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

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## Message from AUSA Chapter President

In last month's newsletter I told you that our **Corporate Sponsors** help our Chapter do many great things for our Soldiers, Families and our Army. This month I want to share with you what we have done throughout the year because of their outstanding support.

The activities and events our Chapter supports on a regular basis:

- ♦Awards to the Soldier and NCO of each Quarter and the Year
- ♦Awards to Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Inductees
- ♦Awards to Instructors of the Quarter and the Year
- ♦Awards to JROTC Outstanding Cadets from area high schools
- ♦Certificates to AIT Graduates
- ♦Donation to the Fort Rucker Food Locker
- ♦Donation to the Fort Rucker Holiday Food Basket Program
- ♦Sponsorship of the Fort Rucker Fliers Running Team
- ♦The Annual Army Birthday Celebration

Special activities which our Chapter has supported include:

- ♦Sergeant Major of the Army NCO Call at Fort Rucker
- ♦Welcome home ceremony for the 164<sup>th</sup> TAOG
- ♦Welcome home ceremony for the 46<sup>th</sup> Engineers
- ♦A special Year of the NCO Scholarship to a Fort Rucker Soldier
- ♦A Military Wife Scholarship
- ♦Fort Rucker Appreciation Day

We are now planning our activities for the AUSA National Convention in Washington, D.C. from October 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup>. If you plan on attending, please contact Bob Slagle so that we can include you in our plans.

Please take a moment to review the list of our Corporate Sponsors in this Newsletter. This is a very elite group of concerned businesses and organizations who understand that the Freedoms we enjoy and value are a direct result of the sacrifices of our Soldiers and their Families. They demonstrate that understanding and support in a very tangible way, which allows our Chapter to do all the things we do to thank our great Soldiers, Families and Army. It's very easy for you to become a member of this elite group of outstanding sponsors. Simply contact Ingrid Strange or any one of our other Officers or Board Members, or email me at [macmaster.mkt@gte.net](mailto:macmaster.mkt@gte.net) and you can become a Corporate Sponsor, 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.



# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

SEPT. 2ND  
AUSA EXECUTIVE  
BOARD MEETING  
AVIATOR'S  
LANDING 11:30  
A.M.

SEPT. 7TH  
LABOR DAY

HISPANIC  
HERITAGE  
MONTH  
15 SEPT. - 15  
OCT.

SEPT. 22  
FALL EQUINOX

\*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.

The following are the levels of sponsorship:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Diamond \$3000.00 and above
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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**



# AUSA General Membership Breakfast

Story and photos by K. Jordan

Members of AUSA, the military and local communities enjoyed an early morning breakfast at the Bell Aero U.S. Helicopter Facility in Ozark on August 20, 2009.

The event was sponsored by the City of Ozark and Fort Rucker Wiregrass Chapter of AUSA. Participants were given a rare opportunity to learn more about activities conducted at the facility. From the podium guest speaker Senior Vice President of Business Development and Commercial Programs for Bell Helicopter, Robert Fitzpatrick, thanked the local communities for their support.

“What makes great companies are three key factors. Great communities, great people and finally great customers. We have the privilege of having the U.S. Army, the community of Fort Rucker and the city of Ozark be able to support us in growing and expanding our work expansion here.” said Fitzpatrick.

He also thanked the AUSA Chapter for their support. “We have had the great privilege of having the Association of the United States Army to participate with us, we are very proud to have them as part of our community,” explained Fitzpatrick. The event also gave members of the local communities an opportunity to meet graduate level scholarship winner Sgt. 1st Class David Cofer. Cofer was the recipient of the scholarship provided through a joint partnership between AUSA and Troy University in honor of the Year of the NCO.

When AUSA Chapter president Sam MacMaster was asked about the importance of the scholarship and what it meant to have AUSA be a part of the partnership with Troy he explained.

“This program came about because I had received my graduate degree from the Army and Lake Forest Graduate School for Management during a previous Year of the Noncommissioned Officer. I wanted to extend that opportunity to another outstanding NCO because I know just how hard it is to do your duties in the Army and pursue your education at the same time.”



AUSA Sam MacMaster gives guest speaker Robert Fitzpatrick a model helicopter as a gift after his speech at the AUSA General Membership Breakfast as Colonel Kelly Thomas looks on.



From Left to right: Colonel Kelly Thomas, AUSA President Sam MacMaster, scholarship recipient SFC. David Cofer and Dr. John Jeffrey Vice Chancellor for Troy University Dothan campus pose for a picture after the program.



AUSA president Sam MacMaster, SFC. David Cofer and his wife Ginger take a moment after the ceremony to celebrate.



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