



## North Texas Chapter AUSA Leadership Program

### 2015 “Passing the Torch” Leadership Program Facts

1. To date **more than 1,200 College Army ROTC Cadets** have participated in our “Passing the Torch” coaching, teaching and mentoring events. Universities supported or joining the program this academic year include Texas Christian University, Baylor University, University of North Texas, University of Texas at Arlington, and Tarlton State University. In late 2014 we also added the University of Texas at Arlington.
2. Leaders from the AUSA North Texas Chapter form the Leadership Cadre for Passing the Torch. Our Cadre membership participation in the program is growing, and AUSA members from as far away as Tennessee and Florida come to Vicksburg to join in our effort. Twelve Cadre members attended the 3-day September 2014 Battlefield Leadership Experience at Vicksburg, Mississippi.
3. AUSA North Texas has raised more than \$40,000 over the past 3 years to fund the program. Sources include fund raising events, individual contributions and sponsorships. The chapter must raise \$25,000 annually to sustain the program.
4. The program is aligned to the Cadet Command ROTC Training Guidance published prior to Academic Year 2014-15. Program learning outcomes fully support the training guidance and provide an effective and economical way for ROTC units to meet these training objectives. AUSA North Texas leaders are now coordinating Passing the Torch events to align with and support the ROTC curriculum each academic quarter.
5. AUSA underwrites a majority of the costs for all Passing the Torch events. ROTC handles classroom scheduling, cadet transportation to/from Vicksburg and provides MREs for all participants as required.
6. Our “Why” – The reason we do what we do – is:
  - A. We are making a difference by training the next generation of Army leaders. We are doing something meaningful. Each year our Leadership Cadre effectively coaches, teaches and mentors the young men and women who graduate to become Army Officers in May of each academic year. Feedback from officers who participated in Passing the Torch and are now in the Army is powerful: the



leadership lessons they learned in our program have helped make them better leaders.

B. Our chapter relevancy is fueled by this meaningful engagement with ROTC as well as local Guard and Reserve units. Passing the Torch gives our members a meaningful opportunity to contribute, enables conversation with potential chapter sponsors, and engages younger members and potential members.

C. This is our opportunity to “Tell the Army” story in communities around the world. AUSA North Texas members routinely speak to this program at formal public speaking engagements with local civic and business gatherings.

D. Our Program creates “buzz” around AUSA on social media platforms, local print news outlets, and radio talk shows. Passing the Torch gives AUSA members subject matter they can bring to speaking opportunities with local groups.

E. It provides corporate members and civic leaders opportunities to participate. AUSA North Texas routinely engages leaders from the civic and business communities to participate in these events to help prepare future leaders.

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***College Army ROTC Cadets and the North Texas Chapter AUSA Leadership Program Cadre stand on the Stockade Redan at Vicksburg, Mississippi, during a 3-day Battlefield Leadership Experience in 2015.***