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AUSA Helps Governor McDonnell Make Virginia America's Friendliest Veterans State

On April 29, Governor Bob McDonnell signed 27 bills into law aimed at making Virginia the best state in America for veterans. This event was the culmination of several years of hard work on the part of the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) to help frame laws which benefit our military; veterans, active duty, National Guard and Reserves. George Washington Chapter, AUSA is an active member of the JLC which advises the Governor's Department of Veteran Services on veteran and military issues. Don Kaiserman, Richmond and Ed Dauksz, George Washington, attended the bill signings at the South Portico of the

Capitol building. They are active members of the JLC.

The bills do everything from establish a veterans free data base to help wounded and disabled soldiers file with the VA, assist wounded warrior families, offset HOV costs for active duty in the Hampton Roads area, protect the right to fly the American flag, waive fees for small business applications, and exempt disabled veterans from paying property taxes.

"All of the legislation recognized today will take us a step further and ensure our veterans are receiving the gratitude and thanks when they return home. I thank all the patrons for their acknowledgement of the great

sacrifice our veterans have made. The overwhelming bipartisan support of our veterans strikes the right tone that I look to build upon. I look forward to working with our veterans and their families during my administration so we can make Virginia the best state in America for veterans" said Governor McDonald.

The Governor says more than 830,000 veterans live in Virginia, which is more per capita than any other state.

The Joint Leadership Council is about to establish its agenda for 2011 budget year and looks forward to your inputs. Please contact Ed Dauksz edauksz@cox.net with your input.



Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell shows his support for vets.

Fairfax-Lee Chapter Sponsors Salute to Soldiers! Event at Fort Belvoir

The Fairfax-Lee Chapter of AUSA sponsored a SALUTE TO SOLDIERS! event in April at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course in recognition of our Soldiers' selfless service and sacrifice for our nation.

The two hour event featured free appetizers, entertainment and free beverages for Soldiers and their Families from 6PM until 8PM in the golf course clubhouse area. Music was provided by local DJ Alvin Isom. Door prizes were given away every half hour and chapter executive committee members were on hand to address current AUSA efforts underway and to discuss where else we may be able to positively influence the lives of Soldiers and the Families



Nearly 100 soldiers and family members attended the Fairfax-Lee Chapter "Salute To Soldiers!" event in late April.

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's efforts to meet their needs as well as AUSA's national efforts to address Soldier and Family issues with congress.

The Fairfax-Lee Chapter

of AUSA is on track to contribute nearly \$100,000 to the Fort Belvoir community this year and remains committed to supporting Soldier and Family programs within

the area. This celebration event was a huge success with representatives from the installation command group, the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) and many of the Fort Belvoir tenant agencies in attendance. In a follow on meeting with Fairfax-Lee vice president Ken Britt, the installation Command Sergeant Major, CSM Berhane thanked Fairfax-Lee for sponsoring the celebration and highlighted AUSA's continued commitment to Soldiers.

Fairfax-Lee is already planning its next SALUTE TO SOLDIERS! event for September 2010.

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

MG Steve Smith Keynote Speaker at AUSA GW Chapter Quarterly Luncheon



MG Steve Smith

The AUSA George Washington Chapter Quarterly Luncheon was held on 2 June at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington. The guest speaker was Major General Steve Smith, the Director of the Army's Cyberspace Task Force. MG Smith is responsible for the development, implementation and execution of the Army's cyber defense strategy. He is also responsible for the Army's cyber-related information technology systems and subsystems.

MG Smith was introduced by MG (Ret) Craig Bambrough of the Chapter who noted that MG Smith has served in Command and Staff positions within the Active Component, Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve and was extremely qualified to lead the Cyberspace Task Force.

During his remarks, MG Smith said that in creating a US Cyber Command "people were going to have to give things up." He also said that the Army is taking steps to identify the location of the 3-star Army Forces



MG (Ret) John Thomas SVP and GM, SAIC, MG Steve Smith, Ken Wanless, President, AUSA George Washington Chapter and John Neal.

Cyber (ARFORCYBER) headquarters at either Ft Belvoir or Ft Meade. Smith also remarked that the US Army Network and Technology Command (NETCOM) and the US Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) would be key components of ARFORCYBER.

Additionally, the Cyberspace Operations and Integration Center at Fort Belvoir will be a "center of gravity"

with the primary mission to direct the operations and defense of the network. MG Smith closed with two key points saying that cyber readiness is his #1 issues and that he looks to industry for help in identifying innovative solutions to mitigate cyber risks.

Following MG Smith's presentation the GW Chapter recognized its Scholarship award winners.

New Date
Wednesday, August 11!

Fort Belvoir - Woodlawn
AUSA
Todd Hunter
Charley Taylor
11:00 AM 10B

AUSA GW Chapter Golf Tournament Date Change

Due to conflicts with the annual LandWarNet 2010 Conference, the GW Chapter has moved the 23rd Annual Scholarship and Family Support Golf Tournament to **Wednesday, August 11**. This, our largest fund raising event of the year, will be held at Ft. Belvoir's Gunston Golf Course. This year marks a departure from the norm as we will have a 2pm shotgun start. Updated registration information will be sent out in the next couple of days. In the interim, additional information about the event and sponsorship opportunities can be directed to Renee Lyles at (703) 430-2967 or renee.lyles@hp.com. Pictured here are Washington Redskins Hall of Famer Charley Taylor (left) with Todd Hunter, chapter official at last year's GW Golf Tournament.



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Asst. Secy. of Veterans Affairs Duckworth Delivers Inspirational Speech

On April 16, the 2nd Region AUSA chapters and guests were treated to a dynamic, patriotic, motivating straight from the heart speech by one of the Army's heroines from OIF, the Honorable Tammy Duckworth, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public Relations. She compared the AUSA, who is on the forefront protecting our soldier's rights and family affairs on the political scene, to one of her crew who stood by her with a loaded M-60 machine gun when her helicopter was shot down in Iraq. "Don't worry Maam; I'm here to protect us all. We will get out of her all right." The whole crew made it safely as did Tammy Duckworth, severely wounded who later lost both legs. Her wounds have made her stronger as she champions for Veteran Rights seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. She went on to thank each of the attendees for their service and vowed to continue to help soldiers, their families and a generation of veterans from all of America's wars. She said that the AUSA is there like her crew chief on the perimeter, standing vigilant to look out for our soldiers. A standing ovation to an awe-inspiring speech could not have been more appropriate. HOOAH!



Clockwise from top right: Tammy with Ron Johnson, 2nd Regional president; Tammy chatting with MG Chambers, Commanding General, Ft. Lee; Tammy sharing a laugh with Ed Dauksz and his daughter, Meredith; and Tammy delivering her inspirational speech.



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INCLUSIVENESS INTEGRITY RESPONSIVENESS**

REPORT FROM THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Ken Wanless
President

George Washington Chapter

As I write this column we have just observed Memorial Day and celebrated the 235th birthday of the Army. While these two observances may have diverging emotions, they do have a common element in that we remember and honor those who have served or are serving in our Army. The dedication, selfless service, and sometimes ultimate sacrifice of soldiers throughout our history is a source of national pride. Since 1775, our Army has risen to meet new challenges, displaying a strength of character and resolve unmatched by any adversary. As we look at our outstanding soldiers of today, they display the same characteristics and qualities and they continue to perform magnificently in meeting every challenge set before them in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the globe.

Over the past few months, the George Washington Chapter has continued to support the soldiers and their families in the National Capitol Region. We have hosted two significant outings for wounded warriors and their families – a fishing tournament and a Chesapeake Bay boat cruise. The Chapter also awarded \$11,000 in scholarships and honored three young musicians with \$1,000 awards. In addition, we hosted a quarterly luncheon at which MG Steve Smith spoke about the Army Cyber challenges and the new Army Cyber organization.

July marks the new AUSA Year and the Chapter has developed an aggressive plan for our support to soldiers. Many of you have responded to a request that we made to partner with the Chamber of Commerce to facilitate the transition of soldiers back into the civilian workforce. We are certain that our efforts will make a difference. We also are looking to expand our membership and ask that you help encourage and recruit companies and individuals to join the Chapter. Additionally, if you would like to be a part of our Board of Directors, we have a few vacancies and can use your talents.

Please join us for our annual golf tournament which is on August 11 at Ft Belvoir. This is our one general fundraiser which allows us to support soldiers. As always, we thank you for all you have done and look forward to another good year.

REPORT FROM THE FAIRFAX-LEE PRESIDENT



Mark Wise
President

Fairfax-Lee Chapter

Happy Birthday, Army!

Happy Army Birthday to all who read this note. 235 years Army Strong! At a time when there is so much pressure on our Army, it's soldiers, families, and supporting community, AUSA remains steadfast in it's support to this brave and patriotic community.

The Association continues to lobby the Administration and Congress on behalf of Soldier, Family, Veteran, and American interests and values and provides leadership to a worldwide network of local chapters that work at the grassroots level with our Army communities.

The ingredient that makes this all possible is Membership, membership of over 100,000 strong in support of a vital component of our National Security infrastructure. This membership is composed of Active, Guard and Reserve soldiers and civilians, Industry,

Veterans and Retirees, Families who all proudly lend their support to this worthy cause.

Now more than ever, your membership is crucial to the success of the Association in supporting its worldwide and local goals. We cannot afford to lose our voice at the National level nor our ability to support the Army at the local level. Not only is your continued membership needed, but that of your fellow soldier, civilian counterpart, industry partner, and local community sponsors is needed too!

Please be an active spokesperson for the Association and all the good it does in support of the Army. Remain a member and encourage others to become members. Go to www.AUSA.org to learn more and register today. Together we will succeed in seeing the Army through these tough times.

2010 UPCOMING GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER EVENTS

August 11

GW Chapter Annual Golf Tournament
2 PM Start
Ft. Belvoir

August 29

Marriott Ranch Outing for Wounded Warriors
1 - 5 PM
Marriott Ranch
Hume, VA

September 9

Quarterly Luncheon
LTG Michael Oates, Dir JIEDDO
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
ANCC

October 23

National AUSA Golf Tournament
1 PM Start
Westfields Golf Club
Clifton, VA

October 24

Army Ten Miler - HOOAH Tent #1
8 - 11 AM
Pentagon Parking Lot

October 25- 27

AUSA Annual Meeting
Time: See Schedule
Washington DC Convention Center

2010 UPCOMING FAIRFAX-LEE CHAPTER EVENTS

June 22

Scholarship Luncheon
Fort Belvoir Officers' Club

June 30

Last Wednesday Mixer
Springfield Hilton

July 4

Independence Day

July 13

Chapter Board of Director's Meeting

July 28

Last Wednesday Mixer
Springfield Hilton

September 2010

Salute To Soldiers!
Check ausafairfaxlee.org for details



AUSA Second Region Meeting Report and Update

The 2nd Region Meeting was held on April 15-17 at Petersburg, VA. The meeting was hosted by the Fort Lee Chapter. The meeting, as always, is a way to connect with other Chapters and to share information and results about supporting our Soldiers and their Families. The 2nd Region consist of 22 chapters from 6 states.

The Region meeting began with a Ice Breaker at the Quartermaster Museum. Since 1957 the Quartermaster Museum has preserved the history and heritage of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps, the Army's oldest logistic branch. From the Revolution to the Persian Gulf, America's secret weapon is the one that keeps soldiers supplied with food, water, clothing, fuel, shelter and other things they can't survive combat without. MG Jim Chambers, the Commanding General at Fort was the host for the evening. He provided an update for the BRAC which include Nineteen projects totaling more than 800 million dollars have been awarded since mid-2007. By September of 2011 more than 7 million square feet of buildings will have been constructed on Fort Lee. The resulting facilities will house and train the "Log Warriors" of the future and serve as Headquarters

for the Army's Combined Arms Support Command and the Ordnance, Quartermaster and Transportation Centers and Schools.

The next morning attendees were provided a tour of Fort Lee to witness firsthand the future growth of Fort Lee. After a morning of touring of Fort Lee, briefings were provided by AUSA National attendees (LTG (ret) Thompson, CSM (ret) Don Thomas, John Davies and Stan Crow. On Saturday morning each Chapter briefed on their activities and results. The GW, Executive Vice President, SGM retired Todd Hunter and Fairfax Lee President Mark Wise briefed the AUSA National and Region leaders on their 2010-2011 operations plans. Each of the sister chapters proudly reported how they that continually to lead the way in fund-raising and support to our constituents - from the wounded warriors to the ROTC detachments. After these reports, Ron Johnson presented 2nd Region awards, and several chapter was recognized with a Special Awards streamer for their flag. Ron Johnson, a former Fairfax Lee Chapter President and current 2nd Region Vice President was re-elected for a second term.

Chesapeake Bay Cruise for Wounded Warriors



Soldiers and their families relaxing on the aft deck.

By Valerie Beall, VP Programs,
GWAUSA

On June 14, the George Washington Chapter of the AUSA hosted a 3 hour cruise for Wounded Warriors and their families aboard the Cabaret II – a 68' luxury yacht owned by Watermark Cruise Line. Casting off from Annapolis City Dock, our journey took us past the U.S. Naval Academy, under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and on to Thomas Point Lighthouse. Everyone aboard got an up close view of the Lighthouse, as our Captain brought us within a stone's throw of this historic landmark.

Besides catching a sea breeze and waving to passing sailboats, our guests were served fresh Chesapeake Bay crab cakes on two outside

decks or (at their preference) in the air conditioned main salons. One passenger, "DJ" opted to work instead of relax. He was invited by Captain Mel to take the wheel and learn how to read nautical maps and follow the rules of the sea. He passed with

flying colors -- successfully steering us between two passing container ships and back into the safety of the Annapolis Harbor. It was a day of meeting new friends, sharing family time and most of all – having a great adventure on the high seas.



D.J. at the helm.

Thomas Point

The first light to mark Thomas Point was also prolific lighthouse builder John Donahoo's first attempt at a lighthouse. In 1825 Donahoo completed his conical, 30-foot-tall tower, which was eighteen feet in diameter at its base and tapered to nine feet at the lantern room. A cozy, stone keeper's cottage was built at the same time, measuring 24 by 20 feet and containing two large rooms, each with its own fireplace.

By 1838, the lighthouse, originally located 100 feet from the edge of a high bluff, was in danger of toppling into the bay. Winslow Lewis, an early associate of Donahoo's, was given \$2,000 to tear down the old lighthouse and rebuild it behind the keeper's dwelling. Over time, erosion reduced the seven-acre acre parcel on which the lighthouse was built to a two-acre island, separated from the mainland by a strip of water. The lighthouse remained standing until 1894, when it too was lost to erosion.

Years before the lighthouse collapsed, the Lighthouse Board had moved to replace it. In 1872, the board reported "that the lighthouse at Thomas's Point ... can serve but poorly its purpose as a warning of the dangerous shoal that makes out from it at a distance of one and one quarter miles into the bay." The following year, Congress appropriated \$20,000 to replace the original lighthouse with an offshore structure built "on the extreme point of the shoal."

The Lighthouse Board had previously erected several economical screwpile lighthouses at various points in the Bay – only to see many of them succumb to heavy fields of moving ice. Desiring to build a sturdier caisson-type lighthouse on Thomas Point Shoal, the Lighthouse Board requested an additional \$25,000 for the project. When the additional funding was not immediately granted,

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Fairfax-Lee Chapter Presents AUSA Award to Local JROTC Units



Dr. Douthard R. Butler, George Mason University and Captain Joseph Miller, Army Recruiting Command presented the AUSA JROTC award to several Cadets at local High Schools this Spring. The two chapter officers visited Orange County High School and made a presentation to Cadet Major Christina Bransby, Battalion Executive Officer.

Butler and Miller made a similar presentations at Hayfield Secondary

School, recognizing Cadet Captain Brandon DeBruler, Company Commander Presentation, T.C. Williams High School, recognizing Cadet Major D'Lontas Sewell and Edison High School where Cadet SSG Parker Jones was recognized.

Dr. Butler also visited Liberty and Lake Braddock High Schools and made similar presentations.

Fairfax-Lee Chapter prides itself in supporting area ROTC programs.

Cadet Captain Brandon DeBruler, Company Commander (left), Captain Miller and Dr. Butler (right)



Dr. Butler (left) and Cadet Major Christina Bransby, Battalion Executive Officer accepting recognition from AUSA





Above: Two of the chapter officers, Melissa Ross of Thales and Jason Rodriguez of LLI Enterprises. Rodriguez has been the event organizer/manager for the chapter for two out of the past three years.

Left: One of the many foursomes pause for a photograph near the 9th hole

FORT BELVOIR, VA—The AUSA Fairfax-Lee Chapter held its largest annual fundraising event, the AUSA Fairfax-Lee Golf Tournament on 14 May 2010. A field of over 150 golfers took over both of the Fort Belvoir Golf Clubs' Gunston and Woodlawn courses. This annual fun filled event's proceeds will directly support Chapter initiatives, which include the Chapters' Scholarship Fund, the Wounded Warrior (WTU) program at DeWitt Hospital, as well as the needs of our local soldiers, their families, and retirees.

The tournament began with questionable early morning haziness, which quickly turned into crystal clear skies by the 1100 shotgun start. As the temperature and competition intensified, the golfers were cooled down by the multiple beverage carts that scampered around the courses, thankfully sponsored by Navistar Defense, General Dynamics, and Thales North America. The goodie-bags, donated by the USO, also provided snacks & refreshments. BAE Systems, FLIR, NCI, General Dynamics, and Lockheed Martin helped top off each goodie-bag with extra golf balls for each player.

Title sponsors included Thales N.A. (Platinum), DRS Technologies, and General Dynamics. Golfers were greeted with a hearty

lunch sponsored by DRS Technologies & Saab North America, and immediately following the round were back in the clubhouse for a steak dinner & awards ceremony sponsored by Rolls Royce. Many Corporate teams elected to sponsor Soldier Foursomes, many of which were filled by our heroes from the WTU. Awards were given to the top team finishers, including our 1st Place winners Northrop Grumman Technical Services (Woodlawn course), and Dyntex (Gunston course).

Post awards ceremony included the raffle drawing, which included graciously donated items such as an autographed team hockey stick & pucks from the Washington Capitals, store gift cards from COSTCO & Springfield Mall, and VISA gift cards graciously donated by GEICO. Other exciting items included (4) Washington Nationals tickets & parking passes courtesy of Northrop Grumman Technical Services. Each participant will receive a memorable team picture courtesy of DCS Corporation.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors & participants, who helped us raise nearly \$35,000 for the Fairfax-Lee Chapter. Next year's tournament date, additional tournament pictures & information can be found on our website: www.ausafairfaxlee.org



Association of the United States Fairfax-Lee Chapter Golf Tournament

It takes a lot of volunteer horsepower to plan, manage and execute an event such as this one—and most of these folks work behind the scenes. Thanks to all of those individuals shown here and those who worked in the background for making this event a success!

AUSA Supports 4th Annual Project Healing Waters



Legendary fly fishing expert Joe Humphrey and Craig Bambrough, right, exchange "Fish Tales"

For the second year in a row, The George Washington Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) supported the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. 2-Fly Tournament at Rose River Farm in Madison County, Virginia held May 2, to raise money to help soldiers and veterans injured during service to their country.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the physical and emotional recovery of disabled service members and veterans. As a repeat Headline Sponsor for this year's tournament, the Chapter's generous donation of \$5000 combined with other

donations helped this year's event raise over \$110,000 to help recovering service members and veterans with their physical and emotional mending through Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. sponsored therapeutic and recreational programs, offering activities and events centered on the benefits of fly fishing.

Since its inception at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2005, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. has rapidly expanded to over 80 programs, nationwide, providing physical and emotional therapy to more than 1,000 service members and veterans. A program was

recently established in Canada, with funding provided by Canadians, to provide their disabled service members a Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. experience during recovery. The first overseas Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. program was established at the U.S. Army's Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany this year as well.

This year's 2-Fly Tournament was tremendous success. Everyone who participated caught fish and as I mentioned earlier the event raised more than \$110,000, a new record

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Fairfax-Lee Chapter Monthly Membership Mixer, Last Wednesday

SPRINGFIELD, VA — On the last Wednesday of every month the Fairfax-Lee Chapter of AUSA hosts a reception at the Springfield Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Virginia from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. This informal gathering of whomever is available is a great opportunity to meet the officers and other members of your chapter to discuss upcoming activities, identify needs within the community, and determine where you can assist as we strive to support Soldiers and their Families within the Fort Belvoir and the greater Washington communities. These events are intended to be fun, informal sessions with a cash bar, free appetizers and good fellowship. We encourage all to stop by on their way home from work and join the crowd!

Coming from the North

Take I-395 South to exit ramp 1-B, Springfield. Take exit 169A, Franconia Road and turn RIGHT at the first light onto Loisdale Road. Turn RIGHT into the Hilton Hotel parking lot at the Hilton sign. Follow directional signs to the entrance.

Coming from the South

From 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 turn LEFT onto Loisdale Court. You will find the entrance to the Hilton Hotel parking lot at the end of the court on your right.



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Young Artists Shine at U.S. Army Band Concert

The George Washington Chapter recognized the winners of this year's Young Artist competition at the 5th Annual Young Artist Concert sponsored by the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own". The concert was held on Sunday, April 25th at the Rachael M. Schlesinger Concert Hall on the Northern Virginia Community College Campus in Arlington.

This year's 1st place winner was Brian Hong who plays the violin. Brian a 16 year old sophomore at Robinson Secondary School performed Tzigane, Concert Rhapsody for Violin and Orchestra with the Army Band. The 2nd Place winner was Nina Decesare who plays the bass and the 3rd place winner was Niles Watson who plays the flute. Additional finalists in the competition included: Godfrey Furchtgott (violin), Andrew Kim (oboe), Nathan Kim (cello), Samantha Kline (violin), and Isabella Nogues (violin). All finalists performed with the Army

Band during the concert.

The Young Artist Competition is held annually for students in the National Capitol Region. The Army Band selection committee was headed by SFC Krista Smith and MSG Laura Knudson. The competition is open to string, woodwind, brass, guitar, and percussion instrumentalists in grades 9-12.

Ken Wanless, the President of The George Washington Chapter, presented a total of \$1000 in award checks to the winners. According to SFC Smith, "The competition was more competitive than ever this year. These high school students are extremely talented and the level of musicianship was exceptional. We really had some tough choices to make but, in the end, Brian stood out among the participants."

After the performances, Mr. Wanless said, "The George Washington Chapter will continue our support and sponsorship to this wonderful competition. The members of U.S. Army Band are true



Brian Hong, first place winner of the Young Artist Competition, during his solo with the Army band.

ambassadors of the Army and should be proud of its mentorship of these many gifted and talented young musicians"

During the selection process Army Band members function as judges and mentors to the competitors, thus providing

professional review and support to every high school student who participates.

AUSA GW Chapter Awards Seven Scholarships



2010 GW Chapter scholarship recipients and family members from left-to-right: Jenna and CSM (Ret) Cunningham, Caitlin Hayes, CPL and Noelle Savage, Marci and Jawaan Thomas and LTC Williams Vice President Scholarship Program/Committee.

By LTC Bobbie L. Williams

Congratulations to our 2010 Scholarship winners. This year the Chapter awarded seven scholarships totaling \$11,000

dollars to a very competitive group of highly qualified applicants. These applicants represent members and or their dependents to cover education-related needs such as tuition, fees, books, and

room and board, as well as other expenses.

During the June 2, 2010 quarterly luncheon the Chapter publicly recognized and presented scholarship checks ranging from \$3,000

to \$1,000 dollars to this year's scholarship recipients. The luncheon was held at the Army Navy Club located at 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington Virginia.

This year's scholarship recipients include students from the following colleges and universities: Jawaan Thomas Biology and Chemistry major at Howard University; Noelle Savage Nurse major at Northern Virginia Community College; Caitlin Hayes Accounting major at James Madison University; Sabra Hayes English major at George Mason University; Jenna Cunningham Civil Engineer major at the University of Virginia; Connor Donahue Latin American Studies at New York University and Kevin Donahue high school senior at Washington-Lee High School Arlington, Virginia.

The goal of the Chapters'

scholarship program is to assist members and their families in pursuing their educational goals and to help them continue their service to nation or community. The scholarship program and fund was established to provide recognition, inspiration, financial assistance and encouragement to our members and their families in "Keeping America's Army Strong."

The Chapter would also like to thank our donors and sponsors for making our scholarship awards program possible. In particular AUSA GW chapter would like thank Navneet Gupta, President, SNAP, Inc. for their \$1000 donation. The committee sincerely hopes this year's scholarship recipients will be able to continue their educational goals and wishes them much success in achieving their dreams!

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for the 2-Fly Tournament, which is in its fourth year.

Thirty two-man teams participated in the fly fishing contest and 15 of those teams paired with an active-duty service member or veteran with a more experienced fly angler. Ten teams with corporate sponsors competed in a Pro/Vet category and 20 teams competed in an open category. The chapter's \$5000 donation sponsored two active-duty service member or veteran teams and one open category team. Craig Bambrough represented the Chapter at this year's event. Without his chapter compatriot from last year Court Vanzant, who was away attending Captains Career Course at Fort Huachuca, the chapter team did not place as high as last year. It was Court who first introduced the Chapter to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. and was the driving force behind convincing the Chapter leadership to support the event. With the Chapters strong focus on soldiers and their families, it did not take much on Court's part to convince the Chapter leadership to support this worthwhile activity.

I would like to personally thank the Chapter leadership for stepping up and supporting Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. and the support it provides to these wounded warriors.



Wounded Warriors & their professional guides receive last minute instructions.

Last year I had the honor to spend time with several wounded warriors who were recovering from the serious wounds received while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a repeat participant, it was very rewarding to meet and visit with returning wounded warriors at this year's event and see how far they have come in their recovery both physically and psychologically. The wounded warriors I met this year were much more confident and optimistic about their futures and were chomping at the bit to either get back to their units or be discharged from the service so they could take control and get

on with their lives. The credit for their recovery rests primarily with the wounded warriors themselves and the superb assistance and care they have received while at Walter Reed. In addition to the above, several wounded warriors told me that the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. program took them out of their comfort zone and helped them with their recovery. The Chapter should be proud to be a part of this unique program and the benefits it provides to our wounded warriors. It was an honor and privilege to represent the Chapter and I encourage others to support this worthwhile effort.

2010 Scholarship Luncheon Set

The Fairfax-Lee Chapter's scholarship program for 2010 is in full swing. The program was announced in March and saw a record number of students apply for consideration by the Chapter's scholarship committee. In 2009, the Fairfax-Lee program provided \$18,000 in scholarships to members of the Fort Belvoir community. Fairfax-Lee's scholarship program provides scholarships for active, Guard and Reserve Soldiers, family members, Wounded Warriors and ROTC cadets. The chapter anticipates that the 2010 program will be the largest in our history. Follow this and other activities on our web site at: <http://ausafairfaxlee.org/news.html>



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the decision was made to proceed with a screwpile design. Five acres of submerged land was conveyed to the Federal Government by the State of Maryland on October 28, 1874, and with an additional \$15,000 allocated by Congress in March of 1875, the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse was ready for its inaugural lighting on November 20, 1875.

The lighthouse's hexagonal cottage has a diameter of thirty-five feet and rests upon seven piles, a single central pile and six perimeter piles. The dwelling is picturesque, exhibiting such careful touches as carved balusters on the walkways encircling both the first level and the lantern, and six dormer windows interrupting the dwelling's sloping roof at regular intervals.

The cottage's first level is divided into five rooms: a mechanical room, bedroom, bathroom, dayroom, and kitchen. Although the original privy is still cantilevered over the bay from the lower gallery, the Coast Guard installed an indoor "incinmode," an electrically superheated toilet that incinerates waste, around 1971. A central, spiral staircase leads to the

second floor, where another bedroom and a room that formerly housed the fog bell striking mechanism are located.

The lantern room, accessed by a ships ladder from the second level, is situated forty-three feet above mean high tide. A fourth-order Fresnel lens, manufactured by L. Sautter & Co., was previously mounted atop the cast-iron pedestal that now supports a modern beacon. The historic lens has been removed to the Commander's Office of the Coast Guard in Baltimore.

Thomas Point Lighthouse was endangered in the winter of 1877, when heavy sheets of ice damaged the screwpile foundation. The crushing impact of the ice overturned the lens, damaging it badly enough that it had to be replaced. As a result, an ice-breaker consisting of "three wrought-iron screw-piles, connected together by double channel-iron beams, surmounted by heavy cast-iron caps, securely bolted together" was positioned ninety feet north of the light station. Over the years, tons of riprap have been placed about the piles to provide further protection from ice and scouring.

By 1964, Thomas Point Shoal

Lighthouse was the only manned station on the Chesapeake Bay. Four Coastguardsmen divvied up lighthouse duties, with each taking a week of shore leave every four weeks. A lightship tender made a monthly delivery of fresh water, fuel and supplies. This state of affairs lasted until the 1970's, when a three-man crew, with a two-weeks-on, one-week-off rotation took over. The crewman arriving at the station would bring groceries and mail for the week, and the one leaving would tote away the trash. Scott Kaufman, stationed at the lighthouse in the early 1980's, commented that living at the station gave him plenty of time to think. "All the problems you have. You can just sit out here and think out all the angles. I'll even sit here and think about my friend's problems. That's how much time I have."

In 1972 the station felt the effects of tropical storm Agnes, which raised 23-foot waves and brought them crashing down upon the cottage and foundation. The lighthouse managed to survive the assault with only minimal damage, but for a while there was some question if it would survive the Coast Guard's announcement that

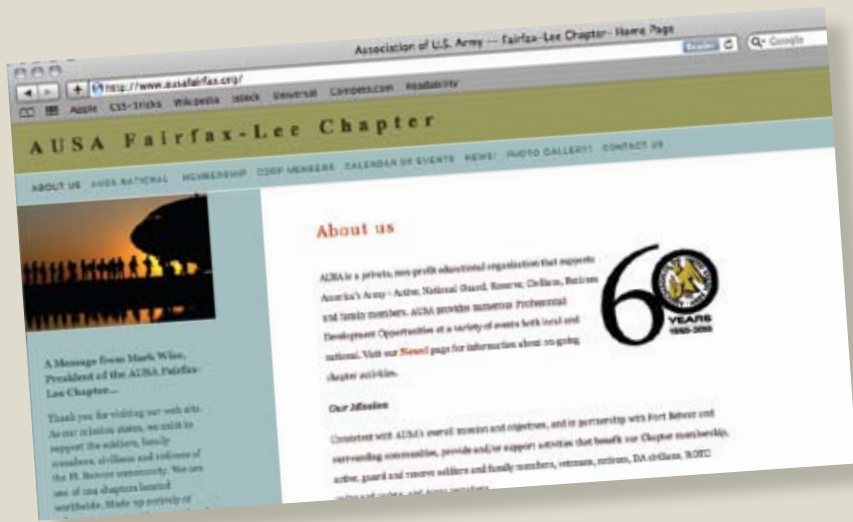


Crewmen lowering Boston Whaler from station in 1968. Photograph courtesy U.S. Coast Guard

same year that the lighthouse would be "evaluated for cost effectiveness." In the past, other screwpile lighthouses had simply been set afire, and then replaced by a low-maintenance structure mounted on the old pile foundation. Public outcry, bolstered by politicians looking for a cause in an election year, managed to change the Coast Guard's plans, and on January 25, 1975, Thomas Point Lighthouse was granted historic landmark status. The Coast Guard staffed the lighthouse until it was fully automated in 1986.

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