



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

The President's Message — Fall 2017



Having just returned from AUSA's Annual Meeting in Washington DC, I am more excited and enthused than ever about what our world-wide organization does to support our Total Army and its families. The many events and our attendance are covered elsewhere in the Newsletter but to mention just a few tributes, I would cite hearing praise for our organization from the Secretary of Defense, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and our Marshall Award designee, Gary Sinise. What a great feeling to have these major players recognize the volunteer work of our members and its impact on the health of the Army.

At our last Executive Committee meeting it was suggested that my Message include an explanation of how our Chapter spends the money we raise. Our current budget reflects about \$10,000 in income with an equal amount in spending. Our income is the result of our dinners, raffles, and a portion of the dues that each of us pays. Our expenditures go toward supporting the Veterans' Guest House, both the Junior and Senior ROTC programs, Military Ball attendance by lower ranking members of the Army National Guard and support of the Army Birthday ceremony. This year we also donated the proceeds from the July Picnic raffle to Nevada's Honor Flight.

Basically, what we take in we donate to worthy activities. Being a "non-profit" organization, it is important that our year end Chapter Treasury balance stay flat one year to the next. If anyone wants detailed figures, please let me know and I will see that you receive a copy of our budget which follows the fiscal year of 1 July-30 June.

As the year speeds to a close I take this opportunity, on behalf of our Executive Committee, to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas to all!

With appreciation for the opportunity to serve,

Jenny Logan, Chapter President



At New Presidents Training, Chapter President Jenny Logan, stands behind General Carter Ham who, with Lieutenant General Patricia McQuiston, is in the front row center.

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Attendance at AUSA's Annual Meeting

by Jack Logan



Left to right: Jack Logan, Jenny Logan, Jerry Morris, BG Michael Hanifan and Robert Lindley, President of the Las Vegas Chapter of AUSA.

The above photograph includes all those from Nevada who attended the recent meeting of AUSA in Washington DC. with the exception of Bob Fritz who suffered a bad ankle sprain and missed some of the events.

The Annual Meeting, which was held from the 9th to the 11th of October, was filled with exhibitions, training sessions and enjoyable receptions and dinner events. At the opening ceremony on Monday, October 9th, members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) dressed in Colonial Uniforms presented the Colors and then, in World War I uniforms, honored the memory of the soldiers of that war. The keynote speaker was the Secretary of Defense, General James Mattis, who praised the work of the Association and addressed the need for readiness to combat worldwide challenges. The evening was devoted to the hosting by General Ham, AUSA President, of a Reception honoring the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Army's Sergeant Major. The room was filled with more "stars" than Jenny and I knew existed. Brigadier General Hanifan joked that "brigadier generals were a dime a dozen."

The highlight of the second day of the Meeting was the Eisenhower Luncheon which featured General Mark Milley, the Army Chief of Staff, as the keynote speaker. He, too, praised the work of AUSA and emphasized the need for the Army to be prepared and ready for the fights that lie ahead.

The third and final day of the Meeting opened with Region breakfast meetings at which the Chapters were recognized for various achievements and awarded streamers. The Westmoreland Chapter's recognition and awards are described in another article in the Newsletter. Our Region shared the meeting with Chapters from the Fifth and Seventh Regions.

The climax of the Meeting occurred Wednesday evening at the George C. Marshall Dinner at which AUSA's highest award, The Marshall Medal, is presented to a deserving individual. This year's recipient was the actor and musician, Gary Sinise, perhaps best remembered for his role in the movie *Forrest Gump*. Mr. Sinise spoke for about 30 minutes highlighting each generation of his and his wife's family's service in the military complete with photographs of the veterans in their uniforms. He then turned to a description of his work with "wounded warriors" and other veteran organizations. It was obvious that helping veterans was an emotional and rewarding life work for him. At the conclusion of his remarks he left the podium and joined the Army Band as they played rock and roll music and he danced with the female vocalists. He received a lengthy standing ovation from the several thousand Dinner attendees.

Although not a formal part of the Meeting, the running of the "Army Ten Miler" was held on Sunday morning, October 8th, and attracted over 30,000 runners. Our member, Command Sergeant Major, Retired, Alan Callanan, has participated in the "Ten Miler" in past years.



General William C. Westmoreland Chapter Receives Honors

On two occasions during the Annual Association of the United States Army Meeting in Washington, DC in early October, Chapter President Jenny Logan was called forward to receive streamers for the Chapter Flag. These are awarded for achievement in various activities during the 1 July 2016-30 June 2017 period and span the Presidencies of both Jerry Morris and Jenny.

During the Chapter Presidents' Dinner on 8 October the Westmoreland Chapter received streamers for the "Presidents Club Gold" and for 108 months as a "Continuous Star Chapter" which is awarded for meeting a chapter's membership goal each month.

The Chapter was further recognized during the Region Breakfast on 11 October when it was awarded seven more streamers. They were provided for being a "Superior", "Merit" and "Star Chapter" as well as "Support to the Recruiting Command", "Support of ROTC", "Support of the Army Birthday" and frequency of "Member Communications."

The nine streamers will be attached to the Chapter flag at the Veterans' Day Dinner.



Chapter Joins Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce

In an effort to attract members from the “young professionals” group, the Association of the United States Army is encouraging chapters to join their local Chambers of Commerce. To encourage membership the National organization is providing the funding.

In late September Chapter President Jenny Logan arranged for the Westmoreland Chapter to join our local Reno-Sparks Chamber. Three members were designated to represent the Chapter in dealings with the Chamber. In addition to herself, President Logan selected Bernie Stolzman, Director of Communications, and Sherman Baker, Director of Membership, to represent the Chapter.

SPEAKER FOR VETERANS DAY DINNER

The Chapter is very fortunate in having Lieutenant Colonel Warren Rapp, USAF Retired, as our keynote speaker. As one of Northern Nevada’s foremost experts on unmanned aircraft, (drones,) he will discuss the military and commercial use of drones.

Almost daily we learn of new programs for the use of these vehicles. In the Army individual soldiers now have the capability of seeing their enemy from above as well as dropping explosive devices on enemy positions. In the field of medicine, life saving equipment can be dispatched to where it is needed. And of course we all know how Amazon is preparing to deliver packages to rural areas.

Lieutenant Colonel Rapp been flying fixed and rotary wing aircraft for 27 years, his first 10 as a Marine Corps pilot. His last assignment was as Commander of the Air Force Squadron that controls drone strikes throughout the world.

Please join us for an evening of celebration of our Veterans and timely remarks on an important subject. A reservation form is contained in the Newsletter for your use. For questions please call (775) 624-6450.

How the 2018 Tricare Changes Impact Tricare for Life Users

Military.com | 26 Oct 2017 | by Amy Bushatz

Almost all types of Tricare coverage will face sweeping changes, upgrades and reforms in 2018 resulting from legislation passed last year and a contractor changeover.

The only part of Tricare that won’t be dramatically impacted is Tricare for Life.

That’s because Tricare for Life, used by military retirees over age 65, isn’t like the Defense Health Agency’s other plans. Rather than provide stand-alone comprehensive coverage, Tricare for Life pairs with Medicare Part B as wrap-around coverage.

Quick Facts:

- Tricare’s major changes impact almost all plans, including active-duty families and military retirees.
- Tricare for Life is almost entirely exempt for the changes.
- The only change to Tricare for Life is a shift in the annual date deductibles and cost caps reset.

Like many of Tricare’s other plans, Tricare for Life includes an annual deductible that users must pay out-of-pocket when receiving care. Tricare for Life users pay a deductible of \$150 per individual or \$300 per family in circumstances where services are used that Medicare does not cover. Also like other plans, those beneficiaries have a maximum amount they will pay out-of-pocket in any given year of \$3,000, known as a “catastrophic cap.”

In the past, both of those costs -- the deductible and the cap -- reset every Oct. 1 with the new fiscal year. But starting in 2018, that will no longer be the case.

That means for the remainder of 2017 only, all users who have hit their cap have an extra three months -- October, November and December of this year -- to receive care without additional fees. Those who have not yet hit their cap or deductibles will continue to pay toward the fee ceilings.

Like Tricare’s other plans, starting in 2018 Tricare for Life will instead reset every Jan. 1, bringing the plans in line with the annual calendar used by most health insurers, as well as Medicaid and Medicare.

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Veterans with ‘Bad Paper’ Won’t Get New VA ID Cards

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WASHINGTON -- Starting next month, veterans can register for identification cards that prove their military history -- but not everyone who has served will get one.

The Department of Veterans Affairs will provide free, hard-copy identification cards that include their names, photos and an identification number. The rollout is the result of legislation Congress passed in 2015 to make it easier for veterans to receive things such as discounts at stores and restaurants.

Some veterans groups applauded the legislation at the time, saying it would be easier and safer than having veterans carry around their DD214s -- certificates of release or discharge that contain sensitive information.

It’s unsure when the cards will be available in November, or how long it will take to process applications for them. The design is also still being finalized.

But one thing is certain: Cards won’t be available to veterans with other-than-honorable discharges.

“Only those veterans with honorable service will be eligible for the ID card,” VA spokesman Curt Cashour said Wednesday.

That has prompted anger by some veterans, who see it as setback despite recent progress the government has made in how it treats vets with other-than-honorable discharges, known as “bad paper.”

In July, the VA began providing urgent mental health care to veterans with other-than-honorable discharges -- aid that previously wasn’t available. The following month, the Defense Department issued a sweeping policy change to afford more leeway to veterans seeking upgrades to their other-than-honorable discharges.

Please join us to Honor those who Serve and those who have Served.



**ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY'S
VETERANS' DAY DINNER-FUNDRAISER**

FEATURED SPEAKER:

WARREN 'BUM' RAPP, LT COL USAF (R)



Lieutenant Colonel Rapp, a Reno High School graduate whose family roots in Nevada go back to the 1940's, retired from the Nevada Air National Guard in 2014 after 27 years of flying fixed and rotary wing aircraft. His first 10 years of flying experience was with the Marine Corps. His final military assignment was as Commander of the 232nd Operations Squadron whose mission was the combat control of military unmanned aircraft from Creech Air Force Base.

Upon retirement, Lieutenant Colonel Rapp accepted a position with the Nevada Institute for Unmanned Systems and was tasked with establishing FAA UAV testing operations in Northern Nevada. He next was appointed as the Business Director for NAASIC at the University of Nevada. Most recently, he established Nevada Technology Corporation where he serves as the CEO.

His education includes an athletic scholarship to BYU where he captained the soccer team for two years and earned a BS in Psychology. In 1996 he graduated from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, studying aviation safety among other subjects.

Lieutenant Colonel Rapp has been active in community affairs serving on Governor Sandoval's Committee for UAS Economic Development for Nevada and being a Past President of the local chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. He and his wife Kim have four children.



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Fire Fighters, visiting Reno to battle this season's many blazes, took time out to enjoy the fun and food at our July Veterans' Appreciation Barbecue.