

**Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Leader's Club, Fort Knox, KY
11 February 2004**

ATTENDANCE

See attached roster. Chapter President Diane Logsdon called the meeting to order at 1205 hours.

Introductions: MAJ Tom Burgess, 2/16 Cav, Larry Hawkins, FFSB/1st VP; CSM Michael Peters, 3/16 Cav; CPT Karl Hansen, 1/16 Cav; COL Reese, CAP0.

MINUTES AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

There were 13 military and 14 civilians for a total of 27 present at the 11 February 2004 Executive Council Meeting. The minutes of the January 2003 Meeting were submitted and approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Val Hicks represented the December 2003 Financial Statement indicating that one entry was not made on the original submission; that is, depreciation for display board. With this entry, this financial was approved as submitted. Val also presented January 2004 Financial Statement noting that there were no large expenditures for the month, that we received a sizeable check from National for our share of membership dues and actually experienced a net gain for the month. At month end, there is about \$8,300 available for chapter use. Her report was approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS

A request to support this year's Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) was approved for \$150 and a request to support this year's Armor Ball was approved for \$200.

GENERAL BUSINESS

AWARDS

Bob Roush reported that the chapter presented many awards at the Armor Center's 22 January 2004 Recognition of Excellence Ceremony. In fact, total cost of awards presented was a little over \$2,700. MG Tucker added his thanks to the chapter for its generosity in supporting this program.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active Duty Report. LTC Rado reported that he had a project officer working to re-energize the “green suit” membership recruit/retain effort and that sub-chapters would be hearing more from him soon. **Overall Report:** Diane Logsdon (for Don Devine who was attending a VA Meeting in Louisville) reported that stats for the month were included in member agenda packet; that the chapter overall strength was holding pretty steady around 1760; and that corporate memberships had grown a bit to 154.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

MG Bill Barron reported that the Core Committee had procured a 30-minute presentation about Fort Knox (now and future), its’ economic impact on the State, etc. During the past month, he made presentations to the Hardin County Association of Realtors (about 75 attendees); to the Radcliff-Hardin County Chamber of Commerce (about 140 attendees); and with Steve Montgomery, to the Board of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce (about 65 present). MG Barron said he would be following up the latter presentation with visits to leaders in Louisville to obtain support for CORE and memberships for the Chapter. On 18/19 Feb, State legislators will visit Fort Knox for an update. On 10/11 March 2004, 11 CORE members/elected officials/business leaders will meet with the Kentucky Legislators in Washington, DC. And, the meeting scheduled to be held with Governor Fletcher was cancelled because he/his administration had already delivered on the three things the CORE asked of him. Diane added that recent publicity about BRAC in the News-Enterprise, as supplied/prompted by CORE, had done a lot to educate all about what happens at Fort Knox and its’ importance to community/State.

PUBLICITY

Diane asked that input for Spring 2004 edition of the chapter newsletter be submitted to Rick Lewis by 1 April 2004. Also, Cindy Smith stated that local media had been provided information about March’s General Membership Meeting and that more publicity would be forthcoming

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

*****Next General Membership Meeting.** Diane reported that US Representative Ron Lewis had been secured as the guest speaker for our 15 March 2004 GMM and that he was looking forward to addressing our group. She also stated that this GMM would start promptly at 1100 hours as shown on the flyer in the agenda packet and not as shown under Up- Coming Events on the agenda front page. She added that tickets would be out soon and conveniently located; please purchase early! She also asked all present to note that the Chapter would celebrate the Army’s Birthday on 14 June 2004 and that Governor Fletcher would be sought as guest speaker.

*****AUSA/ILW Golf Scramble.** MG 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. He reported that he had secured another GO to help co-sponsor the event, MG Hurt, CG, 100th Division and that he would be seeking the State AG to join as a co-sponsor. With all this “horse power”, the event could legitimately be called “The Total Army Golf Scramble”! MG Barron concluded by stating that publicity would be out very soon.

*****USO Update.** Connie Shaffery reported that she had talked with USO at the National level. She found out that funds raised at the National level tend to stay there and that local “chapters” were supposed to raise their own funding. During her conversation, National advised that they didn’t have the LIA USO “Chapter” on their radar screen and that they would be taking action to make contact with LIA USO through appropriate regional USO activity, more to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

SUB-CHAPTER REPORTS

1ATB: No military report. Tom Renfrow invited all present to attend E-Town Chamber’s upcoming meeting with Mayor Jerry Abramson as guest speaker. He also advised that his corporate recruiting team would be working the area over the next 30 days and he hoped to bring in 50 new members.

16th Cav: CSM Ashley reported that his Regiment was the host for the upcoming Armor Ball (21 Feb) and that tickets could still be obtained by contacting MAJ Klock at 624-4768. His Regiment was also hosting Black History Month and would have a presentation at KPAC on 24 February 2004 open to the public. Guest speaker will be Judge Lawrence Smith. Finally, efforts continue to gain new members in Captains and Lieutenant’s Course.

Garrison Command: 1SG Wilson reported that COL Armstrong was on extended TDY and that he did not have a report pertinent to AUSA. Connie Shaffery interjected that the Post would be sponsoring a special exhibit on 23/24 March at Patton Museum on Elvis Presley particularly with memorabilia covering the time he spent as a Soldier.

USAREC: COL Arnold said she had received a number of coupon books and some pamphlets about AUSA and she didn’t know about their origin or what to do with them. Bob Roush provided some probable insight to the satisfaction of the Council. Diane reported that a replacement for Pat Bowen was still being sought.

FKLA: Jim Davidson, President, FKLA said he would act as liaison between EC and FKLA. He also commented that the “Take 2” Program was positively

received by FKLA members and thought this was an excellent way to expose junior soldiers to the value of membership in AUSA.

Civilian Personnel: Cheryl White reported that Post would be conducting a Civilian Length of Service Ceremony on 5 May 2004 at the Patton Museum.

Retiree Affairs: Bob Roush for Don Devine reported that that the State Veteran's Affairs Office receives \$5 for each State Veteran License Plate sold. He passed out a flyer about this program. He also said that Don Devine had some information/request about the State VA Trust Fund that he would bring to the next meeting.

Command Group: MG Tucker explained that filling "Take 2" positions takes opportunity and time to make sure the right soldiers are rewarded with a free AUSA Membership. He offered this explanation in response to a comment made by Bob Roush concerning how he thought many were dragging their feet in filling paid memberships. MG Tucker added that he thought the retired community in the 7-state area he has responsibility for may not be aware of the goodness of AUSA. He said he and CSM DeSario would take on the mission to expose this group of some 146,000 to AUSA. He concluded by re-stating his thanks to the Chapter for its "awesome" support of soldiers and civilians at the Post's last Excellence Recognition Ceremony.

OTHER INFORMATION: COL Rice said that Congressman Lewis would be visiting Fort Knox on 15 March 2004 to present a check for \$250,000 to Patton Museum. Connie Shaffrey reported that another soldier from Fort Knox had recently been killed in Iraq and that a Memorial Service would be held on post this coming Friday, 13 February 2004.

ADJOURN. Prior to calling for adjournment, Diane presented a door prize to the person present with birthday closest to 14 February---CSM ® Walter Tobias won. There being no further business, Diane asked for a motion to adjourn which was made, seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at about 1245 hours.

Our next meeting will be held on 10 March 2004 at the Fort Knox Leader's Club.



Rick Lewis
Chapter Secretary.

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FEBRUARY 11, 2004**

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME	ORGANIZATION	PHONE
1 Acton, Randy	US Cavalry, Inc.	351-1164
2 Adams, LTC Jim	CDR, 3/16 CAV	624-5928
3 Arnold, COL Melayne	USAREC	626-0592
4 Ashley, CSM Roger	16th CAV	624-6908
5 Barron, MG Bill	CORE	765-5880
6 Barron, Ms Kelly	VP Programs	352-1204
7 Burgess, MAJ Tom	2/16 CAV	624-7481
8 Davidson, Jim	FKLA Rep	624-2133
9 DeSario, CSM George	Post CSM	624-4952
10 Gahagan, COL Bob	C of S	624-1101
11 Hanson, CPT Karl	16th CAV	624-7781
12 Hawkins, Larry	1VP - FFSB	765-2134
13 Hicks, Ms. Valerie	Treasurer/DENTAC	624-6284
14 Lockwood, COL George	CDR 16th CAV	624-8507
15 Logsdon, Diane	1st VP - HMH	706-1698
16 Nealey, Vince	OSJA	624-7414
17 Peters, CSM Michael	3/16 CAV	624-8415
18 Reese, COL Tim	CAPO, Armor Center	624-1050
19 Renfrow, Tom	VP Elizabethtown	765-4490
20 Roush, LTC [R] Bob	VP Awards/Ft Knox Fed. Credit Union	942-0254
21 Shaffery, Ms Connie	PAO	624-4704
22 Smith, Cindy	VP Marketing/News Enterprise	769-1200
23 Smith, CSM Otis	HHC, USAARMC	624-5405
24 Tobias, CSM (R) Walter	Armed Forces Bank	942-5315
25 Tucker, MG Terry	CG USAARMC	624-2121
26 White, Cheryl	CPAC	624-3454
27 Wilson, 1SG Robert J.	HHC Garrison	624-3911