

FORT KNOX CHAPTER, AUSA
Executive Council Meeting
Leader's Club, Fort Knox, KY
14 March 2007

ATTENDANCE

See attached roster. Chapter President Bob Nuccitelli called the meeting to order at 1200 hours.

Introductions: Jo Emary was introduced as Executive Director, Radcliff Chamber.

MINUTES AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

There were 9 military and 13 civilians for a total of 22 present at the 14 March 2007 Executive Council Meeting. The minutes of the February 2007 Meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

AWARDS

Bob Roush reported that the Awards Program was on budget and that a big push was underway to submit worthy people/organizations for National level recognition.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Don Devine reported that membership was at 1754 end of month February 2007. EOY goal is 1700. Don requested some publicity on transfers to ensure the chapter was getting new AUSA members as they came to Post. Connie Shaffery said she would run provided that someone gave her the details. CSM Smith offered that we should possibly hold a dinner to attract new members. CSM Chandler added that a member could bring a prospective member to the dinner. He also suggested that the chapter look at putting on a picnic as an attraction event and possibly partnering with MWR on an event. Ronnie Pence suggested a cookout. COL Utley

offered the possibility of providing a recruiting venue at the upcoming Combativeness Tournament. Roger Stradley added that it might not be a good idea partnering with some other activity as we seem to take the back seat. Bob N. suggested that several CSM's meet before the next meeting and provide possible ideas for recruiting new members. CSM Chandler agreed to take the lead.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

No report.

PUBLICITY

No report.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

*****GMM/Spring 2007.** Kendra Stewart reported that this event would be held at the Historic State Theater, 25 April 2007, from 1130 to 1300. The program will be USA Cares and tickets will cost \$12 each. Tickets may be obtained from Chambers, Radcliff Tourism, Fort Knox PAO and from Kendra.

*****Armor Conference** (note that name has reverted to what it was for many years). Don Devine reported that the Chapter would have a booth at this event from start to finish. He asked for manning assistance.

*****Hooray for Heroes.** Randy Acton reported that bi-weekly meetings continue in planning this big event. A huge crowd is expected. The event (outside and inside) will be held at the same location as last year. MG Williams will be guest speaker for evening part of event. Booths are free and must be requested through Radcliff Chamber. There will be some great entertainment including USAREC's entertainment team. Free food, expect to feed around 4,000. Someone in chapter needs to take the lead in designing and manning AUSA's booth. Thanks to the Chapter for the monetary donation.

*****AUSA Golf Scramble/June 8, 2007.** Bob N. plugged this event as the Chapter's major fundraiser for the year. He asked all present to put this on calendars. He stressed the importance of putting forth our best effort. He also asked for assistance in planning and orchestrating this event.

SUB-CHAPTER VP REPORTS

1ATB: COL Utley said he would look into the possibility of the chapter having a membership recruiting booth at the upcoming Combativeness Tournament.

16th Cav: None.

Garrison: CSM Waters re-introduced Specialist Lubbehusen, President, BOSS. He suggested that the chapter use her as a vehicle to get chapter information to members of BOSS and to seek out ideas about what would entice BOSS members to come to AUSA event(s) and possibly join AUSA.

USAREC: None.

Contractor Affairs: None.

FKLA: None.

Retiree/Veteran Affairs: None.

Other:

Roger Stradley said that Louisville Slugger would be spearheading "Slugger 2"...an effort to get 20 tons of sporting equipment to the troops in Iraq. Louisville Slugger would be producing a red/white/blue bat to help support this project. Roger recommended that the Chapter buy the first bat at a cost of \$65. Unanimous concurrence.

COL Braverman reported that news agencies were seeking "bad" stories about IACH experiences. Both the *News-Enterprise* and *Courier-Journal* have established web links to mine for bad stories. He asked that we spread the word so that folks who had "good" experiences could respond as well. Even though reporting to date has been fairly balanced, it could head south quickly with mining only for bad stories.

May Giulitto promoted "Run for the Red", a 5K/10K/Walk that the Red Cross would be hosting on May 12th. She suggested that the chapter be present to lend support and possibly pick up some memberships.

Don Devine suggested that seasoned AUSA members write some articles for local newspapers on the "goodness" of AUSA. Connie said such could be run on the editorial page. Connie added that she could use a good article on Retiree Benefits and would credit AUSA for help.

Command Group: CSM Smith reported that the farewell ceremony for BG Tucker would be held this Friday, 16 March 2007, 1630 hours at Court of Honor. He said that BG Tucker had arranged for a good live band for Leader's Club activities on 16 March 2007. Lastly, he said that Post would be holding its annual Motorcycle Training/Awareness/Fun Day on 26 April 2007. He suggested that this might be a venue for promoting membership in AUSA.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, Bob N. adjourned meeting at 1255.

Our next meeting will be held on 11 April 2007 at the Fort Knox Leader's Club.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Rick Lewis
Chapter Secretary.