



Connecticut Chapter

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NEWS UPDATE

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Chapter President's Message

As I look over the past four years I saw a very active Chapter. We have had several accomplishments and a few disappointments. We came on line with our Chapter Web Site, and we established an Advisory Committee. We finally achieved our goal of 600 Members by June 2008, having reached strength of 657 Members. And, of course, the naming of the first bridge that you cross, when entering Connecticut on I-84 from New York, is the Association of the United States Army Bridge. We have participated in many of the Connecticut Army National Guard Yellow Ribbon Programs, and their Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Programs and will continue to do so as they occur. I had the privilege of participating in two Army Covenant signings, one in the Town of Greenwich and one in the Town of Weston. Several of our Chapter Members received awards from AUSA, Mrs. Elaine Krauss was awarded a Citation for Exceptional Service; Mrs. Roselee Fanelli; Mr. David Krauss and MSG(Ret) Gary Espelin were awarded Certificates of Appreciation. We also had the pleasure of hosting AUSA President GEN Gordon R. Sullivan when he was the keynote speaker at the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Member Breakfast Meeting held in November 2008 and 2009. To attest for the success of the Chapter, we collected 56 new streamers for our Chapter Flag. In 2009, our 1st VP BG(Ret) Daniel J. McHale was inducted in the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame, along with another Chapter Member, former Congressman COL(Ret) Robert R. Simmons. The Chapter has 8 Inductees in the CT Veterans Hall of Fame.

Now for the rest of the story, we've lost a sustaining member last year which brought our membership back down. We also tried to establish a Sub Chapter, which unfortunately did not work out, and that also brought our strength down to its present number of around 600 members. As we go forward, we need help in many areas. Recruiting new members, retaining our present members, is every member's job. We need help in developing ways to raise funds for supporting our soldiers, family, and veteran's programs. At the present, we are working on a Golf Tournament, together with the Officer's Club of Connecticut, Inc. which will be held at the Tower Ridge Country Club in Simsbury on July 25, 2011. I'll be turning over the Chapter to a new President on the 1st of July, and I know you will help him, as you have helped me over the past four years, keep the Connecticut Chapter "AT THE TOP".

CSM(Ret) Robert C. Moeller

2011 Annual Spring Dinner



**James Hillhouse High School
JROTC Color Guard**

2011 Annual Spring Dinner



**BG(Ret) Daniel McHale Introducing the
2010 CTNG Nominee for AUSA Rubbermaid
Volunteer Family of the Year
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Croce & Family**



**Mrs. Elaine Krauss, Exec Dir CT Chapter
& LTC Scott Fleeher, PMS UConn ROTC
holding picture of the ROTC Cadets
who participated in the Army Ten Miler**



**AUSA, CT Chapter Inductees to the CT
Veterans Hall of Fame – Holding the
Certificate is:
CT Veteran's Affairs Commissioner
Linda Schwartz, COL(Ret) USAF**

NOTES:

AUSA Family Programs Update is published bi-monthly by the AUSA Family Programs Directorate. Visit AUSA website www.ausa.org/family for latest news.

Museums Offer Free Admission to Military Families – “Active duty servicemembers and their families will gain free access to hundreds of museums throughout the nation this summer, thanks to a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families.” See link below for details www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums

Military OneSource - Free comprehensive resource available to all U.S. Military service members and their families. www.militaryonesource.com

Give2TheTroops, Inc. www.Give2TheTroops.org – A nationwide charitable organization serving deployed and wounded troops.

Transition Assistance Advisor - Connecticut

Veterans are encouraged to take advantage of all veteran benefits or entitlements, especially their benefits at the VA Hospital in Newington. If a veteran is not sure of what benefits they are entitled to, they can contact BG (Ret-CT) Daniel J. McHale - cell phone 860-748-0037.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 14, 2011 – General Membership Meeting celebrating the 236th Army Birthday and Flag Day. Location: Officers’ Club of CT, State Armory, Hartford. Buffet dinner - 6:00 p.m. registration - fee \$20.00. Contact Elaine Krauss (203) 797-5869 or CSM (Ret) Robert Moeller (860) 644-9821

October 10-12, 2011 – AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition – Washington, D.C.
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Connecticut Chapter Corporate Members: (Small area businesses/organizations)

- AAPI
- Amphenol Nexus Tech
- Capewell Components Co.
- CLY-Del Manufacturing Company
- Deer Creek Fabrics, Inc
- George J. Ford Management
- Hoffman Engineering Corporation
- ICR
- Integrated Financial Systems, Inc.
- Lex Products Military Power Systems
- New Dimensions
Albertus Magnus College
- Oxley Inc.
- Pioneer Aerospace
- Prudential Financial
- Radiall AEP, Inc.
- Raynard & Peirce Inc.
- The Raynard & Peirce Real Estate Co.
- Stan’s Machine Repair Service
- Superwinch, LLC
- Thomas G. Faria, Corp.
- Ultra Electronics Measurement
Systems, Inc.
- VITAS Innovative Hospice Care

AUSA Sustaining Member Corporations: (Located in Connecticut)

- Bombardier
- Colt Defense, LLC
- Ensign-Bickford Aerospace &
Defense Co.
- General Digital Corporation
- Goodrich Corporation
- United Technologies
Hamilton Sundstrand Space Land &
Sea Systems
Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation
- Whelen Engineering Company, Inc.