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**The President's Message – Summer 2015**

Hello Westmoreland Team!

It is a true honor and privilege to be the next Chapter President and I look forward to the challenges ahead and working hard for all of you. Congratulations to CSM(R) Alan Callanan, who did a outstanding job and I look forward to taking the Chapter to the next level, while he moves up to the State President. A sincere thanks to COL(R) Jack Logan and LTC(R) Charley Smith who have provided many years of guidance, wisdom and energy to the 6th Region and the Westmoreland Chapter. The current Westmoreland Board of Directors is firing on all cylinders and will remain in place with a few additions and business as usual. I am extremely proud to have the opportunity work alongside of such a tremendous staff.



Currently, we have about 185 members and 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 increase membership up to 225 within six months focusing on drawing in young professionals and Army veterans as well as reaching out to the Nevada National Guard. We will team up with other local organizations in order to increase our voice and strength, while forging ahead with corporate memberships.

The family is the core of the organization and we will strive to incorporate more diverse activities that will involve and entertain the entire family. So, if you have any ideas or recommendations as well as issues, concerns or complaints, please feel free to contact me anytime at 775-400-7951 or gerald.f.morris4.mil@mail.mil

In closing, we regret that we are losing two tremendous Officers from the Board of Directors that have been the backbone of the GEN Westmoreland Chapter since 1998. COL(R) Jack Logan and COL(R) Richard Hobbs will be departing the organization and trying to focus on enjoying life and retirement. We wish them well on their future endeavors and invite them to join us on future activities and events.

The summer months are upon us and are 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  
AUSA, Westmoreland Chapter  
President

**New Members:**

**2LT Brandon T. Castinado (A)**

**CPT Scott C. Covington (A)**

**Mr. Anthony B. Keys (V)**

**Mr. Laif Meidell (V)**

**Ms. Shirley E. Sousa (C)**

**SFC William Bartley Snyder (RA)**

**CD - Corporate Designee**

**C - Civilian**

**NG - National Guard**

**R - Reserve**

**A - Active Army**

**RA - Retired Army**

**V - Veteran**

**RN - Retired Navy**

**S - Spouse**

**RUSAF - Retired Air Force**

**We Are Proud of these Corporate Members:**

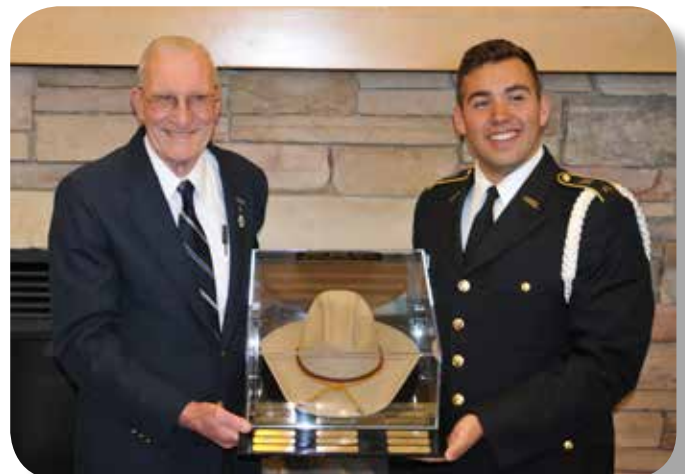
**The Atlantis Casino Resort Spa**

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**The Nugget Casino Resort**

**The Silver Legacy Resort Casino**

**4 April ROTC Award**



## Happenings by Jack Logan

**New Leadership At State & Chapter Presidencies.** *Rahlf* presented his three leadership awards and the Sierra



At an election held at the Chapter's Armed Forces Day Dinner on 18 May 2015, *Major Jerry Morris* was chosen to be the next President of the Westmoreland Chapter. He succeeds *Command Sergeant Major Alan Callanan* who was appointed the AUSA State President for Nevada by Sixth Region President



*Lieutenant Colonel Sharlee Smith*. He follows *Colonel Jack Logan* who has held the post for the past 3 years.

*Major Morris* will attend a 3 day "New President's Training" at AUSA National Headquarters at the end of July. This training coincides with Jerry's reassignment from the ROTC Department at UNR to a position on the Joint Staff of the Army National Guard.

### UNR ROTC Commissions Eight

On 13 May 2015 eight Army ROTC cadets were commissioned as Second Lieutenants in an impressive ceremony held on the University campus. Three officers joined the Active Army, four became members of the Army National Guard and one, the single female officer, joined the Army Reserve.

At the Awards Ceremony held on 3 April 2015 *SGM Lloyd*



*Guard Trophy* to four outstanding cadets who became officers on May 13th. Lloyd also presented these four new lieutenants with 101st Airborne Division Association challenge coins. The AUSA Awards were presented by *Chapter President Alan Callanan*.

*SGM Rahlf*, a member of the ROTC Hall of Fame, has been providing leadership awards to outstanding cadets for a number of years. This year's recipients are pictured with Lloyd in the accompanying photograph.

The Commissioning Ceremony speaker was *Sy Ogulnick* who served in the Army in World War II participating in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

### UNR ROTC

The summer semester is in full swing and some of the UNR Cadets are taking advantage of the opportunity to get ahead or catch up on classes. Eight of the ROTC Cadre will support Cadet Summer Training at Ft. Knox along with 19 UNR Cadets that will be tested for their tactical and technical proficiency. Six Cadets will participate in the Cultural Understanding language program and travel to various countries around the world. *MAJ Morris* is the interim Professor of Military Science and was the guest speaker at the *National Security Forum* on 01 July at the Ramada Inn, Reno. There will be a small Commissioning Ceremony for *Cadet Adam J. Olsen* at 1400 on 21 August in the Edmund J. Cain Hall, Auditorium Room 103. Cadet Olsen will commission in the active duty Army, Infantry. The fall semester will kick off on Monday, 24 August with a Diagnostic APFT and the Welcome Back Ceremony at 1300 on Friday, 28 August.

### News Of The Nevada Army National Guard

The *72nd Military Police Company*, stationed in Las Vegas, mobilized about 30 soldiers on May 28, 2014, at a ceremony at the Gold Host Hotel. Some 200 people attended the ceremony including *Governor Brian Sandoval* and *Brigadier General Bill Burks*. The soldiers will replace a similar group that has provided personal security for NATO officials in Afghanistan. This latest deployment will last approximately nine months.

After nine months of duty in the Sinai Peninsula, the members of the *757th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion* will return to Carson City. A Welcome Home Ceremony is being planned for August.

Various high level leadership changes have been under way in the Army Guard since April. *Colonel Dan Waters* turned over command of the *991st Multi-Functional Brigade* to *Colonel Joanne Ferris*, the first female brigade commander in the history of Nevada's Army Guard.

*Colonel Waters* moved to the position of *Chief of Staff of the Army Guard*.

In another major leadership change, *Colonel Zachery Doser*, *Chief of Staff of the Army National Guard*, will be promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, in a ceremony to be held in the next few weeks. *Colonel (P) Doser* was the speaker at the Annual Army Birthday Celebration on 12 June of this year.

### Chapter Hosts Region's Annual Spring Meeting

After months of planning and coordination with supporting



agencies and activities, the *Sixth Region Meeting* was held at the *Nugget Resort Casino* during the period 9-12 April 2015. *President Callanan* had appointed a Committee consisting of *MAJ Jerry Morris*, *Bernie Stolzman*, *COL Charlie Grundy*, *COL Bob Fritz* and *COL Alicia Nyland* to work with *LTC Sharlee Smith*, Sixth Region President, in planning the event.

The Meeting began with a Thursday evening Hospitality Room



Welcome for the 40 some attendees who came from the 13 chapters scattered throughout the 6 state region that comprises the Sixth Region of AUSA. Friday involved an all-day tour that took the attendees to Bower's Mansion, a narrated tour of the Governor's Mansion and on to Lake Tahoe for a ride up the east side of the lake and a brief stop at Donner Lake. Over the noon hour the guests enjoyed lunch at JT's, a well known Basque Restaurant in Gardnerville.

Saturday was devoted to learning more about AUSA, its policies and goals from a team of officers from the National Headquarters in Washington DC led by *LTG, Retired, Roger Thompson*. Other speakers informed the attendees of the nature of PTS(D) and its impact on families, offered suggestions for those leaving the service in finding employment in a "Return to the Basics," and a description of the national legislative struggle that will impact the Army of the future.

The afternoon session ended with the Sixth Region Business Meeting led by the Region President. This year's spring meeting afforded attendees an opportunity to amend the Region By-Laws and Awards programs. It also established the host chapters for the 2016 and 2017 Spring Meetings.



Saturday's events culminated in the Black Tie Awards Banquet during which individuals and chapters were recognized for their achievements over the past year.

Our Chapter was recognized as the "*Best Chapter*" in the smaller membership category and *Jenny Logan* was awarded the prestigious President's Medal for her service to the Chapter over a several year period.



Sunday was a day of travel for those leaving by air and car to return home with memories of what they learned and the friends they had seen. *LTC Sharlee Smith* expressed her satisfaction with the conduct of the Meeting by telling the *Chapter Executive Committee* that "the Chapter did an outstanding job in preparing and conducting a very enjoyable and productive Meeting. I am very proud of the Westmoreland Chapter's efforts."

## Our New Chapter President, Jerry Morris

Effective 1 July 2015 Major Gerald F. Morris assumed the Presidency of the General Westmoreland Chapter. Jerry was sworn in by LTC Sharlee Smith, Sixth Region President, at the Chapter's Armed Forces Day Dinner on 18 May 2015. He succeeds Command Sergeant Major Alan Callanan who completed 3 years as the Chapter President and moved on to the AUSA Presidency for the State of Nevada.

Jerry was born in Cherry Hill New Jersey company of two brothers. He attended excelled in athletics and developed a love for attended Lincoln Technical Institute in Phila-mechanical engineering. This prompted Jerry repair shop in Cherry Hill. After 2 years he placed him aboard the aircraft carrier Mid-signments Jerry saw duty on a guided missile based out of San Diego.

With 10 years of service behind him Jerry cial construction business which eventually the attack on the Twin Towers took place. Army National Guard, attend OCS, attend become a tank platoon leader with the next 14 years Jerry served in a variety of Squadron Troop Commander, deployment Officer, Training Officer for the Guard's Joint Commanding General, and most recently the Interim Professor of Military Science at UNR.

Respect for higher education has enabled Jerry to earn two Bachelor of Science Degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Business and a MBA in Finance. Currently he is working toward the award of a PhD in Computer Information Security. Jerry's educational achievements were revealed when he recently presented an informative program on "Cyber Warfare" for the National Security Forum.

Jerry's military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, four awards of the Army Commendation Medal, four awards of the Army Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

His family includes wife Lisa, three daughters and a son. All reside, along with a number of horses, on their 20 acre ranch in the Iron Mountain section of Silver Springs. Jerry also enjoys restoring antique and classic vehicles. In time for the April Meeting of Sixth Region, Jerry parked a restored World War Two Command Car in front of the Nugget, the host hotel for the Meeting. The Car once belonged to another Chapter President, Retired Major General Doug Byington.



in July of 1963 and grew up there in the Cherry Hill High School East where he the outdoors. Following graduation Jerry delphia obtaining an Associate Degree in to open his first business, an automotive enlisted in the Navy as an engineer which way based out of Japan. In succeeding as-cruiser and an amphibious carrier, both

left the Navy and established a commer-took him to Las Vegas. He was there when This event led him to enlist in the Nevada armor branch schools at Fort Knox, and Guard's Cavalry Squadron. During the important positions to include Cavalry to Afghanistan as the Squadron Logistics Headquarters, Aide de Camp for the

### Seen at the 04 April ROTC Awards



Seen at the 18 May, 2015 AUSA General William C. Westmoreland Chapter Armed Forces' Day Dinner



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**Newly Minted Lieutenants — 13 May UNR ROTC Commissioning**