



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

### The President's Message — Summer 2017



As your newly elected Chapter President, I am truly humbled and honored by the confidence you have in me and my ability to take the Chapter to new levels of excellence. I am the first President without a military background although being the wife of a retired veteran has given me great familiarity with AUSA and our Chapter activities.

I especially appreciate the support and assistance of our Past President, Jerry Morris, who has made our transition an easy and pleasant one. I know our Chapter members thank him for his past work on the Executive Committee and wish him much success as the Nevada State President.

As we go forward, I take great pride in the quality of the those who agreed to serve on the Chapter's Executive Committee and to work as a team in continuing the success of the Chapter. Retention of our honor of being "Best Chapter" among all those in our membership category is a goal all of us share. The names of our Officers and Directors with their contact information are on the last page of the newsletter.

Among my personal goals for the Chapter are an increase in our active membership, greater attendance at Chapter events, closer liaison with other organizations such as MOAA and Navy League and a more varied group of speakers at our dinners. With your help we can attain these ambitions. I also encourage you to inform me or another member of the Executive Committee of your preferences for speakers or other ideas you might have for greater Chapter success. I pledge that your suggestions and ideas will be taken seriously and discussed at our Committee meetings.

Please visit our web site, [ausa-westmoreland.org](http://ausa-westmoreland.org) for information about our Chapter and our events. Webmaster Bob Fritz has done an excellent job of providing timely reminders of our activities as well as those of other organizations that support our veterans.

With appreciation for the opportunity to serve,

*Jenny Logan*, Chapter President

### New Leadership for the Westmoreland Chapter



*Phil Stage, COL (R), AUSA 6th Region President, swears in Jenny Logan to the General Westmoreland Chapter Presidency*

At the Armed Forces Day Brunch on May 21st, Mary Jennifer Logan, or "Jenny" as she prefers to be called, was elected as the new Chapter President. Life began for Jenny in Chicago, Illinois in December of 1954. Her Dad, as an Industrial Designer, became one of the pioneers in the start-up of Hewlett-Packard and at the age of eight Jenny moved with the family to Silicon Valley as Dad became the lead Industrial Designer for this new company. In California as the years passed, Jenny was joined by two sisters, Susan and Emily. Growing up in the Bay area, Jenny followed her love of the out-

doors becoming skilled in skiing and sailing and high school swimming. After graduation from Fremont High School in Sunnyvale she began two years of study at Stanford before leaving for her dream job with Salomon Ski company where she marketed their famous line of skis. Working for Salomon took her to Reno where she met Greg Brouner who was on a path to become a very successful Reno dentist. Their marriage was blessed with the adoption of two baby girls, Lindsey and Katie, who have grown into two lovely young women each doing work they love.

Jenny's fascination with challenges led her to involvement with distance hiking, biking and mountain climbing. Among her successful climbs is the summit of Mt. Whitney, Kilimanjaro on two occasions and the Base Camp of Mt. Everest. Jenny and Executive Committee member Nicole Sarafolean enjoyed conversation before Nicole's successful summit of Kilimanjaro.

Following a divorce from Greg, Jenny met Jack Logan while hiking in south Reno. They stopped to talk about the bird dogs each of them had and agreed to meet again for a hike. That was 17 years ago and began Jenny's introduction to the Association of the United States Army. Always wanting to be involved she earned the

### ***New Leadership, continued***

Sixth Region's President's Medal In 2015 as a Chapter Volunteer. Other organizations in which Jenny assumed a leadership position include the Nevada Dental Auxiliary, City of Reno and State of Nevada's Urban Forestry Commissions and Junior League. She ended this interview by saying "I look forward to serving the members of the Westmoreland Chapter as the next President."

### **Colonel, Retired, Jack Logan, UNR's ROTC Military Ball Speaker**

On the evening of May 5, 2017, Colonel Logan spoke before an audience of 200 Army ROTC cadets and their guests at the Annual Military Ball. The event was held at the Circus Circus Hotel and Casino in downtown Reno and featured a formal program. Colonel Logan and his wife Jenny were honored by participation in the Receiving Line and being seated at a special table with the Professor of Military Science, Lieutenant Colonel Del Monroy, Senior Military Instructor, Sergeant First Class James Smith and their wives. Also at the table was the Cadet Battalion Commander, Cadet Alex Pinto, and his guest. Cadet Pinto is a graduate student who as an undergraduate played football at UNR for Coach Chris Ault.

Wearing an "Army ROTC" ball cap with his tuxedo, Colonel Logan spoke of humorous and unusual events that had occurred during his 23 years of service as an Infantry Officer. He ended his presentation by throwing a wrapped tee shirt with "Nevada Army ROTC" decorating the backside of the shirt. As a female guest caught the shirt and held it up for all to see, Colonel Logan received a standing ovation from the those in attendance

### **Sergeant Major Lloyd Rahlf (R) Makes A Difference**

Sergeant Major Rahlf began his service on the Chapter Executive Committee some 19 years ago and continues today as the "hardest worker" on the Committee. In any given week he visits the Army Recruiters, the University of Nevada ROTC department where he is in their Hall of Fame, and various public bulletin boards where he posts flyers highlighting Chapter events that are open to the public.

One of his favorite activities is attendance at UNR's Commissioning Ceremony and the ROTC Awards Ceremony. Annually he presents his two leadership awards, usually military history books, to outstanding cadets. Sergeant Major Rahlf is also active in the National Organization of the 101st Airborne Association (Screaming Eagles) with whom he served in Vietnam. On multiple occasions he has been singled out as the organization's top recruiter with his picture and awards highlighted in their national magazine. Sergeant Major Rahlf has also arranged for cadets at UNR and Santa Clara University to receive scholarships and leadership awards on behalf of the 101st Airborne Association.

Through the years, dozens of cadets have benefited from his desire to recognize military excellence.

### **Noreen Leary, Executive Director, the Veterans' Guest House**

*By Jack Logan*



Most of us know Noreen as the talented lady who has brought fresh success to the Veterans' Guest House but are unaware of her past life and achievements.

Noreen was born in Butte, Montana as the middle child. Her Dad, a World War Two veteran, was a miner in the copper industry and Mom was a stay-at-home parent. "I grew up in Butte with an older brother, now deceased, and a younger brother who now lives in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Our family is small but I have 6 nieces and nephews to enjoy as they grow up. We learned to work and contribute at an early age. During my last two years of High School I had a postal route, carrying a 35 pound pouch several days a week."

After high school Noreen attended the University of Montana at Missoula earning a degree in mathematics. Her ambition was to teach math at the grade school level, but teaching jobs were hard to find in the 1970s, at least in Butte. During her first year she taught at home followed by a teaching position in a Catholic junior high school.

By 1974 she decided a move was in her best interests and relocated to Toledo, Oregon. "When I was growing up for a second time I wanted to earn higher degrees in mathematics and teach at the college level. Oregon seemed like a good place to realize those ambitions." She resumed her teaching with a position as the Math and Arts teacher in a Toledo middle school working with 7th and 8th grade students. She quickly decided she didn't want

**Noreen Leary, continued**

to teach, at least not at that level, and abandoned her plans when an opportunity to use her math education arose with the Bonneville Power Administration in Vancouver, Oregon. Noreen quickly achieved the position of what we know as a “water master” assisting in controlling the flow in both the Snake and Columbia Rivers. She was happy in her work and appreciated the future for hydro-electric power. To better promote her Company she moved to the Contracting Department selling power to other utility companies. By 1980 she had advanced to the position of Power Manager.

“I wasn’t finished growing up and discovered that a degree in business was necessary if I were to advance further in industry so I moved to Boston and applied for a fellowship for attendance at London University. My life during 1983-84 was spent in London earning the equivalent of an MBA.”

Loving the western United States, she applied for a position with what was then known as Sierra Pacific Power Company. By January of 1985 she had begun a 10 year employment in Reno mainly as the Director of Power and Fuel Contracts.

Growing frustrated with the increasing government regulation of the power industry and having a chance to do something totally different, Noreen and a friend began a concierge endeavor that lasted two years. “I messed around for a couple of years, growing up again I guess. We were good at helping people, even completely moving a family out of Reno and on to Argentina, but we weren’t very good at marketing our capabilities.” During this time Noreen was also working part time as the Executive Secretary of the Nevada’s Women’s Fund and the Reno Rotary Club. It was in this

latter organization that she met Retired Colonel Chuck Fulkerson who was a co-founder of the Veterans’ Guest House or Spouse House as it was known in 2004. Chuck suggested that Noreen apply for the position of Executive Director replacing the current Director who was retiring. Noreen was selected and began her current tour of 12 years at the helm.

I asked Noreen what she considers her major accomplishments as the Director. “First is our growing involvement in the Community. They know who we are, where we are and our dedication to the veteran community offering low cost lodging to the families of those undergoing medical treatment. Secondly, we run the House as a business. This has resulted in being mortgage free since 2009 and today enjoying the lack of any debt, with money in the bank to run the House for a very long time. It is truly a good feeling.”

As for the future, Noreen is quick to produce an artist’s rendering showing a three building campus which would increase the bed capacity from its present 17 to 33 beds for its guests. Renovation and expansion costs total roughly four million dollars. There is excitement in her voice as she describes the coming days for the Guest House and the challenges they provide. In response to my question about again “growing up” and moving on, she replied “I’m always growing up but I love it here. Most positions have their days when staying in bed is favored over going to work but not this one. I love the military and what we can do for them.”

Reno and the Veteran Community are indeed fortunate to have Noreen, her talents and her commitment to serve others in our midst.

**Seen at the Presidents’ Day Brunch**



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**Veterans' Appreciation**



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**Join us for Camaraderie & Relaxation**

**When: Saturday, 22 July, 2017 – 1100 Hours**

**Where: Bartley Ranch Regional Park**



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**Directions:** Take S. McCarran Blvd. to Lakeside Drive  
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**Major Jerry Morris, AUSA State President & Immediate Chapter Past President accepts the National Best Chapter Award in Membership Category from Colonel (R) Phil Stage, AUSA Sixth Region President.**