The Texas Christian University (TCU) Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) Program conducted a 30-day intensive Senior ROTC Basic Course for six Freshman and Sophomore cadets in July.

“This program was an outside of the box effort led by the TCU cadre as a result of the cancellation of ROTC Summer training located at Fort Knox, Kentucky due to the pandemic,” said James P. (JP) Hogan, Colonel, (Ret.), U.S. Army.

The cadets were housed at the Fort Worth Club in Fort Worth, courtesy of the Club and some of its members. Lodging was included as well as three meals a day. The Tarrant County College provided classroom facilities and other support, at no charge. And, several North Texas - Audie Murphy Chapter members provided some support via Zoom as well as arranged support for marksmanship training at a gun range in Fort Worth. In addition, General (Ret.) H.R. McMaster spoke to the cadets via Zoom about leadership.

As a result of the program, the six cadets qualified for academic scholarships and three of the cadets signed contracts and received significant ROTC Scholarships to advance into the Advance ROTC Program.

At the U.S. Army Accelerated Course Graduation on August 6th, Colonel (Ret.) James P. Hogan (JP), 4th Region Executive Vice President presented (at a social distance) four Roman Gladius to honor participants and supporters of the program. The top performing cadet, the lead Texas Christian University Cadre member, the Chancellor of Tarrant County College and the General Manager of the Ft. Worth Club all were recognized.
The August Chapter General Membership meeting was held virtually via Zoom. The first ever virtual meeting with 26 members. The agenda included an introduction of the newly elected Chapter Leaders, the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, a guest speaker presentation followed by questions and answers, and closing comments.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Phyllis J. Wilson (retired), an ILW Guest Speaker, spoke on the role and activities of the Army Reserves during the pandemic. CW5 Wilson highlighted the Army Reserve’s ability to rapidly adapt to a wide range of contingencies at unprecedented speed. In addition, she communicated to the membership that Active, Reserve and National Guard service members who are mobilized to work in medical centers, man testing outposts, distribute supplies and otherwise support their communities in pandemic response are authorized to receive the Armed Forces Service and/or Humanitarian Service medals.
The 2020 AUSA Golf Classic, originally scheduled for October 9th, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last year, the event raised nearly $48,000 for Wounded Warrior charities, ROTC leadership programs and the Army Scholarship Foundation. While the need for those funds remains, AUSA National and AUSA North Texas – Audie Murphy Chapter event organizers agree that the health and safety of players, volunteers and others involved in the golf classic was top priority, which prompted the cancellation.

“We understand and share the disappointment that this tradition will not happen this year, but we believe this was the appropriate decision considering the circumstances,” AUSA North Texas – Audie Murphy Golf Chairman and the Chapter’s Executive Director Richard Kaniss, Colonel, USA, retired said.

“Fundraising events play a big role in our ability to support Wounded Warrior programs, provide ROTC leadership programs, and fund scholarships for Army dependents focused on advancing their education.

In these unprecedented times, the needs for these services is increasing as soldiers and Veterans are further isolated and require more help now than ever. We have reached out to all our golf sponsors from last year and explained the cancellation. Several of them are still going to donate to the Chapter.

The following sponsors have committed to donating this year:
- Ewing Engineered Solutions,
- BB&T
- Lockheed Martin
- J&M Plastics
- Krypton Solutions,
- 7-Eleven (new Sponsor)
- Veritex

We are talking with our other sponsors and are hopeful that they too will donate.

The Chapter has commitments that will allow us to donate to all three of our 2020 charities:

Army Scholarship Foundation, Wreaths Across America – DFW, and Operation Once in a Lifetime.

The Chapter’s golf committee’s focus now shifts to hosting a Golf Classic in Fall 2021.
We are finishing up the incorporation of the Our Community Salutes DFW charity. The current board members are COL (R) Richard Kaniss (President), COL (R) J P Hogan (Secretary) and David Ewing (Treasurer). We plan to have all final paperwork in our hands and be able to open our BB&T checking account in October.

An email went out to all the current recruiting commanders and their public affairs officers (PAO) in September to notify them of a Zoom meeting with the OCS headquarters for an Oct Zoom call. Tentative date for the 2021 event is Friday the 7th of May.

The Our Community Salutes program recognizes and honors high school enlistees and their commitment to military service and to provide parents/guardians of enlistees with community support as their son or daughter transition into military service.

For more information email us at NTAM@ausa.org.
An Announcement from Army Scholarship Foundation

On behalf of the leadership and volunteers of the Army Scholarship Foundation, we want to thank all of the members of the Chapter for their ongoing support of our Army family members and their educational pursuits. For over 10 years, the AUSA North Texas – Audie Murphy Chapter and the Army Scholarship Foundation have partnered to support the Chapter's educational efforts and to help our Army families. This support and assistance are greatly appreciated and do so much to help our military family members pursue their educational dreams.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we must cancel this year’s Army Scholarship Foundation Help Our Heroes Luncheon. This is deeply disappointing, and as a result, we will be unable to provide as many scholarships next year as our military family members need. We already decreased our number of awards this year by almost 30% due to funding challenges from this virus.

We are hopeful that this crisis will end soon and we can all return to "normal." The financial need on the part of our military family members remains great, as indicated by the consistent numbers of applications we received this year. We hope to make up some of the shortfalls we face through redoubling our grant writing efforts and through the generosity of our supporters through activities such as North Texas Giving Day and donations.

We are working to conduct a fully virtual defense industry related event in partnership with the America’s Future Series organization this fall. This virtual event should be of great interest to our Chapter members, and we will share information and details with you in the coming days.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Jeff
Jeff Gault, COL, USA (Ret.)
Army Scholarship Foundation

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Partnering with Others

Military Associations

On August 18, The Seidel Chapter and North Texas Veterans Organizations presented a Virtual Symposium on China.

We had 313 folks registered to attend and around 160 who actually logged in. This is the largest Zoom event conducted and the first "joint" event cosponsored by North Texas veterans support organizations representing all the Services.

The speakers, Dr. Cynthia Watson and Dr. Hiroki Takeuchi provided insightful remarks and answered questions from the audience.

Save the Dates - Virtual

Tuesday - Friday
October 13 -16, 2020
2020 Annual AUSA Meeting

Wednesday
October 21, 2020
History & Its’ Leadership Lesson Series:
Pusan and Inchon (October 1950)

Wednesday
October 27, 2020
Defense Innovation Summit & General Membership Meeting

Wednesday
November 11, 2020
Veterans Day Event

Wednesday
November 18, 2020
History & Its’ Leadership Lessons Series:
Chosen Reservoir - the Army story) (Thanksgiving 1950)

Thursday
December 16, 2020
History & Its’ Leadership Lessons Series:
America’s First Christmas Battle of Trenton (December 1775)

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Defense Innovation Summit

Mark your calendar! Join us October 27th
It’s Virtual

General John "Mike" Murray of the AFC, Secretary James "Hondo" Geurts, Secretary Patrick Murphy, Congressman Pete Sessions, Secretary Gordon England, LTG Neil Thurgood, LTG Laura Richardson and other prominent business, government, academic and military leaders in meaningful discussions on the future of advance technologies, the needs of our military and investment opportunities.

Agenda-at-a-Glance

8:30 - 9:00 am  Registration
   Moderators: Gen. Harry Raduege and Congressman Pete Sessions

9:15 am  Opening Keynote: General Mike Murray – Army Futures Command

Morning Theme: Advanced Technologies and National Security
9:45 - 10:45 Panel Session #1: Leading Technologies and Applications / Development Success Factor

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Panel Session #2: Requirements and Capabilities / Needs and Use Cases

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm  Break (45 min) Virtual Hospitality Suites with Speakers Q & A and interaction

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm  Lunch Keynote: Secretary James “Hondo” Geurts

Afternoon Theme: Partnerships for Defense Innovation
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Panel Session #1: Prime Contractors

3:45 pm - 4:45 pm Panel Session #2: Small and Mid-Sized Business Strategies for Defense Innovation

5:00 pm Summit Ends

For more information visit www.ausanorthtexas.org

Are you an Army history buff? Missing the conversations with other historians? Fear not! Join us the third Wednesday of every month.

Beginning October at 12pm and 7pm, Colonel (retired) JP Hogan, 4th Region Executive Vice President, will discuss an Army battle and the leadership lessons learned. For more information, visit www.ausanorthtexas.org or email us at NTAM@ausa.org.