



Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2013 is rapidly coming to a close, and what a year it has been. From sequester to furloughs to deployments to announcements of deactivating units it seems that the news is never good. Yet, we soldier on. We continue to do what needs to be done. We complete our missions. We serve with unwavering dedication and duty. We remain Army Strong.

The Fort Knox Chapter has had a good year. As evidenced by the streamers earned, we have served our soldiers well. However, the job is not done. We still have soldiers in harm's way. We have real threats of reduced strength and eroding of benefits for our military. We have veterans and retirees who need our support and recognition.

Can you take a more active role? Can you find ways to be the Voice of the Army, Support for the Soldier in your own circle of influence (COI)? Can you encourage at least one person or local business to become a member of AUSA and show their support for soldiers? If every person who receives this newsletter just brought in one new member this year, our voice would be louder, our support would be stronger.

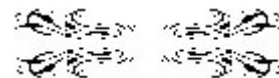
I want to take a moment to personally say "Thank You" to our former and current State Presidents, Rick Lewis and Gene Gudenkauf, for their support over the past year. It takes a great team to accomplish great things.

Again, thanks to the many volunteers who help to make all this work, we couldn't do it without you; for those who think they might want to be more involved, there's plenty to do so just make your desire known and we'll be more than happy to find a spot for you.

My wife Laura and I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. Enjoy any time off you may have, spend time with family and friends. Take time to reflect and be ready for great things to happen in 2014.

Sincerely,

Ed Snyder
Chapter President



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AWARDS

During July and August the chapter, represented by Randy Acton and Ed Snyder presented the top Cadet of each of the seven ROTC LTC Courses with the AUSA Award.

On July 30th at the SAMA Induction Ceremony and NCOPD past president Gene Gudenkauf presented the inductees with a Framed Certificate of Commendation, 3-year AUSA membership and chapter excellence coin.

On August 23, 2013 chapter membership VP, Gene Gudenkauf attended ceremonies for the HRC NCO and Soldier of the Year. Gene presented SFC Matthew Deno and SPC Michael Deluna a framed Certificate of Commendation, 3-year AUSA membership and chapter excellence coin on behalf of the chapter and AUSA.

On September 11, 2013 (911) several chapter officers and members attended the Patriot Day Ceremonies held at the Patton Museum on Fort Knox and hosted by MG Jeff Smith. Past President Gene Gudenkauf presented each of three Pentagon Fireman a chapter coin and a veteran tribute coin at the event. There were approximately 250 in attendance.

At the Association of the United States Army annual meeting October 21-23 at the Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC the chapter was presented with eleven streamers earned during the previous operational year. The streamers denote excellence in supporting the Army in general and specifically Soldiers and their families.

The streamers presented to Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA were as follows:

Chapter Awards 2012-2013 operational year.

- Merit Chapter
- Reserve Component Support
- Family Programs
- Support to USAREC
- Take the Hill
- Army History
- Support of ROTC
- Member Communication
- Best Newsletter
- Army Birthday
- ILW Support

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5 Dec @ 1730 - Ft Knox Tree Lighting at the Gazebo
6 Dec @ 1400 – WW II Barracks Ribbon Cutting at Patton Museum
7 Dec @ 1800 - Radcliff Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
9 Dec @ 1800 - Taste of Radcliff at Colvin Cmty Ctr
10 Dec @ 0800 – Blood Drive at Harmon Hall
10 Dec at 1100 – FKSCC Luncheon at S&Q
12 Dec @ 0800 – New Pharmacy Ribbon Cutting at Binter St
14 Dec @ 1000 - Wreath Laying at KVCC
19 Dec @ 0700 – Installation Holiday Run
24 Dec - Training Holiday
25 Dec - Christmas Day
31 Dec – Training Holiday
1 Jan - New Year's Day
7 Jan - AUSA Ex Council Luncheon at S&Q
14Jan @ 1100 - FKSCC Luncheon at S&Q
17 Jan - Training Holiday
20 Jan - Federal Holiday - Martin Luther King Day
31 Jan @ 0900 – Retiree Executive Council in Garrison Conf Rm
31 Jan @ 1500 - Post Retirement Ceremony Waybur Theater
31 Jan @ 1600 - Right Arm Night at S&Q

AUSA MISSION AND VISION

OUR AUSA MISSION

AUSA represents every American Soldier by:

- Being the voice for all components of America's Army and uniformed services.
- Fostering public support of the Army's role in national security
- Providing professional education and information programs

OUR AUSA VISION

As the premier voice for America's Soldiers, we are a dedicated team committed to building the best professional and representative association for the world's best paid, trained, educated and equipped Army in the world.

-Why an Association-

This is best answered by a quote from Daniel Webster — “There are many objects of great value to man which cannot be attained by unconnected individuals, but must be attained if at all, by association.”

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This meeting was held on 19 Nov 2013 at Saber and Quill, Fort Knox. There were about 100 in attendance. The primary purpose of the meeting was to recognize the many achievements of the chapter for operational year 2012-2013. Also, several individuals/organizations were presented AUSA National-level awards for excellence. The chapter earned 11 unit awards as represented by streamers. Each streamer was affixed to the chapter's flag by various leaders-doers in attendance. Rick Lewis was presented AUSA's Citation for Exceptional Public Service for his singularly outstanding performance as AUSA's Kentucky State President spanning a five year period. USA Cares was awarded AUSA's Distinguished Service Award for its many accomplishments over the past decade providing a hand-up to thousands of military (all services) and family members who found themselves in dire straits. Harry Lusk, President/Owner of Lusk Mechanical was recognized with AUSA's Citation for Public Service for his unwavering generous support of soldiers and families stationed at Fort Knox. And, Gene Gudenkauf was presented AUSA's Distinguished Service Award for his many far-reaching achievements as the chapter's immediate past president. Col (Ret) Sandy McLeod, Second Region President, took the opportunity to briefly address those present at this meeting highlighting AUSA's recent new initiative to help veterans as they transition to civilian life.

Thanks to Kendra Scott for putting this program together, and SGM Luther Legg for presenting the guidon. Also, the MC for the meeting Scott Scholl and, Hollie Sexton who led us in the national anthem.

Additionally, COL (Ret) Sandy McLeod, AUSA Second Region President, the keynote speaker for the meeting.

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Support for Soldiers and their families.*

PRESENTATIONS

At the December meeting of the Fort Knox Chapter, Association of the United States Army, Executive Council Meeting State President Gene Gudenkauf presented posters denoting the Vietnam era to Randy Acton, LTC (Ret) Bob Roush and CSM (Ret) Walter Tobias all veterans of the war in Vietnam.



Pictured above is Randy Acton and State President Gene Gudenkauf with Randy's Vietnam era print.



Above is LTC (Ret) Bob Roush and CSM (Ret) Walter Tobias being presented their posters by State President Gene Gudenkauf.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Corporate Tenure Awards

Over the summer membership chairman Gene Gudenkauf visited with thirteen corporate members and presented AUSA corporate tenure awards as follows:

- ❖ Skeeters & Bennett 40-yrs
- ❖ Gold Vault Inn 30-yrs
- ❖ Associated Realtors 20-yrs
- ❖ Brown Funeral Home 20-yrs
- ❖ First Command-Radcliff 20-yrs
- ❖ Lincoln Trail Homebuilders 20-yrs
- ❖ Cecilian Bank 15-yrs
- ❖ Hardin Fiscal Court 15-yrs
- ❖ Hardin Memorial Health 15-yrs
- ❖ Ledington Foods (KFC) 15-yrs
- ❖ Meade County Chamber of Commerce 15-yrs
- ❖ Lincoln Trail Behavioral Health 10-yrs
- ❖ Veteran's United 5-yrs



We are most appreciative of our corporate members because without their support our chapter wouldn't be able to provide all of the awards, benefits and programs we do for Soldiers and their families.

On July 18th Chapter President Ed Snyder spoke to the Radcliff Rotary Club about the Association of the United States Army and Fort Knox Chapter detailing the benefits and services available to members and their families through the association and the chapter. Pictured below are Rotary Club President Fran Rolwing and Chapter President Ed Snyder.



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During July and August our chapter supported several ROTC LTC course distinguished graduates with the AUSA Award. Shown here is Past Chapter President Randy Acton with Cadet Sam Alvarez from the University of Toledo on August 1st.



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (continued)

Effective July 1st, 2013 Gene Gudenkauf has been appointed as AUSA President for the state of Kentucky by Region President COL (Ret) Sandy McLeod. Gene follows Rick Lewis who served in that capacity from 2008 to 2013. Congratulations to Gene on his selection and appointment.



On Patriots Day, September 11th the surrounding communities held various ceremonies in commemoration of the many lives lost, many of whom were first responders, on 9/11/2001. Ceremonies were held on post, at the Kentucky Veteran's Cemetery Central, below and throughout the country.



On 9/13/2013 Chapter Membership Chairman Gene Gudenkauf presented a \$ 100.00 donation check for the 2013 Warrant Officer Golf Scramble to Robert Malinowski.



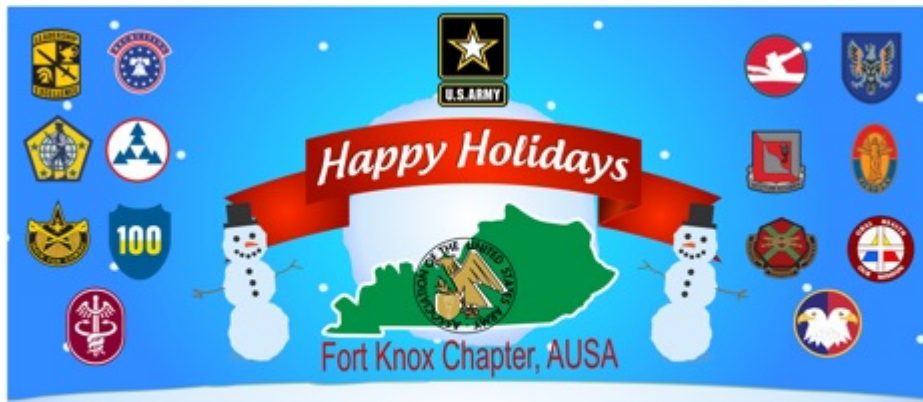
The AUSA Annual Meeting was held October 21-23 at the Washington Convention Center. Attended by several from Fort Knox this year's meeting has been deemed a huge success. As usual it proved to be a great venue to visit with friends past and present. Below Gene and SMA Chandler.





At a meeting of the Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA Executive Council on November 5, 2013 AUSA State President for Kentucky Gene Gudenkauf presented a check for \$150.00 to Donna Betson, Kentucky Patriots to purchase wreaths from Wreaths Across America for grave sites at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff.

At a meeting of the Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA Executive Council on November 5, 2013 AUSA State President for Kentucky Gene Gudenkauf presented an AUSA Watch to Meredith Brown. Ms Brown's name was drawn from hundred's of names submitted at the AUSA booth during the Retiree Appreciation Days at the Fort Knox Saber & Quill on November 1st and 2nd.



On October 31st State President Gene Gudenkauf led an AUSA contingency to Headquarters United States Recruiting Command to meet with the Command Group. Members included from left to right in the attached photo: MG Bill Barron, Gene, Lloyd McMillan, CPL Bill McMillan Bluegrass Chapter and Ed Snyder, President, Fort Knox Chapter. Active duty participation included COL James Iacocca, Chief of Staff; SGM Luther F Legg III, Operations Sergeant Major; MG Allen Batschelet, CG; and COL Michael Hauser, DCO.



On November 1st and 2nd Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA Manned an AUSA display at the annual Retiree Appreciation Days on Fort Knox and passed out information on AUSA, it's good works, and information relative to membership. Several members assisted manning the display in shifts. Thanks to Kendra Stewart, Brad Richardson, Rick Lewis and Gene Gudenkauf.

On November 18, 2013 the chapter provided the 3/1 IBCT with the first phase of new sheets and pillow cases to be used by 3/1 Soldiers as they start to re-deploy as early as November 19th and will continue through March or April of 2014. We expect approximately 200-300 soldiers here by Thanksgiving. There is a need for linens, personal items and snacks to ensure that their needs are met.

From left to right: LTC Dennis Atkins III, Tania Culpepper Asst. Manager at Wal-mart and spouse of a 3-1 soldier, May Giulitto, Ally Reese, Gene Gudenkauf, and CSM Wm. Reed. This is the first of two donations totaling \$500.



ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY FORT KNOX CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AS OF 11/21/2013

Current Total as of 11/21/2013

Your Current Active Membership Is :	866	Your EOY Membership Goal Is :	1000
Expires Pending :	23	Your Current Membership Goal Is :	1000
Projected End of Month Membership :	843	Projected Percentage(%) at EOM :	84.3
Last Month Total Memberships :	866		

Current Month Statistics as of 11/21/2013

Category	Current	Expires Pending	Projected	Historical (as of 11/21/2013)	
Active Component	156		1	155	11
Active Guard and Reserve	26		0	26	1
Army Reserve	21		0	21	1
Cadet	1		0	1	0
Civilian	323		16	307	10
Government Civilian	9		0	9	1
National Guard	8		1	7	1
Other US Armed Services	1		0	1	0
Retired Army	310		5	305	11
Veteran	11		0	11	0
Total	866		23	843	36

Junior Members (Included Above)

Category	Active	Expires Pending	Total	Historical (as of 11/21/2013)	
	0		0	0	1
Active Component	1		0	1	1
Total	1		0	1	2

Corporate Member Statistics as of 11/21/2013

Type	As Of June 2013	Current	Pending Expires	Projected EOM	Next Month Expires
1YR, 2 Dsg	4		81	3	78
1YR, 5 Dsg	2		2	0	2
1YR, 10 Dsg	0		1	0	1
3YR, 2 Dsg	0		15	0	15
3YR, 5 Dsg	0		3	0	3
Total	6		102	3	99

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CORPORATE MEMBERS

As of November 25, 2013

A Arnold World Class Relocation	Golden China Buffet	Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corp
Action Auction Company	Golden Manor Inn.	North Hardin Insurance Agency
Air Temp of Radcliff	Hampton & Hargan Ins. Inc.	Pink Camo
Armed Forces Bank	Hardin County Attorney	PNC Bank
Arrowpoint Corporation	Hardin County Chamber of Commerce	PrimeLending
Associated Realtors LLC	Hardin County Clerk	Radcliff Convention & Tourism
Baumgardner & Associates	Hardin County Farm Bureau	Radcliff Electric Supply
Better Business Bureau	Hardin County Fiscal Court	Ray's Ford-Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckrens	Hardin County Property Valuation Adm.	RE/MAX Advantage Plus
Big O Tires	Hardin County Schools	RE/Max Executive Group, Inc.
Bluegrass Cellular, Inc.	Hardin County Water District, #1	Republic Bank & Trust
Boone Cleaners	Hardin Memorial Hospital	Sherri Lynn Photography
Brandenburg Telephone Co.	Heart of Kentucky Association of Realtors	Silver Gate Properties LLC
Brown Funeral Home, Inc.	Hilliard Lyons	Skeeters, Bennett, Wilson & Pike
Cecilian Bank	Howard Homes Inc.	SNAP Fitness
City of Elizabethtown	Hughes & Coleman Injury Lawyers	Steve Redmon Construction Inc.
City of Radcliff	Indiana Wesleyan University	Swope Family of Dealerships
City of Vine Grove	Kentucky Neighborhood Bank	Swope Mitsubishi & Hyundai
Clark Jewelers Inc.	Knox Ford	The Green Building/ Hayslack Partners
Coltons Steakhouse & Grill	Ledington Foods (KFC) Inc.	The KIA Store Elizabethtown
Cort Furniture	Lincoln Trail Area Dev. Dist.	The Meade County Messenger
Cybermedia Technologies Corp	Lincoln Trail B. Health Systems	The News Enterprise
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	Louisville Water Company	The Parks At Vine
Elizabethtown Industrial Foundation	Magnolia Bank	Thomas A. Lirot CPA PSC
Elizabethtown Tourism & Convention Bureau	Management Resources Development	Tim French Super Stores LLC
E-Town Exterminating Co., Inc.	McDonald's Restaurant-Radcliff	Towne Mall
Executive Group Property Management, Inc.	McDowell Stromatt & Associates	University of Louisville
First Citizens Bank	McKendree University	US Army Recruiting Command
First Command Financial-Louisville	McMillen Mechanical, Inc.	US Cavalry, Inc.
First Command Financial-Radcliff	Meade County Chamber of Commerce	Veterans United
First Federal Savings Bank	Melloan Real Estate	WAKY 103.5
Fort Knox Federal Credit Union	Military Assistance Company (MAC)	Wal-Mart #1165
Fort Knox Tactical, Inc.	Navy Federal Credit Union	Western Kentucky University
Gold Vault Inn	Nelson Edelen Bennett Funeral	WQXE
	Network Realty	