Thoughts

Wow! What a quarter! AUSA-Arkansas has worked hard to fulfill the vision of being there for our Soldiers – past, present and future – and their families. We all owe a debt of gratitude for the particularly hard work of few members in covering the many, many ROTC and JROTC events this past spring, and especially to **Mr. Jerry Dodd** for accepting the position of **Chapter Legal Counsel!**

With regard to our span of coverage, many of you may not know, but our Chapter operating budget is a function of membership dues. Our individual membership continues to slowly grow as many of you “get just one more” new member. As they say in the sales business, “just ask”. You may be surprised. No one may have ever asked them to join AUSA before.

But the small budget we have from our dues really limits our reach and effectiveness if looked at in terms of direct expenditures from AUSA-AR. It could go farther if we had more active volunteers to help in our good work. I want to also assure every dues paying member that the board works hard to stretch every dollar spent to the maximum and critically scrutinizes each proposed expenditure.

With that in mind, I want to express **my personal thanks to our Corporate Members** who have been making contributions well beyond just their membership dues. Their generous donations in support of AUSA-AR operations and our mission execution have allowed us to expand FAR beyond what could have been possible with just our dues-based budget. Corporate Members – not being uniformed members of AUSA – joined out of a desire to support our Soldiers and their families. AUSA-AR is proud to be the conduit for that support and is committed to arduously finding additional ways to continue linking our Corporate Members with Soldiers, units, and activities of the Army Community in Arkansas.

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