



The Salute

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Chapter celebrates 241st Army Birthday with Dinner

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter hosted the 241st Army Birthday Dinner on June 14th, 2016 at The Westin Huntsville. Our guest speaker was Lieutenant General Larry Wyche, Deputy Commanding General, Army Materiel Command and Senior Commander Redstone Arsenal.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA recognized its Army Volunteer Families of the Year during the Army Birthday Dinner. A plaque was presented to each family by Chapter President

John Wright, LTG Wyche, Jim Rountree Chap VP for Family Programs, and Dave Seay State President. Each family were guests of the chapter at the dinner.

Once again this year the Sparkman HS Army Junior ROTC Color Guard presented the colors at the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter's Army Birthday Dinner. Cadets from Lee HS Army JROTC served as ushers assisting individuals in locating their tables for the dinner. All of the cadets were guests of the chapter as we continued to celebrate the 100th Anniversary Year of ROTC.

The Huntsville Recruiting Company Commander Captain Nelson and the Montgomery Recruiting Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel Metcalf attended the dinner hosted by the chapter. Captain Nelson was specifically recognized from the podium for his contributions over the last 3 years as the Company Commander.

The Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for North Alabama, Dr. Joe Fitzgerald, attended the chapter's Army Birthday Dinner and represented the Secretary of the Army at the dinner and during the Birthday cake cutting.

We thank our presenting sponsor Northrop Grumman and all of sponsors. Significant support was provided by the 389th Army band, Sparkman



Above: Cutting the 241st Army Birthday Cake provided by Sweets and Treats Creations.

HS Army JROTC Color Guard, and Lee HS Army JROTC. The cake was donated by Sweets and Treats Creations. The planning committee was led by Marc Jacobson and Tammy Wright. Special thanks to the staff of The Westin Huntsville.

At right: Attendees enjoy pre-dinner networking.



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President's Message

Your Redstone-Huntsville chapter was very busy during May and June supporting Soldiers, Army Families, and Department of the Army Civilians across North Alabama. The many volunteers and event leaders for the listed activities below deserve our thanks and gratitude as they continue to support the community at large and the Army Team.

Professional Development – the primary purpose of AUSA

- U.S. Army Reserve Birthday Celebration
- 241st Army Birthday Dinner & General Membership Meeting
- Entrepreneur/Multi-Generational Workshop

Networking – expanding/strengthening your professional network

- AUSA Young Professionals Networking Event
- AUSA “Iron Mike” Golf Tournament

Support our Soldiers, Soldiers for Life and Veterans, Families, DA Civilians

- BBQ with the vets held at the Tut Fann State Veterans Home
- Memorial Day Ceremonies
- 2nd Annual Memorial Day Tribute
- Army Volunteer Family of the Year Recognition
- Welcome Home Company A, 136th ESB, Alabama National Guard
- ROTC Awards Presentations
- Redstone in the Park – 75th Anniversary Celebration
- Armed Forces Celebration Week

The Association's 2016 membership rates are a great opportunity for new members and those considering a life membership. Invite someone to join or gift a membership to a young person.

- **Individual Membership Rates – better value for money**

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- **Chapter special membership incentive for Young Professionals and JROTC/ROTC Cadets**

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Major changes in Association Leadership

I join all of our members in a sincere thanks to General (Retired) Gordon R. Sullivan who retired in June as the President/Chief Executive Officer of the Association. He leaves an indelible imprint upon the Association and the U.S. Army. We also welcome General (Retired) Carter Ham as the Association's New President. General Ham brings a wealth of experience and leadership to take the Association to new heights. Additionally, LTG (R) Roger Thompson retired and LTG(R) Patricia McQuiston officially assumed the role of the Vice President for Meetings and Membership.

Election of Officers and Board of Directors

During our June General Membership Meeting the chapter conducted the election of officers and directors for the operating year 2016-2017. The results are listed below.

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Satellite Chapter President's Message

Summertime in the Anniston Area "Gallant Pelham" Satellite Chapter

Lazy, hazy, crazy summertime 'Army Strong' greetings from the Anniston Area Gallant Pelham Satellite Chapter! As we see this year's ROTC / JROTC Awards presentations in the rear-view mirror, and as Our Nation's Army is 241 years young, we in the southern satellite turn our focus to community partnering.

On Wednesday, 22 June, our corporate sponsor and partner, BAE Systems - Anniston, and their Anniston leader and our VP for Civilian Activities, Max Dodd, joined with the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce for the first ever Young Entrepreneur / Multi-Generational Workshop at The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Auditorium in Anniston. Thanks to

BAE for leading the way in promoting the importance and role of Our Army and the defense industrial base in our area.

Summertime also means serious planning and preparation for our primary fundraiser of the year, The Annual Golf Scramble. VP for Special Projects, David Sanders, is running the traps with the Anniston Country Club to see if Friday, September 30th, will be the best date for this most successful and longed - for event. Major sponsors from last and previous years such as General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS) and BAE Systems are already talking about their sponsorships ~ stay tuned for this fun and worthy event.

With this successful fundraiser being

planned, our chapter has set our sights on the late autumn and early winter and our partnership with the MG Watson Chapter of the Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA). Last Christmas, we were able to apply proceeds from the golf scramble towards our joining the Watson Chapter in the active and vigorous Christmas Holidays Visiting Veterans Homes project. We found this to be an excellent way to remember and look after those who have served honorably and are resting in their later years.

Take care, and stay Army Strong!



Gregory F. Potts
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Annual meeting slated for fall

A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) will travel to our Nation's capital once again as part of the AUSA Annual Meeting 3-5 October 2016. The Annual Meeting serves as an important professional development forum for our Army and the companies supporting Soldiers. In addition, the Annual Meeting offers exceptional opportunities to network with leaders in the Army and defense community. We anticipate a great turn-out from the Huntsville – Madison – Madison County and Anniston areas as well as Redstone Arsenal. Once again our host hotel will be the Embassy Suites at the Convention Center. The Chapter will host our very popular Hospitality Suite on Tuesday night - a great place to network and wind down after a day at the Convention Center. More information regarding lodging and tickets will be sent to corporate member points

of contact and posted to the chapter's website www.ausaredstone.org in the coming weeks.

Held every October, the AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition is the largest land power exposition and professional development forum in North America. This event consists of informative and relevant presentations, panel discussions on pertinent military and national security subjects, workshops and important AUSA business meetings.

There will be dozens of professional development events, seminars and presentations during this event including:

- AUSA Institute of Land Warfare (ILW) Contemporary Military Forums
- AUSA Military Family Forums
- Sergeant Major of the Army NCO and Soldier Forum
- Small Business Forum
- Warrant Officer Professional Development Seminar
- Army National Guard Seminar
- Chief, Army Reserve Seminar
- Pre-Retirement/Survivor Benefit

Plan Briefing

- Numerous International Networking events
- Department of the Army Civilian Professional Development Seminar

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Over 26,000 attendees from around the world
- 600 displays in five halls located on both levels of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center
- Over 250,000 net square feet of display space
- Ten international pavilions: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Korea, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom
- New AUSA Homeland Security Pavilion
- Small Business Pavilion
- Veterans Career Hiring Pavilion organized by the American Freedom Foundation
- Army Display with multiple messages set up by TRADOC

- Army Warriors Corner – Included presentations from senior personnel supporting key Army Themes
- Army Acquisition Rally Point Occupied by ASA(ALT) personnel for meetings/visits and outreach.
- Installations, Energy & Environment (IEE) Rally Point

Your Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will support the two award-winning Team Redstone running teams as they compete once again to bring home their division championships in the 32nd running of the Army Ten-Miler. Our well known "HOOAH Tent", also known as "The Launching Pad," serves as the pre- and post-race center of activities for our two teams and their supporters. We also provide a place for the many solo runners who travel from the Redstone-Huntsville area to participate in this great event. If you have never witnessed the start/finish of the Army Ten-Miler we hope you will join us on Race Day, October 9th.



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Chapter hosts 2nd Annual Memorial Day Tribute

After months of preparation, the Association of the U.S. Army – Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, and the Huntsville / Madison County Memorial Park Foundation hosted “An Evening at the Memorial”, a one-hour Memorial Day special covered live on CBS affiliate WHNT Channel 19 on May 30th 2016.

The local AUSA Chapter Vice president for Corporate Affairs, Max Bennett, was the senior organizer and also the master of Ceremonies. Appearing over the course of the hour was Ms. Lee Marshall, singing the National Anthem and ‘God Bless America’. A local firefighter quintet, ‘Fahrenheit’ sang, as did Nashville singer / songwriter Michal Anthony Curtis, who sang an original song entitled, “We Know You”, honoring wounded warriors. The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra and the Army Materiel Command Band and a local gospel choir from Huntsville’s First Missionary Baptist Church sang live for the gathered audience of more than 500.

AUSA’s Third Region President-elect, Kris McBride, spoke of AUSA’s mission of service to those living and remembrance of those past. Acting as poetry readers were Huntsville youth, Nicholas Owen and Bobby Pastorelli. Representing the families of the fallen was Gold Star Mother, Joyce Wilburn. AUSA Chapter Chaplain, Jim Henderson, provided the benediction.

It was an evening of remembrance and a banner day for the Association of the U.S. Army.



Here are the links for those who missed the Tribute and other Memorial Day events:

<http://whnt.com/2016/05/24/an-evening-at-the-veterans-memorial-will-honor-those-who-gave-their-lives/>

<http://whnt.com/2016/05/26/list-of-memorial-day-2016-ceremonies-events-around-the-tennessee-valley/>

Upcoming AUSA Events

July 2016

Executive Committee Meeting
Executive Board Meeting

August 2016

Executive Committee Meeting
Executive Board Meeting
YP Networking Event

September 2016

Update with Industry
Executive Committee Meeting
Executive Board Meeting
Anniston “Gallant Pelham” Golf Scramble

October 2016

AUSA Annual Meeting
Army Ten-Miler
Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team Exhibition
Executive Committee Meeting
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November 2016

Heroes Week and Veterans Week Activities
Executive Committee Meeting
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December 2016

Holiday Reception and General Membership Meeting

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Three families honored as Army Volunteer Family of the Year 2016

This year, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), honors three families as our Army Volunteer Family of the Year 2016! They are the Carpenter Family - Reed, wife Patricia, and children Rachel Bringham, Alan Damrau, Michael Damrau, Robert Carpenter, and Ryan Carpenter; the Mroszczyk Family - Major Joseph, wife Robyn, and children Porter and Vander; and, the Ross Family - James, wife Ashley, and children Lillian, Jack, and Amelia. Each of these families epitomizes the purpose of this AUSA National Award - "the exceptional Army family whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving Army well-being and the well-being of the local community." They are active volunteers for our community, installation, and Army units, demonstrating outstanding leadership in planning, organizing, and directing volunteer events.

The Carpenter Family

The Carpenter Family epitomizes the volunteer spirit. Reed and Trish's give freely of their time, treasure, and talents, and overall walk in faith to make the community better. Together they support two local congregations and heavily support Cub Scout activities in North Alabama.

Reed is a member of the "Missile Tones", an acapella group; he provides Public Service Announcements for concert events with local radio stations; serves as a Scout leader where he staffed and directed two courses of Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills for Greater Alabama Council during 2014-2016.

Trish helps others who cannot defend themselves through the Court Appointed Juvenile Advocate (CAJA) system. She is also a member of the Patriotic Choir.

The Mroszczyk Family,

The Mroszczyk Family, Joe and Robyn, support the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's sponsored Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) events. They consistently strive to give back to the Army family. Robyn and Joe can be seen at any unit activity showing their support, and are consistent in demonstrating the Army Values in all that they do.

Joe was the Race Director for the First Annual Army Space Professionals Association (ASPA) Rocket City Super 5k and 10k run 2015-2016. Including sponsorships, the race raised over \$1200 to fund an ASPA scholarship for local high school students.

Robyn, an accredited financial counselor, volunteers her time with counseling services to wounded veterans and their families. She is a National Military Family Association (NMFA) volunteer for the Huntsville/Redstone Arsenal area and a photographer for NMFA.

The Ross Family

The Ross Family are active in their community and schools, and support Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) events. Jim and Ashley serve in key positions in many civic organizations and the family, including three children are active in sports activities in their schools and charity and fund raising events.

Jim is currently a basketball coach with a city league, and serves on the Redstone-Huntsville AUSA Chapter Board of Directors. He also serves on the board of directors for the Air, Space and Missile Defense Association and as an executive committee member for the Air Defense Association.

Ashley currently serves with the Madison Family of the Year Committee, Women's Ministries and the PTA in two schools. She is a past president of the Redstone Arsenal Community Women's Club.

The volunteer activities of these three Army families have resulted in marked benefits for all the events they have supported and have greatly assisted in the betterment of our local communities. Annual recognition of this very worthwhile program is conducted for our Chapter as part of the Association's Army Family Programs. Winners at the local level are submitted for region and national level recognition.

2017 Nominations

Nominations for 2017 may be submitted by any interested individuals and organizations. Please send your request for Nomination Forms to Jim Rountree, Chapter VP for Army Family Programs, at email: carolynandjim121@gmail.com.



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Leader to the Core: The Toughest Person to Lead is _____

How did you fill in the blank?

If we were honest, most of us would agree that the toughest person to lead is always yourself. We may think about accomplished leaders and assume they have it all together. But if we really examine their lives we will find that they struggle to lead themselves well.

When I think of the times when I have struggled as a leader it is because I have failed to lead myself well. I'm sure you have heard the saying, "We have met the enemy and he is us." When I was a young Army officer leading a unit, several groups within the unit couldn't get along with each other. I would sit down with each group and listen to their issues but I couldn't seem to solve the problem as they presented it.

I look back now and realize that I was trying to please each group rather than bringing them together and getting everyone focused on the unit mission. They were all focused more on themselves and I wasn't doing anything to help change that. I was acting more like a referee than a leader.

In "Leadership Gold," John C. Maxwell lays out a couple of reasons that we are our own worst enemies. First, we don't see ourselves as we see others. Human nature seems to endow us with the ability to size up everybody but ourselves. If we don't understand our weaknesses we won't be able to lead ourselves effectively. As leaders we can develop good vision and insight when we look at others but we need help in identifying our own blind spots.

Second, we are harder on others than we are on ourselves. We tend to judge others on by their actions but tend to judge ourselves by our intentions. If we believe our motives were good even if we did the wrong thing, then it will be hard to ever change. Don't miss this. We may judge ourselves based up on our intentions but you can bet that those following us are judging us on by what we actually do.

Maxwell also lists things to do that will help you lead yourself better.

- **Learn Followership.** Bishop Fulton J. Sheen said, "Civilization is always in danger when those who have never learned to obey are given the right to command." In other words, you need to know how to follow well before you can lead well. If you have learned to follow well, you understand the world that followers live in and have your pride under control.

- **Develop Self-Discipline.** Learning to lead yourself includes developing and practicing self-control. A leader without self-discipline will find difficulty in consistently making good decisions and taking the right actions.

- **Practice Patience.** I have to work on this one. Leaders have a bias for action and getting things done. However, the goal is to take everyone with you across the finish line. Sometimes to do this, a leader must slow down and be more deliberate. Lead, but don't get too far ahead of your people.

- **Seek Accountability.** Good leaders know that power can be seductive, and they understand their own fallibility. Accountability can help here and effectiveness begins way before we take action. A good indicator of accountability is the willingness to seek and accept advice. Early advice is better to keep you on track.

These are some practices that will help you lead yourself better. I am sure that you can think of a few more. The question for all of us is, what are we doing about it? Bill Hybels says that "everyone wins when a leader gets better." What are you doing today to become a better leader for yourself and others?

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Fifth annual veterans' barbecue



The Redstone-Huntsville AUSA Chapter teamed up with the Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association (RSASMA), Military Officer Association of America (MOAA), Warrant Officer Association (WOA) in our fifth annual BBQ with the vets held at the Floyd R. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home June 4th, 2016.

Willie & Patricia Pullom represented AUSA during the planning for this joint effort. Many chapter volunteers including Bob English, John Wright Redstone - Chapter President, Tammy Wright, and Program Executive Officer Aviation BG Robert Marion and his family. Volunteers from several organizations

including a magnificent comfort dog, and AUSA board members supported the event. There were many smiles and memories shared amongst all of the attendees.

The event was open to all AUSA members to come out spend time and talk with our "Tut" Fann Veterans. As always, the "Tut" Fann staff greatly assisted in helping our combined group share our appreciation for our veterans. The food was catered by "Spicy BBQ". All the Veterans, family members and the staff were very thankful for the joint effort sponsoring such a magnificent event. CSM(R) Pullom thanks all those who took time out of their busy schedule to support the effort.



AUSA 108th Birthday of the Army Reserve Breakfast

by John Perry

The 108th Birthday of the Army Reserve was celebrated at the Tom Beville Conference Center in Huntsville, AL on Friday, April 22, 2016. Soldiers from several local Army Reserve units in Huntsville were in attendance. Our chapter also had a great showing of our retired Army Reserve soldiers, retired military, and distinguished guest for our annual AUSA breakfast.

Command Sergeant Major (Retired) John Perry, Chapter VP for National Guard and Reserve Affairs, opened the event by welcoming the Army Reserve Soldiers, the Army Reserve retirees and our honored guest. He announced the 108th birthday of the Army Reserve and thanked all those soldiers, both active and retired for their service and dedication over the years. John also commented on the significant role of the Army Reserve Soldiers perform in keeping our country safe.

Colonel (Retired) Jim Henderson, Chapter Chaplain and a Vietnam Veteran gave the invocation.

Following Army tradition of having the oldest and the youngest Army Reserve Soldiers cut the birthday cake, Colonel Jay Gilhooly, the event's guest speaker, came forward as the oldest Army Reserve Soldier present. Captain Leo Gilliland was our youngest soldier. Together, the Army Reserve Soldiers maneuvered the ceremony sword for the official cutting of the cake.

As part of the official introduction of our guest speaker, Captain Leo Gilliland, Chapter VP for Young Professionals and an Army Reserve Soldier in the Army Materiel Command – Army Reserve Element (AMC-ARE), introduced the guest speaker – COL Jay Gilhooly.

Colonel Gilhooly is the commander of the AMC-ARE. His unit provides materiel readiness to 12 active partners for



Photo by Tammy Johnson

COL Jay Gilhooly, Commander, Army Material Command – Army Reserve Element (left) receives chapter coin from CSM(R) John Perry during the Army Reserve 108th Birthday breakfast.

AMC's worldwide mission in 22 states and 5 countries. He summed up his comments with this statement:

“Celebrating the 108th birthday of the Army Reserve together was a great opportunity to showcase our historic levels of total army force integration. Army Reserve Warrior Citizens have been tested in the crucible of combat, earning their status as full partners in a totally integrated, three component force that integrates smoothly with other branches of the armed forces. AUSA is an important part of the operational Army Reserve from supporting Soldiers and their families to ensuring that the employers of Army Reserve Soldiers remain stead-



Photo by Tammy Johnson

COL Jay Gilhooly, Commander, Army Material Command – Army Reserve Element (left) and CPT Leo Gilliland, Army Reserve Command – Army Reserve Element cut the birthday cake on April 22. The Army Reserve 108th Birthday breakfast was sponsored by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA.

fast in their support. The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter 3103 is an amazing family that truly exemplifies that role as well as providing amazing opportunities for our Soldiers to learn and grow.”

At the conclusion of Colonel Gilhooly's presentation, John Perry presented him with a chapter coin on behalf of the Chapter President, John Wright in appreciation for being this year's AUSA Army Reserve Birthday guest speaker.

We wish to thank Colonel Gilhooly, Dr. Joe Fitzgerald – Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army-North Alabama (CASA-NA), Lieutenant General (USA Retired) Dick Formica, Major General (USAR Retired) Paulette Risher – Pro-

gram Director Veterans Employment Services for Still Serving Veterans, Chief Mark McMurry – Huntsville Chief of Police, Chief Ralph Cobb – Madison Fire Chief, Major Paul Eichwurtzle – USAR, SFC Steven DeBacker - USAR; Colonel (USAR Retired) Henry Oldham – Past Chapter President, Colonel (USAR Retired) Mike Lindsey, and numerous others for attending the AUSA annual breakfast.

We would like to thank the great people at the Tom Beville Center for a great breakfast and allowing us to use their facility.

Thank you all for attending. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



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Welcome Home Event for A CO 136 Expeditionary Signal Battalion (ESB)

By John Perry

On Saturday, June 11, 2016, at 10:00am, a plane arrived from Ft. Hood, Texas carrying 93 soldiers from A Company, 136 Expeditionary Signal Battalion returning home from a 9 month mobilization to the Middle East. The soldier's families were waiting anxiously. The excitement grew as the plane came to a stop just a short distance way away from hanger at Signature Aviation at the Huntsville International Airport.

There were over 300 family members and well-wishers waiting for the loved ones to walk off the plane. As the soldiers walked thru the doorway of the plane and down the steps, they were greeted by the Commander of the 135th Expeditionary Support Brigade, Bridger General Cannon. Also

there to greet the soldiers were the Battalion Commander of the 136th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Sam Torrey, Chapter Vice President, and John Perry, Chapter VP for National Guard and Army Reserve Affairs. Sam Torrey presented each soldier with a Chapter coin and welcomed each soldier home.

Company Commander, CPT. David Bacon, marched his soldiers from the tarmac to the hanger at Signature Aviation where the families and well-wishers were anxiously waiting. Mr. Dave Carney, former Chapter VP for National Guard affairs (and wearing his famous Uncle Sam hat) welcomed the soldiers' home with a great "Hoo-ha!" Also, welcoming the soldiers home were U.S. Representative, Robert Aderholt; Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, Dr. Joe Fitzger-

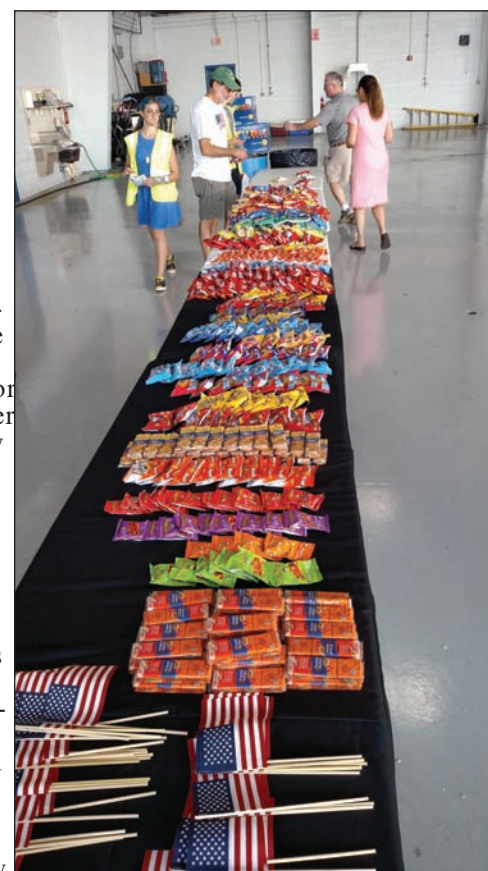
ald, Major Troy Trulock, Mayor of the City of Madison, and an aide to U.S. Representative Mo Brooks.

CPT. Bacon addressed the crowd and thanked everyone for their support in welcoming the unit home. He told the crowd it was great to be back home. Then, he released his soldiers to the waiting family members. The crowd went wild with enthusiasm as family members sought to reunite with their soldiers. The event was carried on Channel 19 and the Huntsville Times.

Mr. Jim Roundtree – Chapter VP for Family Affairs, Mike Roddy – Chapter secretary, Sam Torrey and John Perry supported the event. Special thanks to Dave Carney for organizing the event and inviting the AUSA to play a major role in the event. The Chapter provided bottled water and snack food to the awaiting families while they were waiting for the arrival of the plane. Several other organizations also assisted with the event to make it a great success. They were: The Patriot Guard Riders who formed their famous flag line as the soldiers marched from the plane into the hanger. The AMC Band provided welcome home music and sang great patriotic songs as the crowd waited. The Rocket City Young Marines assisted with traffic control. And, many more individuals who helped make this a successful event.

While deployed, the soldiers were separated and filled assignments across seven countries providing satellite communication, Internet Access and "eyes in the sky" for the Air Defense Artillery systems.

To the soldiers of the 136th ESB, WELCOME HOME!





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