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The President's Message – Winter 2016



Hello Westmoreland Team!

We hope everybody had a happy holiday season and we look forward to kicking off the new year and hit the ground running!

The Westmoreland Board of Directors has several new additions that include Cathy and Paul Rotes as the Operations Team, SFC Johnny Oliviera and SSG Chasity Orr as the Logistics Team, MAJ Curt Kolvet is the UNR ROTC Director, LTC (R) Nicole Gardner is the Reno JROTC Director, CPT Stefan Wilson is the Active Duty Army Recruiter Director and SFC Carmen Montes is our new Secretary. I am extremely proud to have the opportunity work alongside such a tremendous staff. Congratulations to all, and I look forward to working with all of you over the years!

We are still actively seeking a Corporate Membership Director and always looking for young professionals as active members and participants! Please put the word out or submit recommendations to the staff.

Currently, we have about 245 members, which is the highest membership in the Chapter History. The Board of Directors will be calling for annual renewals. The Westmoreland Chapter supports many events within the community throughout the year and needs your support! My intent is to continue to maintain and increase our membership up to 265 within six months focusing on drawing in young professionals and Army veterans as well as reaching out to the Nevada National

Guard. We will also team up with other local organizations in order to increase our voice and strength, while forging ahead with corporate memberships.

Thanks to all of our steadfast and dedicated members for continuing to support the organization members and attending the November Veteran's Day Dinner. It was truly a successful event with Guest Speaker COL (P) Zachary Doser from the Nevada Army National Guard.

The family is the core of the organization and we are striving to incorporate more diverse activities that will involve and entertain the entire family. We have implemented a challenging event schedule for 2016 and will be sending out to all members. So, if you have any ideas or recommendations as well as issues or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime at:

gerald.f.morris4.mil@mail.mil or 775-400-7951.

In closing, the winter months are upon us with tremendous snowfall and is an enjoyable time for families and friends to get together and enjoy the outdoors or travel.

Please be safe and I look forward to seeing all of you at the next event!

Jerry Morris
Major, Armor, NVARNG
AU SA, Westmoreland Chapter
President

Veterans Activities

For many of you who do not know me, my full time position is a HRCI Contractor working at the Plumb Lane Armory. I work as the Survivor Outreach Coordinator for Northern Nevada. My duties primarily include working with families who have lost a family member serving in the military during the Iraq war and the Afghanistan war. This is a very broad description but for the most part it should give you a general idea of my duties. I have been working at the Plumb Lane Armory since 1992 and there have been many changes during my years here. Let me give you all some of the Veteran Services available her now.

Carmen Rank is our Transition Assistance Adviser and works with those military personnel leaving the military and seeking new careers in civilian life. Phone number for her is 775-384-5837. SFC Morris is our Victim Advocate Coordinator and his email is allen.l.morris4@mail.mil . IST Lt. Jason Yuhasz is the Sexual Assault Coordinator and his phone is 384-5840. Bill Sexton is the Employer Support Specialist and his email is billie.r.sexton.ctr@mail.mil . Cortney Huth is the Senior Family Readiness Support Assistant and her email is Cortney.d.huth2.ctr@mail.mil . Tammy Richardson the employment Transition Coordinator whose email is trichardson@a-team-solutions.com . Beyond yellow Ribbon Program person is Joseph Tucker and his email is joseph.j.tucker9.ctr@mail.mil . our Military OneSource person is Jeri Norman and her email is jeri.norman@militaryonesource.com . We also have a ID person on duty every day usually from 8:00 until 3:30. On the first Wednesday each month we also have a TRICARE person who comes in to answer any questions. No appointment is needed to meet with her but it is usually first come first served. During any month there is some form of activity going on focused to support military families and veterans. Please feel free to email me at alan.g.callanan.ctr@mail.mil if you have any questions or I can help you in any way.

Thank you all for your membership in AUSA.

Alan Callanan, Command Sergeant Major (R), Nevada AUSA State President

Newsletter Design by Bernie Stolzman

New Members:

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| Mr. Greg Barilla (CD) | Mr. Andrew Bell (CD) | Mr. Chad Bishop (CD) |
| Mr. Zachary Bohard (CD) | Mr. Doug Broughton (CD) | Mr. Derrick Capps (CD) |
| Mr. Ian Chase (CD) | Mr. Stephen Dumolt (CD) | Mr. Suzanne Espinosa (CD) |
| Mr. Dave Frazee (CD) | Mr. Al Hawley (CD) | Mr. Henry C Hodges Jr. (CD) |
| Ms. Kelley Hodges (CD) | Mr. Robert Hodges (CD) | Ms. Jennifer Hodges (CD) |
| Mr. Brett Horachek (CD) | Mr. Mike Kerkick (CD) | Mr. James Leifer (CD) |
| Mr. John Malinowski (CD) | Mr. Randal Mansell (CD) | Mr. Dave Matthes (CD) |
| Mr. Josh McCallum (CD) | Mr. John McOmber (CD) | Mr. Russell Monteleone (CD) |
| Mr. Geoff Moore (CD) | Mr. Dennis Niehoff (CD) | Ms. Kate Pope (CD) |
| Mr. Reid Pulley (CD) | Mr. Scott Salgat (CD) | Mr. Ron Shaw (CD) |
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| Mr. John Verrant (CD) | Mr. Steve Walkiewicz (CD) | Mr. Alex Williams (CD) |
| Mr. Alec Wodowski (CD) | Mr. Paul Wonder (CD) | Mr. Chris Yunker (CD) |
| LTC Delfin L. Monroy Jr. (A) | CDT Emre J. Basaran (RO) | CDT John J Nickels (RO) |
| CDT Alexander J Pinto (RO) | | Jonathan Florentino West (R) |

CD - Corporate Designee
 R - Reserve
 RN - Retired Navy
 RO - ROTC

C - Civilian
 A - Active Army
 RAF - Retired US Air Force
 V - Veteran

NG - National Guard
 RA - Retired Army
 S - Spouse

We Are Proud of these Corporate Members:

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Carmen Montes is the newly elected Board Member and Secretary of the General William C. Westmoreland Chapter of the Association of the United States Army in Reno, Nevada. Sergeant First Class Carmen M. Montes has been a native of Nevada for the last 31 years and an active duty member of the Nevada Army National Guard since 1990 with a total of fourteen active duty years of service as a 42A Senior Non-Commissioned Officer in the Adjutant General Corps. Carmen is a tremendous addition to the staff and is determined to continue to support the community. She is currently pursuing a Baccalaureate Degree at Ashford University in Organizational Management and is married with four children and 4 grandchildren. Carmen enjoys outdoor activities or sports and is looking forward to working with all of you for many years.

Happenings



Sergeant Major Lloyd J. Rahlf USA (R), Director NCO/Enlisted Affairs. Gen W.C. Westmoreland Chapter, was awarded "2015 Recruiter of the Year Award, First Place, by the 101st Airborne Division Association, at its Annual Reunion. He recruited over 100 plus Members for the Association from 15 July 14 to 15 July 15.



Nevada National Guard Celebrated a Birthday

11 December, 2015 the National Guard celebrated its 379th Birthday. Here State Adjutant General, BG William R. Burks and the youngest guard member present cut the ceremonial cake

More National Guard News, from Alicia Nyland

Gov. Brian Sandoval addressed the Soldiers of the 17th Sustainment Brigade in Las Vegas on Monday before they started their 10-month mission to Kuwait. 'On behalf of a grateful state, we thank you for your service,' he said. The Soldiers are set to provide logistical support throughout the Central Command area of operations until November.

This will be The largest deployment of Nevada Army Guard Soldiers since 2009.

The 17th Soldiers will provide logistical support throughout the Central Command area of operation while based in Kuwait. The brigade is also likely to send teams to Jordan, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Succinctly, the brigade will oversee the supply of all service members in the entire region with the staples of sustenance, including food, water, fuel and ammunition.

Nevada Guard host 2017 EANGUS conference

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) has named Reno the host city for its annual conference in Aug 13-16 2017.

EANGUS — representing more 414,000 enlisted Airmen, Soldiers, family members and retirees from all 50 states and territories — estimated between 1,200 and 1,500 will attend the conference,

JROTC Activities

Lieutenant Colonel (R) Nicole Gardner offers the following:

5 December saw the Washoe County School District annual Military Ball. 14 schools attended and more than 2,000 danced the night away. Kings and Queens representing each school were crowned at this eagerly anticipated event.

12 December, Hug High School hosted the annual District Drill Meet.



Here, Reno High celebrates.

A Washoe County School competes in 'Regulation with Arms.'

These two significant events brought an end to this past semester's activities.

Rifle season for all schools is well under way. In some schools only JROTC Cadets compete. In most schools, however, competition leading to the State Championships, 30 January, 2016, is open to all students

Old Warriors Remembered

Sergeant Major Lloyd Rahlf visited PFC Dale Hanson at the Brookside Assisted Living facility. PFC Hanson served with the 907th GFA Bn, 101st Airborne Division and was a POW in Stalag 12. Lloyd presented a Christmas gift and share VE Day 2015 photos.

Below, BG (R) Doug Byington's 83rd Birthday is belatedly with lunch with at the Nugget Casino Resort. Left to right are Lloyd Rahlf, Bernie Stolzman, Charlie Grundy, General Byington and the General's nephew, Brad.



NVARNG & AUSA General Westmoreland Chapter Support Homeless, by SFC Ben Pagni



Growing up I always had a strong desire to help others. This desire was the driving force to joining the Army as soon as I turned 17. As I gained some life experienced and pondered the purpose of our existence I came to the revelation that this life may not be about me, but about what I can do for others. This inspired me! And this is why I decided to begin sharing warm food, hot coffee and kindness with the less fortunate in our community. When I shared the idea with my family, they were excited to help.

In August of 2010 my wife Amber, my Mom Misti, my father James and I ventured down to what was known as "Tent City" in down town Reno with a five gallon jug of hot oatmeal and ten gallons of coffee. We set up a small table in the parking lot just outside of where the makeshift shelters were established and shared our food and a warm smile with everyone who came through the line.

Our group gained the Winslow family as permanent helpers in 2012. This kind family added additional snacks and water to our

weekly event as well as four more smiling faces to assist with our efforts. In addition to continually providing oatmeal, coffee, granola bars, and water each Sunday, we have also coordinated numerous clothing donations which have resulted in countless sweatshirts, gloves, jackets, hats, pants, blankets from a number of generous friends and family.

I once read that "a single kind act creates a ripple effect with no logical end". This is the premise on which we operate. We want nothing more than to offer a helping hand to those in need and spread kindness within our community.

Editor's Note: SFC Pagni serves with the NVARNG. The General William C. Westmoreland Chapter, AUSA was made aware of SFC Pagni's efforts by SSGT Johnny Oliviera, the Chapter's Logistics Director. Our support for this commendable activity takes the form of volunteer efforts and donations.

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Please Help Us Celebrate Presidents' Day

Where: Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, 2707 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

When: Thursday, 18 February 2016

1730 No Host Bar

1900 Buffet Dinner

2000 Presentation: BG Gerald Griffin, USA (R) – Experiences in Mosul, Iraq.

Cost: \$45.00 if paid before 10 February, \$50.00 after that date.

Dress: Business Attire or Military Uniform, Veterans, please wear decorations.

Names & Military Affiliation of those attending: _____

Number in Party _____ **Payment:** \$ _____ Enclosed Herewith Paid via PayPal

Mail Reservation to: AUSA Westmoreland Chapter, P.O. Box 8144, Reno, Nevada 89507-8144
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RSVP & Pay Online at: www.ausa-westmoreland.org/dinner

Registration and Payment Due not later than 14 February, 2016