

AUSA North Texas - Audie Murphy Chapter



AUSA Wounded Warrior Golf Classic



2024 AUSA Wounded Warrior Golf Classic.

On 7 October, we hosted our 15th annual Wounded Warrior Golf Classic. We generate \$65,000 and netted over \$45,000. Our 4 charities this year will be:

Operation Once In A Lifetime
Army Scholarship Foundation
North Texas Wreaths of Honor
The F.L.A.G. Program

The golf tournament is the largest golf tournament within AUSA worldwide. Since the beginning we have raised over \$920,500 in proceeds and \$250,000 in direct donations to our charities.

We had 113 golfers at the event.

Chapter Supports Army Scholarship Foundation in Providing Scholarships.

The Army Scholarship Foundation held its annual Help Our Heroes Luncheon on 30 October at Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas in partnership with our Audie Murphy Chapter of AUSA. The keynote speaker was Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Captain (US Army, retired) Florent Groberg. The Audie Murphy Chapter of AUSA was a lead sponsor of the event, and over 50 of our members attended among a crowd of over 250 overall attendees.

Dallas Opera singer Donald Jones sang the National Anthem, and national Radio Personality Mark Davis served as the Master of Ceremonies. Also in attendance were the Commander and Command Sergeant Major of the North Texas US Army Recruiting Battalion, and the new commander of the North Texas District of the US Army Corps of Engineers, along with many other active duty and retired soldiers and their families.

Captain Groberg spoke about the importance of supporting our military families, particularly during deployments often in harm's way, and of the importance of helping to educate our military family members as a way of saying "Thank You" for their sacrifices as Army family members. In helping to educate our Army family members, the Army Scholarship Foundation works together with the Chapter to support our mission thrust of Education.

The Audie Murphy Chapter of AUSA has supported the Help Our Heroes Luncheon for the past 10 years, and the partnership between our Chapter and the Army Scholarship Foundation is unique and mutually beneficial to both organizations.

Next year's luncheon is already in the early planning stages and is expected to be held around Veterans Day, so please plan on joining our Chapter and attending.

Chapter earns 23 steamers at 2024 AUSA National Convention and Trade Show

COL Richard Kaniss - Chapter President, Treasurer Christian Gordon and Col JP Hogan and his wife attended the annual AUSA National Convention and trade show in Washington DC. The chapter authorized Christian to attend by funding his trip this year.

During the convention, the chapter under President Dr. Patti McCoy earned 23 streamers. The chapter tied Ft Cavazos for the most steamer in the 4th Region.

Chapter President attends Purple Heart Ceremony for CSM Gretchen Evans..

On August 5th, Chapter President attended the Purple Heart ceremony for CSM Gretchen Evans. The event was held at The Barn in Roanoke TX. CSM Evans was severely injured in a mortar attack in Afghanistan in 2005. A mortar blast propelled Evans into a wall, causing a traumatic brain injury and the complete loss of her hearing. Presenting the Purple Heart award was MG Hope Rampy, Commander of the Army HR Command out of Ft Knox.

After the ceremony, Chapter President Kaniss asked MG Rampy how the award got lost and was finally awarded 19 years later. She and hundreds of other Army veterans were not issued their Purple

Hearts because of a flaw in the Army award system that requires the last unit of assignment to issue the paperwork. Once veterans were transferred out of the war zone, the combat unit did not produce paperwork for the award. MG Rampy stated that they are reviewing and correcting several hundred service members' records for correction.

Chapter Holiday Party 5 Dec

The chapter's annual Holiday party was hosted at TG Brazilian Steakhouse. We had 30-chapter members in attendance. CW5 Phyllis Wilson the President of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation - the only major national memorial honoring the 3 Million women who have defended America from the Revolutionary War to today.

Phyllis Wilson served 37 years in the Army as a Military Intelligence (MI) Voice Intercept Operator. She has served around the globe - visiting more than 35 countries - in Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and North America.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Phyllis J. Wilson served as the most senior Warrant Officer in the entire United States Army Reserve, and a key member of the Executive Team managing an organization of more than 200,000 personnel with an annual operating budget of more than \$8 Billion. She was a Senior Military Fellow with the Chief of Staff of the Army's Strategic Studies Group focused on Global issues 2050 and beyond.





. Wreaths Across America 13/14 Dec - DFW National Cemetery

On the 13th of December, Chapter President Col (R) Richard Kaniss assisted the Wreaths Across America wreath laying event at the DFW National Cemetery. His expertise as a logistics officer came into play by developing the process and procedures to stage over 55,000 wreaths across the cemetery. Community Partners Bell Helicopter, Navy Federal Credit Union and upcoming new Community Partner Caterpillar, were Zone leaders across the cemetery. Armed with their clipboards, and a Motorola radio, their teams of 30+ volunteers each helped stage over 4600 cases of Wreaths. A case holds 12 wreaths.

On the 14th of December, over 6000 volunteers came out on a sunny clear day to attend the honor ceremony at 11:00 am and start to present an individual wreath for every gravesite in the DFW National Cemetery. Through the help of multiple television news channels, we were able to receive over 58,000 wreaths. Excess wreaths are donated to several local commercial cemeteries for their

veterans.



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