

FORT KNOX CHAPTER, AUSA

Executive Council Meeting

Leader's Club, Fort Knox, KY

January 9, 2008

ATTENDANCE

See attached roster. Ronnie Pence opened up the meeting at approximately 12:00.

Introductions: BG Donald Campbell-CG USAARMC, COL Valerie Border-DCS USAREC, Mr. Ed Hafling-Innovative Productivity.

MINUTES AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

There were 10 military and 13 civilians for a total of 23 present at the 9 JAN 2008 Executive Council Meeting. The minutes of the December 2007 Meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Net worth as of December 31, 2007 was \$19,891.58. Approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS - None

GENERAL BUSINESS

AWARDS

Bob Roush reported that only awards being presented at this time are the Abrams and Patton awards. We are however preparing to make presentations at the upcoming semi-annual Recognition of Excellence Ceremony at FKLC 15 Jan @ 1500.

MEMBERSHIP

Rick reported that national has credited the chapter with 108 new individual and 2 new corporate members for the month of December. Many of the new individual members are a direct result of the chapter's "Black Friday" efforts by many of the members in this meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Daniel London provided a report of legislative activities during 2007 (see attached).

PUBLICITY

Ronnie has appointed Kristene Taylor, Armed Forces Bank, as our new VP Publicity.

If anyone has anything for the next newsletter please email to Rick. We need to get a newsletter out in the March time frame.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

***2ND REGION AUSA SPRING MEETING. Discussion was held about the upcoming spring meeting to be hosted by Fort Knox Chapter on April 24-26, 2008. The CG asked that we keep him, the CoS and 194th Commander advised of progress and ways in which they could assist in making this a successful endeavor.

***Next GMM. It was suggested that we begin preparations for a spring GMM, preferably in the March/April time frame.

***Hooray for Heroes: Randy gave a brief history and description of events planned regarding this year's Hooray and asked for support and participation. This year's event will be held on May 17th and should be bigger and better than ever.

***Chapter's Main Fundraiser: President Ronnie reminded all that the chapter's main fundraiser, the golf scramble would be held again this year on June 6, 2008. He will be appointing a committee to begin planning in the very near future.

SUB-CHAPTER VP REPORTS

194th Armor Brigade-Elizabethtown: COL Hubner reported that the Holiday Cruise was a success and thanked all for their participation. He also stated that 1400+ Soldiers had just returned from exodus. Additionally he advised that that there would be a summer surge of 4000+ trainees.

16th Cav-Radcliff: COL Naething reminded all of the upcoming Armor Ball, February 2, 2008 at the Seelbach Hotel.

Garrison-Louisville: COL Needham suggested that the chapter send a thank you to the Exchange Manager for his continued support of the coupon book...many coupons were used during this past Christmas holiday season. All present agreed.

USAREC-Meade County: COL Border reported that USAREC has just finished their activities in conjunction with the "All American Bowl" in San Antonio as a part of their efforts of community outreach to build Army end strength.

Veterans Affairs: Rick reported on recent efforts to assist a homeless Viet Nam veteran hospitalized in very serious condition in Louisville. The Veteran had recently had a leg amputated, had a serious staph infection that was causing temporary blindness and skin problems, etc., and was having a very frustrating experience obtaining assistance. Upon forwarding this information to the KY Department of Veterans Affairs it seems that they immediately visited with the veteran and began to take steps to assist.

Contractor Affairs: No report.

American Red Cross: May Giulitto reported that the Santa's Workshop program held for the holidays was a huge success with 250 families and 650 children served and thanked all who helped. Preparations for next year will start much earlier and expectations are that next year will be even more successful.

Additionally, she reported that the 2007 5k/10k run was a success and would be repeated in 2008. She asked that those who could not run sponsor a soldier that would like to participate. More to follow.

She also reported that the Red Cross has recently announced that they will help wounded warriors being sent to hospitals for care with lodging and transportation assistance.

Command Group: The CG thanked the chapter and AUSA for all they do for soldiers and pledged his support. He suggested that it's necessary for all of us to be creative to get the word out and tell the AUSA story in order to increase membership. He also commented that 9th place in the Army ten-miler was good but that he hoped that Fort Knox could do even better in 2008.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, Ronnie Pence adjourned meeting at approximately 1300.

Our next meeting will be held on 13 February 2008 at the Fort Knox Leader's Club.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Lewis
Chapter Secretary

Memorandum

To: AUSA Executive Council

From: Daniel London

Date: 1/11/2008

Re: Legislative Update

Congress advanced several legislative changes in 2007. Moreover, the Department of Defense carried a heavy agenda implementing policies and directives mandated by Congress. The below bullet points and summarize several of the more newsworthy items.

- The Kentucky Congressional Delegation and the greater Fort Knox community worked hard throughout 2007 in an effort to secure a second combat brigade. Although the primary goal was not achieved, Fort Knox's position was again strengthened as a result of the relocation of an engineer battalion totaling approximately 550 soldiers.
- Fort Knox was the testing facility for new mine/IED resistant vehicles being considered for combat in Iraq. The testing process yielded the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle. Congress passed a procurement package that includes 15,000 of these vehicles.
- Near and dear to all of our hearts are our wounded soldiers and their care. In an attempt to minimize the bureaucratic burden, Congress passed the *Wounded Warrior Act*. This legislative package will ensure that our wounded warriors receive the best possible care our Nation has to offer.
- The 2007 Defense Budget provided a much needed 3.5 percent pay increase for our soldiers and prevented TRICARE fee increases.
- The Veterans appropriations bill included the largest funding increase in history.
- The Defense Authorization Bill included a provision that allows National Guardsmen to retire at an earlier age based on a formula that subtracts deployment tenure (maximum of five years) from established Age 60 retirement eligibility.
- President Bush vetoed the Defense Authorization Bill in December after discovering a litigation provision within the bill that could negatively affect the new Iraqi Government. Congress is expected to address this issue soon before sending the bill back to President Bush for his signature.

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME	ORGANIZATION	PHONE
1 Acton, Randy	P/P, Dream House Real Estate	300-0099
2 Bayer, COL (P) Peter	Deputy Cdr, USAARMC	624-7555
3 Border, COL Val	DCS USAREC	626-0592
4 Campbell, BG Don	CG USAARMC	624-2121
5 Fox, COL (R) Otis	Innovative Productivity	502-638-4406
6 Giulitto, May	American Red Cross	624-2163
7 Graham, LTC William P.	CDR 46th AG BN	624-2571
8 Griffin, CSM Tonya	CSM 46th AG BN	624-2571
9 Gudenkauf, Gene	ReMax Realty	351-2230
10 Hafling, Ed	IPI	502-638-4405
11 Hubner, COL Dave	194th AR BDE	295-4504
12 Lewis, Mr. Rick	P/P-Sec. / VP A. Arnold Moving	737-7088
13 Logsdon, Diane	P/P - VP HMH	706-1698
14 Naething, COL Robert	16th CAV	624-2355
15 Needham, COL Mark	Garrison Commander	624-2749
16 Pence, Ronnie	KY Neighborhood Bank	737-6000
17 Reed, Carolyn	Innovative Productivity	502-638-4451
18 Roush, LTC [R] Bob	P/P-VP Awards/Ft Knox Fed. Credit Union	942-0254
19 Shaffery, Connie	PAO	624-4704
20 Taylor, Kristine	Armed Forces Bank	942-1417
21 Tobias, CSM (R) Walter	Armed Forces Bank	942-5331
22 Utley, COL Peter	USAARMC CoS	624-1101
23 Young, CSM Ricky	194th AR BDE	295-2109
Civilian: 13		
Military: 10		