



Connecticut Chapter

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NEWS UPDATE

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Chapter President's Message

It has been almost a year since my swearing in ceremony, so I welcome the opportunity to bring the membership up to date on the progress we have made in the last year and plans for the future.

2011 was a very busy, demanding and challenging year. The biggest challenge is and always has been Membership. Stabilizing, growing and sustaining individual and corporate membership is our Chapter's foremost priority. Without members, everything else is a "mute" point. So my focus, or should I say our obligation, is to grow and maintain a strong vital Chapter in order to communicate AUSA's mission of being the "Voice for the Army Support for the Soldier".

The Chapter in conjunction with the Officer's Club of Connecticut, held its first Charity Golf Tournament. It was a very successful event, raising over \$10,000.00 dollars that was donated to three Veteran Homeless Shelters; South Park Inn, Harkness House and Homes for the Brave-Forgotten Soldiers (Female Soldiers). I would like to thank all those involved in the support of this very successful event and promise that this year's event on June 8th will be even more successful than last year. So mark your calendars and plan to participate.

Throughout this last year, we have participated in many of the Connecticut Army National Guard and Army Reserve Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Programs events, and this last December, several of our members volunteered at the LT Governor's Sponsored Operation ELF (Embracing Lonely Families) which is a holiday event for Soldiers and their families. We continue to support National Guard and Army Reserve Demobilization of units returning from the Global War on Terrorism by providing briefings and information booths and serving on both Federal and State Congressional Delegates Legislative Advisory Boards. We have and maintain a presence at all Freedom Salutes of Guard and Reserve Unit's and provide monetary and volunteer support to the American Warrior Day of Honor flights for WWII Veterans visiting their Memorials in Washington, DC.

We continue to support the ROTC and JROTC events in and out of state in both financial and leadership support. UCONN ROTC again participated in the Army Ten-Miler held during the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition last October. If you have any events supporting the Army community in your area and you need Chapter support, please let me know and I will arrange participative support.

We had some difficulty with our Website but it is now in the process of being updated. So please visit www.ctausa.org and view the changes. Please feel free to make suggestions that would benefit the Chapter through our Website by contacting me at dmchale2915@gmail.com. Looking forward to serving you.

Daniel J. McHale, BG (Ret-CT)
President, CT Chapter, AUSA

AUSA Annual Meeting -October 2011

UCONN Army ROTC – Sikorsky Aircraft Corp.

Exhibit



UCONN Army ROTC - Colt Defense, LLC Exhibit



Chapter Annual Spring Dinner & Awards Ceremony- March 2012

James Hillhouse High School JROTC



2011 Recruiters of the Year; Chapter President & First Region President, Mr. Hank Zolla



UCONN ROTC Army Ten- Miler Running Team



NOTES:

AUSA Family Programs Update is published weekly by AUSA Family Programs Directorate.
www.ausa.org/resources/familyprograms

AUSA Legislative Update: Legislative News is AUSA Government Affairs Directorate's weekly electronic newsletter, published every Monday when Congress is in session.
www.ausa.org/legislation/newsletter

Museums Offer Free Admission to Military Families – “Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,500 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day, May 28, through Labor Day, September 3, 2012. “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

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 UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 8, 2012 – Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Location: Tower Ridge Country Club Simsbury, CT.
Sponsored by:
CT Chapter, AUSA and The Officers Club of Connecticut, Inc.

June 13, 2012 – General Membership Meeting
celebrating the 237th Army Birthday and Flag Day.
Location: Officers’ Club of CT, State Armory, Hartford. 6:00 p.m. registration - fee \$20.00. Contact Elaine Krauss (203) 797-5869

October 22-24, 2012 – AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition – Washington, D.C. www.ausa.org

Connecticut Chapter Corporate Members: (Small area businesses/organizations)

- AAPI
- Amphenol Nexus Tech
- Capewell Components Company
- CLY-Del Manufacturing Company
- General Atlantic
- Lex Products Corporation
- New Dimensions-
Albertus Magnus College
- Owl Computing Technologies, Inc.
- Oxley Inc.
- Pioneer Aerospace
- PTA Plastics
- Radiall AEP, Inc.
- Raynard & Peirce Inc.
- The Raynard & Peirce Real Estate Co.
- Sealed Air Corporation
- Superwinch, LLC
- Thomas G. Faria, Corp.
- VITAS Innovative Hospice Care
- Walter Surface Technologies

AUSA Sustaining Member Corporations: (Located in Connecticut)

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