



**Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA**  
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Fall-Winter 2011

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chapter activities continue on a rigorous pace and recently have included major events such as the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Tower Run/Walk/Roll 5k in September, the AUSA Annual Meeting and Retiree Open House in October and our General Membership Meeting in November. Additionally there have been several other events or activities on the calendar all of which have made this a great year and rewarding in so many ways it is difficult to express such as the unveiling of the Coast Guard sculpture – Part of the Hardin County Veterans Tribute currently in production noted at the right.

One event we all look forward to yet this year is the return of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. We are so proud of their performance in Afghanistan but anxious for their safe return.

Again, thanks to the many volunteers who help to make all this work, we couldn't do it without you; for those who think they might want to be more involved, there's plenty to do so just make your desire known and we'll be more than happy to find a spot for you.

God bless and protect our Soldiers and families and, best wishes to all for a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

*Gene*

Gene Gudenkauf  
Chapter President



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## AWARDS

The Chapter presented awards to the following NCOs and Soldiers of the Year which included a framed AUSA Certificate of Commendation, a 3-Year Membership in AUSA, a \$100 Savings Bond and Chapter Coin for Excellence.

- ◆ US Army Accessions Command NCO of the Year  
SFC Jacob Gilmer
- ◆ US Army Accessions Command Soldier of the Year  
SPC Jeshua Stahler
- ◆ Human Resources Command NCO of the Year  
SFC Kelly R. Dean
- ◆ Human Resources Command Soldier of the Year  
SPC Silveo G. Copas
- ◆ Fort Knox MEDDAC NCO of the Year  
SGT Jeffery Hartness
- ◆ Fort Knox Soldier of the Year  
SPC Andres Cuellar



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10 Dec @ 1000 - Wreath Laying at KY Veterans Cemetery  
23 Dec - Training Holiday  
25 Dec - Christmas Day  
26 Dec - Christmas Day/Federal Holiday (Observed)  
30 Dec 11 – Training Holiday  
1 Jan - New Year's Day  
2 Jan – Federal Holiday  
3 Jan @1130 - AUSA Ex Council Luncheon at FKLC (Tankers)  
13 Jan - Training Holiday  
16 Jan - Federal Holiday - Martin Luther King Day  
31 Jan @ 1530 - Post Retirement Ceremony at FKLC  
19 May - @ 1100 – 1600 Hooray for Heroes  
8 June - AUSA/ILW Golf Scramble  
11-15 June - AUSA's USA Pavilion EUROSATORY 2012  
19 June - AUSA ILW Combined Arms Maneuver Symposium  
21-24 June - New Chapter President Training  
8-12 Aug - Chapter Leader Development Training  
8 Sep - @ 8:46 T2T run/walk  
22-24 Oct - AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition

## AUSA MISSION AND VISION

### OUR AUSA MISSION

**AUSA represents every American Soldier by:**

- Being the voice for all components of America's Army and uniformed services.
- Fostering public support of the Army's role in national security
- Providing professional education and information programs

### OUR AUSA VISION

As the premier voice for America's Soldiers, we are a dedicated team committed to building the best professional and representative association for the world's best paid, trained, educated and equipped Army in the world.

### -Why an Association-

This is best answered by a quote from Daniel Webster — “There are many objects of great value to man which cannot be attained by unconnected individuals, but must be attained if at all, by association.”

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On November 22, 2011 the Fort Knox Chapter conducted a General Membership Meeting to present 14 unit level awards earned during last operational year (streamers were affixed to chapter flag by CSM, 3<sup>rd</sup> SC (E); CSM, USAREC; SGM for Bluegrass SGM Association; CSM, Fort Knox Garrison; and President, Fort Knox Chapter, Sergeant Audie Murphy Club). Chapter President (Gudenkauf) and State President (Lewis) assisted with the presentation of streamers and CSM, USAAC manned the chapter's flag. One organizational-level AUSA National Award (Citation for Exceptional Service) was jointly presented to USA Cares by CSM, USAAC and Gene Gudenkauf. By acclamation, Gene Gudenkauf was selected and accepted a one-year extension of his presidency. Also, Gene presented four individuals, key chapter members, the Chapter President's award for their assistance during his 2-year presidency. They included, Hollie Sexton, Bob Roush, Rick Lewis and SSG Denise Droddy. The President's Award honors the achievements of those persons, who, by their actions and deeds have most significantly aided the President and the Chapter in accomplishing the goals of the program.

## ACTIVITIES

Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA was recognized by Task Force Duke for its contributions to the Branding of the Dukes at Fort Knox. The Dukes goal of \$125,000 to build a memorial wall/garden to honor fallen heroes was met and the Dukes thanked the Chapter for its great support. The Chapter received a Certificate and an American Flag flown in Afghanistan War Zone.



SFC Curtis J. Elliott, 3-1 IBCT Rear Detachment presents certificate and flag to Chapter President Gene Gudenkauf.



## VETERANS TRIBUTE

### Kentuckians Pay Tribute to all Veterans & Civil Servants

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

- Abraham Lincoln

The citizens of Hardin County, Kentucky couldn't agree more with the above words of their fellow Kentuckian, Abraham Lincoln. Such belief is what motivated them to design and build the Veterans Tribute. The Tribute is a monument to show Hardin County citizens' respect and gratitude to each and every veteran, and to the civil service worker.

Our military men and women put their lives and their families' future in jeopardy everyday to protect and defend our nation.

Our Civil Service workers stand behind our military in support of their efforts.

The goal of the Hardin County Veterans Tribute is to honor the sacrifices and service of all United States veterans from each of the five military branches, and to say thank you to the men and women of the civil service. The Tribute offers an opportunity for you to show your heartfelt support for all men and women, living and deceased, who have contributed their all for our country's well-being and for our personal freedoms.

The Veterans Tribute will be the centerpiece of the new 100 acre Nature Park in Hardin County. The first phase of the park, and the completion of the Tribute, is scheduled for the Summer of 2012.

The Hardin County Veterans Tribute is 70' in diameter and is dominated by a star polygon walkway. Visitors can stroll along the concrete pathway to closely view the five life-size bronze sculptures - one for each branch of the military. Each sculpture will be mounted on a 2' tall, triangular marble base set before a 9' tall, 5' wide, and 10" thick, black granite monolith. To complement each bronze sculpture, a bold, graphic illustration is engraved into each of the 10" thick, black monoliths. On the back of each monolith is the official seal and details about each military branch represented by the corresponding bronze sculpture.

The design invites the visitor to leave the paved walkway and explore the interior elements of the tribute. At the heart of the monument is a marble pentagon pedestal that displays a pair of solitary bronze boots to honor our country's POWs & MIAs. The black granite benches that circle the pentagon pedestal beckon visitors to sit, reflect, and view the reverse sides of the etched granite monoliths, which include the official seal and details about each military branch. The U.S. flag stands in the center of the design, with the flags of each military branch displayed on the star's outer edge.

Rich Griendling, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, is the designer and sculptor for the Hardin County Veterans Tribute. For over 35 years Griendling has produced an impressive body of work. His sculptures immortalize human movement and feelings. His commissions include the bronze/granite sculptures at the Veterans Cemetery Memorial adjacent to Fort Knox, and the Medal of Honor Tribute at the Veterans Cemetery in Eastern Kentucky.

For more information, or to make a donation to the Tribute, visit [www.VetTribute.org](http://www.VetTribute.org), or contact the Veterans Tribute at (270) 319-1051 and/or e-mail [VetTribute@gmail.com](mailto:VetTribute@gmail.com).



**HARDIN COUNTY  
VETERANS TRIBUTE**

## ACTIVITIES - CONTINUED

### Retiree Open House

On October 28/29, 2011 Fort Knox Chapter in addition to hosting several activities set up an AUSA information booth at the Fort Knox Annual Retiree Open House. Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA set up and manned a display to honor retirees in a five state region and solicit new members over a two day period. The chapter also contributed \$300 toward pastries and coffee. A welcome banner was created and signed by EC Members. And, the chapter gave away an AUSA National donated watch to a retiree's spouse based on random drawing. The chapter paid \$100 for the display area and donated \$200 toward the sponsorship of the Retiree Dinner at the Leaders Club. During that time we had participants sign up for a drawing of an AUSA watch. Mrs. Jim Laws was the winner of the watch that was donated by national.



### Norddeutschland Chapter in Bremerhaven\_1980-1991



Submitted by Gene Gudenkauf

### Welcome Home Banner

On October 28, 2011 Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA displays Welcome Home Banner signed by many Fort Knox Community members to include Mayor of Radcliff and Chapter President and Past President. This banner will be displayed in Natcher Fitness Center on post...Welcome Home Site for 3/1 BCT, 1st ID.



On November 12, 2011 Chapter President Gene Gudenkauf set up an impromptu booth in the Elizabethtown Town Mall center court to promote AUSA and offer individuals the chance to sign a special banner welcoming the 3/1 back from Afghanistan. The Chapter expects to have several "autographed" Welcome Home Banners displayed in Natcher Fitness Center.



On 11 September 2011 (the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11) the Chapter along with USA Cares and the City of Radcliff conducted the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk/Roll --- an event to honor those first responders who sacrificed their lives on 9/11 and those who have fought and continue to fight the war on terrorism over the past ten years. The Chapter donated over 100 man-hours; secured the primary sponsor for the event (\$5000 contribution); and provided treasurer support. Over 500 runners participated in the event; 300 registered. Pre-event activities included a short sunrise service delivered by a local pastor/city council member and his choir; an address by Radcliff Mayor JJ Duval; 9/11 songs delivered by local song writers; and the national anthem sung by local singer. The emcee was Kentucky renowned radio personality Bobby Jack Murphy. While the accounting function continues, enough funding was raised to send 4 local firefighters to participate in New York City's Stephen Siller T2T 5K Run. Any funding left over will be equally split with the Chapter, USA Cares and the Stephen Siller Foundation.



LTG Benjamin Freakley, Commander USAAC and Fort Knox; Mrs. Jerry Howard, Treasurer Fort Knox Chapter, AUSA; and CSM Israel Talamantez, CSM USAAC and Fort Knox as the chapter is being presented the award for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Christmas Card "Category 2-Civilian Agencies on and off Post" during the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Card shown on page 3

## Ed Snyder, Chapter First Vice President

Born and raised in Western Pennsylvania (Go Steelers). He joined the US Army Reserve right out of High School and went on Active Duty as an AGR at the age of 19 as a Personnel Specialist. He served in various units from Petroleum Supply, to 8 inch Self-propelled Field Artillery, to Communications to United States Army Recruiting Command where he served for seven years as the AGR Strength Management NCO in the Personnel Directorate. In 1995 he left the Army to pursue a career in the corporate world and worked for 13 years for JP Morgan Chase as an Applications Development and Support Specialist. In 2008 he began pursuing more entrepreneurial projects and is currently the owner of SparrowEye Insurance Agency. He's been married to his beautiful wife Laura for 25 years and counting and has three wonderful children and one grandchild who is the light of his life. They have lived in Vine Grove for 19 years and have raised their family there. It's a great community that he is proud to say supports our military. AUSA has given him the opportunity to reengage with soldiers, which was one thing missing from his life after leaving the Army for the corporate world. "One of the greatest parts of being a member of this organization is the opportunity to sit down and talk to past, present and future leaders of this great country and know that AUSA is supporting them every step of the way."



On August 8, 2011 Chapter President Gene Gudenkauf visited the headquarters of chapter corporate member Hardin County Farm Bureau to present their 15-yr corporate member certificate prior to their board meeting. Shown here Ray Allen Mackey, President, accepts the award.

## **2011 AUSA Annual Meeting**

The 57th Annual Meeting of the Association of the United States Army was a huge success! This year's event was the largest ever held and was the first time that we occupied the entire convention center, including all five exhibit halls located on the lower and upper levels. AUSA would like to thank everyone involved in helping to make the 2011 AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition such a remarkable event.

### **2011 AUSA Annual Meeting Key Speakers**

The AUSA Annual Meeting is, first and foremost, A Professional Development Forum. Consider that the Honorable Leon E. Panetta, Secretary of Defense delivered his first official address to the military and defense community Wednesday morning at the Annual Meeting.

GEN Raymond T. Odierno, the Army's Chief of Staff also chose this opportunity to address Army troops just 60 days after being confirmed in his new position.

The Honorable John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army, also delivered the Keynote address on Monday and provided an update on the current state of the Army and offered insights on the way ahead.

During the three-day meeting there were 67 professional development events, including:

(14) AUSA Institute of Land Warfare (ILW) Contemporary Military Forums

(4) AUSA Military Family Forums

Sergeant Major of the Army Conference

Retiree Seminar

Warrant Officer Professional Development Seminar

NCO Professional Development Forum

Army National Guard Seminar

Chief, Army Reserve Seminar

Pre-Retirement/Survivor Benefit Plan Briefing

Department of the Army Civilian Professional Development Seminar

### **Annual Meeting Statistics**

Now that our Annual Meeting has concluded, we would like to share some important information about this year's event.

#### **The largest exposition AUSA has ever held!**

708 displays

703,000 square feet of display space

Eight national pavilions: United Kingdom, France, Germany, Canada, Australia, Korea, Denmark and UAE.

30 countries represented by international delegations

#### **Attendance:**

More than 35,000 people from around the world

21,439 attendees: 16% active military -- 84% civilian

13,854 exhibitors: 8% active military -- 92% civilian

2,107 International participants

### **Diverse and Robust Participation:**

Presentations from Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army, Army Chief of Staff, and Sergeant Major of the Army  
(18) members of Congress  
More than 200 Congressional Staffers  
388 Senior Executive Service personnel  
4,362 Department of Defense representatives  
Nearly 5,000 active military personnel

### **Exhibit Hall Tours**

Army leaders want to see the latest equipment and technology solutions on display at the Annual Meeting. AUSA coordinated and conducted several exhibit hall tours for:

- ◆ Secretary of the Army
- ◆ Under Secretary of the Army
- ◆ Army Chief of Staff
- ◆ Army Vice Chief of Staff
- ◆ CG, U.S. Army Forces Command
- ◆ CG, U.S. Army Materiel Command
- ◆ CG, U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command
- ◆ Director of the Army Staff
- ◆ Director, Army Reserve
- ◆ Sergeant Major of the Army

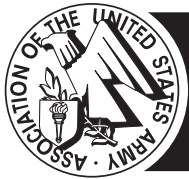
### **2011 AUSA Annual Meeting Recap**

For the full recap of the 2011 AUSA Annual Meeting, including videos, photos, ILW presentations, schedule and program highlights and the 2011 National Awards, please see the link below.

[2011 AUSA Annual Meeting Highlights](#)



2<sup>nd</sup> Region AUSA President Ron Johnson presents Chapter President Gene and CSM Talamantez with streamers earned by the Fort Knox Chapter during the past operational year.



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# AUSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RANK/TITLE	FIRST NAME	INIT.	LAST NAME
MAILING ADDRESS			APPLICATION DATE
CITY		STATE	ZIP + 4 CODE
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## PLEASE CHECK CURRENT STATUS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE COMPONENT               | <input type="checkbox"/> RETIRED ARMY (ALL COMPONENTS) | <input type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN         |
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## DUES

1 YEAR 2 YEARS 3 YEARS

### JUNIOR, W/O ARMY MAGAZINE--

E1-E4, CADET/OCS  \$14.00  \$28.00

### REGULAR, WITH ARMY MAGAZINE--

E1-E4, CADET/OCS GSI-GS4  \$21.00  \$42.00  \$63.00

E5-E7, GS5-GS6  \$26.00  \$49.00  \$71.00

O1-O3, W1-W3, E8-E9, GS7-GS11, VETERAN  \$31.00  \$58.00  \$85.00

O4-O6, W4-W5, GS12-GS15, CIVILIAN  \$34.00  \$64.00  \$93.00

O7-O10, SES, ES  \$39.00  \$74.00  \$107.00

**FOREIGN POSTAGE IS \$15 A YEAR EXTRA.** REGULAR DUES INCLUDE \$16.50 A YEAR FOR A SUBSCRIPTION TO ARMY MAGAZINE (\$13 FOR E1-E4, CADETS, GSI-GS4). ALL DUES INCLUDE \$4 A YEAR FOR A SUBSCRIPTION TO AUSA NEWS. SUBSCRIPTION PRICES ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE FROM DUES.

NEW  RENEWAL - MEMBER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHARGE APPLICANT'S** \_\_\_\_\_ **MO/YR**

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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

### DUES

AGE	TOTAL	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR
<input type="checkbox"/> UNDER 55	\$525	\$185	\$185	\$155
<input type="checkbox"/> 55-59	425	150	150	125
<input type="checkbox"/> 60-64	375	125	125	125
<input type="checkbox"/> 65-69	300	100	100	100
<input type="checkbox"/> 70 PLUS	250	85	85	80

FULL PAYMENT  INSTALLMENT PAYMENT

**AMOUNT PAID:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE**



# AUSA Corporate Membership Application

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NAME OF FIRM'S PRINCIPAL CONTACT		POSITION

## DUES

- \$150    1 Year    2 Designee Members
- \$405    3 Year    2 Designee Members
- \$315    1 Year    5 Designee Members
- \$855    3 Year    5 Designee Members
- \$585    1 Year    10 Designee Members
- \$1500    3 Year    10 Designee Members

Dues include \$16.50 a year per designee member for a subscription to *ARMY Magazine* and \$14.00 a year per designee for a subscription to *AUSA News*.

**Dues and foreign postage must be paid in U.S. funds. Foreign Postage, add \$15 for each designee per year.**

**The principal contact will automatically be listed as a designee unless otherwise noted. If the principal contact is not to be a designee then please check here.**

**We wish to donate all undesignated memberships to the local chapter.**

<b>CHARGE APPLICANT'S</b> <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> AMEX		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CHECK OR MONEY ORDER</b>
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## DESIGNEE MEMBERS (E-mail address required for each designee) Use another sheet if necessary.

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