



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

### The President's Message

A very busy time of year is upon us. We are all preparing for annual meetings, conventions, reunions, Veterans Day, and the holidays are closer than we think. We look forward to seeing you at all of the wonderful upcoming events and, most importantly, sharing the camaraderie we all so enjoy with each other.



In the past few months our Chapter has been involved with many community events. We supported the refreshments for the National Guard at the Flag Day Ceremony on June 14, 2011, in Carson City. The Chapter's Annual Plan and Budget were submitted for the upcoming year. AUSA National authorized advertising for our Chapter in the Nevada National Guard Battle Born magazine. Several of our members attended ceremonies for retiring military members and change of commands. We supported and attended the Korean War Memorial at the Northern Nevada Cemetery in Fernley, in July. Several of our members attended welcome home ceremonies and deployment ceremonies for the National Guard, the Viet Nam Veterans Association convention, the 82nd Airborne Division Association 65th National Convention, and the Reno-Tahoe Open Luncheon at Montreux where we heard Commander Kirk Lippold tell of his brave team's sacrifice aboard the USS Cole. We had a great time at our first ever Reno Aces baseball game – this won't be the last – join us next year for Military Appreciation Day at the ballpark! We also had membership booths at the National Guard Job Fairs and the first-ever Freedom Fair on 9/11.

We look forward to each of you joining us for your Veterans Day General Membership Meeting and Dinner on November 8, 2011, at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Reno NV. Meet our Governor and share dinner with your friends. The Agenda will include hanging of the Streamers (from the AUSA Annual Meeting), a special gift for one of our members, a salute to the Army Recruiting Company/Stations, the Legislative Update, and more. Sixth Region President George Lanning is planning to attend our event.

Thank you for "serving" our great Nation, and for continuing to "serve" through AUSA. The "service" example you set for our next military generation is commendable.

**See you at the Veterans Day Dinner!**

*Newsletter Design by Bernie Stolzman*

### New Members:

Gary C. Foote                      CSM Gregory Cook  
Dr/Thomas L. Steding        Terry Thomas  
SFC Robert J. Lanoue

### Renewal Members:

David Sims                      Tom Cranston  
Shirley E. Sousa              LTC John C. Karp, Jr.  
MAJ Lynn Raye Olson      LTC Gordon L. Foote  
Dee Rahlf                      COL Gregory Gass  
Casey Sullivan              Henry C. Hodges, Jr.  
John McOmber              Ralph J. Hartmann  
Lisa Johnson                MAJ Michael J. Blackburn

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### Our Condolences to the Victims of the Carson City iHOP Shooting

The Westmoreland Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) extends its sincere condolences to the families of the three Nevada Army National Guard Soldiers and the civilian who were killed during the shooting rampage on September 6, 2011, in Carson City, Nevada. To the two Guard Soldiers and the five Civilians who were injured, we offer our sympathies on this terrible incident in their lives. If you would like to help the families of the deceased or injured Soldiers, please go to <http://www.cfwnv.org/page33081.cfm> and select Nevada Military Support Alliance on the drop down menu.

You can also help the families of these Soldiers by taking part in the Fallen and Injured Soldier Golf Tournament at Thunder Canyon Golf Course on October 10th. Go here for more information:

[http://ausa-westmoreland.org/docs/fallen\\_soldier\\_golf.pdf](http://ausa-westmoreland.org/docs/fallen_soldier_golf.pdf)

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**Out & About**


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**From Sharlee Smith, President**

**We want to thank** our Corporate Members – Hartmann and Associates, Inc., Nevada Automotive Test Center, and The Tamarack Junction – for renewing their membership with our Chapter. We appreciate your support. Remember to support our Corporate Members – they are true patriots in supporting our Army!

**If you know** one of our local Wounded Warriors, please invite them to attend any of our General Membership Dinner Meetings. We would love to thank them for their service and introduce them to our membership.

**Congratulations** to the National Guards newest Second Lieutenants! On October 16, 2011, Vaughn D. Braeuninger, James Chandler, Jeremy L. Dries, Mark A. Goulart, and Gilbert L. Lenz will join the officer ranks of the Nevada Army National Guard.

**The Chapter will receive** the following awards at the AUSA Annual Meeting – Reserve Component Support, Army Birthday, ILW, Support to ROTC, Take the Hill, Star Chapter, President's Club Gold, Merit Chapter, Superior Chapter, Chapter of Excellence. Thank you to all of our Members and all you do to make us tops in our Chapter category!

The **National Guard Retiree Appreciation Day** will be held on November 5, 2011, 0900-1400. All are invited to this wonderful event. Our Chapter will have a Membership booth, there will be a case lot sale (hosted by the Fallon commissary), and there will be a Military Retirement Ceremony following at 1400 (refreshments hosted by our Chapter).

**Are you a member of The Army Historical Foundation?** Do you know about the National Museum of the United States Army or their Registry? Get more info at 1-800-506-2672 or [www.armyhistory.org](http://www.armyhistory.org).

**Upcoming Events:**

The **Reno Council Navy League** will host a **USMC Luncheon** on Thursday, November 3, 2011, in the Bill Harrah Room at Harrah's Reno, \$25, send checks to Reno Navy League, PO Box 6088, Reno NV 89513.

The **Reno Council Navy League** will host their **Holiday Brunch and Toys for Tots** collection on Sunday, December 4, 2011, in the Bill Harrah Room at Harrah's Reno. For more information, contact Kai Wallis at 775-853-4320 or [kai-wallis@hotmail.com](mailto:kai-wallis@hotmail.com).

**MOAA Sierra Nevada Chapter** Holiday Military Ball and Installation of 2012 Officers and Board, Thursday, December 8, 2011, The Grove at South Creek, 95 Foothill Road, Reno NV.

**From Alan Callanan, VP Membership**

Did you know that you have access to your individual AUSA membership file at the National AUSA website, [www.ausa.org](http://www.ausa.org)? Check your file to ensure your address, email, phone number, etc is correct, and update it, if it is not. With the correct data on file, you will receive the latest information from National, Regional, and your Chapter.

**From Jerome Guerrero, VP ROTC & Historian**  
**Military Appreciation Day** UNR Wolfpack football game will be held on November 12, 2011, against Hawaii. Our Chapter will co-host the UNR ROTC BBQ prior to the game. Come out and celebrate with us!

**From Ed Furlong, VP Army Recruiting**

The **Reno Recruiting Station** is #12 in USAREC (Cadet Command) for volume and #10 for Grad/Senior Alpha (most qualified enlistees). The Company is #2 in the Brigade and #11 in USAREC.

The only problem area we have is in recruiting OCS candidates. We could use help in this area, but remember, no waivers are available. To be selected, candidates need a 3.2 GPA in a difficult major (engineering, nursing, etc) and a PT score of 250+. If you know of someone interested, please call CPT Furlong at 775-333-2826.

**From Richard LaHue, VP Legislative Matters**

The main mission of the new Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta, is to cut the defense budget by \$400m over ten years.

There has been a significant change in attitude by US citizens toward the military and 39% of the population believes that too much money is spent on Defense.

There is a projected cut of 30% out of Medicare/Medicare Part B for January 2012. Medicare recipients are advised to check with their physicians as to whether they still plan on servicing Medicare patients.

With the prospect of one-trillion dollars in cuts over the next ten years from the Defense budget, the service Chiefs are making plans to lobby Congress to protect their turf. Panetta is already lobbying the Super-Committee.

If the Super-Committee cannot reach a compromise, or Congress votes their compromise down, Panetta will have to take an additional \$600 trillion in cuts from the Defense Budget over the next ten years. If that happens, it will affect all of us (possibly no grand-fathering).

Good News: Beginning October 1, 2011, we will get a price reduction in our TRICARE Mail-Order Pharmacy prescriptions.

"To try to break the back of the recession, on the backs of the military, means who will have our back the next time we're attacked?" Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon.

**If we don't learn the lessons of the past, then we are doomed to repeat them.**

An important way that we can advocate for our Army Soldiers (past, present and future) and their families is by sending letters (emails) to our Nevada Congressional Delegation. Open the AUSA web-site; [www.ausa.org/legislation/congressionalinfo](http://www.ausa.org/legislation/congressionalinfo) and use the "Contact Congress" button and send already prepared text or create new text and send to our Congressional Delegation.

**Nevada Congressional Delegation Contact Info****Senator Harry Reid**

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**Senator Dean Heller**

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**Representative Mark Amodei**

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**above** - Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki, General USA (retired), former US Army Chief of Staff, addressing the recent Vietnam Veterans of America convention at Reno's Silver Legacy.

**left** - Secretary Eric Shinseki with John Corey, a veteran wounded while serving in Vietnam.

**From the Field** — 422 ESB photos courtesy of SFC David Sousa



**left:** Governor Brian Sandoval & SFC David Sousa

**center:** Kandahar, VFW sponsored, runs raised \$11,000.

**right:** Remembering & paying tribute to the Carson City iHOP fallen at Kandahar.



**above:** Cpl. Kristine Tejada, a truck commander for 1st Platoon, Higher Headquarters Battery, Task Force 2-82 Field Artillery Regiment, provides security at the ancient Ziggurat of Ur, Iraq, on 24 Sep. 2011.

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# Please Join Us to Celebrate Veterans Day

**When:** November 8, 2011

**Time:** 1800 (6:00 PM)

**Where:** Silver Legacy Resort Casino  
407 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person (no host bar)

**Speaker:** The Governor of the  
Great State of Nevada,  
Governor Brian Sandoval

**Buffet Menu Includes:** Roasted Prime Rib of Beef (carving station), Baked Salmon, Roasted Honey Almond Chicken, Roast Pork Loin, Ravioli Bolognese, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Red Potatoes, Assorted Field Greens Salad, Oriental Baby Shrimp Salad, Waldorf Salad, Penne Salad, Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter, Coffee and Tea, and Assorted Desserts.

Please RSVP by October 31, 2011

AUSA Westmoreland Chapter

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Checks payable to: AUSA Westmoreland Chapter

(Reservations must be pre-paid. There is no "pay at the door" for this event. Thank you.)



Nevada Senator Dean Heller, Mary Hoffman and chapter president Sharlee Smith at the Senator's Washington office.