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## ENJOY VETERANS DAY



AUSA is a private, non-profit educational organization that supports America's Army - Active, National Guard, Reserve, Civilians, Retirees and family members.

AUSA provides numerous Professional Development Opportunities at a variety of events both local and national.

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## Message from AUSA Chapter President

October has been a very busy month for our Chapter and members. We started the month with the AUSA Convention in Washington, D. C. from October 4th through 7th. During the Convention our **Chapter received six award streamers** for activities during the past year. They were: **The Year of the NCO, Merit Chapter, Army Birthday, Retiree Membership Growth, Take the Hill and Family Programs.** Over 70 Chapter members attended the Convention, making us the fifth largest group out of approximately 100 Chapters represented at the Convention. Thank you to all those who attended and supported our Chapter.

We also had our Quarterly Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner in Enterprise at the new Civic Center with over 230 members and guests attending. During the dinner we recognized our great Corporate Sponsors who make it possible for our Chapter to do all we do for our Soldiers. We also recognized two Corporate Members who stepped up to help our Chapter and saved us some money during the Convention. **Navigator Development Group, Inc.** loaned the Chapter a projector, saving us a \$400.00 rental fee. **Mike Schmitz Automotive Group** arranged for the use of a 12 passenger van to transport display items from Fort Rucker to Washington, saving the Chapter a \$1,100.00 rental fee. We thank both Corporate Members for their support.

Please review the list of our Corporate Sponsors in this newsletter. With their support and that of the two aforementioned Corporate Members, we were able to support the Fort Rucker Fliers Running Team and take three additional Soldiers to the Convention. When you meet a representative of these dedicated businesses and organizations please thank them for their support, because they are truly the Backbone of the Fort Rucker Wiregrass Chapter.



### OUR 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 Army.



# NOVEMBER EVENTS

NOV. 4  
 EXECUTIVE  
 BOARD MEETING  
 AVIATOR'S  
 LANDING - 11:30

NOV. 1  
 DAYLIGHT  
 SAVINGS TIME  
 ENDS

NOV. 11  
 VETERANS DAY

\*TENTATIVE SCHEDULE\*

### WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AUSA?

AUSA OFFERS THREE TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP TO ITS SUPPORTERS **INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATE AND SUSTAINING**. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER OR HOW TO JOIN **CONTACT BOB SLAGLE AT 494-2999, E-MAIL: [SLAGLEB@ALAWEB.COM](mailto:slagleb@alaweb.com)** FOR MORE DETAILS.

### Dear Corporate Member:

The Fort Rucker - Wiregrass Chapter of AUSA would like to Thank You for your continued support of AUSA and Fort Rucker. Your donation to the Chapter Annual Corporate Fundraiser helps ensure that the vital work of this organization will continue.

The Fort Rucker - Wiregrass Chapter of AUSA programs vary from efforts designed specifically for soldiers and their families to public education and legislative affairs. All of these programs serve to strengthen Fort Rucker and maintain it as an important viable installation. The vast majority of the funds used to finance AUSA efforts on Fort Rucker come from local fund raising efforts. The Fort Rucker - Wiregrass Chapter of AUSA is asking for your support in 2009 to help ensure that the vital work of

this organization will continue.

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The Fort Rucker - Wiregrass Chapter of AUSA appreciates your continued support of AUSA and Fort Rucker. For more information and to pledge your support please contact Ingrid Strange at 598-9005 or Bob Slagle at 494-2999, e-mail: [slagleb@alaweb.com](mailto:slagleb@alaweb.com)

**Sincerely,  
 Ingrid Strange  
 Fundraising Chairman**



# Memorable Quotes...

**Editor's Note:** The Fort Rucker - Wiregrass Chapter Association of the United States Army and the City of Enterprise held an awards banquet October 22nd at the Enterprise Civic Center. The event recognized Corporate Sponsors who have contributed to WAUSA's goals of helping military families and organizations. The event provided patrons an opportunity to show support for a worthy cause and show appreciation for the sacrifices of others. Below are some memorable quotes from some of the speakers at the Chapter Awards Dinner.

***"Each streamer represents an outstanding achievement of our chapter since its inception over 50 years ago. You can see we've been pretty busy."***

**— WAUSA President  
Sam MacMaster**



WAUSA President Sam MacMaster adds six new streamers to the chapter AUSA flag pole. The streamers were awarded to the association at the annual convention held in Washington, D. C. in October. The streamers awarded to the association were **Year of the NCO, Merit Chapter, Army Birthday, Take the Hill, Family Programs and Greatest Retiree Growth.**



***"ALFAB like you our corporate members, you our AUSA members work hard. We try hard to support not only making a living, but especially supporting our Warfighters."***

**— retired Lt. Col Neal Brown**

Guest speaker Neal Brown, executive vice president of ALFAB in Enterprise, gave the audience a little historical information about the origins of the military at Fort Rucker. Brown also shared some information about the establishment of WAUSA. In 1950 Brown said his father was the first AUSA president. He also praised the commitment of the organization to Soldiers.



***"I come to you tonight, as I have for the past few years to say thank you for your contributions to the Fort Rucker-Wiregrass Chapter of AUSA, that have gone to benefit the Soldiers who live and work here in the Wiregrass while serving our Nation."***

**— WAUSA Fundraising  
Chairman Ingrid Strange**

Ingrid Strange, WAUSA Fundraising Chairman, spoke with great pride about the military and the great debt of gratitude we owe our Soldiers, past and present. Strange also thanked those who have contributed to WAUSA. "Our Chapter's voice would not be heard and support for our Soldier's would be nonexistent without your contributions," explained Strange.



***"Staff Sergeant Matthew Kinney epitomizes the critical role played by our Army's NCOs, and he and other NCOs like him provide the gold standard for others to follow."***

**— WAUSA Fundraising  
Chairman Ingrid Strange**

## Year of the NCO

AUSA president Sam MacMaster gave Staff Sergeant Matthew Kinney a special award of appreciation. Kinney played a pivotal role helping fellow Soldiers in the rugged Korengal Valley of Afghanistan on October 16, 2008. For his heroic actions he earned a Silver Star, our nation's third highest military award for valor.



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