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The New Hampshire Chapter of AUSA



Chapter General Membership Newsletter – October 2018

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A Note from the Chapter President

Greetings everyone! A very busy and productive September just ended, and I am about to head out to DC for the AUSA Annual Meeting so let me get right into things.

One of our members, Steve Brown, alerted me to a wonderful podcast called “Ranger For Life,” produced by the Darby Project (<https://darbyproject.org/>). It is very well done and worth listening to for anyone and everyone interested in how it feels to transition from the military life to civilian life and the challenges many of our Soldiers face in this process. I highly recommend it as it has a lot of great insights even for those of us who have been through and come out the other side of the transition journey. You can find the podcast at <https://darbyproject.org/podcast/>. The episode Steve is in is at <https://anchor.fm/ranger-for-life/episodes/Steven-Brown---If-you-want-it--Own-it-e1spnk>

A special note of thanks to Mike Horn for his contributions, dedication and hard work in making the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery a world-class and dignified final resting place for our New Hampshire Veterans.

September Recap

Sep 21, Chapter Golf Tournament: The biggest event this past month was our Golf Tournament on 21 September. A great event and so much fun for all!! A big thanks to our Corporate Sponsor, Optics1, for their generous donation in support of this event. Also, a special thanks to Saint Gobain for sending two Foursomes to the event; Frank Tansey from Pepsi for the generous donations of gifts for the golfers put in their golf bags; and to the Amherst Country Club for their great support to the event as well as donations for the gift raffles at the end. Our tournament raised enough donations so we could donate \$1,500 to the Education Center at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery and \$345 for our Adopt-a-Recruit program. Thanks to all who donated and joined us that day. Most importantly, I thank our team that put this together, Dane Rota, John Deyermond, Brad Nadig and Jacob Remick. Their outstanding commitment to making sure this event was a success is greatly appreciated by us all! Thanks!!

Sep 20, Visit to the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab (CRREL), Hanover, NH: I had the opportunity to visit with Dr. Joe Corriveau and David Sinclair at the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab (CRREL) in Hanover, NH. This little known but strategically important Army installation right here in New Hampshire is on the cutting edge of the DoD effort for ensuring our military forces are prepared for any environment that includes cold weather, tundra, snow, frozen conditions, you name it. Wherever the environment is the harshest, you will find a CRREL engineer on the job figuring out how to make it easier for our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen to operate and succeed in that environment. They also do work for the Department of Transportation and Commerce in such areas as how to control ice dams on rivers; the best solution to eliminate ice on the highway; and other important issues that effect our lives in the Winter. They also have a facility in Alaska and operate the largest permafrost tunnel to study the effects of permafrost on an arctic environment and the effects that global temperature changes are making on these locations and the permafrost. They are also looking for people interested in working for CRREL so if you are interested, check out their website for more information:
<https://www.erdc.usace.army.mil/Locations/CRREL/>

Upcoming Chapter Events:

October 8 to 10, AUSA Annual Meeting in DC: The biggest event for the entire AUSA family is the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Information about this event can be viewed at <https://t.e2ma.net/message/87ki8/o4syc6>. The theme for this year's event is "Ready Today, More Lethal Tomorrow."

October 21, "Vetworking" Social, American Legion Hall, Manchester: Thanks to the hard work and efforts of Chapter member Chris Sittig, there will be another "Vetworking Social" on the 21st of October at the Manchester American Legion Post 2 on 251 Maple

St. If you are an employer, please consider attending. If you are seeking employment, please plan on attending. The flyer is in this newsletter. Doors will open at 11 AM and refreshments will be served. No cost to attendees. Feel free to invite friends.

November 10, UNH Salute to Veterans Football Game: The UNH Athletic Department coordinated with our Chapter and we will be participating in the school's "Salute to Veterans" at the 10 November football game against the University of Albany. Veterans and their family members will have greatly discounted tickets so please plan on joining us at the Wildcat Stadium for this great event! The flyer is on page 11 of the newsletter.

January 25, Chapter "Army Ski Day" at Gunstock: Our Chapter will hold our Army Ski Day on 25 January at Gunstock Mountain Resort. There will be skiing, tubing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and night skiing all available to everyone who attends. Plus, we will have a social after the day skiing with soup and sandwiches. This can be a family day so please put this on your calendar and invite others to attend and bring your family as the tubing will be after the ski day, so the kids can attend after school. More to come as we get closer to that "dreaded word – Winter!"

Please visit Our Facebook Page: Our Chapter's Facebook page is called the "Colonel Edward Cross Chapter, the New Hampshire Chapter of AUSA" and you can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/Colonel-Edward-Cross-Chapter-the-New-Hampshire-Chapter-of-AUSA-1350333641697702/>. Please visit the page and hit the Like button so you can receive notifications when items are added. There you can see pictures from our events as well as learn about upcoming events. If you want to add items to the page, contact me and I can have them added. Pictures from events will be posted there so please take the time to visit the page and hit the "Follow" button. Thanks!

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AUSA Institute of Land Warfare Publications:

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- 2018 'Profile of the U.S. Army' Available: AUSA's Institute of Land Warfare has recently published a new Special Report titled, Profile of the United States Army. Updated every two years, Profile describes the structure and priorities of today's Army, serving as a reference handbook for people familiar with the Army and an easy-to-read introduction for family members, civilian employees, contractors and future Soldiers. This latest edition of Profile discusses the Army's role in preserving the country's security and national interests; it also describes the history behind the Army's current organization. Profile contains pertinent information and helpful graphics on the Soldier, the uniform, the Army's current operations, Army families and the Army's command structure and installations. Notably, this edition introduces Army Futures Command, activated in 2018. Profile also contains a glossary of the military acronyms used in this text and an index of maps illustrating locations of

current Army commands, corps and divisions, current Army National Guard divisions and Army Reserve divisions and functional commands. Read it online at: <https://www.ausa.org/publications/profile-united-states-army-2018-edition> To obtain a printed copy/copies, email your request to ILWResources@ausa.org. Please include your name, address and how many copies you would like.

- "The North Atlantic Treaty Organization: Dubious Political Will to Defend Baltic Allies" (Land Warfare Paper 120, August 2018), by Major Zachary Morris. With an eye on tensions in Eastern Europe, Morris examines the components that define political will, with a caveat that it is best defined by its absence rather than its presence. After outlining what political will looks like in theory, Morris moves on to identifying it, and the lack of it, in the specific instance of NATO allies and their attitudes toward contemporary Russian aggression. He concludes that many key allies are not as firm in their resolve to protect the Baltic states as they might be, signaling potentially serious weaknesses in the efficacy of the NATO alliance as a whole. Read it online at: <https://www.ausa.org/publications/north-atlantic-treaty-organization-dubious-political-will-defend-baltic-allies>. To obtain a printed copy/copies, email your request to ILWResources@ausa.org. Please include your name, address and how many copies you would like.
- "The Influence Machine: Automated Information Operations as a Strategic Defeat Mechanism," (Land Warfare Paper 121, September 2018)," by Major Christopher Telley. Examining the convergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Information Operations (IO), Telley outlines in compelling—and sometimes chilling—words the strategic liability confronting America's Army and people. Drawing a historic parallel between the hitherto unseen extent of influence able to be exerted because of the printing press during the Protestant Reformation, the author warns that the Influence Machine, enabled by AI and IO and already functioning in the hands of bad actors, has an exponentially growing ability to surreptitiously color reality and motivate people with compelling misinformation, as the American people experienced in the Russian hacking of the 2016 presidential election. Telley argues that current Pentagon efforts to meet this challenge are insufficient; if these problems are not addressed with the attention and resources that they should be, America will continue to lie exposed to unacceptable threats and malicious actions. Read it online at: <https://www.ausa.org/sites/default/files/publications/LWP-121-The-Influence-Machine-Automated-Information-Operations-as-a-Strategic-Defeat-Mechanism.pdf>. To obtain a printed copy/copies, email your request to ILWResources@ausa.org. Please include your name, address and how many copies you would like.

AUSA Member Benefits:

We have some great money saving benefits available to members:

- The NEW MEMBER BENEFITS GUIDE: A collection of short descriptions on AUSA's services and savings offerings. It will appear as a pullout in the upcoming

Green Book. A copy is always available at
https://www.ausa.org/sites/default/files/AUSA_membership-benefits-booklet.pdf

- The latest one-page Member Savings Sheet: Appears monthly in ARMY magazine and AUSA News. The latest version can always be pulled from www.ausa.org/perks

Highlights of our newest member savings programs:

- Wholesale Hotel Rates - Members have exclusive access to this "closed user group", providing excellent discounts at more than 600,000 hotels around the world. All the major chains are participating, and savings can be as high as 60%. Visit www.ausa.org/hotelclub to register.
- Legal and Identity Theft Protection Benefits - In today's society, legal and identity theft protection is needed, and we are thrilled to provide you with both of these benefits at preferred AUSA member rates. With LegalShield, members receive direct access to a dedicated law firm who will assist them and their families with any personal legal issues such as legal review of documents, speeding tickets, Will preparation and more. IDShield monitors their identity and credit and sends an alert if a threat is found. If an identity is stolen, IDShield licensed private investigators will work on their behalf to restore their identity back to its pre-theft status. AUSA Members get preferred member rates. The AUSA preferred member rate for IDShield is \$6 per month for the individual plan and \$11 per month for the family plan. The LegalShield legal plan is \$15.95 per month in most states.
- New AUSA Visa card - This is a great way to give back to the mission with a rewards card which we designed. The card has a generous reward program for Members and returns a donation to the mission with each use. We designed the 4 cards so that most members should find one that appeals to them.

If you have questions about our member savings programs, please contact AUSA's Director of Affinity Programs, Susan Rubel, at srubel@ausa.org or 703-907-2642.

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Until next month... Thank you for your membership and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Greg d'Arbonne, Colonel Edward Cross Chapter President

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Flu Shots Available

It is flu season and the Manchester VA is asking for your help prevent the spread of flu!

- Ask for the flu shot when attending an appointment in Primary Care, Specialty Care, Urgent Care, or the Community Based Outpatient Clinics

- Walk into your local Walgreens, show your Veterans Identification Card, and receive the flu shot at no charge
- Drive Through Clinics at the VA Manchester: Drive Thru flu clinics will be behind the medical center between Building 6 and the garage (same location as last year). On the days of the flu clinic there will be signs directing cars where to go.
 - October 2, 2018, 8am to 4pm
 - October 16, 2018, 8am to 4pm
- Walk-In Clinics at the VA Manchester:
 - October 22, 23, 24, 2018 8am to 4pm daily
 - Saturday, October 13, 2018 8am to 12 pm

*Please note the Flu Clinics will not be open prior to 8am.

CBOC Clinics at Conway, Portsmouth, Somersworth and Tilton: Patients can ask for the flu vaccine at a scheduled appointment, or they can consult with the clinic to come in when a nurse is available.

Veterans are also able to get the Flu Shot at Walgreens.

Questions? Call Faith Mazzucchelli, RN at 624-4366 x2140

Dedication of the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument, 6 October

The Gold Star Family Memorial Monument committee will dedicate the Gold Star Family Memorial monument at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, October 6 at 1:00 PM. For more details: <https://www.facebook.com/NH-Gold-Star-Families-Memorial-Project-1677717735791759/>


Laconia VFW Post 1670 is proud to be hosting a

**New Hampshire Forum to address
Veterans' Homelessness.**

Thursday October 18, 2018
Doors Open at 5:30 PM
Program Begins at 6:00PM

Featured Speakers:
David Tille, HUD New England Regional Administrator
Mandy Reagan, Harbor Homes, Plymouth
Lt. Col. Joseph Kenney, Executive Councilor, District 1

The Snack Bar will be open.
 Please contact Hillary.seeger@gmail.com with questions.
 The event is open to the public.





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Salute to Veterans Gala

Saturday October 20, 2018 6:00PM
VFW Post 1670
143 Court Street, Laconia, NH

Proceeds to benefit **Children of Fallen Patriots and Laconia VFW Post 1670**



Program Master of Ceremonies, the incomparable **Josh McElveen**, former WMUR Political Director and ALWAYS a US Marine.

Keynote Speaker: **Governor Jim Gilmore (Fmr VA)**, US Army Veteran, Board of Directors, CACI International, Head of American Opportunity.

Roast Prime Rib, Truffle Stuffed Chicken Dinner followed by an evening of dancing.

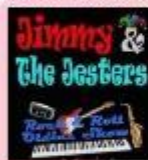
Black tie optional. No jeans, t-shirts, shorts, etc..



Tickets are \$25 and are available at the post or online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/salute-to-veterans-gala-tickets-50020464153>

Tickets will not be sold at the door. Ticket sales will end October 18th 2018.



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For more information contact the Women Veteran Program

Manager Laura Caisse, LCSW at (603) 624-4366 x 6541

First 100 to register get a free t-shirt

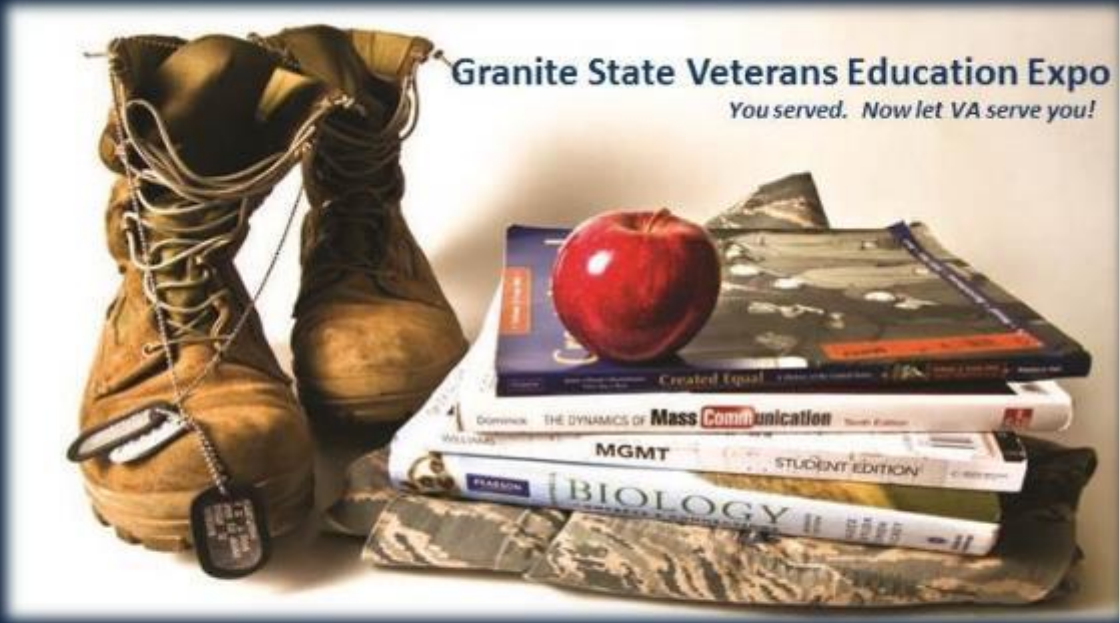
To Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GQDHRR7>



NHTI Veterans Remembrance Ceremony, November 6th, 12 to 1 PM

NHTI invites you to their Veterans Remembrance Ceremony, Tuesday, November 6th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, with a luncheon to follow. NHTI is located at 31 College Drive in Concord. They will also host a Veterans Fair from 10:00am - 3:00pm that day.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Pontacoloni, Asst Registrar and Veterans Club Advisor, at epontacoloni@ccsnh.edu or 603-230-4000 Ext. 4279. The NHTI Veterans Club is a supporter of Honor and Remember and contributor to the Gold Star Family Luncheon and has sponsored Honor and Remember personalized flags over the past many years. It has always been important to them to honor our fallen heroes.



Granite State Veterans Education Expo

You served. Now let VA serve you!

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Training and Education Room

Manchester VA Medical Center

718 Smyth Road

Manchester, NH 03104

www.Manchester.gov

Veterans take advantage of admission representatives from over 15 colleges and universities throughout New Hampshire who will be available to talk about options, pathways to attain a degree or certificate, and networking opportunities to plan/apply/afford your college degree.

Come early and meet with

****Veteran Benefits Administration Representatives 3-4:30 p.m.****

Learn more about the Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits: https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp



For event information contact Manchester VA Medical Center's Office of Public Affairs at Kristin.Pressly@va.gov or (603) 624-4366 x 6779

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WHERE: Comcast

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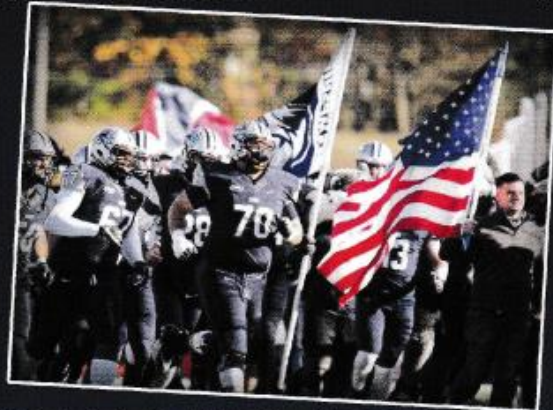
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If you're not already a member of AUSA, please click the link below to fill out an application. As a member of our chapter, we'll keep you updated on upcoming events, important news on the military, and ways you can get involved with supporting service members.

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