SUBJECT: 2012 MG KEITH L. WARE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMPETITION

Appendix C:
SGM Dawn Kilpatrick Memorial AUSA Scholarship

In 1999, the Army and the Association of the United States Army formed a partnership as a tribute to Sergeant Major Dawn Kilpatrick and her 20 years of service to this nation. She died at her home in Herndon, Va., May 23, 1999, after a two-year battle with cervical cancer and eight days after she retired. SGM Kilpatrick was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on May 27, 1999.

The Office of the Chief of Public Affairs established an ongoing scholarship in her name—The SGM Dawn Kilpatrick Memorial AUSA Scholarship.

The scholarship is designed to allow mid-level and senior noncommissioned officers the opportunity to compete for an educational scholarship grant. This grant is intended to assist the NCO further their educational goals and give the Army a better-rounded “Total Soldier.”

The criteria for this scholarship is for an NCO that best exemplifies the Army’s vision and influences others in shaping future leaders while practicing excellent stewardship of the nation’s most precious resource - our soldiers.

The SGM Dawn Kilpatrick Memorial AUSA Scholarship recipient will receive a $4,000.00 check for tuition assistance, books and associated fees connected with their educational choice.

To be eligible, the NCO’s leadership must submit the nomination by the application deadline. Specific requirements: must be in the Active component, Army Reserve or Army National Guard; a CMF 46 sergeant to sergeant major with less than 18 years of active service; hold a primary MOS of 46Q, 46R or 46Z. In addition, the soldier must be in an indefinite status or have at least 3 years remaining in service upon receipt of the scholarship.

To compete for the SGM Dawn Kilpatrick Memorial AUSA Scholarship, soldiers who meet the above eligibility criteria must submit the following:

- Enlisted Record Brief (showing time in service remaining), official DA photograph, and copies of last two APFT and last two NCOERs.
- Supervisor’s recommendation is extremely important as its content is used for the basis of the selection and is used for AUSA publicity of the scholarship and the Soldier. Supervisors should include how the NCO nominee best exemplifies the Army’s vision, care for Soldiers and works toward shaping our future leaders. The recommendation will address the NCO’s leadership traits to include: responsibility, initiative, adaptability, competence and dependability.
- A separate statement that soldier meets Army height and weight standards and is not pending unfavorable actions is required from the supervisor.
- Endorsement letter from the first CMF 46 Sergeant Major in the applicant’s chain of command is highly encouraged.
- A 1,000 word essay on the future of Army Public Affairs and how the NCO can impact it, is required from the nominee.

Submit the nomination packet to Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, ATTN: SGM Dawn Kilpatrick Memorial AUSA Scholarship, 1500 Army Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310-1500. For application questions, or to submit packet digitally, contact SFC Robert Couture at (703) 697-7590 or robert.a.couture.mil@mail.mil.
MEMORANDUM FOR Director, U.S. Army Public Affairs Center, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755: ATTN Training Division

SUBJECT: Statement of Eligibility for the SGM Dawn Kilpatrick Memorial AUSA Scholarship, BLEISTEIN, Sadie E., ###

1. This is to certify that SFC Bleistein meets height and weight standards IAW AR 600-9, and is not pending UCMJ actions, barred from reenlistment or flagged IAW AR 600-8-2.

2. POC for this action is Mr. Supervisor at (555)555-5555 or mr.supervisor.civ@mail.mil.

MR. SUPERVISOR
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Director, Army Public Affairs Center