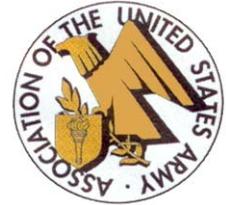




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The President's Message

Four months have passed since I succeeded our retiring President, Doug Byington. It has been a busy time as we have hosted a successful Armed Forces Day Dinner, found a Secretary for our Executive Board, published the first Chapter roster for use by our members, created a new web site and charted a path for the future.

Nationally, the AUSA has the primary mission of helping the Soldier and his family; an appropriate, straightforward and meaningful commitment. At the Chapter level, we have this same obligation, and we must do more to fulfill our responsibilities. If this should be our focus, then how do we proceed?

We begin by reaching out to the National Guard, to the Army Reserves and to our local VA Hospital, all of whom are involved with Soldiers, their families and the Wounded Warrior Program. We ask them how we can help and begin by doing those things our resources permit. We publicize our efforts and successes in the interest of gaining new members and retaining those we have. As our resource base expands, we can do more. I believe you, the members, want us to have a noble goal and will support our efforts in that direction.

I hope to do a creditable job of keeping you informed of what we are doing and how you can help. This newsletter is one example of that. The web site is another. Together we can make a significant contribution to this generation of warriors and their families as well as those of previous wars. I thank you for continued support of our Chapter and your participation in our activities.

Best regards, Jack Logan, President

Coming Special Event

Our Annual Veterans' Day Dinner will be held during the week of 10-16 November 2008. We are attempting to arrange a visit to Reno by the Army Director of the Wounded Warrior Program, Colonel Jim Rice. As soon as the date is established, we will get the word out. The Dinner format will be similar to that of our Armed Forces Day Dinner in May.

Members in the Spotlight

After many months without a Chapter Secretary, the job was filled by **Command Sergeant Major Alan Callanan**, who retired from the Nevada Army National Guard in December of 2007.

Alan was born and educated in Detroit, Michigan, graduating from high school in 1965. His military career started with a draft notice which he quickly converted to an enlistment and active duty as a Finance Specialist until 1980. During those years he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology adding a Masters Degree from the University of Phoenix in 2002. Three years earlier he graduated from the Sergeants Major Academy.

His overseas assignments include four tours in Korea, assignments in Panama, Germany and a year in Afghanistan with the Headquarters of the 209th Corps. He has also served with Army Reserve units in four states before joining the Nevada Army National Guard in 1993. His last assignment before retirement was as the Command Sergeant Major of the 422nd Signal Battalion. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Achievement Medal, five awards of the Army Commendation Medal and one award of the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Alan and his wife, Shane, live in Carson City, as well as do two adult daughters. He is currently working as a recruiter for the Battle Born Challenge program for at risk youths.

Welcome aboard, Command Sergeant Major!

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The Chapter recently received word that two of our Executive Board members have been selected for award of the Sixth Region President's Medal for outstanding service to the Association of the US Army. **Colonel (Ret) Richard Hobbs** and **Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Sharlee Smith** are the recipients. The presentation of the

awards will take place at the Chapter's Veterans Day Dinner. Well deserved!

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Colonel (Ret) Ty Cobb was honored in May with induction into the University of Nevada ROTC Hall of Fame. Several Chapter members were present to observe his ceremony. Doing the honors was the previous Nevada Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, **Mr. Jon Bengtson**, whom Ty has succeeded.

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The Sertoma Club of Sparks selected **Colonel (Ret) Chuck Fulkerson** as one of their two annual "Community Volunteer" designees. Chuck and the other honoree, **Sergeant Major (Ret) Richard Rhyno**, were recognized for their work in establishing the Veterans Guest House, which then was called the Spouse House.

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BG (Ret) Frank Partlow has been appointed as the Executive Director of the State's Commission on Spending and Government Efficiency. The Commission, composed of unpaid Nevada citizens, recently began work which will continue for two years.

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Upon his retirement from active duty and from his duties as the Professor of Military Science at the University of Nevada, **Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Scott Maryott**, was appointed as the Senior Army Instructor of the Junior ROTC program at Reno High School. The appointment was made by the Director of the Washoe County School District's ROTC program, **Colonel (Ret) Alex Woods**.

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Our Chapter owes a huge debt of gratitude to **Colonel (Ret) Bob Fritz** for his creation of our new website,

www.ausa-westmoreland.org. It is up and running and will provide another means of keeping you informed. Please give it a look. Thank you, Bob.

SALUTE TO SALLY

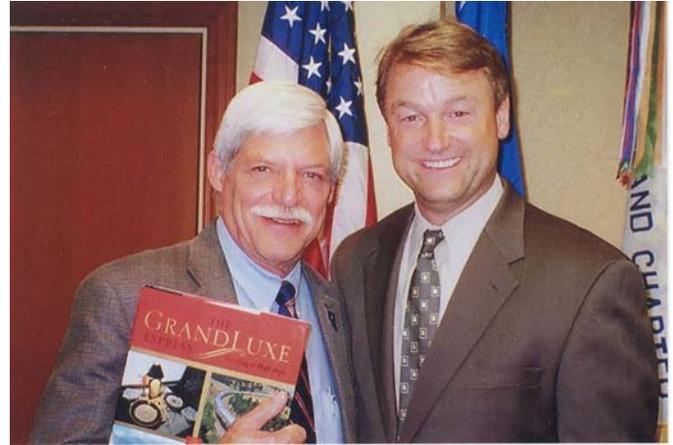
In every organization there is someone, out of the spotlight, who does the “little things” that make the program successful. In our case, this person is **Sally Grundy**, wife of our Treasurer, **Charlie Grundy**. For years, Sally has been the one to greet us as we enter our banquet room with a cheery “hello” and a check of our food selection and a check-off of the attendance roster.

Sally is also the one to print, in beautiful script, our table place cards and to insure that the seating arrangement is followed. She also does many of our mail-outs that go to those without email addresses. On occasion when a trip to our PO Box was needed and Charlie was away, Sally interrupted her day and made the trek to the University of Nevada campus for a mail pickup. She also often donates her works of art and craft as raffle prizes to complement the other donations.

For all you do, Sally, THANK YOU!

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHT

The recently passed **GI Bill** providing educational benefits for any veteran who has served on active duty for at least 90 days covers all service since September 11, 2001. To apply and begin using the benefits, however, the veteran must wait until August 1, 2009 when the program is up and running.



Armed Forces Day Dinner Speaker John Tyson and Congressman Dean Heller.



Former Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich, Shirley George and former State Treasurer Patty Cafferata.

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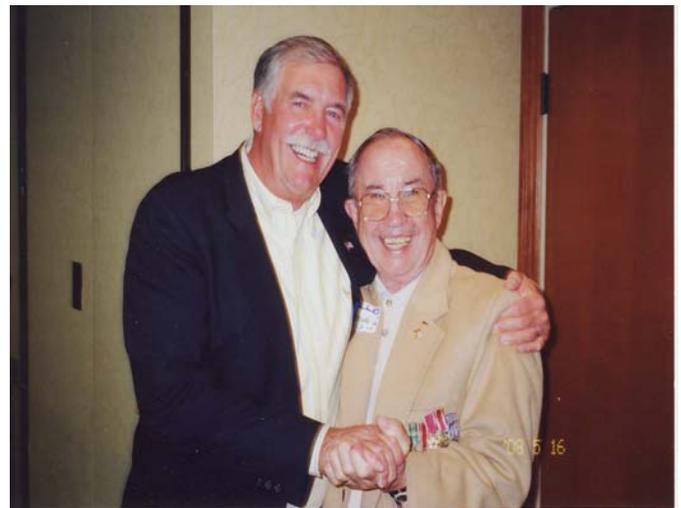
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OTHER HAPPENINGS

The **Navy League's** Barbeque at poolside at the Reno Elk's Lodge begins at 1730 hours, Friday, August 8, 2008. Call Valerie Falk, (775) 425-1930 if you want to attend.

MOAA's Fall Dinner is scheduled for September 24, 2008. A speaker is being scheduled. Call Tom Buntin (775) 827-3930 for details.



Dennis George and AUSA Nevada State President, Doug Byington.



Mark Sutliff, Staff Aide to Congressman Heller, Executive Board Member Dave Sousa, Maggie Tealander and LTC Phil Tealander, University of Nevada Military Science Department. (Photos courtesy of SGM Lloyd Rahlf.)