



ARIZONA TERRITORIAL CHAPTER

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Notes from Gene

First let me say I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that the New Year is even better to you and yours. Our chapter board is very proud of what we accomplished last year, including greatly increased support to deploying and returning units, ROTC initiatives and our Phoenix Recruiting Battalion. The culminating event was the biggest and best JROTC Career Officers' Day luncheon ever. We are even more excited about what we have planned for the next few months. We hope you will be part of it all with us. It takes success to build even more success and need your continued support of the great projects this newsletter will describe.

Upcoming events

2012 Copper Sword and Copper Shield Awards Dinner

The AUSA Territorial Chapter extends its congratulations to the winners of the Copper Sword and Copper Shield. Mrs. Barbara Hatch is the 2012 Copper Sword Outstanding Civilian recipient. Mrs. Hatch is a teacher at Cactus Shadows High School who guides students to interview veterans and publish their stories in books which are sent to the Library of Congress. Jerry Weiers, State Representative from District 12, is the 2012 Copper Shield Outstanding Legislator recipient. The awards dinner will be at the Fiesta Inn, 2100 South Priest Drive Tempe, AZ 85282, Thursday, February 9, 2012, 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Cost is \$49 person.

The awards are presented annually by the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. To register to attend go to: www.avhof.org The contact is FrankSchmuck@global.t-bird.edu

Awards Luncheon

Our annual Awards luncheon is scheduled for 12 February as described in the attached flyer. In addition to rewarding our outstanding soldiers and cadets, we are going to recognize our wonderful corporate sponsors who have given us so much. We are again located at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, 7505 McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale at the pavilion where we held the JROTC luncheon. To show our appreciation for our corporate sponsors, the sponsors and one guest are free. Please return the form that is enclosed with this newsletter if you can attend.

Task Force Smith Golf Tournament

We will play on Friday morning, 6 April at Luke AFB Falcon Dunes GC. We look forward to another superb turnout. This is our major fund raiser each year and allows us to contribute to the activities we support. It will fill up quickly and we will limit it to 144

players. You should get the flyer soon after the Awards Luncheon, but mark your calendars now.

Arizona Homeless Veterans Standdown

The homeless veterans' stand-down will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds February 3-5. Volunteers are needed. Please see the website at arizonastanddown.org. Donations to offset the cost are also needed.

Support to Reserve, National Guard, ROTC and Veterans Groups

We remain very actively engaged in supporting Reserve and National Guard units, ROTC programs and other veteran activities. Specifically, we supported the "Turkeys for Troops" program in November and the Veterans Day celebration in Carefree. We made a contribution to the 2011 and 2012 Veterans Standdowns We donated \$500 to the Madison Street Veterans. We also donated \$500 to the support of the Veterans Center at Northern Arizona University, as well as continuing our support to the ROTC programs at NAU, ASU, GCU, and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU). If you want to participate in this wonderful activity please contact COL (R) Jeanne Blaes or COL (R) Gene Rafanelli.

Army Birthday/Flag Day Luncheon

This event will be held on 10 June. More info on it later. Mark your calendar.

JROTC Career Officers' Day Luncheon, 20 November 2012

We are so excited about last year's event, which was the biggest and best ever and we are already planning for this year's event. The challenge will be to get even more schools involved and an even bigger turnout. This means we will need even more sponsors!

Chapter Officers and Monthly Meeting

We meet normally on the 1st Monday of the month at 1400 hours at the National Guard Learning Center at 5425 E. McDowell. All chapter members are welcome to attend. Please notify me if you have a special interest or issue you would like to discuss and we will arrange to have you present it. Note: We are now very well represented by our "constituency" with representatives from Recruiting Command, AZ Army NG, USAR and ROTC. Also please note we need more people involved and are in special need of a secretary. Please let Rance know if you are interested. (I thought we had a Secretary and wouldn't Gene be the appropriate respondent?)

**FOR THE 12 FEB AWARDS LUNCHEON PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW
BY 4 FEBRUARY TO Rance Farrell 14629 N. 10TH ST, Phoenix, AZ 85022**

Name: _____

I will attend: _____

I will be accompanied by the following guests:

Amount enclosed: _____ (Awardees and sponsors no cost)

I cannot attend but wish to donate _____ toward the meals for the Award Recipients.