

Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Leader's Club, Fort Knox, KY
Meeting of September 13, 2006

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

See attached roster. Chapter President Randy Acton called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Randy welcomed four of the five soldiers that will be attending the national AUSA convention in October, representing our chapter: LT Griffin (16th CAV), SSG Felts (IACH), SFC DeMarco (Armor Center), SPC Schmitz (driver for CSM Moore). Randy also welcomed Edith Dupin from the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Chamber of Commerce and Daniel London, Chief of Staff for Rep. Ron Lewis.

MINUTES

There were twenty-three present for the September meeting. Motion by Beyer to approve the August 2006 meeting minutes. Second by Gudenkauf. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report. Ruff Warren commented that the Chapter is financially sound but less so than last year due to unforeseen expenses this year. He also noted a \$200 check received from member Rod Gillespie and a bill from Alliance Printing. He will give those items to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS

No requests presented. The Chapter gave a donation of \$200 for the SGT Ordway statue in Ft. Lewis, WA. The Ft. Lewis Chapter acknowledged our gift and extended an invitation to visit them anytime.

CHAPTER GENERAL BUSINESS

AWARDS---No report. Randy reported that the first Hooray for Heroes meeting is September 20, 2006 to begin planning for the 2007 event. We expect this event to grow from last year's attendance of approximately 2,000.

Randy asked Ethel Curtis to report on her recent national AUSA training. She said that the training was invaluable. She attended a session where General Sullivan spoke and asked each chapter to continue being strategic leaders, to focus on training and continuing support for soldiers and families. He also wants local chapters to utilize the national office for support and keep doing what we are doing. Ethel attended AUSA 101 and Leader Links where she learned about the tools and resources available to us and gained insight on marketing, membership and recruitment. She shared with us a variety of guides, including the Pre-Retirement Counseling Guide and a guide for parents. They are available at no charge. Ethel will order both the retirement guide and parenting guide and distribute to interested parties. If

you'd like copies to distribute, please contact Ethel at Pioneer Services. Randy thanked Ethel and her company for sending her to the training.

MEMBERSHIP---Refer to the packet for membership totals. We are up 1,861 at the end of August and with 11 new corporate members. Randy thanked Carl Cornelius for his leadership during the Membership Drive. Carl reported that we have 844 new and renewed members (276 new) in the five months from 3/1-7/31/2006. The committee is already making plans for next year's drive. Ruff asked if the money invested in the membership drive was measurable and should we budget for another drive in the annual plan? Carl said he didn't think newspaper advertising was the best use of dollars but we received \$1,800 from the national office for ads. Randy commented that money should be allocated in the annual plan because we need to conduct a membership drive every year. COL Braverman asked about a loss of 70 members and Randy replied that is about normal turnover due to transfers, etc. and the numbers should balance out at the end of the year.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS---Bill Barron shared that the CORE Committee and Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, along with Rep. Lewis' office all were diligently engaged in the postponement of moving ROTC to Washington State.

Barron and Jim Shane are meeting next week to talk about conducting a study to determine the economic impact and cost of combining the Knox and Lewis ROTC camps.

Barron reported that MG Williams, COL Needham and others gave a briefing on BRAC. Bill said it was the finest briefing he's ever seen. In October, the information will be presented to the various Chambers. COL Utley added that the Chief of Staff is also conducting a study.

PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER---No report.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Corporate and Individual Membership Drives---see membership report above

Family Programs---No report

General Membership Meeting---The August GMM in Elizabethtown went very well. Randy thanked all involved with the event.

Annual Meeting Update---Kendra updated the group on the conference. Our chapter will be well-represented with our members, officers and soldiers. MG Williams and CSM Smith will also be in attendance. Randy reported that he has sent personal letters to the Kentucky legislators to personally invite them to our hospitality suite.

16 August Chapter Leadership Development AAR---Ethel reported on this earlier in the meeting. See above.

October Executive Council meeting---due to the Annual Meeting, this EC meeting is cancelled. The next EX meeting will be November 8, 2006 at the Leaders Club.

November General Membership Meeting---the GMM will be Wednesday, November 15 at the Leaders Club. MG Bostick is the speaker.

SUB-CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

1st ATB/Elizabethtown VP---No report.

16th CAV RGT/Radcliff VP---Ethel reported she had one new member from Radcliff and she was working with Alliance Printing on their membership. They are the newly formed printing company that evolved from Excell Printing closing.

GARRISON/Louisville VP---No report.

USAREC---COL Finnegan reported that MG Bostick met with General Sullivan to ask what AUSA can do to help USAREC. She reminded the group of the \$1,000 referral bonus initiative.

MEADE COUNTY---No report.

CONTRACTOR AFFAIRS---No report.

FKLA---Jim Davidson reported that the FKLA will once again be co-hosting the October Community Relations dinner at Proffitt Farm in Vine Grove. The date is Oct. 26, 2006.

RETIREES/VETERANS AFFAIRS---Jim Davidson reported that the Retiree Open House is set for October 27-28, 2006 at the Leaders Club. The event will feature flu shots, a blood drive, USAREC, ID card assistance, vehicle registration and more. Volunteers are still needed to work the AUSA booth, so please contact Jim or Don Devine if interested. Jim asked everyone to spread the word to retirees about the Open House. Randy emphasized that we are in need of strong volunteers, so please help if able.

COMMAND GROUP---No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gene Gudenkauf announced that Ronnie Proffitt's mother passed away at the age of 107. Please keep the Proffitt family in your prayers. Kendra added that in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Heart Association.

Gene announced that ReMax Realtors has signed with the Department of Defense to help military spouses as they transfer, relocate, retire, etc. to acquire a license in real estate. ReMax is in 63 countries worldwide, so real estate is a very good career choice for military spouses. Gene is the local contact, so please call him for more information.

FINAL REMARKS

Randy congratulated our troops on being selected to attend the national convention and he thanked them for joining us today.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the Ft. Knox Leaders Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Stewart

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VP Programs

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Acton, Randy	President, Multichannel Communications	737-6830
Barron, MG (R) Bill	CORE Committee	765-5880
Beyer, Ken	PAO	624-5105
Braverman, COL Steven	MEDDAC	624-9070
Brown, CSM Wilbert	MEDDAC	624-9933
Cloy, COL (R) Russ	USAARMC CoS	624-1101
Cornelius, Carl	First Command	351-6038
Curtis, Ethel	Pioneer Services	352-5161
Davidson, LTC (R) Jim	FKLA	624-2133
DeMarco, SFC Michael	AUSA guest	624-4434
Dupin, Edith	Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce	765-4334
Felts, SSG William	AUSA guest	624-9727
Finnegan, COL Renee	USAREC	626-0522
Griffin-Vanderheyden, LT Donna	AUSA guest	624-5590
Gudenkauf, Gene	ReMax Realty	351-2230
London, Daniel	Rep. Lewis' office	765-4360
Needham, COL Mark	Garrison Commander	624-2749
Nuccitelli, Bob	1 st Vice-President	877-0759
Schmitz, SPC Scott	AUSA guest	624-3977
Stewart, Kendra	Lincoln Trail Behavioral Health System	351-9444
Tobias, CSM (R) Walter	Armed Forces Bank	942-5331
Utley, COL Peter	IACH	624-6843
Warren, Ruff	AUSA State President	877-6461

Civilian: 13

Military: 10