AUSA welcomes global symposium to Huntsville

By Kara Wall, VP for Digital Communication

Senior Army leadership will join thousands of Soldiers, civilians and contractors here in Huntsville for the Association of the United States Army Institute of Land Warfare Global Force Symposium and Exposition March 26-28.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, led by President Sam Torrey, is proud to welcome AUSA's second largest symposium to its backyard. "Huntsville provides the best opportunity for industry to meet directly with the Army Research and Development, acquisition, and sustainment leaders from Redstone Arsenal on their home turf," Torrey said.

The symposium also of fers government employees, contractors, and interested citizens throughout the Tennessee Valley the opportunity for direct engagement with Army leaders and industry, he said. "The Global Force Symposium is the premier opportunity for the government and contractor teams who support our Army and national defense to engage with and learn from the industry partners," Torrey said.

Torrey said he would encourage all Redstone Arsenal employees, civilians and contractors, to take advantage of the symposium that provides a unique professional development opportunity without any travel requirement.

A federal center of excellence, Redstone Arsenal is home to the United States Army Materiel Command, more than a dozen flag officers and 35,000 employees, and serves as the epicenter for Army sustainment and missile defense.

In addition to AMC, the symposium will include presentations from the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

Torrey said the symposium highlights and focuses on the Army's research and development, procurement, sustainment and training capabilities.

"There are excellent professional sessions and plenty of opportunities to network and socialize with other industry partners," he said. "Our chapter is proud to host three premier events during the symposium."

An expected 800 attendees will gather under the Saturn V Rocket at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center March 27 for the chapter's annual Rocket City Bash. The event will feature live music, food and drinks. Tickets are $50 for industry members and $35 for military and civilians and can be purchased online at www.ausameetings.org.

The chapter will also host the Our Community Salutes ROTC and Future Service Members Luncheon as part of the symposium's annual ROTC Day March 28 at the Von Braun Center's North Hall. Tickets are $30 per person and can be purchased online at www.ausameetings.org.

On March 26, the AUSA Young Professionals will host their YP Quarterly Networking Event at Campus 805. No registration is required to attend.

There is no fee for military or government personnel to attend the symposium, but registration is required. Pre-registration closes on March 22. Registration will reopen at the Von Braun Center beginning March 25.

For AUSA housing, registration, additional information or sponsorship opportunities, visit ausameetings.org.

President's Message

Happy New Year! The Chapter closed out 2017 with the annual Holiday reception and Christmas in Dixie concert at the Von Braun Center. The reception was a great way for us to once again celebrate our Chapter’s recognition as the Association of the United States Army’s Best Chapter of the Year! It was also great to share the spirit of the season and for the Chapter to say thank you to the many sponsors from the Annual Meeting. Following the reception, we were treated to the Christmas in Dixie Concert. The concert highlighted local musical talent and three different Elvis Presley tribute artists.

Your Association and Chapter have many exciting opportunities for professional development, networking and, most importantly, supporting our Soldiers, their families and Department of the Army Civilians.

Professional Development – improve your acquisition acumen and understanding of the Army’s global mission
• DAU-South Acquisition Day co-sponsored by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, February 22th
• USA Military Family Forum during Global Force Symposium, March 28th
• USA Global Force Symposium & Exhibition, March 26th – 28th
• USA Missiles Symposium, July 10th

Networking – expand your professional network
• USA Young Professionals Social, March 26th

Supporting our Soldiers, Veterans, Families, DA Civilians
• ROTC Luncheon during Global Force Symposium, March 28th
• USA Military Family Forum during Global Force Symposium, March 26th
• DA Civilian of the Year Recognition Dinner, April 3rd
• USA Army Reserve Birthday Celebration, April 20th (Tentative)
• ROTC Awards Presentations throughout the Spring
• Memorial Day Activities

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• 2 Years - $40
• 5 Years - $75
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Redstone-Huntsville Young Professionals Sub-Chapter
• The purpose of the Young Professionals Sub-Chapter is to raise the visibility of the U.S. Army and the Association within our community, provide opportunities for mentorship, networking, professional development, developing future chapter leaders, and service to our community.

West/Central Alabama Chapter

Tuscaloosa, Ala. —Dean of the University of Alabama’s College of Communication and Information Sciences, Dr. Mark Nelson, was honored with a certificate of appreciation from the West/Central Alabama Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. The certificate is given in recognition of extraordinary support of those who serve in the military. It is the first award of its kind that has been given to a UA faculty member. “It is a privilege to recognize Dean Nelson for his support of the men and women serving our country,” said retired Lt. Col. Nicolas Britto, chapter president. “For years now he has been supporting us in programs, giving us advice and has been helpful in getting information out to the community.”

Liz Fontenez is the Young Professionals Sub-Chapter President.
• Find out how you can become an AUSA Young Professional!

Be an Active member! For 2018, I encourage all of our Chapter members to take a few minutes and identify a particular area of interest for you. We need volunteers to support: the Veterans and Retirees Programs (Bill Tillman); to assist with Family Programs (Jim Rountree); become a mentor to our Young Professional (Liz Fontenez); present awards to JROTC/ROTC cadets (Sam Scruggs); to recruit new members (Bob English or Rhonda Sutton); 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 Weindenthal our VP for Chapter Support; Greg Potts our Anniston Satellite Chapter president; Nic Britto the West Alabama Satellite Chapter president, or Andrew Norton our Young Professionals Sub-Chapter vice president. Learn more at www.ausaredstone.org. Join us on Facebook at AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, or follow us on Twitter @AUSAREstone.

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Col. Sam Torrey, U.S. Army Retired

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AUSA luncheon honors local Medal of Honor Recipient

By Nicolas Britto, West/Central Alabama Chapter

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – More than 250 people attended a luncheon honoring retired Army Captain Gary M. Rose, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, on December 4, at the Tuscaloosa Rivermarket. The luncheon was sponsored by the Association of the United States Army, West/Central Alabama Chapter.

Rose was honored with a City of Tuscaloosa proclamation proclaiming Dec. 4, 2017, “Captain Gary M. Rose Day” and the Key to the City of Tuscaloosa. The Hillcrest High School Choir and the Crimson Pride Chorus provided entertainment. The Army Junior ROTC from Hillcrest High School and the Tuscaloosa Civil Air Patrol presented the service flags and the United States Flag.

President Donald Trump presented Rose with the Congressional Medal of Honor on October 23, 2017 at the White House.

Rose received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic act on September 11, 1970. Rose saved the lives of more than 50 service members.

District Court Judge Scott L. Cogler, Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill, Alabama Secretary of Labor Fitzgerald Washington, Alabama Senator Gerald Allen, Tuscaloosa County Probate Judge Hardy McCollum, and Tuscaloosa County District Attorney Hays Webb attended the event.


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We thank you!
Bash promises good food, good music

By Kara Wall, VP for Digital Communication

Join more than 800 professionals under the lights of the Saturn V for the 6th annual Rocket City Bash March 27 at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army is the host of the bash serving as AUSA Institute of Land Warfare Global Force Symposium and Exposition’s premier networking opportunity.

“The Bash is the social networking event for the Global Force Symposium. It’s an opportunity to get away from the conference and network with old friends and business acquaintances,” said Sam Torrey, president of the Redstone-Huntsville chapter.

Torrey said attendees can expect good food and good music in an environment that showcases Huntsville at its finest – the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

“You don’t want to miss this event,” Torrey said. “It’s the most fun you will have at the conference. Where else can you dine, relax and network under a Saturn V Rocket?”

Dress for the bash is casual. Tickets are $50 for industry members and $35 for all military and government civilians.

For more information about sponsorship or to purchase individual tickets, visit www.ausameetings.org.

Military Day

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army Chaplain Jim Henderson provides the invocation at the Alabama State House of Representatives Military Day Jan. 16, 2018 in Montgomery, Ala. Two of Alabama’s Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, retired Capt. Mike Rose and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie Adkins, were in attendance at the event honoring all Alabama veterans. Courtesy Photo

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AUSA brings holiday cheer to Army Reserve units

By John Perry, VP for Army Reserve and National Guard Programs

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army assisted local Army Reserve units at their annual Christmas family luncheons in an effort to boost holiday cheer.

Vice President of Army Reserve and National Guard Programs John Perry facilitated the Chapter’s support to three Army Reserve Units: the 4/108th Chemical Battalion, the 13/108th Ordnance Battalion and the 326th Chemical Company.

The 4/108th Chemical Battalion combined their family support training and Christmas luncheon. The Chapter provided speakers to supplement the unit training from the Employer Support for Guard and Reserve, Military and Family Life Counseling and AUSA.

Vice President for Corporate Programs Rhonda Sutton spoke to the group about AUSA and how the chapter contributes to the community. Mike Sutton, ESGR representative, provided the unit’s annual briefing on Employer Support for Guard and Reserve. Kelly Hays provided a briefing on Military and Family Life Counseling.

Historically, the Chapter covers the cost for the holiday meals but this year, AUSA Corporate Member Lawler’s Barbecue, provided the meals and drinks for over 100 people for free. Jim Kelley, managing partner for Lawler’s Barbecue, wanted to show his appreciation to the Army Reserve Soldiers and their families by providing their award winning barbecue for free. The Chapter would like to give a special thanks to Jim Kelley and Lawler’s Barbecue for their support.

The Chapter would also like to thank VP for Family Programs Jim Rountree, who provided the cake for the luncheons, and the great people at Brahan Spring Rec Center for providing the venue and for being so considerate to our Soldiers and their families.

The commanders and their Soldiers were very appreciative of the great relationship they have with the Chapter. AUSA is honored to support our Army Reserve Soldiers and their families.

From left to right. Kelly Hayes, Military and Family Life Counseling counselor, Command Sgt. Maj. Roderick Fordham, Battalion command sergeant major, and John Perry, vice president for Army Reserve and National Guard Programs.
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AUSA unveils new community partner program

As of 1 January 2018, the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) has updated its industry categories to simplify and customize new options for businesses and organizations of all sizes. Local-level organizations are now recognized as AUSAs Community Partners, replacing the previous Corporate Member program.

New benefits include discounts on advertising and postings in the AUSA Career Center. Partners with 5 or more members will also receive a complimentary listing in our online Industry Guide and discounts on exhibit space.

For more information on the program or to become a Community Partner, please contact Rhonda Sutton at RSutton@quantum-intl.com or (256) 682-4955.

AUSA recognizes Community Partners

By Rhonda Sutton, VP for Community Partner Program

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army has always been made up of like-minded executives, business owners and community leaders with the same passion... a desire to support the U.S. Army and all that entails. Therefore, the new name of the chapter level corporate membership program, Community Partners, is really nothing new for our chapter! We have had strong community partners since our chapter began. As we begin the new year 2018, we would like to thank our 279 current Community Partners.

AUSA's Community Partners are local businesses, large corporations, civic groups, veteran's organizations, societies and local community groups. AUSA's Community Partner Program provides local organizations the opportunity to demonstrate their support to Soldiers and their families while strengthening their own organizational and business objectives.

This month, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter would like to recognize one category of partners. These restaurants, attractions and meeting venues have shown their support to members of the Chapter, Active Duty, Guard and Reserve, their families, veterans and JROTC units throughout the year in a multitude of ways. Thank you for your continued unwavering support of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army and our members!

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For more information about the Community Partner Program, please contact Rhonda Sutton, vice president for Community Partner Program at (256) 682-4955 or RSutton@quantum-intl.com, or visit www.ausa.org/membership.
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A History of AUSA: Why and How We Came to Be

AUSA Executive Vice President, 1977-1988

When World War II ended in 1945, there was a national sigh of relief. The young men and women of America had made great sacrifices in the service of their country – now the war was over. It seemed inconceivable to many that another war could ever occur.

Congress had no intention of appropriating funds to keep an adequate national defense establishment in being. Moreover, the leadership, at all levels, was being decimated by departures and retirements. The Services were bickering about roles and missions and the Air Force was determined to establish itself as a separate service. The serious drought of limited funds challenged severely all services.

This was the climate in which on July 5, 1950 the Association of the U.S. Army was born. It came into being because the senior leadership of the Army recognized quickly that branch parochialism had ceased to be viable and that the Army had to learn to speak with one voice.

This was not without considerable heartburn among those who had risen high in their respective branches. However, war-time leaders like Generals Jackie Devers, Ray McLain, J. Lawton Collins, Lyman Lemnitzer, Wade Haislip, Mathew Ridgway, Jim Gavin, and many others recognized that the land-power concept that they had engrave in blood could survive only if the uninitiated could understand its importance. They had the courage to turn away from the old branch consciousness to say The Army – that's what is important.

Let us put our resources and efforts into an Association that can keep in the forefront the importance and requirements of the cutting edge of our National Defense – in particular, the needs of the soldiers and their families that are the Army, they declared.

So, genesis of the Association of the U.S. Army stems from the vision of those courageous leaders of World War II who recognized that the Army had to become as one and needed urgently and articulate spokesman,

They were willing to put their professions on the line.

The first President of the Association was General Wade Haislip, then the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. (He had been serving as the President of the Infantry Association.) The first Vice President was Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, at that time Comptroller of the Army (and formerly a highly regarded Corps Commander in Europe, and then President of the Field Artillery Association).

Almost all of the combat general officers from World War II and hosts of others applauded and supported vigorously this amalgamation of two of the basic combat arms into an association that could represent the whole Army.

On January 1, 1955, the Antiaircraft Association joined in and the important first steps toward a single voice were in place.

However, by 1956, it became increasingly apparent that in the political arena, an association with uniformed personnel in leadership positions could not address adequately the issues that were even being considered. There could not be a conception that uniformed leaders, through an association, were combating before Congress or elsewhere, the decisions of their political superiors. So a very important decision was made by the Council of Trustees of AUSA to amend the bylaws to prohibit active duty personnel from holding policy-making positions in the Association – thus strengthening greatly the total Army's one voice.

This constituted a major move from which many of the Association’s later accomplishments have stemmed.

Therefore, on November 1, 1956, Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Bucker wrote to all “major Commands and Installations” the following statement:

“The relationship between the Department of the Army and the Association of the United States Army, although unofficial, must be close and cooperative, without prejudicing the independence of the Association. I desire that commanders at all echelons render the Association the maximum support and encouragement. During the organization of regional chapters, the Association will have the greatest need for assistance about the organization of membership, the provision of meeting places, the provision of qualified speakers, and the attainment of local recognition. In my opinion, the success of the Association is a matter of vital interest in the Department of the Army. I therefore urge that no effort be spared by any member of the Department in supporting the Association and its objectives to the maximum extent of its abilities.”

AUSA continues to provide a voice for the Army, supports the Soldier, and honors those who have served in order to advance the security of the nation.

AUSA educates its members, the public, industry, and Congress about the critical nature of land warfare and the Army's central role in national defense.

AUSA informs its members, our communities, and Congress about issues affecting America’s Army and the Soldiers who serve in the Regular Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve.

AUSA connects the Army to the American people at the national, regional, and chapter levels.

The mission is clear now, as it was when it began. The difference is we are bigger, stronger, more expert and, most important of all, have established reputation for competence, integrity and effectiveness. The Army leadership today continues its vigorous support of its association.

You Should Be a Member of AUSA

By Bob English, VP for Membership

If you are in the Army, Army Reserve or National Guard, you should be a member of AUSA.

If you are a family member of one of the above, you should be a member of AUSA.

If you are a Department of the Army Civilian, you should be a member of AUSA.

If you are a retiree or veteran, you should be a member of AUSA.

If you work for a defense contractor, you should be a member of AUSA.

Because these are the groups that AUSA advocates for and supports.

If you are a citizen concerned about our National Defense, you should be a member of AUSA. Because your support helps AUSA accomplish their mission which helps ensure our National Defense.

If you need any more reasons that you should be a member, here are a few:

• Discounts on products, travel and financial and wellness products
• Representation on Capitol Hill
• Educational opportunities through expositions, symposiums and other educational resources
• Volunteer and serving opportunities in the community with the local chapter

The Redstone-Huntsville chapter is also involved in numerous events and activities during the year such as:

• Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award
• Young Professionals events

• ROTC Leadership training and events
• Missile Symposium
• Army, Reserve and National Guard Birthdays
• Armed Forces Week
• Veterans Week and Parade

Convinced yet why you should be a member? Another benefit is that you get to meet some great people and network with community leaders at chapter events. You can go to www.ausa.org for more information and to join. See you at the next event.
National Guard celebrates 381 years

By John Perry, VP for National Guard and Army Reserve Programs

The National Guard celebrated its 381st birthday in grand style at a breakfast December 13, 2017, at the Jackson Center in Huntsville.

Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy S. Thompson, operations intelligence noncommissioned officer for the 111th Ordnance Group (EOD), served as the event’s first NCO guest speaker. He spoke about his real-world experiences as an intelligence analyst in Afghanistan and addressed the importance of history and patriotism for our young people.

“I believe that teaching history and patriotism to our youth is the foundation for moving our Country forward,” Thompson said.

In addition to his numerous awards, ribbons and medals, Thompson was awarded the Soldiers Medal by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the United States Army at the Jackson Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

Our Community Salutes ROTC and Future Service Members

By John Wright, Immediate Past President

More than 250 local JR OTC and ROTC cadets, as well as Future Service Members, are expected to attend the ROTC Day during the 2018 Global Force Symposium and Exposition on March 28 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

The Our Community Salutes ROTC and Future Service Members Luncheon, hosted by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, is the key event of the day. Army Materiel Command’s Gen. Gus Perna is the invited guest speaker.

The day’s events will begin with a Distinguished Leaders Panel open to all cadets, Future Service Members, and symposium attendees. They will then have the opportunity to view the exhibits and learn about the Army and interact with industry partners to learn about careers and future systems.

The day, previously focused on JROTC and ROTC cadets, will expand this year to include young adults who have enlisted in the Army and will attend basic training beginning in the summer of 2018.

Attendance for cadets, Future Service Members, and cadre is at no cost but advance registration is required. JROTC and ROTC cadets should contact the Senior Instructor at their school to express interest in attending. Future Service Members should contact their Army Forces Recruiter or the chapter directly. ROTC Cadets from outside the local area should contact the chapter’s event organizer, Rhonda Sutton, at (256) 682-4955 or RSutton@quantum-intl.com.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter would like to give special thanks to retired Col. Bill Mar ks, vice president for Huntsville Operations for Geocent, as the event’s sponsor. The Chapter also thanks Col. Mik e Izzo and retired Sgt. 1st Class Da ve Car-
AMC Band Adds Muscle Shoals Sound to Legacy

By Lisa Simunaci, Army Materiel Command

Armed with their instruments, soldiers with Army Materiel Command’s unit band entered what many in the music industry consider hallowed ground.

Script lettering over a wood-paneled doorway reads: “Through these doors walk the finest musicians, songwriters, artists and producers in the world.”

The decor is dated and sparse, but plaques commemorating hit records and framed photos of renowned recording artists welcome visitors to Fame Studios. Within these walls, the legendary Muscle Shoals sound reverberates.

“The History Here is Just Incredible”

“All of us as musicians had a hero or somebody we grew up listening to, and it’s almost guaranteed they recorded somewhere here in this town. Every musician has their own story -- and I think before each of our soldiers settles in to do their craft, they stop for a second to take it all in and appreciate where we are and what we’re actually doing.”

Bettencourt is the third warrant officer to lead the band since it came to its Redstone Arsenal home, and he will also be its last. The band is among several across the service slated for inactivation next fiscal year.

Dwarfed by the photos of his own musical heroes, Bettencourt stepped inside Fame’s Studio A, where his soldiers were ready to stake their own place in musical history. The AMC Band was capturing its sound and marking its legacy with several recordings in Muscle Shoals. The musical collection, which will be available to the public, will be the lasting testament to the band’s time in the Tennessee Valley.

The band came to Redstone Arsenal in 2011, moving with the Army Materiel Command headquarters as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure. While the headquarters moved from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the band transferred from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Community Performances

Since the band arrived in Huntsville, it has integrated with the community and has made a tradition of connecting with local talent. Playing upward of 300 performances a year, it is common to see members of the community, university musicians and other local groups performing alongside the uniformed band members at public performances.

Building on the band’s tradition of community involvement, Bettencourt reached out to both fellow musicians and the legendary Muscle Shoals music community to pitch in on a project that will live on, long after the band is gone.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Lindsey from the Army Field Band’s Six-String Soldiers prepares for a recording session at Fame Studios in Muscle Shoals, Ala., Sept. 20, 2017. Army photo by Sgt. David Dorfman

Over the period of several months, the band collaborated with top talent, including the Army Field Band’s acoustic group, the Six String Soldiers; Oakwood University’s famed Aeolian choir; and country and bluegrass legend Ricky Skaggs. The final result will be recordings engineered at Muscle Shoal Sound, Wishbone and Fame Recording Studios.

On a September day, when the Six String Soldiers were in town to lay down tracks for a cover version of “Country Roads,” engineers at Fame Recording Studios quietly acknowledged the abnormality of the situation.

“This is the day the Army invaded Fame Studios,” said singer, songwriter and producer Michael Curtis.

Skilled soldiers riffed on guitars, plucked a bass and strummed banjos and mandolins as they took in the surreal setting.

Overlooking the studio from behind the soundproof glass of the elevated control room, sat Jimmy Johnson -- an original member of The Swampers. A black baseball cap that says “Muscle Shoals” covered his gray hair, and reading glasses settled loosely in his T-shirt pocket.

“Tied in with the sound of music, the history of the recording studio,” said Bettencourt.

Army Veteran

To his knowledge, Johnson said this is the first time an Army unit band has recorded in Fame. And for him, the time communing with the soldiers brings back his own military memories.

“I was in the Army in the ’60s,” Johnson said. “I went to basic training and spent six months in the National Guard. That was enough for me. I was a 120-day wonder.”

Johnson spent much of that decade playing guitar with the likes of Aretha Franklin and Wilson Pickett and engineering tracks for groups like the Rolling Stones. After more than a half-century of success in the music business, Johnson credits his short stint in the Army for teaching him discipline.

“I still fold my socks the same way,” he said.

The respect and admiration the soldiers expressed during their time in Muscle Shoals, Johnson said, is mutual. Assisting the AMC Band form its lasting legacy is a point of pride for the producer.

“They say they’re honored to be here,” Johnson said. “That definitely goes both ways.”

Christmas in Dixie

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army President Sam Torrey teams up with three Elvis Tribute Artists, Riley Jenkins, Cody Ray Slaughter and Shawn Klush, at the Christmas in Dixie Concert Dec. 16, 2017 at the Von Braun Center’s Mark C. Smith Concert Hall. The concert raised thousands of dollars for the Chapter that will go to supporting Soldiers, their families and Department of the Army Civilians. More than 1,100 people attended the event. Courtesy Photo
Leader to the Core: Set Your Compass for 2018

By Bob English, VP for Membership

Leaders cast vision. We are used to setting a course for our organization. We know how to determine where the organization needs to go. We can lay out a path to get there.

But, how well can you determine where you need to go, where you need grow as an individual and lay out a path to get there?

I would like to give you a tool to help you do that for 2018. The tool consists of a series of questions to help you review your year in 2017. You need to start with where you came from, what worked, didn't work, where you ended the year. Then another series of questions will help you preview and prepare to set goals for 2018.

For the following questions about 2017, do your best to identify five items for each question - and answer them intuitively from the heart. This isn’t about what “looks good” to others, instead think about what you are proud of - no matter how small or unimportant it might seem to others.

1. Name your proudest five achievements this year. This could be something big, small or anywhere in between. What are you most proud of?

2. List five challenges you overcame this year. What was hard? What are you proud of overcoming, dealing or getting to grips with?

3. What did you learn about doing your job? Think about skills, knowledge, techniques, useful facts, lessons learned etc.

4. What did you learn about yourself? These could include (but are not limited to!) your strengths, weaknesses, talents, positive or limiting beliefs, desires, values, hopes, fears, etc.

5. What new or existing relationships did you develop? Who did you grow your relationship with? This could be personal or in business.

6. What did you create or bring into the world this year? Think broadly - it could be anything at all that has your unique stamp on it!

7. How specifically did you make a difference in the world this year?
   Big or small, how did you help others/community/the world? It could be in your family, wider community, friends, colleagues - even strangers!

8. Where did I have the most fun? What did you enjoy most in your business this year? Take a moment to really feel into this question.

As you review your answers for 2017, instead of looking for flaws or what you want to fix, look at where you have potential, where you can grow and make the biggest impact.

Now for this year, ask what kind of year will 2018 be for you? Will you own the results of 2018 on Dec. 31, 2018?

Do your best to identify five items for each question and answer them intuitively from the heart. This isn’t about what “looks good” to others, instead think about what matters to YOU - no matter how small or unimportant it might seem to others.

1. What top five things do you want to achieve in the year ahead? Big, small or anywhere in-between, what would you be proud to achieve in the coming year?

2. Name five challenges you anticipate in the year ahead. What do you expect to be hard/difficult? What will you need to deal with, overcome or get to grips with?

3. What do you need to learn in the coming year? What do you need in order to grow?

4. What do you want to grow or learn about yourself this year? Where will you stretch and grow yourself?

5. What relationships would you like to grow and develop?

Who inspires, supports and encourages you? Which relationships will you consciously work on?

6. What would you like to create or bring into the world this year? This could be anything at all - big or small!

7. How specifically will you make a difference in the world in the coming year? Big or small, how will you help others/the world? It could be in your family, wider community, friends, colleagues - even strangers!

8. Where will you Enjoy Yourself & Have Fun in the Year Ahead? How will you play at work/home/in life?

Now you are ready to set goals for the year based on your answers. With goals in hand, here are some ways to jumpstart 2018:

Commit to making a difference. Are you committed to make your life count before you challenge others to make their life count?

Recognize the power of quitting. What do you need to quit doing?

Eliminate tired goals. What goals do you have that don’t inspire you anymore?

Make today count. What are you doing today that impacts your 2018 goals the most?

Stop celebrating busy. How much margin do you want daily?

Reject fear by acting. What do you fear? How can you overcome that fear? When can you do it?

Replenish yourself. What gives you energy? How much “me time” do you need each week?

Welcome problems. How well did you handle today’s unexpected problems?

Celebrate success.

Have a productive and successful 2018.

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Bill Tillman, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army vice president for retirees and veterans programs, presents a 25-year certificate of appreciation to AUSA Community Partner DESE Research, Inc.

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