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The President's Message – Spring 2014

The “Nevada Fallen” event which took place on 22 February, 2014 at the Nevada Guard Armory in Carson was very successful. For those who are unfamiliar with the background of this event, let me explain.

My full time job is as a Survivor Outreach Coordinator where I deal primarily with military families of all the Services who have lost a family member in Iraq or Afghanistan regardless of cause of loss. I am a HRCI contractor (Human Resources Contractor Incorporated).



With the help of volunteer PJ Degross, we invited survivors who lost a loved one living in Nevada before they went into the military to attend the dedication of a 15 foot banner containing the current names and faces of those lost in those conflicts. I wanted the survivors whom I had contacted to be there to see the banner as it is displayed in the Armory. Short presentations were given by Brigadier General Burks, the Adjutant General; Brigadier General Hanifan, Commander of the Army Guard; PJ Degross and me. The survivors who attended took comfort in meeting with others who had experienced a similar loss.

At our dinners which are held 3 times a year, I display a copy of the banner and a SOC display board which I talk about at each event. I welcome all to attend the next dinner at Tamarack Junction on 16 May 2014. Our guest speaker is COLONEL (R) Katherine Miller, the Director of the Office of Veterans Services for the State of Nevada.

Alan Callanan
CSM (R)

New Members:

- Ms. Dee Anthony (CD)
- Mr. John Farahi (CD)
- Ms. Amanda Lee Flangas (CD)
- PV2 Enrique Fuentes (A)
- Mr. Howard Henning (CD)
- Mr. Andrew Ladd (CD)
- Mr. Tim Mitchell (CD)
- MS. Tanna Pearman (CD)
- Ms. Mary S. Reno (CD)
- Mr. Tony Wen Tsai (CD)

- 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

Sharlee “Charley” Smith and Russ Wyant to Wed

In a surprise announcement at the March meeting of the Chapter's Executive Committee, Lieutenant Colonel, Retired, Sharlee “Charley” Smith shared the news that she and former Navy and Marine veteran Russ Wyant are to be married. The ceremony will be a private affair to be held June 1, 2014 in downtown Reno. Congratulations to our Sixth Region President and her future husband!



Out & About *by Jack Logan*

Brigadier General, Ret, Doug Byington has moved his residence from the home he had enjoyed for more than 40 years to the retirement community of Wynwood of Sparks. Doug's home was one of several that were purchased to enlarge the intersection of Pyramid and North McCarran. He and his companion, Princess, a miniature poodle, are enjoying the prepared meals and the carefree lifestyle.

Lieutenant Colonel, Ret, Scott Maryott was recently honored by a well deserved membership in the Association of Graduates of West Point as a "friend of West Point." Scott served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at West Point for 3 years also serving as the Officer Representative for West Point's cross country team during that time. During his tour of duty at West Point he was designated as a "teacher of excellence." Congratulations Scott!

Colonel, Ret, Richard Hobbs recently conducted a class for Nevada's senior ROTC students on the subject of Islam. It was well received according to **Major Gerald Morris**, Executive Office of the ROTC detachment. Colonel Hobbs has become a noted scholar and lecturer on Islam being a speaker for **Ty Cobb's** National Security Forum as well as the author of two recent books outlining the threats of Islam to the American way of life.

The Westmoreland Chapter extends our sympathy to **Patty Cafferata** and her family on the passing of her husband, **Dr. Treat Cafferata**, following a lengthy illness. Dr. Cafferata was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving as a major in a surgical hospital. Patty is the daughter of our deceased life member, **Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich**.

Colonel, Ret, Charlie Gundy, senior project manager of a Reno Architectural firm, has been selected as the project manager for the construction of a dining facility on the campus of the Job Corps in Stead and also for the planned Veterans Home of Northern Nevada. With all the demands of a "real job" Charlie's huge involvement and contribution to AUSA are doubly appreciated.

First Lieutenant, Ret, Jim Nicholson, 90 year old WWII veteran, continues to serve the military he loves. In addition to his long time membership on our Chapter's Executive Committee, Jim is also the Treasurer for the local Council of the Navy League and an active participant in MOAA.

Several of us attended the funeral service for **Colonel, Ret, Alexander Lemberes** on January 10, 2014. Alex had been a long time member of AUSA serving as the PMS at the University of Nevada

and was a well-known member of the Reno-Sparks community. His widow, Mary, retired as the President of Morrison University.

The Washoe County Junior ROTC program will be hosting Award Nights during the month of May. The 11 high schools hosting Junior ROTC each receive a medal from AUSA that is awarded to a deserving cadet as selected by the high school ROTC staff. A member of the Westmoreland Chapter Executive Committee attends each event and presents the AUSA medal.

Major Gerald Morris, Executive Officer of the **ROTC Detachment at the University of Nevada**, has described a busy winter of activities for the cadets. In addition to presenting the colors at UNR home basketball games, the ROTC staff and cadets have participated in a number of community events including the Cioppino Feed and Auction, raising over \$5,000 to benefit the Boys and Girls Club; the Reno Rotary Club Marti Gras; and the Veterans Guest House Telethon.

On March 1st ten cadets returned from Fort Lewis having participating in the Ranger Challenge finishing 5th among 33 schools. Congratulations on a strong showing!

May 2, 2014 is the date scheduled for the ROTC Awards Ceremony during which the Westmoreland Chapter will present the AUSA medal, two books and two \$500 scholarships to deserving cadets. The commissioning of 10 cadets will take place on May 15th. **Brigadier General Hanifan**, Commander of the Army National Guard, will be the Commissioning Ceremony speaker.

The National Security Forum led by **Colonel, Ret, Ty Cobb**, continues to offer timely and enlightening programs. In January **Eliot Assoudeh**, PhD Candidate at UNR, presented "The Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Power and Violence in Iran, Syria and Beyond." On February 26th **Colonel Jon Brickley** presented "The Cyber Threat to the Nation's Critical Infrastructure." Colonel Brickley is the Army Cyber Command Fellow at West Point's Combating Terrorism Center and Army Cyber Center.

Brigadier General, USAF Retired, Joe Shaefer spoke in March on "America and the Middle East: What We Have Here is a Failure to Communicate." General Shaefer is Professor of Security and Global Studies at the American Military University. On April 8th **Bruce J. Held**, a senior policy researcher at the RAND Corporation, will speak on "The Army Confronts the New Strategic Environment."

To obtain information about future NSF programs, visit their web site at nationalsecurityforum.org

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AUSA Westmoreland Chapter President, Alan Callanan unveils the Nevada Fallen Banner to family members of those honored, at a Carson City ceremony.

Please Join us to Celebrate

Armed Forces' Day

When: Friday Evening, 16 May 2014

Time: 1800 Hours (6:00 PM)

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

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

Speaker: Colonel Katherine Miller US Army Retired, Director of the Office of Veteran Services for the State of Nevada.

Please RSVP by 13 May 2014

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