

**Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
Leader's Club, Fort Knox, KY  
13 July 2005**

**ATTENDANCE**

See attached roster. Chapter President Larry Hawkins called the meeting to order at 1205 hours.

Introductions: Colonel Robert Valdivia, Director, Armor School; Colonel Renee Finnegan, Deputy CofS, USAREC and LTC S. Clark, Commander, 46<sup>th</sup> AG Bn.

**MINUTES AND ACTIVITY REPORTS**

There were 11 military and 14 civilians for a total of 25 present at the 13 July 2005 Executive Council Meeting. The minutes of the June 2005 Meeting were submitted and approved as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Val Hicks presented the Treasurer's Report for May and June 2005. She highlighted various entries especially some on the June 2005 report dealing with our last General Membership Meeting, a donation from BAE Systems, proceeds from Golf Scramble Fund Raiser and newsletter printing and mailing costs. The net gain for the chapter at end of month June 2005 was \$8,426.51. Both reports were approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS - None**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**AWARDS**

Bob Roush reported that program was on target and on budget. He also pointed out that the News-Enterprise provided some nice coverage of our 14 June 2005 General Membership Meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Don Devine drew the attention of all present to the membership report contained in the agenda packet. As could be seen, our numbers continue to spiral downward. If we expect to grow, we need to collectively recruit new members. Larry Hawkins indicated that he would be giving this area a lot of attention over the next 30 days especially with regard to appointing community area representatives to help with membership drives and retention efforts.

## **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

**MG Bill Barron reported that the BRAC process was essentially in the hands of the BRAC Commission. Most of the 16 regional meetings had been conducted. Members from Kentucky attended the 20 June Regional Meeting in St. Louis. To date, he related that the Commission had submitted to DoD some 12 additional recommendations for consideration. None of these have any impact on Fort Knox. MG Barron rehashed the BRAC process and said he thought all would pretty much end up as DoD submitted to Commission on 13 May 2005. He closed by saluting today's soldiers, especially those selected for and serving in leadership positions.**

## **PUBLICITY**

**Larry Hawkins said that new strategies would be developed in concert with PAO, etc. for the upcoming operational year.**

## **PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES**

**\*\*\*Louisville Subchapter Meeting. Larry said it would be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and that more info would be sent to EC members via email.**

**\*\*\*GMM/Army Birthday Celebration. Larry stated that he thought the program was solid and that the event was well attended. The chapter lost about \$600 on the event because of additional club costs. These costs will be looked at prior to the next GMM.**

**\*\*\*July/Sep 2005 EC Meetings. This meeting was moved to the Regimental Room from Fiddlers Green because of noise level. All agreed that a quiet place was needed for future meetings. Sep 2005 meeting location will be changed for Fiddlers to a location TBD.**

**\*\*\*Nominating Committee. Larry announced that he had found a leader who will accept the Chapter President's position. He will run this person by the Nominating Committee and report results at August's EC Meeting.**

**\*\*\*Operation Slugger. Bob Roush stated that collection efforts continue. The shipment of sports kits has been delayed. Colonels Valdivia and Gold voiced concern about ensuring kits get to the troops in remote areas/working the war. Colonel Valdivia had some ideas on this and will contact Roger Stradley to help ensure the kits get to the troops in most need of them.**

**\*\*\*Annual Meeting. Larry announced the dates of the Meeting and Ruff Warren talked about reservations. Ruff stated that the chapter had 9 rooms in the Renaissance and that they would go fast. Also, he said that accommodations could be obtained at about half the price of the Renaissance and to contact him**

for hotel information. Lastly, he said that we needed to determine how many soldiers we would be taking to the Meeting and how transportation, lodging, per diem, etc. costs would be handled. Don Devine indicated that 21 soldiers is the goal subject to the availability of funding and that the Post CSM is already working identifying potential attendees. Don added that he was in the process of raising soldier support funding. Jake Fryer recommended that the chapter look at the mix of soldier attendees and suggested that AUSA might get more return on its investment by sending some career soldiers, officers and enlisted alike. Colonel Finnegan asked if the number of soldiers included those participating in the Army 10 Miler. CSM DeSario stated that the 10 Mile Team was an entirely different piece. Jim Davidson asked how much it costs to sponsor a soldier as he thought he might be able to obtain full or partial sponsors. No one had a good figure, so CSM DeSario said he would pull the numbers together and advise the EC.

**OTHER BUSINESS - None**

**SUB-CHAPTER REPORTS - None**

**FKLA:** Jim Davidson reported that the Retiree Council would meet on 22 July 2005 and that Fort Knox would sponsor the annual Retiree Open House on 28/29 Oct 2005.

**CIVILIAN PERSONNEL:** No report. No representative present.

**CONTRACTOR AFFAIRS:** None.

**Retiree/Veteran Affairs:** Don Devine talked about the Retiree Open House how our Chapter would play a much bigger role than it has ever played in the past. He said he thought attendance might double this year to over 4,000. He said that each attending retiree would receive our PX Discount Coupon and if they wanted to join AUSA, would receive another PX Discount Coupon along with the entire coupon book. He hoped this effort would promote a significant increase in Chapter strength. MG Barron asked if the coupon book was available to those who renewed their memberships. Don Devine responded in the affirmative and said that we do not push out the book, but rather give it to those who ask for it. Don added that he did mail coupon book to Life Members.

**COMMAND GROUP:** Colonel Gold thanked the Chapter for all it was doing to help soldiers and wished the military could do more to help with membership.

**State President:** Informed all present that we were beginning a new operational year (1 Jul 2005 – 30 Jun 2006). He said we needed to reappoint officers and update our chapter leader roster. He said that we needed to make sure that only AUSA members who attend our open EC meetings vote on business matters (not a member...no vote). Lastly, he reminded the chapter to make sure that

audited financials for last year had been submitted to National. Val Hicks responded that this was done in the March/April 2005 timeframe.

**ADJOURN.** There being no further business, Chapter President Larry Hawkins presented two door prizes (golf umbrellas) to EC Members with spouse birthday closest to today's meeting—CSMs Brown and Muller took home these nice items. He then adjourned the meeting with appropriate motions at about 1245 hours.

Our next meeting will be held on 9 August 2005 at the Fort Knox Leader's Club.

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**Rick Lewis  
Chapter Secretary.**

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**ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

1 Acton, Randy	Multichannel Consultants	737-6830
2 Ashley, CSM Roger	16th CAV	624-6908
3 Barron, MG[R] Bill	CORE	765-5880
4 Barron, Ms Kelly	VP Programs	352-1204
5 Beyer, Ken	PAO	624-4413
6 Brown, CSM Wilbert T	MEDDAC	624-9933
7 Clark, LTC Sandra	46th AG BN	624-2568
8 Davidson, Jim	FKLA Rep	624-2133
9 Davis, CSM Gary	Garrison CSM	624-2749
10 DeSario, CSM George	Post CSM	624-4952
11 Devine, CSM (R) Don	VP Membership	351-5462
12 Finnegan, COL Rene	C of S USAREC	626-0522
13 Fryer, CSM [R] Jake	United Defense	624-5741
14 Gold, COL Russ	C of S Armor Center	624-1101
15 Hawkins, Larry	President - FFSB	765-2134
16 Hicks, Ms. Valerie	Treasurer/DENTAC	624-6284
17 Logsdon, Diane	P/P - VP HMH	706-1698
18 Muller, CSM J.	46th AG BN	
19 Roush, LTC [R] Bob	P/P-VP Awards/Ft Knox Fed. Credit Union	942-0254
20 Smith, CSM Otis	HHC, USAARMC	624-5405
21 Tobias, CSM (R) Walter	Armed Forces Bank	942-5315
22 Utley, COL Peter	CDR 1ATB	624-3755
23 Valdivia, COL Robert	Dir. Armor School	624-1050
24 Warren, LTC (R) Ruff	AUSA State President	351-1900

13 Civilians

11 Military