



JOURNAL OF THE WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND CHAPTER, ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

The President's Message – Summer 2014

First off, I want to thank all of you for your new or continued membership in the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and particularly for membership in the General Westmoreland Chapter. As I write this, we currently have 207 members and 9 corporate members. Our year end goal, assigned by National, is 160 members. Obviously we have succeeded that number by 47 with our corporate memberships increasing by 5. Needless to say, we are very happy with our current numbers, but in order to sustain and increase them we need a volunteer to help us.



I am asking you to let us know of someone you may know to work with our Chapter to fill the position of Vice President of Membership. The position requires that person to become a member of our Executive Committee and report on membership activities and recruitment.

In April of next year we will host the Sixth Region Conference to be held at the Nugget Casino in Sparks, Nevada. This conference will last 4 days with the first and last days dedicated to travel. The first non-travel day will feature activities in the greater Reno area. As of now, we are looking at activities around Lake Tahoe and the Donner Museum area. We welcome your suggestions. Hopefully many of you will respond by contacting a member of our committee with your thoughts and ideas. As you may know, I work at the Plumb Lane Armory in Reno and would welcome a personal visit so long as I am given advance notice. There is a lot going on and we would all like your input and support in making our Chapter a greater success.

Again, thank you for your current support. We hope you will provide active input when you can.

Alan Callanan
CSM (R)



BG Michael Hanifan, Commander Nevada Army National Guard, cuts the ceremonial cake to celebrate the Army's Birthday. The ceremony was held 13 June, 2014 in Carson City.

New Members:

- PFC Regina A. Brock (NG)
- Ms. Leslie Hastings (CD)
- Ms. Carina Taylor (CD)
- COL Edward G. Carson (RA)
- 2LT Brandon T. Castinado (A)
- 2LT Michael J. Colyer (NG)
- BG Michael K. Hanifan (NG)
- 2LT Cody J. Harlan (NG)
- 2LT Allison C. Harvey (NG)
- 2LT Anthony Lafleur (R)
- 2LT Robert J. Park (A)
- 2LT Kaylea Phoenix (NG)
- 2LT Joed Andrew L. Ruth (NG)
- 2LT Jacob C. Ziolkowski (A)

- CD - Corporate Designee
- NG - National Guard
- A - Active Army
- V - Veteran
- S - Spouse
- C - Civilian
- R - Reserve
- RA - Retired Army
- RN - Retired Navy
- RUSAF - Retired Air Force

We Are Proud to Have the Following as Corporate Members:

- The Tamarack Junction
- The JA Nugget Casino Resort
- Click Bond
- The Silver Legacy Resort Casino
- The Fallon Auto Mall
- The Peppermill Resort Spa Casino
- The Grand Sierra Resort
- The Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

Out & About by Jack Logan



Sergeant Major, Retired, Lloyd Rahlf Honored By UNR ROTC during the *UNR ROTC Awards Ceremony* on May 2, 2014, SGM Rahlf was inducted into UNR's Military Science Department's Benefactors Hall of Fame by *LTC Michael Minaudo*, the Professor of Military Science. SGM Rahlf served on the UNR ROTC staff during 1976-1979 and has supported the ROTC program for many years through his presentations of leadership awards to outstanding cadets. He is the first non-commissioned officer to receive this honor.



Lieutenant Colonel Sharlee Smith Selected Veteran of the Month Governor *Brian Sandoval* recognized *Sharlee, "Charley," Smith* as Nevada's Veteran of the Month for the month of April during a ceremony at the State Capitol on April 30, 2014. In his presentation Governor Sandoval said "Sharlee has served our Country and continues to do so with such distinction." Sharlee is an active member of many organizations supporting veterans and their families. Since April 2012 she has served as the *Sixth Region President of the Association of the United States Army*.



Company C of the 11168 General Support Aviation Battalion of the Army National Guard was officially welcomed home by Governor Sandoval at a ceremony at the Siena Hotel Casino on May 17, 2014. The medical evacuation helicopter company had recently returned following a year's deployment to Afghanistan. *Major Andrew Wagner, Company C's Commander*, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at our Chapter Veterans' Day Dinner on November 11, 2014. Attending the ceremony were *Bernie Stolzman, COL Jack Logan, MAJ Gerald Morris* and *SGM Lloyd Rahlf*. Among those who spoke at the ceremony were *BG Michael Hanifan* and *COL Dan Watters*.

The *Military Science Department of UNR* staged two impressive ceremonies during the month of May. The first came on May 2nd when the annual Awards Ceremony was held. The AUSA medal and book and two Westmoreland Chapter \$500 scholarships were presented by *COL Richard Hobbs, Chapter 1st Vice President*. Two other

awards were made possible by the generous donations of *LTC Sharlee Smith* and *SGM Lloyd Rahlf*.



The second ROTC ceremony was held on May 15th featuring the commissioning of eight outstanding graduates majoring in a variety of subject fields. *BG Michael Hanifan, Commander of the Nevada Army National Guard*, was the commissioning speaker. *COL Jack Logan* had the honor of administering the Oath of Office to *Cadet Brandon Castinado* who had become close to the Logan family during his days as a cadet. Of the eight new Second Lieutenants, three chose the active Army, four selected the Nevada National Guard and one is destined for the Army Reserve. Each of the new lieutenants received a membership in the Association of the United States Army provided by the Westmoreland Chapter.

Another commissioning ceremony will be held on Friday, August 8th, for *Cadet Kaylea Phoenix* who will join the California National Guard as a Transportation Officer.

Major Gerald Morris, Executive Officer of the UNR Military Science Department, reports a very busy summer for the cadets. In addition to attendance by 21 cadets at two courses at *Fort Knox*, 22 cadets are participating in the *Cultural Understanding Language Program*. This outstanding program permits cadets to travel to various foreign countries and exchange experiences with local students. Five ROTC staff members are currently at *Fort Knox* supporting the cadet programs. It all comes to an end on August 25th when the fall academic semester begins.

The *National Security Forum* led by *COL Ty Cobb* continues to sponsor outstanding programs on relevant events. Future programs include "*Radical Islam at War with the World-The New Caliphate, its Origins and Significance*" which will be hosted on August 7th. The panel of presenters will consist of *Lawrence Martines, John Jandali* and *COL Richard Hobbs*. Dick recently presented programs on Radical Islam to *Reno's Republican Men's Club* and a retired pilots association, "*Old Bold Pilots*" in Palm Desert, California.

SFC David Sousa has recently assumed duties as the *Commander of the VFW Department of Nevada*. He is now the senior VFW official for Nevada. His mother, *Shirley* is also active in the leadership of the Nevada VFW.

The *General Westmoreland Chapter* volunteered to host the *2015 Sixth Region Spring meeting, April 9-11, 2015* in Reno. The meeting brings together leaders from the 13 chapters of AUSA found in the six states that comprise the Sixth Region. *President Alan Callanan* will be working closely with *Region President Sharlee Smith* to provide an educational and entertaining conference. The members of the Westmoreland Chapter Executive Committee will each have significant responsibilities for various events.



Left - New Lieutenants at 15 May, 2014 UNR ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

Right - BG Michael Hanifan, Commander NV Army National Guard, Keynote Speaker

Seen at the 16 May, 2014 AUSA Westmoreland Chapter Armed Forces Day Dinner



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WANTED

Member or Spouse wanting to contribute to the support of Army Soldiers and their families by serving on the Chapter Executive Committee as a Vice President for Membership. The more members we have, the more we can do in supporting Active Duty, National Guard, Junior and Senior ROTC and the Veterans Guest House.

If you are that person, please contact Alan Callanan at (775) 684-9094.



Please Join us to Celebrate VETERANS DAY

When: Tuesday, 11 November, 2014

Time: 1800 Hours (6:00 PM) Cocktails
1900 Hours (7:00 PM) Dinner

Where: The Tamarack Junction
13101 S. Virginia Street, Reno

Cost: \$38.00 per person (No Host Bar)

Speaker: Major Andrew Wagner, Commander
Army National Guard Med-Evac Company.

Subject: Recent experiences in Afghanistan.

Please RSVP by 8 November 2014

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