



AUSA NORTH TEXAS - AUDIE MURPHY CHAPTER

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

WWW.AUSANORTHTEXAS.ORG

SPRING 2023 | SPECIAL EDITION



CELEBRATING 248 YEARS!

America's Army celebrates its 248th Birthday this year, and it is truly an honor to serve alongside the world's greatest Soldiers. I am also grateful for the commitment of our families who support our Soldiers in defending our country and our American way of life. Happy Birthday, U.S. Army."

— Gen. James C. McConville, Chief of Staff of the Army

AUSA NORTH TEXAS – AUDIE MURPHY CHAPTER IGNITES FUTURE LEADERS

The chapter proudly extended its unwavering support to the Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) for their Spring staff ride. Recognizing the immense educational and developmental value of these historical study trips, AUSA North Texas – Audie Murphy Chapter is committed to providing the necessary resources and guidance. This assistance not only ensures a meaningful and enriching experience for the cadets but also fosters a deeper understanding of military history and strategy. With this initiative, the chapter continues to strengthen its dedication to nurturing the next generation of military leaders, demonstrating once again that investment in North Texas youth is an investment in the country's future.





CHAPTER LEADERS CONVENED IN FORT WORTH TO BOOST ARMY RECRUITMENT AND VOLUNTEER GROWTH

NEW STRATEGIES UNVEILED

In April's region meeting held in Fort Worth, AUSA IV Region chapter leaders came together to tackle some of the pressing issues we face today. Central to our discussions were the challenges faced by Army recruiters in attracting interested and qualified enlistees. We delved into strategies and brainstormed innovative approaches to make the Army an appealing choice for potential recruits. Additionally, growing our volunteer base was another key topic on the agenda.

We recognize that our volunteers are the backbone of our chapters, and we're committed to expanding this vital community. Special guests from AUSA National Headquarters included BG John Haley, USA, Retired., CSM Troy Welch, USA, Retired., and Ms. Christine Lathrop. Stay tuned for exciting new initiatives aimed at addressing these challenges and strengthening AUSA North Texas – Audie Murphy Chapter.



Fort Worth Independent School District JROTC Color Guard opened the meeting with the posting of the colors followed by Ms. Alexxia Carter – Miss Park Cities Teen USA who sang the National Anthem.



Mr. Jason Forrest and Mrs. Mary Marshall Forrest provided the keynote address on the "Warrior Sales Program".



Guest speaker, LTC Rich Crossley, USA, Retired, Director of Fort Worth Independent School District JROTC Programs provided insight into the 2023-24 JROTC programs and how the AUSA North Texas – Audie Murphy chapter will support each initiative.



Special thanks to Community Partners Airbus and Safran for the overviews and tours





CELEBRATING BRAVERY AND DEDICATION OF NEW ENLISTEES

During April and May, the chapter participated as a sponsor at Our Community Salutes DFW, an event dedicated to honoring the future soldiers, airmen, enlistees, and poolees who have made the courageous decision to join the military.

As a sponsor, AUSA North Texas – Audie Murphy Chapter recognized the immense sacrifice and dedication these individuals have shown by committing themselves to defend our nation.

The event provided a platform for these future servicemen and women to be celebrated and acknowledged for their selflessness and bravery.

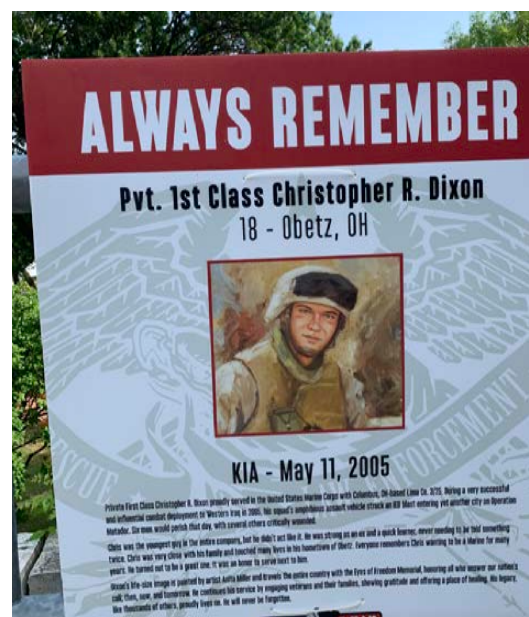
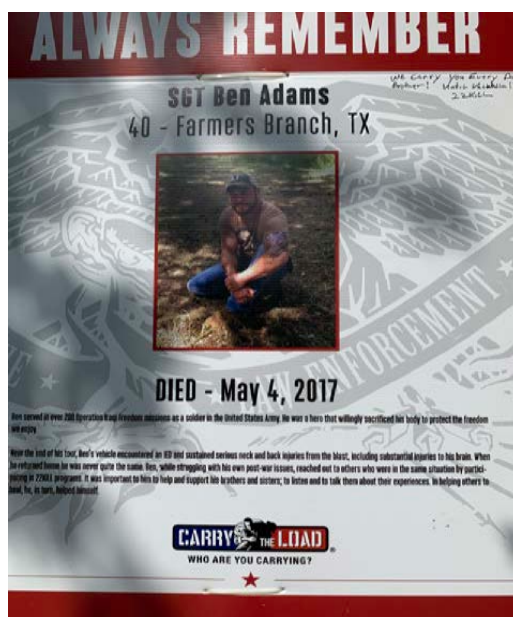
Our chapter's involvement in Our Community Salutes DFW exemplifies their unwavering support for the military community and their commitment to ensuring that these future defenders of our country receive the recognition they deserve.





MARCHING FORWARD

A STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO
REMEMBER THE FALLEN





AUSA NORTH TEXAS
AUDIE MURPHY CHAPTER

WWW.AUSANORTHTEXAS.ORG

SPRING 2023 | SPECIAL EDITION

HONORING MILITARY SERVICE WITH GRAND CELEBRATION OF AUSA DAY AT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



GETTING ACTIVE JUST GOT EASIER

Getting active just got easier. Access 17,200+ fitness centers and studios, 8,100+ on-demand workout videos, home fitness kits, free daily workouts, lifestyle coaching, and more - for \$28 per month. Go to Golds Gym today, LA Fitness tomorrow, 24 Hour Fitness the next day. Visit www.ausea.org/gym.





RECOGNIZING AIRBUS FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT



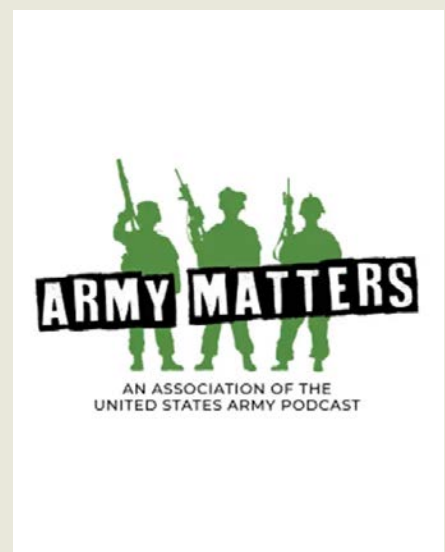
LTC JOHN HARRELL'S RELINQUISHING OF COMMAND CEREMONY



ARMY MATTERS PODCAST

Pop Quiz: Did the U.S. Army Fight in the Asia-Pacific War?
With John McManus, author of To the End of the Earth: The US Army and the Downfall of Japan, 1945

John McManus, one of the most prolific chroniclers of Army history, has just completed an acclaimed trilogy of books about the Asia-Pacific battles in World War II. Hosts LTG (Ret.) Leslie C. Smith and SMA (Ret.) Dan Dailey sit down with McManus to discuss his last book, *To the End of the Earth: The US Army and the Downfall of Japan, 1945*, lessons learned from those battles, and how he transitioned from an aspiring baseball announcer to a history professor and author. (Oh, and Professor McManus also oversees a little history pop quiz along the way...)

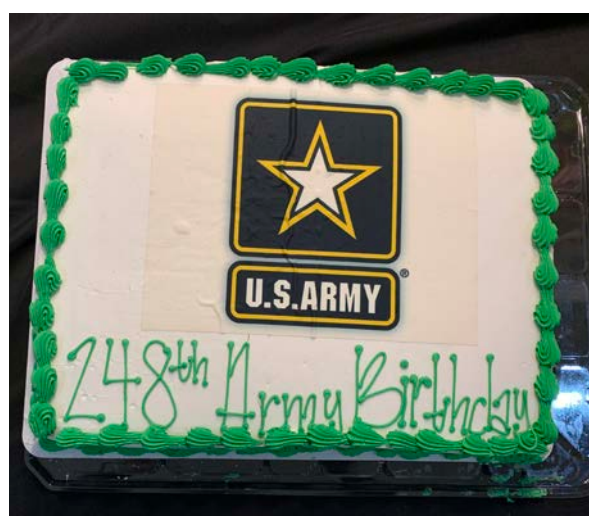




FROM THE YOUNGEST TO OLDEST:

CELEBRATING THE ARMY'S BIRTHDAY WITH THE TRADITIONAL SABER CAKE-CUTTING CEREMONY

LTC DON MUNSON, USA, RETIRED AND DANA JOHNSON, FORMER USA CAPTAIN, WEST POINT GRAD





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 8, 9:00 a.m.

Golf Planning Meeting | St Paul Parish Center

July 13, 7:45 a.m.

Military Book Club Breakfast

July 13, 6:30 p.m.

EXCO Meeting

September 13, 7:45 a.m.

General Membership Meeting





AUSA NORTH TEXAS

AUDIE MURPHY CHAPTER

WWW.AUSANORTHTEXAS.ORG

SPRING 2023 | SPECIAL EDITION

AUSA NORTH TEXAS- AUDIE MURPHY CHAPTER BOARD MEMBERS

President

Patti G. McCoy, PhD

Vice President

LTC (ret.) Joel Batalisky

Treasurer

Ankit Rajora

Regional Executive Director

COL (ret.) JP Hogan

Past President and Executive Director

COL (ret.) Rich Kaniss

Ft Worth Regional President

COL (ret.) Lewis Knapp

Vice President, Education

COL (ret.) Jeff Gault

Vice President, Community Partners

GS-14 Josh Miller, PMP

Vice President, Family Readiness

Mrs. Shelly Knapp

THANK YOU SPONSORS



JOHN
WARD



CHRIS
FORLAND