

Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Leader's Club, Fort Knox, KY
14 January 2004

ATTENDANCE

See attached roster. Chapter President Diane Logsdon called the meeting to order at 1200 hours.

CSM Green introduced his replacement CSM David L. Morris, provided details about his retirement luncheon and Change of Responsibility Ceremony and invited all EC members to attend. Cheryl White introduced herself as the new Civilian Personnel Advisor for Fort Knox. Both were cordially welcomed by Diane.

MINUTES AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

There were 11 military and 9 civilians for a total of 20 present at the 14 January 2004 Executive Council Meeting. The minutes of the December 2003 Meeting were submitted and approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Val Hicks presented the December 2003 Financial Statement. She noted that some gains were made this past month and that there was about \$8,000 available for chapter use. Her report was approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

AWARDS

Bob Roush reported that the chapter would be presenting many awards at the upcoming 22 January 2004 Post Awards Ceremony. The Chapter would make significant presentations to the NCO, Soldier, Drill Sergeant and DA Civilian of the Year. Substantial awards would also be presented to the Career Counselor of the Year, Instructors of the Year (Hibbs Award Winners) and NCO and Soldier of the Quarter. Bob encouraged EC members to attend this big ceremony to show support for soldier/civilian excellence.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

No Active Duty Report. Bob Roush reported for Roger Stradley that he had signed up 31 new members from the latest Lieutenant's Course; had made a detailed AUSA presentation to CSMs on post, an opportunity made possible by CSM DeSario; and that he was working to fill some 65 openings in "Take 2" Program. CSM DeSario

asked all present to help do their part in filling these openings. Don Devine reported that Chapter strength had grown +24 since last month and was at 1750 for end of month December 2003. Don said that he would break out new gains by unit, as best possible, in future membership reports. Don noted that most gains were coming from two units on post and that we needed to crank up activity across-the-post to reach our realistic potential strength. Don further reported that we had made a small gain in Corporate Memberships and now stood at 150. He noted that only 8 on post major contractors were corporate members. This is poor. We need to step up our efforts in recruiting this group.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

For MG (Ret) Bill Barron, Bob Roush reported that the Core Committee was vigorously working BRAC and that this effort was receiving very good coverage by The News-Enterprise. Also, MG Barron recently made a presentation to the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce with emphasis on BRAC. Local media, too, covered this, effectively. Lastly, the Core Committee is planning on sending some of its members to Washington, DC in late March 2004 to visit with Kentucky legislators and their staffs.

PUBLICITY

Diane reported that Winter 2003 Newsletter had been posted and asked if everyone had seen it. No one said they hadn't seen it. She also commented on how good she thought this newsletter to be. Input for Spring 2004 edition is being sought and should be emailed to Rick Lewis.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

***Raffle. Bob Roush, reporting for Roger Stradley, stated that we had to resubmit our gaming license request and it is currently being evaluated. A very slow process to say the least!

***Kentuckiana Cares. Bob Roush reported that subject activity had completed its mission and had transferred remaining funds, a little over \$1,000, to its successor organization, USA Cares. Kentuckiana Cares dispersed over \$122,000 to help some 248 families of deployed soldiers. USA Cares, a stand-alone non-profit, private organization will continue this mission on a global basis. Roger will present a paper about USA Cares in the near term to see if our Chapter would like to be a contributor. Bob also reported that the LIA USO Operation in Louisville was in fact a recognized chapter of National USO. He stated that a paper would be developed about this organization and presented to EC members in the near term to see what role, if any, the Chapter should/could play in supporting the LIA USO effort.

***Corporate Member Drive. Diane dittoed Don's report and further reported that the Elizabethtown Team had obtained a few new members and was working on getting Towne Mall representation to tap this potentially lucrative business group.

***Next General Membership Meeting. Diane reported that a request had been submitted to obtain Governor Fletcher as our keynote speaker for February 2004

Meeting. She said that we should know about our request soon and will announce date/time/location of meeting as soon as possible.

*****AUSA/ILW Golf Scramble.** Bob Roush, reporting on behalf of MG (Ret) Barron, stated that the date for this event was firm, 30 April 2004. It would be held at Lindsey Golf Course starting at 1130 hours. Please appropriately mark your calendars and look for this to be a big event. MG Tucker has agreed to informally co-chair this event. Also, Post Stable Call will be held after the Scramble at the new Lindsey Golf Clubhouse starting at about 1730 hours.

*****USO Update.** As stated above.

*****Take 2 Program Update.** As stated above.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

SUB-CHAPTER REPORTS

1ATB: CSM Green announced his retirement and re-introduced his replacement. He invited all present to attend retirement luncheon and Change of Responsibility Ceremony. Diane thanked CSM Green for his faithful support of AUSA over his long term as CSM, 1ATB. Diane reported for Tom Renfro again highlighting that a good Corporate Recruiting Team had been assembled and was beginning to obtain results.

16th Cav: MAJ Aikman reported that briefings to Captain and Lieutenant Courses continued and have been very successful of late. He further reported that there would be a group welcome home ceremony held in Regimental Room, Leader's Club at 1530 hours, 4 Feb 2004 for some 40-50 soldiers who had returned from the War in Iraq. And, lastly, he announced that the 16th Cav had the lead for the upcoming Armor Ball which will be held on 21 February 2004 at the Galt House in Louisville. More about this event will follow in many media sources. Gene Gudenkauf reported that he, and his committee, were working corporate membership with some good success to date. He also announced details about monthly Radcliff Chamber Meetings and the upcoming 9-month Radcliff Leadership Program. He lastly said he would be providing time for AUSA to make a presentation to the new Leadership Radcliff Class.

Garrison Command: Per CSM Davis, no report.

USAREC: COL Arnold said she had put out information to obtain some fill for the "Take 2" Program and that she had her own donation for this program ready for turn in. Diane reported that Pat Bowen had resigned and that an effort had started to obtain a replacement.

FKLA: Former representative retired. Need a new representative.

Civilian Personnel: Cheryl White reported that she would be taking Julie Dvorak's place on the Council and looked forward to working with AUSA.

Public Relations: No report.

Retiree Affairs: Don reported that the CSA Retiree Council Meeting for this seven (7) state area would be held in Offner Hall on 23 January 2004 starting at 0800 hours. He announced that the State Veteran's Affairs Office received \$5 for each State Veteran License Plate sold. And, lastly he reported that those veterans who had their DD 214s recorded at Kentucky County Court Clerk Offices could now specify who could have access to this information. Clint Meshew informed attendees that the scope of exposure to Agent Orange had expanded and that Veteran's, especially those with diabetes, need to check out possible entitlements. He also reported that many widows were clueless as to their spouse's affairs; that is, location of insurance, investment, will, etc. documents. The absence of this knowledge severely limits his office in providing essential help to widows. If you have any VA questions, please contact Clint at 942-1159. Don Devine added that more Veteran Affairs information would be included in forthcoming issues of the Chapter's Newsletter.

Special Report (MEDDAC): Colonel Pierce reported that Fort Knox's Camp Memorial Blood Center was the 2nd largest blood bank in the military's blood collection system. She stated that there was a severe shortage of all blood types, especially O-. She cited that several surgeries at Walter Reed had recently been postponed due to this shortage. She encouraged all present to take this dire need back to their units, families, organizations and any group they belonged to. She stated that Camp Memorial Blood Center was/is not in competition with local Red Cross Offices, but really needs blood to support the military population. Some of this shortage is caused by recent restrictions imposed on prior/ prospective donors who lived in Europe over the past decade. Nonetheless, if anyone wants to donate and has a question as to eligibility, please call the Center or drop by. The Center will happily screen you and draw blood if at all possible. Don Devine suggested that some vacant space in the PX be used to screen possible donors and draw blood if qualified. He also asked MEDDAC to give him some flyers he could pass out at the PX to increase exposure to this critical blood shortage.

Command Group: CSM DeSario reported that MG Tucker and the Command Team again congratulates the Chapter for its' stellar performance last year and pledges its' full support for this year.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, Chapter President Diane Logsdon adjourned the meeting at about 1250 hours.

Our next meeting will be held on 11 February 2004 at the Fort Knox Leader's Club.



Rick Lewis
Chapter Secretary

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Leader's Club, Fort Knox, KY
JANUARY 14, 2004

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME	ORGANIZATION	PHONE
1 Acton, Randy	US Cavalry, Inc.	351-1164
2 Aikman, MAJ Larry P.	16th CAV	624-5212
3 Arnold, COL Melayne	USAREC	626-0592
4 Ashley, CSM Roger	16th CAV	624-6908
5 Davis, CSM Gary	Garrison	624-2749
6 DeSario, CSM George	Post CSM	624-4952
7 Devine, CSM (R) Don	VP Membership	351-5462
8 Green, CSM James	CSM 1ATB	624-3326
9 Gudenkauf, Gene	VP Radcliff / Remax Advantage +	351-2230
10 Hester, CSM Larry D.	2/16 CAV	624-7481
11 Hicks, Ms. Valerie	Treasurer/DENTAC	624-6284
12 Meshew, Clint	Vet Benefits	352-2236
13 Morris, CSM David	16th CAV	624-8415
14 Logsdon, Diane	President - HMH	706-1698
15 Pierce, COL Carol	MEDDAC	624-9070
16 Roush, LTC [R] Bob	VP Awards / Ft Knox Fed. Credit Union	942-0254
17 Russell, SGM Rollin	OCOA	624-1321
18 Smith, CSM Otis	CSM Armor School	624-5405
19 Tobias, CSM (R) Walter	Armed Forces Bank	942-5315
20 White, Cheryl	CPAC	624-3454