

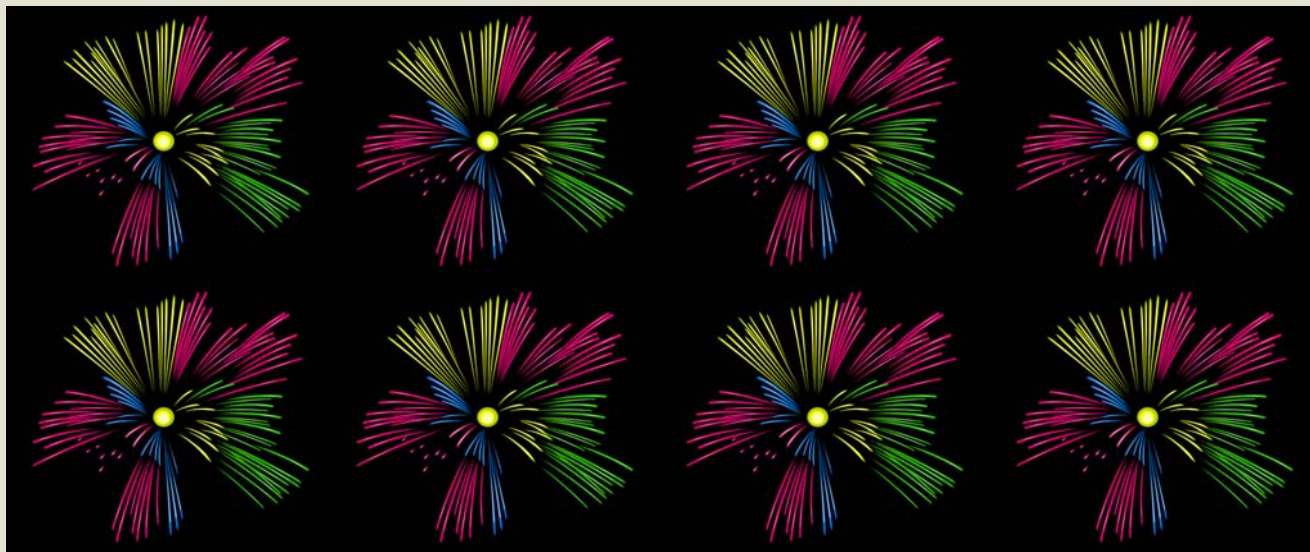
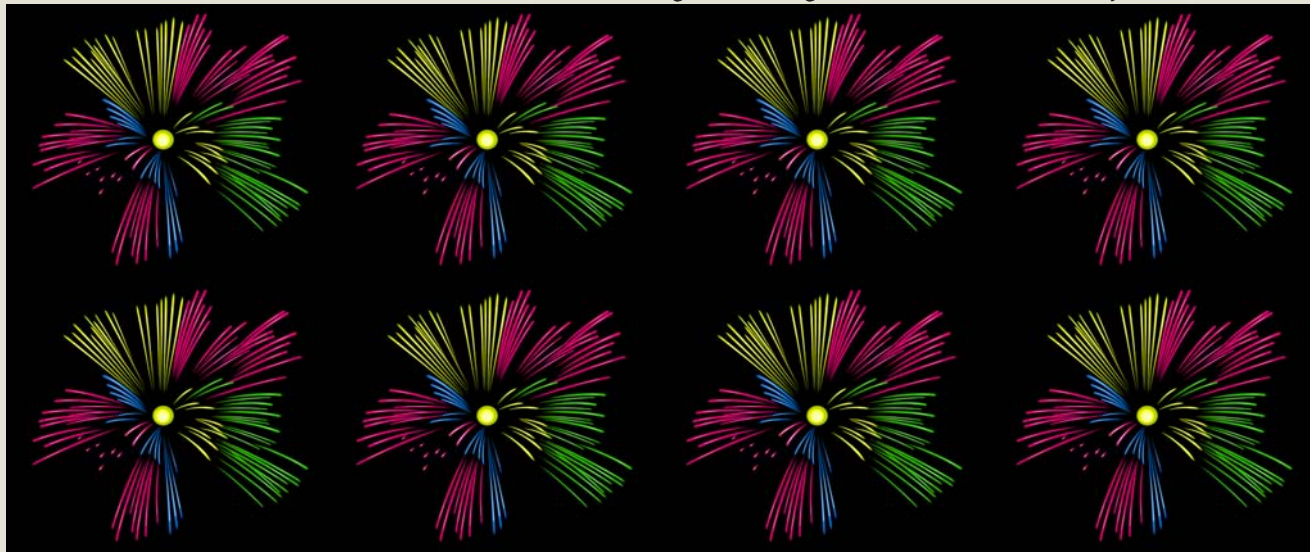
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Message from AUSA Chapter President

It is an honor and a privilege to be serving as President of the Fort Rucker-Wiregrass Chapter of the Association of the United States Army during this Year of The Non Commissioned Officer. I, along with vice presidents **Chris Harper, Tom Walker and Phillip Tidwell**, are looking forward to a busy year. We will be **honoring outstanding graduates, outstanding instructors, Soldiers and NCOs of the quarter and year, Audie Murphy Club inductees** and new **Non Commissioned Officers**.

We are making plans to conduct Corporate Membership drives throughout our communities to allow more businesses and organizations to show our Soldiers and their Families how much their service and sacrifices are appreciated.

Speaking of appreciation, on May 9th, our Chapter, with the help and support of many businesses, individuals and our local communities, hosted the Annual Fort Rucker Appreciation Day at Lake Tholocco. I want to say a special Thank You to all of the individuals, companies, organizations and our great wiregrass communities for the physical and monetary contributions you all provided that made that event such an outstanding success. Building on the great success of that event, we will soon start planning for next year's Appreciation Day. And we will be looking again for support from our Board of Directors, local businesses, chapter members and all of our great wiregrass communities.

I'll provide more information about other events and activities that we're planning in future columns.

In closing, I want to say **Thank You** for having the faith and trust in allowing me to lead our great chapter for this new year. I also want to say **Thank You** to all of our **Corporate Sponsors**, for it is only with their help and support that we are able to do all the great things we do to support our Soldiers.



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.



JULY EVENTS

JULY 1ST AUSA
EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING
AVIATOR'S
LANDING 11:30
A. M.

JULY 2ND
HALFWAY
POINT OF THE
YEAR

JULY 4TH
INDEPENDENCE
DAY

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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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

**Sincerely,
Ingrid Strange
Fundraising Chairman**



Oath of Office



Photo and write up by K. Jordan

New officers for the Wiregrass AUSA chapter were announced at the Fort Rucker - Wiregrass Chapter AUSA Annual Banquet and the 234th United States Army Birthday Ball on June 12, 2009. The event was held at Aviator's Landing in front of a crowd of enthusiastic well wishers. Left to right Third Vice President Phillip Tidwell, President Sam MacMaster, Vice President Chris Harper and Second Vice President Tom Walker.

Getting to know the Wiregrass AUSA Officers

Sam MacMaster - President



Q: How long have you been associated with AUSA?

A: I have been a member of AUSA since 1992. In 1997 I was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Fort Knox Chapter of AUSA. In 1998 I was selected by AUSA to serve on the National Advisory Board of Directors for NCO and Enlisted Affairs and continued to serve in that capacity for an additional four year term after moving to Enterprise in 2000.

Q: What is your occupation outside of AUSA?

A: I own and operate MacMaster Marketing, a promotional advertising specialty company in Enterprise

Q: Why did you want this position?

A: I want to do all I can to sustain and increase the friendship and support between our great Soldiers, their Families, our Army and all of our great Wiregrass Communities.

Q: How will your personal or professional experiences benefit you in this position?

A: I feel that my experiences will give me a better understanding of what needs to be done and how to get it done.

Chris Harper - Vice President



Q: How long have you been associated with AUSA?

A: This will be my third year associated with AUSA.

Q: What is your occupation outside of AUSA?

A: I am Vice President of The Commercial Bank of Ozark.

Q: Why did you want this position?

A: To help the soldiers and help the local community.

Q: How will your personal or professional experiences benefit you in this position?

A: I believe that in dealing with the public on a daily basis as I do at the bank will allow me the spread the message of AUSA, and the importance of Ft. Rucker to the wiregrass area.



Changing of the Guard...

Photo and write up by K. Jordan



Retired Brigadier General Robert Wolfe pinned outgoing President Jason Rudd with the past President's pin.



Retired Brigadier General Robert Wolfe pinned President Sam MacMaster with the President's pin.

Outgoing WAUSA President Jason Rudd's Parting Thoughts

Photo and write up by K. Jordan



Outgoing President Jason Rudd receives a parting gift from incoming President Sam MacMaster.

After joining the AUSA Executive committee 10 years ago, I have learned so much about Ft Rucker and the relationships with the nearby cities. It is really nice to see the continued growth of each other during this time. We often take it for granted that Ft Rucker will always exist. BRAC brought forward new opportunity for us all and reinforced the economic impact on our Wiregrass region. As outgoing President of the Wiregrass Chapter, Thanks for your help this year in making our Chapter grow.

United States Army 234th Birthday Ball

Photo and write up by K. Jordan



The 234th United States Army Birthday Ball was held on June 12, 2009 at Fort Rucker's Aviator's Landing. The cake cutting ceremony recognized the youngest to oldest Soldier of the Fort Rucker military community. From left to right NCO of the Quarter Staff Sgt. Nicholas Beauchamp, USAACE and Fort Rucker Commander Maj. Gen. James O. Barclay III, AUSA President Jason Rudd, USAACE and Fort Rucker Command Sergeant Major CSM Tod Glidewell, the youngest Soldier at Ft. Rucker 17 year old Pvt. Dante Williams, the oldest Soldier 89 year old AUSA member Selden Bailey and Soldier of the Quarter Spc. Soraima Bergantino.

YEAR of the NCO...

Photo and write up by K. Jordan

At the 234th United States Army Birthday Ball and the Fort Rucker - Wiregrass Chapter AUSA Annual Banquet USAACE and Fort Rucker Commander Maj. Gen James O. Barclay III praised the military families, civilians and Soldiers for their service and selflessness to our nation.

During the ceremony there were several moments when military members were asked to stand and be recognized. One group that was asked to stand was a class of AIT Soldiers in attendance. This recognition by Maj. Gen. Barclay was a humbling experience for one young Soldier.

PFC Crittney Wright of Alpha Company 1st of the 13th expressed what being recognized at

the event meant to her at the ceremony.

"I think it is a great honor to be noticed tonight and asked to stand up. We are the new people coming in, the new Soldiers.

We have big shoes to fill, and like USAACE and Fort Rucker Commander Maj. Gen James O. Barclay III said - it is wartime. It takes great pride and courage to join during a time of war.

For the people in that room clapping for us and giving us a standing ovation to honor us was great. We have some big ranks here tonight and for them to look down on the E-1's, E-2's, E-3's and Specialist is a big deal. For all these high ranking Colonel's and Command Sergeant Majors to honor us, I'm just blown away. It's a big honor and we really appreciate it."



Community greets new Aviation Branch Command Sergeant Major Tod Glidewell

Photo and write up by K. Jordan



Left to right USAACE and Fort Rucker Command Sergeant Major Tod Glidewell, wife Toni and daughters April and Ashley greet military and civilian well wisher after the Change of Responsibility ceremony held on May 27, 2009. Family members not shown in this photo are the Glidewell's daughter Amber, her husband Derick and their two children Makayala and Zachary currently stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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