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## AUSA farewells Army band



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**Leader of the Army Materiel Command Band Chief Warrant Officer James Bettencourt receives "AMC Band Day" proclamation from Madison City Administrator Marc Jacobson at the Association of the United States Army AMC Band Farewell Dinner June 1, 2018 at the Jackson Center in Huntsville, Ala.**

By Kara Wall  
VP for Digital Communications

Community leaders and military supporters gathered June 1 to honor the Army Materiel Command band prior to their inactivation June 29.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army hosted the farewell event at the Jackson Center in Huntsville.

More than 60 band members and their families were recognized for their service to the local community and critical role in telling the Army story. AMC Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Allan Elliott gave remarks along with other city officials and AUSA leadership.



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**More than 60 Army Materiel Command band members and their families gathered at the Association of the United States Army AMC Band Farewell Dinner June 1, 2018 at the Jackson Center in Huntsville, Ala. The band was deactivated on June 29, 2018 in a ceremony on Redstone Arsenal.**

"The greater Tennessee Valley and beyond have been privileged to enjoy the musical talents of this incredible band," said AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter President Sam Torrey. "These Soldier musicians have faithfully supported thousands of events honoring our veterans, our community, our Army and our fallen."

Torrey said the band has been an integral part of the community and will be truly missed.

The Cities of Huntsville and Madison alongside Madison County presented the band with a proclamation declaring June 1, 2018 as "AMC Band Day."

Each individual band member was presented with an AUSA coin awarded by Torrey.

Event sponsor Below the Radar brewed and donated a special beer for the occasion named "Disbanded." The Belgian style blonde ale was a smashing success and a special way to commemorate the evening.

The AMC Band arrived on Redstone Arsenal in late 2011 and has traveled extensively throughout the country and overseas supporting 30 installations, 26 major tenants, seven Army Field Support Brigades, 11 subordinate commands, and four separate reporting activities within the AMC enterprise. They have successfully executed over 2,750 musical support missions, which include 750 community outreach, 300 funeral support and 1,700 Soldier and family support missions.

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# President's Message

By Col. Sam Torrey, U.S. Army Retired

As we start the new operating year, which runs from July 1 to June 30, let me say what a privilege it is to continue to serve as your chapter president for the "Best Chapter in AUSA." I look forward to continuing the proud traditions and many successes of our Redstone-Huntsville Chapter as we support Soldiers, Retirees, Veterans, Army Families, and Department of the Army Civilians across North Alabama.

Each year the Chapter Board has nine positions that potentially can rotate based on three-year terms. This year we say farewell to Reamer Argo, Bryan Dyer, Forrest Hendrick, Bernard Goodly and Jerry Hamilton. The Chapter thanks them for their service and wishes them the best of luck. Also, our Anniston Sub-Chapter President, Greg Potts stepped down. Greg served AUSA for several years and has been the cornerstone for AUSA activities and support for the Anniston area. We will miss him, but know that the chapter is in great hands from his leadership and personal service.

The Army Birthday celebration on June 15 was a huge success! Nearly 300 guests enjoyed the evening at the Von Braun Center. General Gus Perna was our guest speaker and the Army Materiel Command Band provided musical entertainment at one of their last performances. Thanks to Marie Arighi and her committee for making the evening most memorable. During the Army Birthday Celebration, we held a general membership meeting and installed several new board members and Chapter Executive Committee members for the new operating year. We welcome the new board members: James Lackey, Mark Terseck, Matthew Mingus, Mike Izzo, Joey Yearta, Shawn Perry and Willene Orr. They will fill the positions from the five departing board members and two previous vacancies. Although no stranger to the chapter, we also welcome Julia Knott. She will serve on the Executive Committee as the Vice President for Member Retention and Education.

Armed Forces Celebration Week was full of activities to highlight the Army and all the Services. The week began with a proclamation signed by the Mayors and County officials. Monday night the AMC Band performed at the Concert in the Park. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, so the concert was held inside the VBC to a packed South Hall audience. On Tuesday night, the AMC Band performed at Bob Jones High School. The concert honored Gold Star Families and was their last official concert. Finally, the week concluded with the AFCW Luncheon at the VBC. Major General Sheryl Gordon, the Alabama Adjutant General, was the guest speaker.

It's that time of year again- the chapter is planning our attendance at the Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. October 8-10. The chapter will support the Army 10-Miler with our HOOAH! tents for the

Redstone and Fort Rucker running teams. We have a block of rooms at the Embassy Suites and plan to have a reception at the hotel following the concert on October 9 featuring the Lieutenant Dan Band. Contact Rhonda Sutton, (256) 682-4955 or RSutton@quantum-intl.com, for room reservations and Annual Meeting information.

The success of our chapter programs is driven by the needs of our chapter membership. Many of them are the result of an identified need within our area of responsibility. All of our professional development, networking, and service opportunities have the primary purpose of connecting America with the Army. A very special thanks to our chapter volunteers who support our activities. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events for our Chapter:

## Upcoming Events

- Army Cyber + Networks Hot Topic, August 2
- Army Aviation Hot Topic, September 5
- Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, September 8
- The Wall That Heals, November 1-4
- Veterans Day Activities, November 9-11
- Christmas in Dixie Concert and Holiday Reception, December 16



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## Officers installed

**DALEVILLE, Ala.** - The Fort Rucker-Wiregrass Chapter of the Association of the United States Army installed its top two officers during the July 10 meeting. The new president is retired Col. Mark Jones and the first vice president is Doug Wynn. The new officers were sworn in by Third Region AUSA President Kris McBride. On hand for the ceremony were (from left) Alabama AUSA President Dave Seay, McBride, Immediate Past President of the local chapter retired Col. Jim Muskopf, Jones, Wynn, Treasurer; retired Sgt. Maj. Sam MacMaster; Vice President of NCO and Soldier Affairs retired Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Smith and Executive Secretary Tanya Hatley.

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# Values link 243 years of Army history

By Kimberly Hanson  
Army Materiel Command Public Affairs

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – The Army's 243rd birthday brought together active duty and retired military, Army Civilians and the community at a dinner hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter, June 15 at the Von Braun Center.

Service members throughout U.S. history share one common trait, said Gen. Gus Perna, Army Materiel Command commander.

"An unbreakable thread binds our Soldiers of the past, present and future: our Army values," he said.

The value of selfless service is what led most to join the military, said Perna.

"Something inside of us called us to service, something bigger than us as individuals," he said. "It is selfless when you volunteer to do what we do."

Reflecting on stories of Soldiers from previous wars through today, Perna highlighted the value of honor, which he said the Army defines as the manner of carrying out, acting and living the values.

**Cutting the cake celebrating the Army's 243rd birthday are, from left, Command Sgt. Major Rodger Mansker, command sergeant major of the Army Materiel Command; retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs; retired Col. Sam Torrey; Joe Fitzgerald, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army; Gen. Gus Perna, commander of the Army Materiel Command; and cadet Jeremy Bailey of the New Century Technology High School JROTC. The cake cutting was part of Army birthday festivities hosted June 15, 2018, by the Huntsville/Redstone Association of the U.S. Army, Huntsville, Ala. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Teddy Wade**

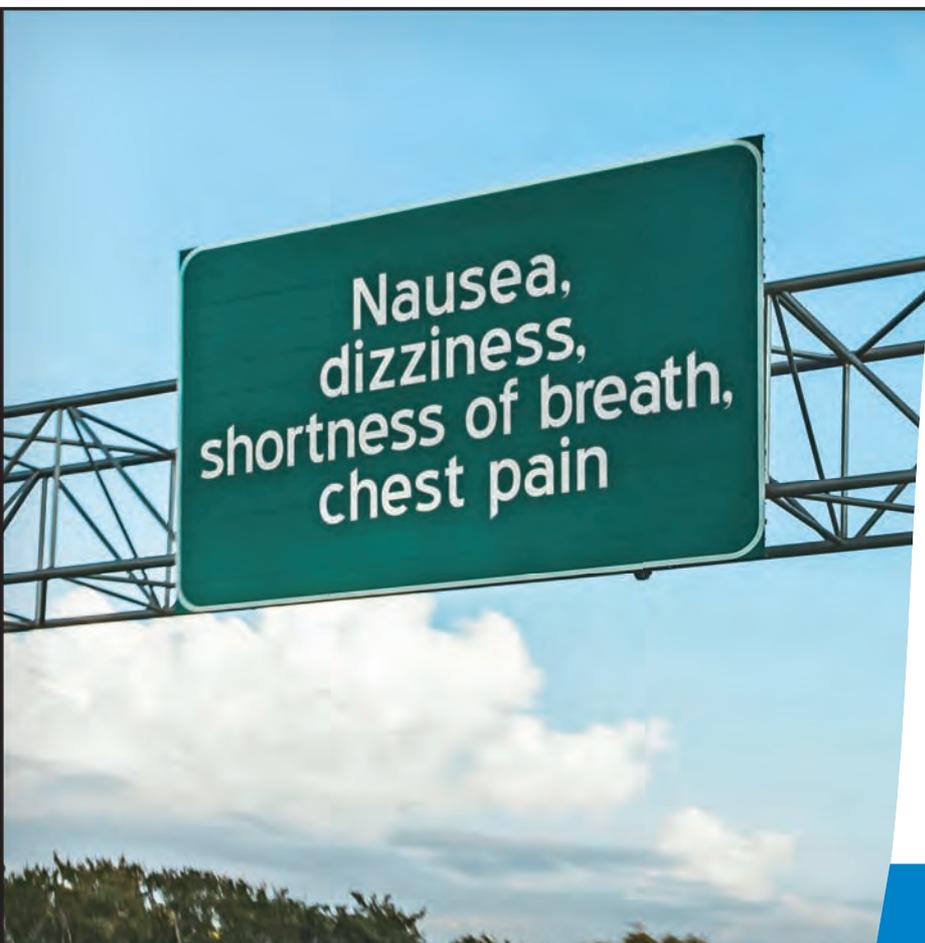
"These heroes adhered to Army values when it counted most," he said. "They prove the link between Soldiers of the past and those serving today remains strong."

With more than a million Soldiers across active duty, Army Reserve and National Guard, Perna said the Army values drive them to "stand tall," protect and defend the Constitution.



"It is not a paycheck, the uniform or medals; it is the Army values that are inherent in us that causes us to be a band of brothers, that brings us together on a

night like tonight – a night to celebrate the birthday of the greatest Army the world has ever seen," he said. "You are a part of it; you have supported it."



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# Tuscaloosa honors the Army



TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – More than 100 people attended the 243rd Birthday of the United States Army, at the Tuscaloosa Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse on June 14, 2018. The highlight of the day was the traditional cake cutting ceremony.

The youngest and the oldest Soldier got to cut the cake with a traditional Army Saber.

This year the honor was given to Korean War Veteran Leroy McAbee Sr. and JROTC Cadet Caitlyn Lewis.

Andrew C. Ellis, 20, student at University of Alabama, from Alexandria, Virginia; Andy A.Reyes, 20, Tuscaloosa, Ala; and Christian M. Jones, 18, Tuscaloosa, Ala. took the Oath of Enlistment for the Alabama National Guard.

Our congratulations to our new recruits. The Association of the United States Army, West Central Alabama Chapter in partnership with the Tuscaloosa Sons of the American Revolution and the Tuscaloosa Daughters of the American Revolution, hosted the program.

Photo courtesy of the Tuscaloosa News/Gary Cosby, Jr.

**At left is JROTC Cadet Caitlyn Lewis, middle is Army retired Lt. Col. Nicolas Britto, and Korean War Veteran Leroy McAbee Sr. during the cake-cutting ceremony.**

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# Concert (Not in) the Park

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army Chapter Support Brigade provided water to attendees at the Armed Forces Celebration Week Concert in the Park June 25. The Army Materiel Command Band performed to the hundreds gathered at the Von Braun Center's South Hall. The concert was held indoors due to inclement weather.



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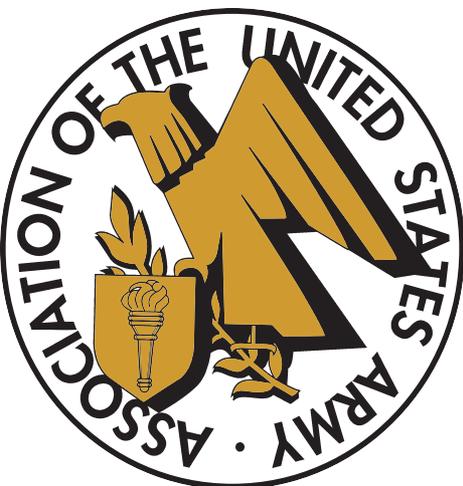
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- Informative and relevant presentations on the state of the Army
- Panel discussions and seminars on pertinent military and national security subjects
- A variety of valuable networking events including ticketed dinners and receptions
- A hands-on opportunity to specify and see the latest technology in action

AUSA's Annual Meeting includes the total Army – regular Army, guard, reserve, civilians, and family members. It is one of the three key communication platforms employed by the Army to educate and inform government, academic, civic, and veteran advocates and leadership on Army priorities and issues impacting today's Army.

For more information on registration, housing and schedules, please visit the AUSA website at <http://ausameetings.org>.



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## Veterans Career Fair

Rhonda Sutton (left), vice president of community partners Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, and Edmund Dowling, chief management officer, Quantum Research International, participate at the first ever Association of the United States Army Veterans Career Fair in Arlington, Virginia on June 19.

## Connect with AUSA

- Find contact information for officers, event details, pictures and more about the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter online at [www.ausaredstone.org](http://www.ausaredstone.org).

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# Army Band inactivates after 74 years

By Sgt. Eben Boothby  
Army Materiel Command Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – After a busy week of shows culminating in a packed final performance at Bob Jones High School in Madison, the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band cased its colors marking its official inactivation here June 29.

Every Army unit has a unique flag that represents the command. Casing the colors is the term used when the unit is deactivated and the flag is rolled up.

“We can case the colors, but your legacy will remain,” said U.S. Army Materiel Command deputy chief of staff Maj. Gen. Allan Elliott.

Since relocating to Redstone Arsenal from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, in 2011, the AMC band has performed more than 2,700 times, at more than 60 locations around the world in support of the AMC enterprise, the Redstone Arsenal Garrison, and military and civilian functions.

“Your legacy will live on in the memories and hearts of everyone who has been touched by the sounds and feelings that

made the 389th Army Band one of the best in the country,” said Elliott.

In January 1944, the 389th Army Band was formed in Monmouth, New Jersey, and inherited its equipment and Soldiers from the Signal Corps. In August of 2006 the 389th band was designated the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band.

“Inactivating a unit, especially one with such a storied history, is never an easy thing to do,” said the 389th Army Band Commander, Chief Warrant Officer 4 James Bettencourt. “Though we are sad to inactivate, we are glad to have had the experience.”

During its time at Redstone Arsenal, the AMC Band had three commanders, CW4 Peter Gillies 2010-2013, CW4 Jesse Pasqua 2013-2015, and CW4 James Bettencourt 2015-2018.

Bettencourt will go on to command the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) International Band in Casteau, Belgium.

Over the last eight months, the normally 40-plus Soldier formation has dwindled to half that number as members have either received orders to augment other Army bands or entered dif-



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eben Boothby

**Maj. Gen. Allan Elliott U.S. Army Materiel Command deputy chief of staff makes remarks during the AMC Band inactivation ceremony, at Redstone Arsenal, June 29, 2018. Since relocating to Redstone Arsenal from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, in 2011, the AMC band has performed more than 2,700 times, at more than 60 locations around the world in support of the AMC enterprise, the Redstone Arsenal Garrison, and military and civilian functions.**

ferent careers, both in and out of the military.

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# AUSA YP Quarterly Social

Local professionals attend the AUSA YP Quarterly Social at Salty Nut Brewery on June 11 to officially kick off the planning for the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Tournament.



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## AUSA Board Pinning

Sam Torrey, Association of the United States Army Redstone-Huntsville Chapter president, pins new 2018 board members at the Jure meeting.

# Aerojet Rocketdyne Demonstrates 24-Hour Turnaround of AR-22 Engine for Experimental Spaceplane Concept

*Aerojet Rocketdyne is a Community Partner of AUSA.*

STENNIS, Miss., July 10, 2018 –Aerojet Rocketdyne successfully fired its AR-22 booster rocket engine an unprecedented 10 times in 24 hours at NASA Stennis Space Center, demonstrating the feasibility of rapidly recycling the engine to enable a reusable launch vehicle capable of high-tempo, aircraft-like flight operations.

“Aerojet Rocketdyne has continued to refine the reusable engine technology we originally developed for the Space Shuttle program,” said Eileen Drake, Aerojet Rocketdyne CEO and president. “With the AR-22 we are taking reusability to the next level and have demonstrated that daily, affordable access to space is within reach.”

The highly anticipated test sequence was carried out as part of the collaboration between Boeing [NYSE:BA] and the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) on the Experimental Spaceplane program. Boeing is designing and developing the Phantom Express spaceplane for this program and the successful engine test results will help improve the spaceplane’s design.

“Phantom Express is a disruptive, reusable launch system. Successfully completing this highly demanding rocket engine test series validated a new level of booster capability for this transformational launch vehicle,” continued Drake. “Turning the AR-22 within 24 hours repeatedly over 10 days demonstrates the capability of this engine and the ability to enable rapid, responsive access to space.”

On Tuesday, July 3, DARPA director Steve Walker visited NASA Stennis Space Center to view one of the engine tests. He complimented the team on their support of national security, highlighting their

demonstration of the importance of the speed of relevance.

The liquid-oxygen and hydrogen-fueled AR-22 engine, capable of generating more than 375,000 pounds of thrust, fired at full throttle during the tests, each lasting at least 100 seconds in duration. After each firing, Aerojet Rocketdyne technicians carried out pre-planned inspections and data reviews in preparation for the next test.

The 10 test firings took place in a test period conducted June 26 to July 6, 2018.

“Aerojet Rocketdyne is very proud to have such an important role in a program that could literally revolutionize space access with a vehicle capable of launching on a daily basis,” Drake added. “With the Defense Department and commercial sector anticipating a shift toward constellations of smaller satellites that can be replenished quickly, the Phantom Express is the right program at the right time for the nation.”

The Phantom Express spaceplane is designed to launch vertically and land horizontally to allow for aircraft-like operations in support of the U.S. government’s resilient space vision and commercial missions. The vehicle will be equipped with an expendable second stage capable of placing up to 3,000 pounds or 1,361 kg of payload into low Earth orbit.

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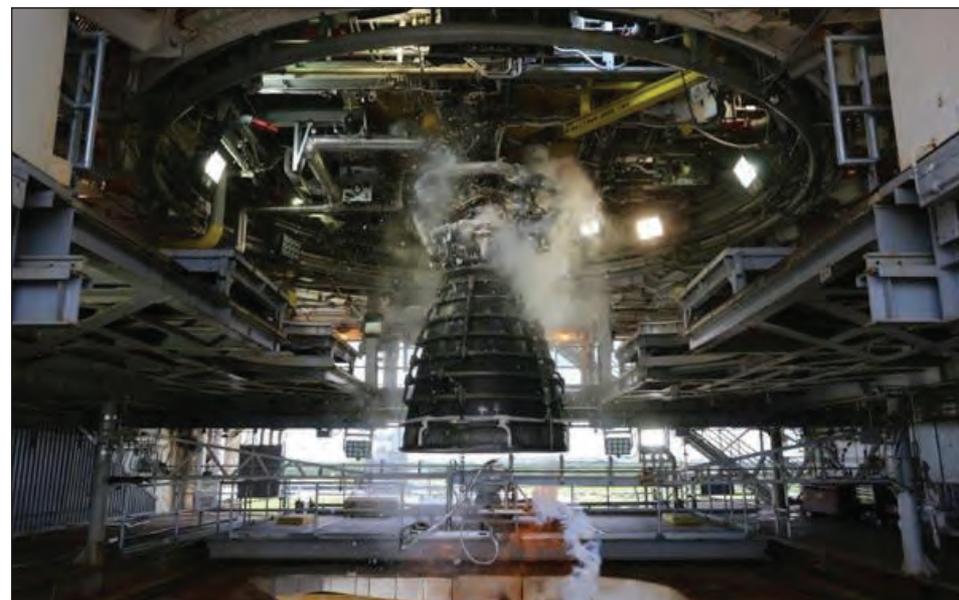


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**The AR-22 engine built by Aerojet Rocketdyne during hot-fire testing at NASA Stennis on June 27, 2018. The engine was built for Boeing as part of the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency Experimental Spaceplane program. This new Boeing spaceplane, called Phantom Express, is intended to demonstrate a new paradigm for more routine, responsive and affordable space access.**

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# Brooks Pitches Redstone for Space Force Command

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Washington, DC— On June 22, Congressman Mo Brooks (AL-05) participated in a joint hearing before the Space Subcommittee of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee (of which Brooks is Vice-Chair) and the Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee (of which Brooks is a member).

The hearing was entitled “Space Situational Awareness: Whole of Government Perspectives on Roles and Responsibilities.”

After noting that the hearing witnesses, NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, and U.S. Air Force General John Hyten, Commanding General of the U.S. Strategic Forces Command and a Grissom High School graduate, are each in a unique position to influence the location of President Trump’s new Space Force,

Congressman Brooks urged them to consider locating the newly formed Space Force at Redstone Arsenal in the Tennessee Valley of Alabama.



## Leader to the Core: *Leader – Be Aware*

By Bob English

VP for Membership

Why should leaders be aware and of what should they be aware? The dictionary defines aware as:

1. Having knowledge or perception of a situation or fact and
2. Concerned and well informed about a particular situation or development.

An effective leader must be able to do both of these. Here are at least three situations where leaders must be aware.

1. First, a leader must know themselves. The Law of Awareness says that you must know yourself to grow yourself. Leaders must be intentional about growing and developing their leadership abilities. Raising your leadership ability is the best way to increase your effectiveness as a leader. To do this, you have to have a good understanding of your strengths and weaknesses, your interests and opportunities, and passions. This awareness will tell you the areas you need to develop to get the best return (your strengths). It will also let you know those weaknesses that you must manage to insure your success as a leader.

2. A leader must also know their organization and their people. A primary function of a leader is to cast a vision for the organization and then help take the organization there. That process starts with awareness. You must know where the organization is now. You also have to be aware of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the organization. With this understanding, a leader can begin to develop a vision for the organization and a plan to move there.

A leader must also know the people in the organization. Another function of

a leader is to develop other leaders in the organization. To do this you have to understand the needs of the organization and be able to assess the leadership potential of people. Then you need to assess their strengths and weaknesses, where they need to grow and develop, and how they can best fit into the organization. Armed with this awareness you can grow an organization of leaders.

3. The third area where a leader needs a high awareness is blind spots. Everyone has blind spots. Some blind spots are due to our personality styles and some because we have no one to give us honest feedback and tell us what we are missing. Leaders must learn to recognize their blind spots. Because it is difficult to see ourselves objectively, we need to rely on the input of others and the whole body of evidence. There are a number of assessments that can shed a light on some of our blind spots.

Organizations can also develop blind spots. When everyone acts according to organizational values and behavioral norms we say there is a good culture in the organization. When people start acting differently or leaders start saying one thing and doing another, then problems start to appear. Leaders must have a system to gain awareness of these situations before they become blind spots and cause the organization to lose effectiveness.

Leaders see before others and see more than others. But that means being aware in all those critical areas above. And you have to be aware before you can beware of potential pitfalls. So leader, how well do you know you and how well do you know your organization?

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## Chaplain's Corner

# Army Values, Some Reminders for Us All

By Col. Jim Henderson, U.S. Army Retired  
Chaplain, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, AUSA

All of us in the Association of the United States Army understand the seven core Army values which are drilled into us who have served, values which have been the heart of our Army since the beginning, loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

The seven Army values are a good set of moral guidelines for us all, no matter what our field of endeavor. It goes without saying that each of us has a moral code with values to live by whether religious or secular, and that we are prone to fall short, which makes it all the more important for us, like good soldiers, or citizens to train or practice and work to improve our values. The Bible is a universal set of

values and includes the principles of our seven Army values. Studying the Bible is not only a source of spiritual strength, encouragement and direction, but has many examples of success and failure from which we can learn spiritual and moral as well as earthly lessons.

In our individual lives we know that loyalty, meaning faithfulness, obedience devotion, reliability, dedication and commitment, is one of the key qualities we need to succeed and be productive, not only as individuals but as well as part of work and social groups. We have all seen too many instances of failure caused by lack of loyalty.

Our sense of duty, synonymous with responsibility, and obligation, motivates us to do the difficult and requires

our commitment to self-discipline and accountability, which can make the difference between success and failure. Doing our duty to the best of our ability produces a sense of satisfaction as well as motivating us to excel.

Of course we know respect is both a noun and a verb dealing with esteem, regard, admiration and reverence. Our understanding of respect as a motivator is essential in group dynamics if we are to succeed individually or as a group.

Honor is synonymous with esteem and high respect and is both a noun and verb that we need to understand if we are to understand human needs whether ours or others and how our need for honor and recognition influences our behavior.

Of course integrity, or simple hon-



esty and morality, is a key leadership element and can mean the difference between success and failure.

Courage, facing fear, danger, or adversity, whether physical or moral is the ultimate test.

So, just as a reminder Army values are good guidelines for all of us.



Courtesy photos

## AUSA remembers Lt. David Albandoz

The roads through Madison, Ala. were lined with families, service members, public servants and civic officials showing their respects during the procession to honor fallen Lt. David Albandoz on May 18. Albandoz was the co-pilot of C-130 crash near Savannah, Georgia in April. All nine members of the crew were lost. Members of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, Rhonda Sutton, Lt. Col. Rich Downs and John Klingel participated in the procession to honor Albandoz.

# Local Church Honors Veterans

NORTHPORT, Ala. – The Word Community Church in partnership with the Association of the U.S. Army West/Central Alabama Chapter, hosted its first “Military Appreciation Breakfast” June 30 at their church in Northport, Alabama.

Attending the event were members of the American Legion Post 123 Honor Guard, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6022, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 302, the Association of the United States Army, and many more.

Over 150 veterans their families and friends were enthusiastically welcomed by Church Elder Rob Moore. Moore acknowledged their service to our country and thanked them for their sacrifices.

Pastor Scott Willmore, a former Army Veteran, told the audience about his personal experience during his 10 years of active service and numerous deployments. Caroline Gibson, 13, did a great rendition of the national anthem. She is an eighth grader at Echols Middle School. Gibson is the daughter of Scott and Suzanne Gibson of Northport, Ala. Army National Guard Captain Phil Duke provided the entertainment.

“The church has done a great job in recognizing the veterans this morning. I am proud to be here.” Stanley Blevins, Vietnam Veteran said.



**Rob Moore (left), elder with the Word Community Church, Northport, Ala, welcomes Vietnam Veteran Stanley Blevins to the “ Military Appreciation Breakfast” on Saturday, June 30, 2018**



Photo Courtesy of the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team

## Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team set to return to North Alabama

AUSA Young Professionals, along with presenting sponsor S3, will host the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Tournament on September 8 at Madison Academy, 325 Slaughter Road, Madison, Alabama 35758. The tournament will be a triple header with games at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 2 p.m. with teams from Madison Academy, City of Madison and Redstone Arsenal. Admission to the event is free.



Courtesy photos

## AUSA Missile Symposium

The Association of the United States Army Redstone-Huntsville Chapter hosted the 19th Annual AUSA Missile Symposium July 10 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville. Army leadership presented and participated in panels at the event. The symposium provided an open forum for the latest information and discussions surrounding current and future Army missile programs in a collaborative government, industry, and academia environment.



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