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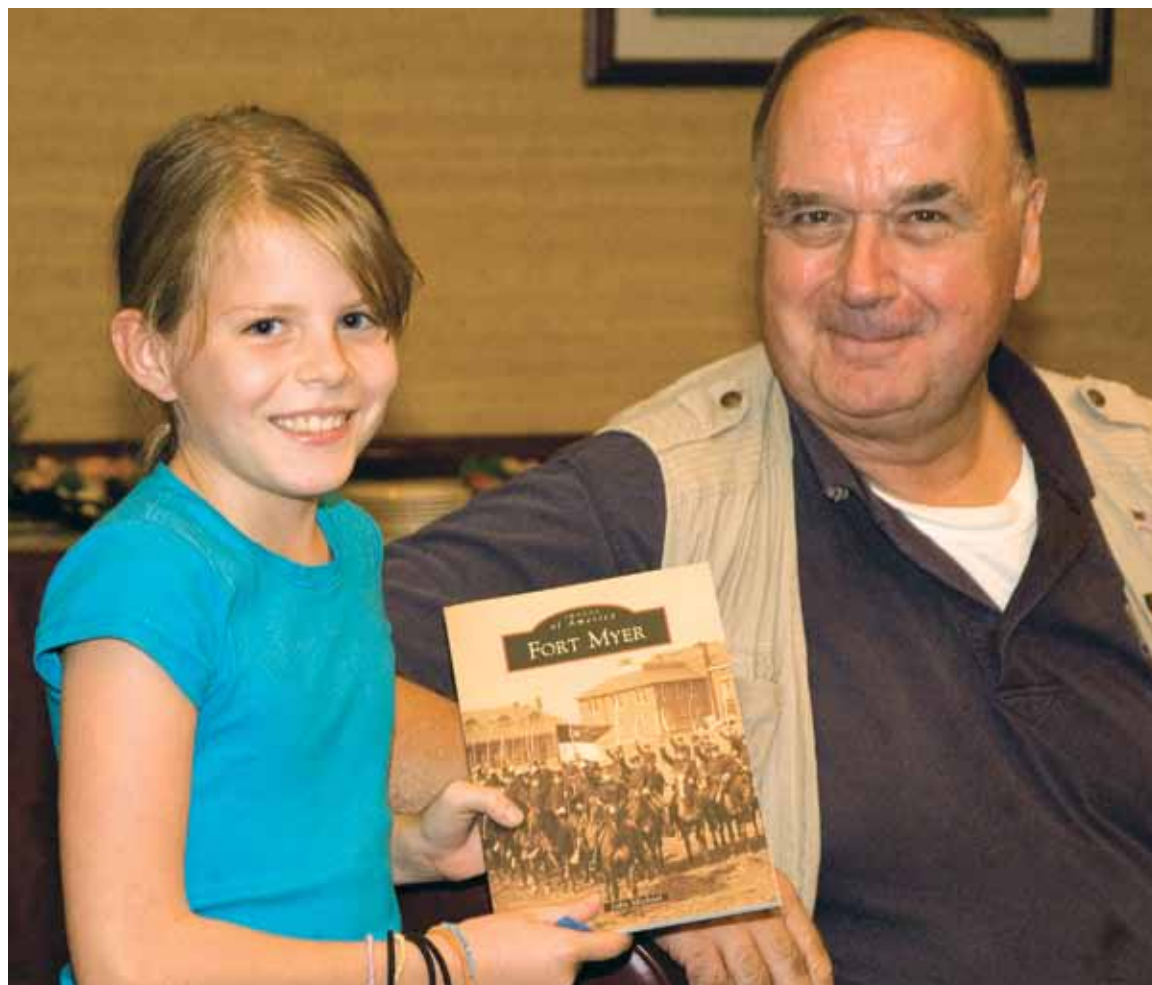
AUSA Award-Winning Newspaper

Images of America author autographs book

Salute to Soldiers!

The Fairfax-Lee Chapter of AUSA sponsored its fifth bi-annual Salute to Soldiers! in September at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course in recognition of area Soldiers' selfless service and sacrifice for our nation. Music was provided by local DJ Alvin Isom for the event which featured free appetizers, free beverages, and entertainment for Soldiers and their families from 6 PM until 8 PM. Door prizes were provided by corporate sponsors and George Mason University and were given away every half hour. Mark Wise, the Fairfax-Lee Chapter President, as well as Colonel John Strycula, the Fort Belvoir installation commander,

were on hand to address both AUSA and Fort Belvoir efforts to meet the needs of Soldiers and their Families here within the greater Washington area. The event provided a great opportunity for Soldiers and their Families to relax and learn a bit about their local AUSA chapter and AUSA's national efforts to address soldier and family issues. This Fall's celebration was a huge success and Fairfax-Lee has already begun planning its next Salute to Soldiers! event for April 2012. For more information concerning future Salute to Soldier! events, please contact Ken Britt at: Kenneth.britt@us.army.mil.



A proud winner of the book, "Images of America—Fort Myer," which was both autographed and presented by the author John Michael (right)

GW Chapter Proudly Supports American Gold Star Mothers

Gold Star Mothers from around the country made their annual pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., on September 24-25, 2011, to honor the

memory of sons and daughters who served and died in the U.S. military; that this world might be a better place in which to live. The tradition started in

1936 when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt issued a proclamation calling upon the Government officials to display the United States flag on all Government buildings, and the people of the United States to display the flag and to hold appropriate meetings in their homes, churches, or other suitable places, on the last Sunday in September, as public expression of the love, sorrow and reverence of the people of the United States for the American Gold Star Mothers. GW-AUSA was honored to again provide bus transportation for

their tour.

The weekend kicked off with a banquet on September 24, at the Hilton Hotel in McLean, Tysons Corner, Va. The banquet not only commemorated the 71st Gold Star Mothers weekend, it also commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Gold Star challenge coins were given to Vietnam Veterans and to the Vietnam mothers who were present. Local Singer, DC Washington dazzled the crowd with several songs including The Star Spangled Banner. Vietnam Veterans of America Legislative Chairman, Rick Weidman, was the guest speaker. There were several

presentations made to honor the service of veterans to the Vietnam Wall park service and to the Gold Star Mothers. GWAUSA Board Members, Edward Dauksz and Valerie Beall were acknowledged for their continued support of the AGSMs and transportation during their weekend visit to Washington, D.C.

One hundred and fifty guests attending the reception and dinner were from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion, VietNow and many other friends and family of the Gold Star Mothers. Earlier in the day



American Gold Star Mothers at the Vietnam Memorial



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20 Gold Star Mothers gathered for a tea in honor of the department presidents who were in town for the weekend.

On Sunday, September 25 the board members and other gold star mothers boarded a bus to the Vietnam Wall where they laid a wreath. Then it was on to Section 60 at Arlington National Cemetery where they placed glass tear drops on the grave markers of the fallen from Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Norma Luther, AGSM President, hiked down to Section 65 where her son was buried after losing his life in a helicopter crash in Germany in 1988; for a moment of reflection. Then it was back to headquarters in DC for lunch and a change to more formal whites.

After a luncheon at the AGSM's Headquarters and change into their whites, they boarded the bus for the ride back to Arlington National Cemetery where the Gold Star Sunday ceremony was held. There



American Gold Star Mothers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (above) and Valerie Beall, Edward Dauksz and AGSM President Norma Luther

were approximately 150 people in attendance. Retired Joint Chief of Staff, General George Casey was the guest speaker. A five piece Army brass ensemble was on hand to play for the gathering and the colors were presented by The National Honor Guard and the VFW National Honor Guard. Reverend Howard Brammer from Indianapolis served as the chaplain of the day. At the conclusion of the program, a wreath was laid at the Tomb of the Unknowns in honor of all Gold Star Mothers and their sons and daughters. A reception at the AGSM's headquarters followed.

Corporate Appreciation Luncheon

By Andres "Andy" Rivera
Chapter Vice President for Programs

Dozens of individual and corporate members, Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and invited guests turned out to participate at Fairfax-Lee's quarterly membership luncheon held at the Hilton Springfield on 23 September 2011. The event was also the chapter's annual corporate recognition luncheon. Chapter President Mark Wise updated the audience on recent accomplishments and upcoming events.

The Chapter, in coordination with Fort Belvoir's Morale Welfare and Recreation Division, continues to support the Fort Belvoir community throughout the year including MWR summer programs and outdoor recreation events. Mark Wise thanked the chapter's nearly 60 corporate sponsors for their support, sponsorship, and contributions. Chapter VP for Programs, Andy Rivera, introduced the guest speaker, Major General Phillip McGhee, Director for Army Budget. He is responsible for the Department of the Army's budget formulation, the presentation



General McGhee

and defense of the budget through the Congressional appropriation process, budget execution and analysis, reprogramming actions, and appropriation fund control/distribution. General McGhee began by thanking AUSA and the corporate sponsors for their support to the Army; he also thanked the Army Warriors present for their continued service.

General McGhee highlighted the priorities established by the Army's Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Army. He articulated how the effects of the deficit, unemployment and the "Super Committee" affect the Army budget through its development and execution. General McGhee reminded the

audience that Army Family Programs continue to be funded at 100% and how the Army is taking a holistic approach to pay and entitlements to ensure they are properly funded. Chapter President, Mark Wise, presented General McGhee with a Support Our Soldiers pin as a memento for his participation in the luncheon and his enduring support to AUSA.

GW Chapter Membership Grows

By Ron Primm
Vice President Membership

General membership in the George Washington Chapter grew by more than 323 members thanks to a successful membership drive with the 3d US Infantry (The Old Guard).

The membership drive was made possible by support from Regimental Command Sergeant Major, Jeffrey Stitzel. His involvement helped strengthen the membership ranks within AUSA and is a demonstration of units' faith and confidence in the chapter.

Todd Hunter, Chapter President, spearheaded the membership drive and was instrumental in conveying the significance and importance of active duty memberships. He

credits the leaders of the Old Guard, particularly the Noncommissioned Officers. "We believe its imperative for Soldiers to understand who we are and what we do." Hunter says. "We want them to know that we are fighting side by side with them to improve and protect the programs that greatly enhance the way of life the them and their Families."

This membership drive enabled the chapter to maintain an upward glide path, during a time of economic challenges.

Each new member is encouraged to get involved. Be heard! Lets us know where we can help you. Spread the word to your teammates that AUSA is truly the Voice for the Army-Support for the Soldier.



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GMU ROTC at the AUSA ROTC luncheon

ROTC Activities

By LTC Paul Kremer

George Mason cadets attended the ROTC Luncheon on 10 October 2011 as part of the AUSA Convention in Washington D.C. Eighteen cadets and several cadre members attended thanks to the support of the AUSA Fairfax-Lee Chapter. This was a highly memorable event for the young members of the ROTC team.

Beginning with the luncheon, the cadets had the opportunity to experience a high class event sponsored by AUSA showing the cadets how much the organization cares about the future leaders of America. This was especially the case as 15 of the cadets were freshman or sophomores in our program. As these particular individuals had very little prior exposure to the Army, it began an eye opening day for them. The cadets had an opportunity in a more social setting to talk with cadre and some other cadets from Drexel University who joined us at our two tables.

The second part of the ROTC Luncheon was the TRADOC Commander, GEN Robert Cone's

discussion of the Army of 2020—an organization these freshmen and sophomores will see—hopefully as Army leaders. As I watched the cadets, I know some topics were not fully understood by them all, but largely they understood what challenges lay ahead as the Army continues to change in the years ahead.

Upon the conclusion of the lunch, the cadets were escorted to the main exhibition hall. There the cadets had the chance to explore future career options in our great Army. For several hours they wandered through the aisle ways seeing what might interest them. As anyone who has walked through the exhibits knows, it's quite an experience to see all that the Army has to offer.

In closing, the ROTC luncheon was a great opportunity to show the George Mason cadets what lies in their future if they complete their education and receive a commission via ROTC. Thanks again to AUSA for providing the ROTC cadre yet another chance to motivate and inspire our future leaders.

Images of America—Fort Myer

Looking for a great Christmas gift for husband, wife, mom, dad, daughter or son? Take a look at "Images of America—Fort Myer", by John Michael, author and AUSA member. This is a great gift especially for anyone who has ever served in

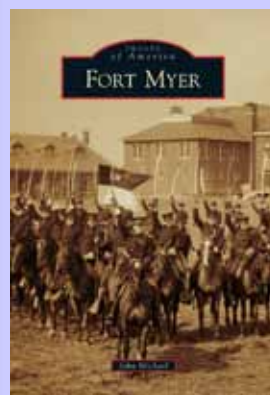
The Old Guard, was stationed at Fort Myer, or enjoys military history. You can either order online or by mailing the coupon (below). A portion of the profits on the sale of this book goes directly to the Fairfax-Lee Chapter.

Images of America - Fort Myer

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It's the current home to The US Army Band - "Pershing's Own" and the 3d Infantry Regiment - "The Old Guard" and Headquarters Company of the US Army

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SOLDIER

by George L. Skypeck

*I was that which others did not want to be.
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 and did what others failed to do.
 I asked nothing from those who gave nothing,
 and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal
 loneliness...should I fail.
 I have seen the face of terror;
 felt the stinging cold of fear;
 and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love.
 I have cried, pained, and hoped ... but most of all,
 I have lived times others
 would say were best forgotten.
 At least someday I will be able to say that
 I was proud of what I was ... a soldier.*



Mark Wise, President
Fairfax-Lee Chapter

REPORT FROM THE FAIRFAX-LEE PRESIDENT

2011 FAIRFAX-LEE CHAPTER EVENTS

26 October

Last Wednesday

8 November

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

30 November

Last Wednesday

13 December

Warrior Transition Unit Holiday Party

For details on any of these events, consult
our website: ausafairfaxlee.org

Best Show Ever! That's right. The recent AUSA Annual Meeting was the largest, best attended Annual Meeting in recent memory. Even with the addition of the two additional exhibit halls, the crowds were sizeable and enthusiastic. There were three days of Professional Seminars for Soldiers, Families, and Association membership. The Fairfax-Lee chapter was actively engaged from start to finish. From sponsorship of the golf tournament the Saturday prior, through the Army Ten-Miler/HOOAH! Tent activities, to the Marshall Dinner on Wednesday night, the Chapter and our community partners were front and center. The

Chapter was recognized for our activities and accomplishments during the past year with multiple AUSA National, 2nd Region, and Individual awards. But wait there's more! We continue our active calendar of events in support of the AUSA mission. We are already well into the process of preparing for our annual Wounded Warrior Holiday Dinner in December. We continue the planning process with George Mason University in preparation for their annual "Patriot Day" event in January. The next "Salute to Soldiers" and the Spring golf tournament events are just around the corner this coming Spring. I'd like to encourage you to come to one of

our upcoming "Last Wednesday," General Membership Luncheon events, or contact me via our website to discuss our Chapter mission, focus, activities, or how to get involved. On behalf of the Chapter Board of Directors & Advisory Committee, I want to wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season and new year.

F-L Chapter Monthly Mixer Last Wednesday

On a recurring basis (except December), the Fairfax-Lee Chapter hosts a reception at the Springfield Hilton at 6550 Loisdale Road in Springfield (PH: 703-971-8900). This is a great time to relax and meet the officers and other members of your chapter and discuss past successes and upcoming activities in support of Soldiers and their Families. Stop by on your way home from work and join the crowd! The event begins at 5:00 PM and will last until 7:00 PM on the last Wednesday of each Month.

Take the first right at the stoplight onto Loisdale Road. Turn right into the Hilton parking lot at the Hilton sign and follow directional signs to the entrance.

Coming from the South

From the U.S. Interstate Highway I-95 North, take Exit 169A Franconia Road (Route 644 East). At the first stop light make a left onto Loisdale Road. At the next light take a left onto Loisdale Court. You will find the entrance to the Hilton parking lot at the end of the court on your right.

For more information concerning this event, please contact Ken Britt: Kenneth.britt@us.army.mil

Coming from the North

Take I-395 South to exit ramp 1-B Springfield. Take exit 169A, Franconia Road.



Look for this sign in the Springfield Hilton and enjoy meeting fellow AUSA members and your chapter officers.

George Washington Chapter 2012 Scholarship Program

The George Washington Chapter 2012 scholarship committee is in the early stages of devising this year's scholarship plan and strategy. During fiscal year 2011, the chapter awarded \$20,000 in scholarships with the top scholarship, named after the former GWC President "The Ed Dauksz Scholarship" receiving \$5,000.

The GWC AUSA scholarship committee will start accepting applications after 1 January 2012. The scholarship program was established to provide recognition, inspiration, financial assistance and encouragement to our members and their families in "Keeping America's Army Strong."

These awards are presented to outstanding members and family members enrolled in undergraduate or advanced degree programs. The chapter has two scholarship categories: Category 1: Member Scholarships Open to George Washington chapter members

(enlisted, officer and civilian) pursuing an undergraduate or advanced degree. Category 2: Family Member Scholarships Open to a child or spouse of a George Washington chapter AUSA member pursuing an undergraduate or advanced degree.



All applications must be postmarked by April 01, 2012. Scholarship eligibility criteria and application requirements can be found on the chapter web site at www.gwcausa.org Mail applications and direct all questions and inquires to:

Scholarship Committee
ATTN: Todd B Hunter
19226 Potomac Crest Drive
Triangle, VA 22172
or email: Todd.b.hunter@us.army.mil

**Good Luck and
Keep Our Army Strong!**

Fairfax-Lee Chapter Supports Fort Belvoir Retiree Appreciation Day

On September 24 the Fairfax-Lee Chapter of AUSA provided support to Fort Belvoir's Military Retiree Appreciation Day and Health Fair held at the Barden Education Center. The Fort Belvoir Retiree Council and the Fort Belvoir Retirement Services Office again sponsored this annual event which highlighted the formal and informal support agencies throughout the area committed to meeting the needs of the approximately 830,000 retired soldiers and their families within the Fort Belvoir community.

A large part of the event included free dental and health screening, flu shots and an introduction of services offered by the newly opened Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. Representatives of the Fairfax-Lee Chapter of AUSA provided information on both local efforts and AUSA's national efforts to address Soldier and Family issues as well as donating three \$100 gift cards as door prizes for this highly successful event. For more information concerning this event, please contact Ken Britt at: Kenneth.britt@us.army.mil



Todd Hunter, President
George Washington Chapter

As your chapter president it is a privilege to serve our great Army, the George Washington Chapter, Individual and corporate members and friends. The George Washington chapter has more than 4,500 members and 323 corporate members. Our common bond is that we love to support Soldiers and Families. We are bidding farewell to one of our members, Ms Valerie Beall. Valerie served as the Vice President of Programs for the past six years, her efforts the chapter was able to provide outstanding support to Soldiers, Family Members, Wounded Warriors and ROTC cadets in the National Capitol Region.

AUSA continually seeks ways to improve the quality of life for those that have served our nation so faithfully. Please read the articles in the newsletter and you will see more of what the chapter has done and will be doing. Of particular notes; the National Capital Region Golf Tournament, hosted with our sister chapter, Fairfax-Lee. Lots of events are coming up as well—please mark your calendars December 08 Quarterly Chapter Luncheon Army Navy Country Club Arlington, Va. with Ms Katherine Hammock, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment (ASA IE&E).

This year our Chapter gave thousands of dollars to a wide range of causes: scholarships, awards, events, Wounded Warrior events, families and more. Your tireless efforts have greatly aided AUSA in its mission and have had a positive impact on our Soldiers and

their families. Gen Sullivan stated at the annual meeting "This new next year will bring us many challenges." First and foremost, there will be attempts to reduce or eliminate programs and perhaps cut some pay or benefits for our troops. Membership is so very important in who we are and how we support the Army. Without a robust member base our voice simply will not be heard on Capitol Hill. We must be heard on the issues of Soldier and retiree benefits, Army share of the Department of Defense budget, Army end strength and a skilled, operational Army Reserve component. As Soldiers return from the war they must be shown the importance of AUSA's role in supporting the Army, and that their participation with AUSA is vital to our success."

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for the association and our men and women in uniform.

REPORT FROM THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER PRESIDENT

2011

GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER EVENTS

5 November

Operation Home Cooking
Washington, DC Convention Center

12 November

American Freedom Festival
George Mason University

8 December • 11:30 AM-1 PM

GWC Quarterly Luncheon • Army Navy Country Club
Guest Speaker Hon. Ms. Katherine Hammock,
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy & Environment
(ASA IE&E)

10 December

Project Hooah Wounded Warrior Christmas Party

SAVE THE DATES

22-24 February 2012

AUSA Winter Symposium • Fort Lauderdale, FL

16 May 2012

GWC/FLL AUSA Golf Tournament

20 October 2012

AUSA National Golf Tournament

Army CIO/ G-6 Speaks to GWC Luncheon

By Carl P. Cecil
Lee Technologies Services

Lieutenant General Susan Lawrence, U.S. Army Chief Information Officer/G-6 addressed over 140 members and guests from the George Washington Chapter at our September 23rd luncheon held at the Army Navy Country Club.

LTG Lawrence assumed her duties as the Army CIO/G-6 after her confirmation on March 3rd. LTG Lawrence has commanded at every Signal Corps leadership job from platoon to Army Signal Command. She has also held many very important staff positions at all levels to include United States Army Europe and Seventh Army (USAREUR) Chief Information Officer/Assistant Chief of Staff,



LTG Susan Lawrence and the President of AUSA GW Chapter Todd Hunter

G-6 (CIO/G-6) as well as the Vice Director, J-6, Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. She has received numerous awards and decorations to include Distinguished Service Medal.

LTG Lawrence spoke about "The Army Network" and the challenges facing the Army Signal Community with diminishing budgets. She highlighted significant changes in how units like the 82 Airborne Division

now train with Afghanistan Mission Network prior to deployment. MG James L. Huggins stated that, "This is the best game changer preparing us for deployment." LTG Lawrence spoke about "The Need for Change" in the acquisition of technology. She said, "We must fundamentally change how we acquire IT. We can't just close the technology gap—we must eliminate it."



LTG Susan Lawrence and Karen Lowe celebrating the Army CIO/G6's birthday!

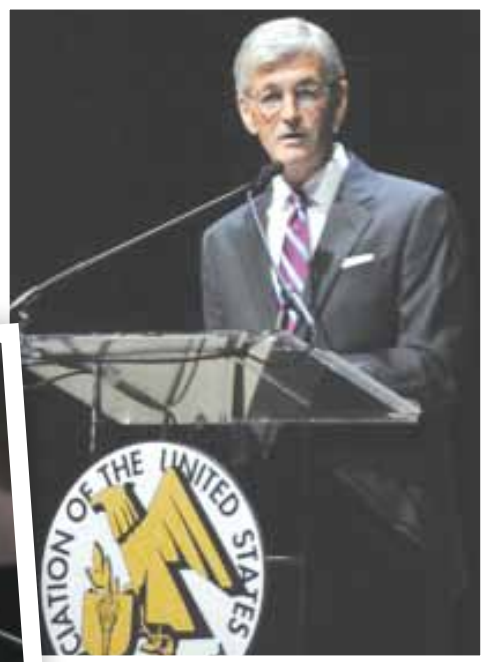
Mr. Edward D Dauksz, AUSA Washington DC Metro President, "Pinned" our new chapter president Todd Hunter to commemorate his new tenure in office. Karen Lowe, GWC Board Member, presented LTG Lawrence with a birthday cake and the membership sang the happy birthday song. The Howard University Color Guard posted the Colors at the beginning of the luncheon. Chaplain (MAJ)

Steve Moser, Pentagon Family Life Chaplain, provided the Invocation.

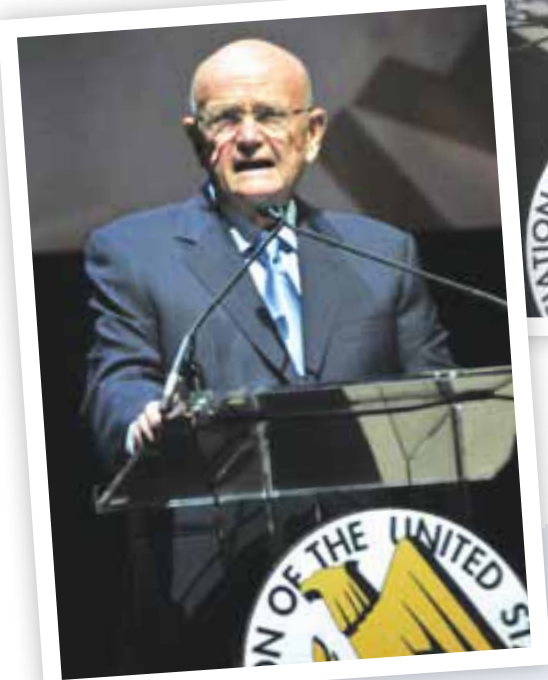
Following the presentation, chapter president Todd Hunter closed the meeting. The next chapter luncheon will be held on December 8th at Army Navy Country Club in Arlington with Ms. Katherine Hammock, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment (ASA IE&E).

AUSA 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Opening Ceremony



Secretary of the Army The Honorable John McHugh, right, provides opening remarks.



GEN(R) Gordon Sullivan, below, addresses AUSA members at the opening ceremony.

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Meeting, Sustaining Members Luncheon
Reception and Dinner, and the Chapter
was honored and recognized

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Ken Wanless and Todd Hunter receive a chapter award from GEN(R) Gordon Sullivan

Chapter Presidents



Mark Wise receives a chapter award from GEN(R) Gordon Sullivan



General Dunwoody meets with GW Chapter

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Chapter Region Breakfast & Awards



Ron Johnson thanks Glenn Yarborough for his outstanding service



Ron Johnson presenting Todd Hunter GW's Merit Chapter Award



Ron Johnson presenting Mark Wise Fairfax-Lee's Merit Chapter Award

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Army 10-Miler



er members Ed Dauksz and Karen Lowe



Dennis McFadden, Congressman West, Ken Wanless and Kyle Cormack in the GW Hooah Tent.



ARMY TEN-MILER

By Cadet Edward Chalkley
George Mason University

Spirits and motivation were high on October 9, 2011 at the Army Ten-Miler as the weather and the overall Army environment proved to be incredible. The event began at the Pentagon before traversing the National Mall in Washington, D.C. and ending back where it started. Over 30,000 runners

participated this year with the George Mason Army ROTC among the many teams from across the nation.

The GMU ROTC team consisted of 16 cadets outfitted with running shirts provided by the Fairfax-Lee Chapter. The GMU team ran together with pride and was motivated by one another as well as by the many spectators who offered

words of encouragement along the entire ten mile course. The GMU team in particular caught the eye of many other runners, mostly alumni, who ran alongside the cadets offering words of encouragement. Upon completion of the race, each runner was given a finishers coin in the shape of the Pentagon.

Representatives from multiple Army installations,

as well as several AUSA chapters set up tents near the finish line. They offered food and other mementos allowing the GMU team to see what all these supporting organizations do for the Army and all of its Soldiers. This was yet another highlight for the cadets as they had a chance to explore the many options available in a future Army career.

Overall, the cadets on the GMU ROTC team left with a feeling of accomplishment. They had conquered yet another challenge, and were brought closer together as a team due to their completion of the challenging run. Another thank you goes out to the Fairfax-Lee AUSA chapter for supporting the GMU cadets.



HOWARD UNIVERSITY "BISON BATTALION" SPOTLIGHT



Ranger Challenge 2011

By Terrance Williams

At most universities around the country, the month of October means those final days of grilling, football, and homecoming events. For a select few from each university however, it means something slightly different. This past weekend, while students, alumni, parents and fans from all over the country flocked to the nation's capital to celebrate Howard University's homecoming events, a select group of ROTC students and cadets went to Blackstone, Va. for the annual 4th Brigade Ranger Challenge competition. The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), 4th Brigade includes schools from West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, North and South Carolina, and the District of Columbia. For the

past 21 years, schools have sent 11 person teams comprised of all classes from freshmen to seniors, to compete against each other in the 'spirit of the Ranger'. The competitions include physical fitness tests, land navigation, weapons familiarization, and other soldier skills and knowledge tests. The location and details of the competition varies from year to year. This year's competition, for example, included a reaction course that featured a 200-meter Humvee push.

"Some of you have made sacrifices," said Lieutenant Colonel Foster, 4th Brigade Executive Officer and acting commander of the training event. 'Some of you missed homecomings, parties, football games. We understand. And we thank you'. The Brigade Commander, Colonel Ronald

P. Elrod, expressed similar sentiments. "It is my intent to challenge all participating cadet teams from the 4th Brigade through a mentally and physically demanding, two day, time based military skills competition. I want to replicate LDAC standards wherever possible, but RC 11 [Ranger Challenge 2011] is intended to instill camaraderie and teamwork by placing cadet teams under stress in head to head competition in individual and team skills." LDAC is the Leadership Development Assessment Course which all 3rd year cadets go through the summer prior to their senior year. While everyone came to compete, some cadets did not share the same sentiments. 'We're mad that we're missing

your homecoming,' a Bowie State cadet said to a Howard University cadet. Forty schools in all compete in the competition, broken down into two divisions, black and gold. The gold division is for ROTC programs with over 100 cadets enrolled. For first, second and third place in each individual event, teams received a streamer. The overall top three teams in each event received trophies as well. This year, Howard Universities Bison Battalion didn't come away with a trophy, but they did better than they have in years past. "I am so proud of all of you, for the sacrifice that you made, for how hard you worked. Winners continue to build on their mistakes as we did from last year to this year and we will continue to keep

getting better, until we bring the trophy home. You are now the elite of the program. You are not extraordinary Cadets, but ordinary Cadets going the extra mile. Be proud Bison Battalion, be very proud."

For one weekend in October, cadets gave up the fun they could be having and chose instead to join a team and represent, in small part, the schools they attend. These same cadets are the future leaders of tomorrow's armed forces. This one weekend they showed however, they have the ability to sacrifice and work together for the good of the team, and to represent something larger than themselves. They are truly the leaders of tomorrow and are leaving in the trail a legacy that will live on for years to come.



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Retired General Officers Ken Hunzeker, Dave Melcher, Bob Durbin, along with Doug Dyer were the ITT winning team for the tournament.



An unofficial greeting committee welcomes golfers to the 2nd Annual AUSA National Golf Invitational. Left to right, SMA Jack Tilley (USA Ret), Sgt. Maj. Todd B. Hunter (USA, Ret) and President GW Chapter, GEN Gordon R. Sullivan (USA Ret) and President & Chief Operating Officer of AUSA, LTC Mark Wise, (USA Ret) and President Fairfax-Lee Chapter, and CSM Jimmie W. Spencer (USA Ret).

2nd Annual AUSA National Golf Invitational

Sunshine, blue skies, and a beautiful setting marked the 2nd Annual AUSA National Golf Invitational held at Westfields Golf Club on 8 October 2011. Nearly 140 golfers from around the country took to the course and enjoyed 18 holes of golf.

The event was made possible through the generous contributions of four major corporations including naming rights sponsor General Dynamics, AM General, BAE Systems and Northrop Grumman. Other significant contributions were received from DRS, G.L. Gore & Associates, Calibre, Raytheon, Sikorsky, SportForce, Hesco Bastion Ltd, Veteranscorps, Golden Key Group and Vectronix, Inc. The Hilton Springfield was singled out for their considerable contributions of manpower and door prize support for the event.

Golfers began arriving around 11:00 AM for registration and warmed up on the course's putting green and driving range before enjoying a lunch in the outdoor pavilion. GEN Gordon R. Sullivan (USA, Ret) welcomed all participants and thanked the many sponsors who made the event possible. The Fairfax-Lee and George Washington chapters collaborated by forming a joint committee to plan and manage the event.

Following play the golfers enjoyed a meal at the course while the winning teams were recognized and awards presented. The ITT team of retired General Officers Dave Melcher, Bob Durbin, and Ken Hunzeker along with Doug Dyer won the tournament with an impressive score of 59. Reamer Argo captured the putting contest prize while Mike Mudd, James Woodward, and Roger Gambriel were recognized for their 'closest to the pin' achievements. Michael Thomas had the longest drive among the men and Amy

Rasussen for the ladies.

Pictures of the event, and complete results can be found by visiting www.ausagolf.info.

This was a superb event that raised money to support both Chapters and the great work they are doing in support the Army community in Northern Virginia and the National Capital Region. Recognition is in order for ALL of the benefactors especially the major sponsors General Dynamics, AM General, Northrop Grumman and BAE Systems.

The date for next year's tournament is already set for the Saturday preceding the Annual Meeting—mark your calendar for October 20, 2012! If you are interested in volunteering to assist with the event next year, please contact Dave Barber and the committee by emailing tournament@ausagolf.info.

Annual AUSA National Golf Invitational Winners

1ST PLACE
Dave Melcher
Ken Hunzeker
Bob Durbin
Doug Dyer

2ND PLACE
Jeff Stitzel
Alex Vanker
Mike Thomas
Dustin Dumbravo

3RD PLACE
Ken Peterman
Amy Rasmussen
Earl Johnson
Rand Allen

4TH PLACE
Dan Bartlett
Al Runnels
Bob Speer
Randy Loyer

5TH PLACE
Scott Crizer
COL Bill Fuller

PUTTING CONTEST WINNER
Reamer Argo

CLOSEST TO THE PIN WINNERS
Hole 3, Mike Mudd
Hole 7, James Woodward
Hole 12, Mike Mudd
Hole 17, Roger Gambrel

LONGEST DRIVE MEN
Hole 15, Michael Thomas

LONGEST DRIVE WOMEN
Hole 6, Amy Rasmussen

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