

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Introductions: Vickie Grimes, Manager, Pioneer Services' Radcliff Office.

MINUTES AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

There were 6 military and 13 civilians for a total of 19 present at the 14 July 2004 Executive Council Meeting. The minutes of the June 2004 Meeting were submitted and approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report for June and July 2004 will be presented at the August 2004 EC Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS

Don Devine announced that Ruff Warren had been selected as AUSA President, State of Kentucky. Picture was taken of Ruff and Diane for submission to National and release as a local PSA.

Don Devine announced that Pioneer Services' would be donating \$1200 and Republic Bank \$500 for support of the Chapter's attendance at the 2004 AUSA Annual Meeting. Pictures were taken of check presentation, which will be sent to national and released locally as PSAs.

Don Devine lastly announced the name of our newest Life Member of AUSA--- Daniel London. Daniel also advised that Representative Ron Lewis had taken out a Life Membership. A picture was taken and will be sent to National and released locally as a PSA.

GENERAL BUSINESS

AWARDS

Bob Roush reported that the Chapter had participated in 4 Leader Training Course (LTC) Graduation Ceremonies with 2 more to go. He also stated that the chapter would participate in Post's 23 July 2004 Excellence Recognition Ceremony. MG Barron added that EC members should make it out to one or

both of the remaining LTC Graduations to cheer on the 175 or so graduates of each course.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

LTC Rado reported that he had several new memberships on his desk, which were later brought to the meeting. Don Devine drew the attention of EC members to the two pages of membership statistics contained in agenda packet. He highlighted the new annual goal and intermediate quarterly goal. He recommended that the Chapter challenge the 50% increased goal---seems quite radical. He also pointed out that we were losing ground on AD memberships and that he and LTC Rado needed to get together to stop this unfavorable trend. He further pointed out that Roger Stradley was doing fabulous job-recruiting members in LT and CPT Courses. The same needs to be done with permanent party senior officers, NCOs and retirees. Roger added that LTs and CPTs readily sign up when the AUSA story is clearly told and that we all needed to recruit for the chapter to meet and surpass goals. MG Barron asked about the status of the Take 2 Program. Roger responded that 9 more vacancies needed to be filled. MG Barron also asked about a community event being held at the Leader's Club tonight; that is, would it be a good forum to seek new memberships. Don said AUSA was not aware of this event and Roger said it was not well attended.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

MG Bill Barron reported that he and Don Williams recently went to Washington, DC to visit with BG [R] Jim Shane and members of Rhodes Law Firm to get an update on BRAC. BRAC remains on track to be executed in 2005. Community support and quality of life checks were being conducted by BRAC at this time. "Ranking and Stacking" of BRAC process will likely be accomplished in September/October 2004 timeframe and preliminary closure list published in December 2004. Also, while in DC, information was gathered on obtaining a grant from OEA for \$175,000 which would be used to help Fort Knox with information gathering, compiling, etc. processes. And, MCA is being pushed at over \$10 Billion (more than President and even Army's request!).

PUBLICITY

Bob reported that the Summer 2004 Newsletter had been mailed out and should be at all chapter member mailing locations by today or tomorrow. Don added that a lot of good information was contained in the Newsletter about Veterans' affairs. He especially noted that more information would be forthcoming on the Veterans' Trust Fund and that the last page of the Newsletter contained important information about Veteran facilities in the State of Kentucky.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

*****14 June 2004 GMM AAR:** Bob Roush reported that subject meeting was quite successful with a great keynote address presented by Governor Fletcher; super production by Sergeant Audie Murphy Club; the usual outstanding music provided by the 113th Army Band. Val Hicks reported that 220 members attended the meeting and that a complete financial report concerning this event would be presented at the next EC Meeting.

*****Proposed August 2004 GMM.** Diane opened discussion about this event, which is in the Chapter's Annual Plan. Don Devine said that the meeting should be framed so as to focus on membership and building up steam for the National Meeting. Connie Shaffery suggested early September for GMM to spot light Annual Meeting and get folks excited about going to DC. Roger also indicated that it would be a good time to introduce the soldiers that would be making this year's trip. Then, discussion spilled over to National Meeting. The "bomb" was dropped by CSM DeSario who said that there would be no APF available to take soldiers to this year's meeting, including he and the CG! This funding decision was top-down; that is, from CG, TRADOC to all Training Center Commanders. He further indicated that the Command would recommend that if the Chapter supports any soldiers that they be DS, Soldier, NCO, Instructor of Year and one outstanding soldier each from USAREC and USAMEDDAC. COL Melayne Arnold echoed this "TDY moratorium" by stating that Accessions Command was currently scheduled to be the only TRADOC exhibitor at this year's Annual Meeting. It was noted that CSM DeSario's and COL Arnold's information was current as of the date of this meeting. Much discussion ensued about whether the Chapter should go to the Annual Meeting, and if so, who/how/etc. After all was said and done, it was agreed that the Chapter would proceed on attending the Annual Meeting and go as best it could. Ruff Warren added that he would cancel reservations on a large suite and use a large room instead as an operations center/gathering point/smaller welcome center.

*****Corporate Member Drive.** No discussion.

*****USO Update.** Roger stated that funds had been obtained from Wal-Mart to purchase snacks, etc. for facility at LIA. LTC said that the USO Operation at LIA had been discontinued; that is, as staffed and supported by USO. For the past three months, staffing has been accomplished by USAARMC under the supervision of 46th AG Bn (Reception). It was surfaced that an activity was needed to accept donations for LIA "USO-type" operations. Maybe the Chapter? Roger agreed to provide a separate paper to the EC outlining the recommended flow of contributions.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

SUB-CHAPTER REPORTS

1ATB: No report.

16th Cav: CSM Ashley reported that \$275 of sub-chapter funds had been used for Organization Day events for Bravo and Charlie Troops and that AUSA had been given visibility for this support. He also reported that the Regiment had filled 20 Take 2 vacancies. Lastly, he introduced the new commander of the 16th Cavalry Regiment to the EC; that is, COL Michael Alexander.

Garrison Command: No report. No representative present.

USAREC: No report.

FKLA: No report. No representative present.

Civilian Personnel: No report. No representative present.

Contractor Affairs: No report.

Retiree/Veteran Affairs: Don reported that a lot was happening in this important member category, but that in consideration of being over the allotted meeting time, he deferred until the next meeting.

Command Group: No report.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, Chapter President Diane Logsdon presented a pair of binoculars to the EC Member with birthday closed to this date (COL Pierce) and then adjourned the meeting with appropriate motions at about 1305 hours.

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



Rick Lewis
Chapter Secretary.

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JULY 14, 2004**

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME	ORGANIZATION	PHONE
1 Alexander, COL Michael	CDR 16th CAV	624-7848
2 Arnold, COL Melayne	USAREC	626-0592
3 Ashley, CSM Roger	16th CAV	624-6908
4 Barron, MG Bill	CORE	765-5880
5 DeSario, CSM George	Post CSM	624-4952
6 Devine, CSM (R) Don	VP Membership	351-5462
7 Hawkins, Larry	1VP - FFSB	765-2134
8 Henley, Aubrey R.	OCOA	624-3831
9 Hicks, Ms. Valerie	Treasurer/DENTAC	624-6284
10 Logsdon, Diane	President - VP HMH	706-1698
11 London, Daniel	Cong. Lewis' Field Office	765-4360
12 Meshew, Clint	Vet Benefits	352-2236
13 Pierce, COL Carol	MEDDAC CDR	624-9070
14 Rado, LTC Mark	46th AG BN	624-2568
15 Roush, LTC [R] Bob	VP Awards/Ft Knox Fed. Credit Union	942-0254
16 Shaffery, Ms Connie	PAO	624-4704
17 Smith, Cindy	VP Marketing/News Enterprise	769-1200
18 Stradley, CSM [R] Roger	I/P/P - Pres. Bedrock	351-8043
19 Warren, LTC (R) Ruff	Past President / Finet	351-1900

MILITARY-	6
CIVILIAN -	13