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The President's Message – Winter 2013-14

In the last Newsletter, I described my full time position as a Survivor Outreach Coordinator working primarily with the survivors of those lost in Iraq and Afghanistan. In that capacity, I have begun a project involving the Nevada Fallen Veterans. To know more about the project, I suggest you go the Nevada Military Alliance web site and click on "Our Hero's." You will see the photos of most of the military we have lost in Afghanistan and Iraq. These Nevada Veterans all have a tie to the State of Nevada.



Some went to school here, some lived here, and some have family here.

I am sending a copy of a poster with the names and pictures of these fallen to the survivors and informing them that I am arranging for a dedication honoring these brave men who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The survivors will be invited to the dedication ceremony and hopefully many will take comfort in being with others who have lost a loved one. I will share the project details with you as they develop.

In a few days we will celebrate Christmas. I ask that you keep in your thoughts and prayers the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families who must be apart at this joyous time of the year.

Alan Callanan
CSM (R)

Reno Veterans' Day Parade



New Members:

- CPT Todd Anderson (A)
- 2LT Jerel Q. Abas (A)
- SSG Russell E. Boyce (RA)
- CDT Ryan E. Canoy
- CDT Anthony C. Castagnola
- CDT Colin A. Dillon
- Ms. April G. Fritz (S)
- CDT Rachael A. Geldert
- CDT Kelly A. Gonzales
- CDT John C. Jones
- CDT Nathan J. Lawton
- Mrs. Mary Jennifer Logan (S)
- Joseph R. McKee (RN)
- CDT Macy L. Oswald
- CDT Beatriz G. Robinson
- CDT Alex J. Schwartz
- SGM Stephen Sitton (RA)
- Mr. Bernie Stolzman (V)
- CDT Marshall W. Windes
- Mr. Chris Yunker (C)

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| 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 |

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Out & About *by Jack Logan*

Congratulations are in order for newly promoted **Colonel Dan Waters** on his promotion and receiving command of the 991st Troop Command of Nevada's Army National Guard. The Troop Command, a brigade size unit, is among the largest in the Army Guard and it contains all of the Guard's aviation and signal units. Colonel Waters will also serve as the State Army Aviation Officer. Prior to his selection for command, Colonel Waters attended and graduated from the National War College.

Another Chapter Member, **Lieutenant Colonel Kristian Kirkland**, moved from command of the 991st Troop Command to command of the 1/421st Regional Training Institute. Both **Colonel Waters** and **Lieutenant Colonel Kirkland** are aviators and strong supporters of AUSA.

SGM Lloyd Rahlf was once again recognized by the 101st Airborne Division Association as an outstanding recruiter. At the Association's 68th annual reunion held in August, Lloyd earned the "Recruiter of the Year Award, 2nd Place." Congratulations!

Major Gerald Morris, Executive Officer of the University of Nevada's ROTC Detachment, shared news of recent events. Among these was the participation of Nevada Cadets in the Veterans' Day Parade and all home football games, furnishing the Color Guard and Cannon Crew.

November was a busy month having the annual Military Ball on the 22nd and a briefing of the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, **Colonel Ty Cobb**, during the month. **Colonel Cobb** received an update on the status of the ROTC program, and, in turn, shared information concerning the impact of reduced funding on Army manning requirements.

In October **Major General Mark Yenter**, a University graduate and ROTC Alumnus, was honored by the University as Alumnus of the Year. His return to the campus permitted time with the current cadets, focusing the discussion on opportunities for junior officers.

The National Security Forum continues to host outstanding speakers discussing topics of current importance. Most recently **Colonel Dick Hobbs** teamed with **Ted Morse**, a career Foreign Service Officer with years of station duty in Africa, to discuss "Islamic Jihad in Africa."

Dick had the opportunity to introduce his new book, *Radical Islam at War with the World*. Presentations for January will deal with the

Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in Iran and the North American Energy Renaissance and whether it will strengthen American security.

Captain David Robinson and the members of his Recruiting Company await completion of their expanded office space on Moana Lane which will make their office the newest in all of USAREC. A formal ribbon cutting ceremony is expected before the end of the year.

David was recently installed as the First Vice President of the Sierra Nevada Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). **Colonel Jack Logan** had the honor of serving as the Installing Officer, conducting the installation of David and the others of MOAA's new leadership team at a formal dinner dance on December 4th.

Lieutenant Colonel Phil Telander reported that more than 2,000 Junior ROTC cadets from Washoe County marched in Reno's Veterans' Day Parade on November 11th. **Retired Judge Steven Kosach** served as the Parade's Grand Marshal. Others riding at the front of the Parade were **Lieutenant Colonel Sharlee Smith**, **First Lieutenant Jim Nicholson**, a World War Two veteran, and his wife Kathy and **Command Sergeant Major Alan Callanan**.

Judge Kosach, a highly decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, was AUSA's Veterans Day Dinner speaker who spoke of the relevance of his military service to his 22 years as a District Court Judge. Over 100 dinner guests were present to hear **Judge Kosach** and to salute those who had served their Country. The attendance was the largest of any AUSA dinner held at the Tamarack Junction.

Prior to the dinner, **Lieutenant Colonel Sharlee Smith**, AUSA Region President, presented Sixth Region Certificates of Commendation to **First Lieutenant Jim Nicholson** for his work as the Vice President for Corporate Membership, and to **Dee Rahlf**, former Secretary of the General Westmoreland Chapter.

Also at the Dinner, **Colonel Jack Logan** presented **Lieutenant Colonel Norb Czech**, recently retired Director of Military Education for Washoe County, AUSA's National Award for "service in support of National Security." This was the first time the Westmoreland Chapter has presented this award. Norb spent more than 40 years in uniform; 15 years of those serving Washoe County. Norb's wife, **Susan**, received flowers from **Lieutenant Colonel Sharlee Smith**.

University Commissioning Ceremony *by Jack Logan*

Friday, December 6th, marked the beginning of commissioned service for four outstanding ROTC graduates who took the oath of office and celebrated with family and friends. Dignitaries were present to add luster to the event. **Congressman Mark Amodei**, **Brigadier General Bill Burks**, Nevada's Adjutant General, and **Brigadier General Michael Hanifan**, Commander of the Army National Guard were in attendance.

Colonel Dan Waters spoke to those being commissioned about the responsibilities and rewards of military service and their challenges as junior officers. **Colonel Waters** also stressed the important role their families and the families of their soldiers play in accomplishing their duties.

The new Second Lieutenants are **Kevin Scott Gerow**, **Jessica Miller**, **Jacqueline Michelle Talavera** and **Gabriela Vieyra**. **Gerow** will serve in the active Army as an Infantryman; **Miller** and **Vieyra** will serve in the National Guard, Miller as a Nurse and Vieyra in Ordnance; talavera will serve in the active Army in

Military Intelligence.

Congressman Amodei and representatives of Senator Reid and Senator Heller presented the new Second Lieutenants with congratulatory letters and certificates. Among AUSA members in attendance were **Colonel Rich Iori**, **Colonel Jack Logan**, **Lieutenant Colonel Scott Maryott**, **Lieutenant Colonel Sharlee Smith** and **Major Jerome Guerrero**.

Each of the new officers will receive a membership into the AUSA furnished by the Westmoreland Chapter. **Lieutenant Colonel Vern Watts**, Immediate Past President of the Sierra Nevada Chapter of MOAA, presented each new lieutenant with a set of gold bars during the ceremony,

Lieutenant Colonel Mike Minaudo, **Major Gerald Morris** and all the staff of the ROTC Detachment deserve great credit for once again planning and executing an outstanding ceremony.

Westmoreland Chapter Awarded Streamers at AUSA Annual Meeting



2013 University of Nevada, Reno Commissioning Ceremony



2013 Westmoreland Chapter Veterans' Day Dinner



2013 Westmoreland Chapter Veterans' Day Dinner, continued



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2013 Westmoreland Chapter Veterans' Day Dinner, continued

