



AUSA Sunshine Chapter



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Florida Army National Guardsman Wins Prestigious Leadership Award *by: CPT Hays*

CPT Jeremy Todd Hopkins, a member of the Sunshine Chapter and an Infantry officer serving with the 2nd Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment, was recently recognized for his leadership ability, during both peacetime and combat. Hopkins was one of only six commissioned Army National Guard officers selected in 2007 for the highly competitive General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. According to the award's proponent, the Army Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, the criteria used to evaluate and select awardees are an officer's "Leadership," "Influence," "Proficiency," "Values," "Team-building" and "Personal skills." The ultimate objective of the MacArthur Leadership Award is to "recognize company grade officers who demonstrate the ideals for which General MacArthur stood - duty, honor, country."



General George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff, Army; CPT Todd Hopkins; Mr. David Thiel, MacArthur Foundation, Norfolk, Virginia.

CPT Hopkins, known simply as "Todd" to his friends, was presented with the MacArthur Leadership Award by General George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff, Army, at a ceremony held in the Pentagon Auditorium in Washington, D.C., on 14 May 08. In 2006-2007, Hopkins led a company from the "Seminole Battalion," 2-124 Infantry Regiment, on a twelve-month deployment in Iraq, and regularly saw combat while training Iraqi law enforcement officers and helping

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Presidents Message

Sunshine Chapter Members:



I am very proud to have been selected to serve the Sunshine Chapter as president over the next two years. During the last two years, under the leadership of Jim Taylor, the chapter has been extremely successful – meeting goals and achieving Runner Up for Best Chapter both years. Jim’s guidance to the chapter was that we serve our Soldiers, and everything we did as a chapter reverberated around that focus. I want to thank Jim for his leadership. The next two years will be no different. Our primary mission will remain on the support we give our Central Florida Soldiers and the Soldier community. As we work toward that goal, we will continue to strive toward excellence as a chapter, knowing that our success is best realized when we have positively impacted the lives of those we serve.

I am pleased to report that we have a very robust Executive Committee, with many returning members and many new members. We will include a list of committee members later on in the newsletter. I appreciate everyone who has volunteered, as well as the government and industry partners who make it possible for these individuals to serve the chapter.

We are just two and half months into the year, but much has already happened – and we have many events on the near-term horizon. Our Chapter Executive Vice President, Matt Fair, and our Senior Vice President of Programs, LTC Pat Connors, attended National Leadership training Kansas City, MO. We have welcomed home Soldiers, provided family support to the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), supported our retiree community at Retiree Appreciation Day, attended several Changes of Command for both Army Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) and the RDECOM Simulation & Training Technology Center. We have begun planning for the scholarship golf tournament, Annual Meeting, Operation Holiday Cheer and much more. As we go forward with our support to these and other initiatives, I want to thank you in advance for your loyal support. Our teamwork and camaraderie is what makes our chapter special.

I look forward to working with you in the coming months as we extend our service to our Central Florida Soldiers.

Respectfully,
Mary Trier, President
AUSA Sunshine Chapter

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AUSA Annual Meeting October 6-8, 2008 Sponsors Needed for AUSA Sunshine Chapter Hospitality Suite



The AUSA Sunshine Chapter will have a hospitality suite available for the use of Sunshine Chapter Members and invited guests at the Renaissance Hotel at 9th & K Streets in Washington, DC. Sunshine Chapter corporate members may use the suite during the day for small meetings. On Monday evening, 6 October, the chapter will host Sunshine Chapter members and special guests only. On Tuesday evening, 7 October, the Sunshine Chapter suite will be open to Annual meeting attendees.

Sponsors Needed. The hospitality suite is funded by sponsorships. Our sponsors will be recognized on a banner which will be prominently displayed in the suite.

The Sunshine Chapter needs your help.

Four levels of sponsorship are available to our Corporate Members:

☉ Platinum	\$2,500	☉ Silver	\$500
☉ Gold	\$1,000	☉ Bronze	\$250

Please indicate your level of commitment on the form below and return with your sponsorship check.

We want to help the Sunshine Chapter:

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Checks are payable to 'AUSA Sunshine Chapter'

Mail check with this completed sponsorship form to:

AUSA Sunshine Chapter P.O. Box 780485 Orlando, FL 32878-0485 ATTN: Treasurer

Please remit checks no later than September 22, 2008

Pledge your support now and we will send you a reminder later!

Contact Debbie Berry, Treasurer, at 407-306-4487 or e-mail debbie.berry@lmco.com if you have any questions or to schedule a meeting.

Note: Although we intend to use all sponsorship funds for the suite, any remaining funds will be applied toward Chapter Programs.

Operation Holiday Cheer by: BJ Watson

Taking care of our Central Florida deployed Soldiers

Calling All Corporate and Individual Members:

Please initiate a collection campaign for items that we will pack in boxes and ship to our soldiers

Send names/addresses of Central Florida soldiers to ron@ronrandolph.com

- Place a box in your lobby or break room to collect donations.
- Drop off donations on 18 & 19 November at Metters Industries
12443 Research Parkway, Suite 202 (Metters' suite is on front of the building facing Research Parkway)
- Join us 22 November at the Richard L Lewis Armory to help pack & ship
Armory is located at 2809 S. Fern Creek Ave, Orlando, 32856 – just south of Michigan)

See list for donation suggestions at <http://www.ausa-sunshine.org/>

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COL Langhauser Becomes Director of The U.S. Army Simulation and Training Technology Center by: Michelle Milliner



Colonel Craig G. Langhauser
Director for the STTC

In a change of responsibility ceremony on 11 July 2008 at the Research, Development and Engineering Command, Simulation and Training Technology Center (RDECOM STTC), Colonel Craig G. Langhauser became the new director for the STTC.

Colonel Langhauser served as the Project Manager, Combined Arms Tactical Trainers from August 2005 to July 2008 at the U.S. Army Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation.

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond K. Compton, the outgoing acting director, has been assigned as the Product Manager for Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) Increment I at Aberdeen

Proving Ground, MD. WIN-T is the Army's on-the-move, high-speed, high-capacity backbone communications network, linking Warfighters on the battlefield with the Global Information Grid.

provide stability in the restive cities of Mosul and Tal Afar. Under his command, Seminole Battalion Soldiers performed close to 600 combat patrols throughout their area of operation, which contained nearly 40 different Iraqi Police (IP) stations, and five IP District Headquarters.

Like most good leaders, Hopkins is quick to credit his Soldiers and NCOs for both his unit's success in Iraq, and the fact that he was selected for such a prestigious award. "I know it sounds cliché," he said, "but they are the reason why I won this award. Each of my Soldiers, regardless of their rank, was equally deserving, if not more so, of this award. We fought, and won, as a team."

CPT Hopkins presently serves as the Full-Time Supervisor for 2-124 Infantry Regiment at its Headquarters in Orlando, and as a member of the Sunshine Chapter, heads-up the National Guard Affairs Committee along with the Seminole Battalion's Command Sergeant Major, CSM Wesley Schutt. Hopkins completed a change of command during August's IDT drill weekend, and had to bid farewell to the Eustis-based Soldiers of Company D/2-124 IN, who he was "honored and privileged" to have led, and who he believes truly made his award possible.

The Sunshine Chapter is proud to count CPT Hopkins as one of our own.

The National Museum of the United States Army

Dedicated to the American Soldier



The National Army Museum will tell the story of the U.S. Army as an institution and be a tribute to the American Soldier. It will be a forum for the education, edification, and inspiration of members of the Armed Forces, the public, and all those seeking knowledge about the history of the Army. The American people will gain a greater awareness of the part that the Army played in shaping their heritage.

The museum will preserve, study and interpret Army material culture (currently estimated at over 500,000 artifacts and 12,000 works of art), educate Army personnel in the history, traditions and accomplishments of their profession, provide a research and development base for new military equipment, and train Army museum personnel.

The 2008 Retiree Appreciation Day *by Bo Terry*

The 2008 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) was a resounding success. The Ft. Stewart Retirement Office sponsored the event on Saturday, 16 August that was attended by well-over a thousand of Central Florida's military retirees. While most of attendees were retired U.S. Army, all armed services had retirees in attendance. The attendees were treated to two very informative presentations given by CSM Charles Durr, Garrison Command Sergeant Major at Ft. Stewart, and Mr. David Ramga, Supervisor, Bureau of Field Services, Dept of Veterans Affairs.



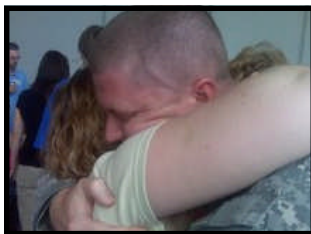
Bo Terry, SMA(R) Jack Tilley, Pat Connors

The highlight of this year's program was an inspirational testimony given by retired Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley. The Sunshine (Central Florida) and First Militia (St. Augustine) Chapters of AUSA provided a complimentary coffee service that was enjoyed by the attendees prior to and during registration.

Members of the Sunshine Chapter assisted SGM (Ret) Leroy Bussells; Assistant Director, Retiree Affairs AUSA, with the set up, manning, and tear-down of the AUSA display. A few retirees took this opportunity to become members of AUSA, and chose the Sunshine Chapter as their affiliate chapter.

The next RAD will be held in Orlando in the summer of 2009. For more information, please see our website or contact Bo Terry.

Welcome Home 1-265



WELCOME HOME!

There were lots of smiling faces and many hugs and kisses as family and friends welcomed the 1-265 ADA home from their deployment in support of Noble Eagle - where the unit stood watch over the Nation's Capitol during the last year. MG Douglas Burnett, Adjutant General of Florida, joined the families in welcoming home the troops on August 15, 2008 at the Daytona Beach International Airport.

The Importance of the Army to American Life

The Army is one of the largest institutions within the United States, and it has had an equally outsized impact on the history and nature of the country. It is vitally important for us to understand the role the Army has played in our history if we are to truly understand our country and our culture.

The Army, officially founded in 1775, predates the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, yet it is partly responsible for the proclamation of the first and is one of the chief sustainers of the second. Without the Army, as it was and as it is now, the United States would be a very different country, if it would be a country at all.

With its roots traceable to the earliest colonial experience, the Army has grown into a distinctive military organization that owes as much to the peculiar environment that faced early European colonists in America as it does to its European military counterparts. Part Native American warrior band and part British regiment, the amalgam has developed over past almost 400 years into something peculiarly "American".

The National Museum of the United States Army will express how local militia bands of citizen soldiers formed to ensure local survival in the 1600's has grown into one of the most powerful instruments of national power in history without losing its essential distinguishing feature; the citizen as soldier.

With the creation of the all-volunteer Army in the 1970's, and its transformation from the heavy, cold war-based force to a smaller, lighter expeditionary one now underway, there is a growing gap in experience between the citizens of the United States and their Army. Each year the percent of veterans within our national population dwindles, and with it the opportunity Americans have to be exposed to many of those traditions that make us Americans.

The National Museum of the United States Army will, through the story of the American soldier from colonial times to the liberation of Iraq and Afghanistan, present to future generations these examples of what makes us so unique in the world.

Without it, much of what makes us special as a nation risks being lost. As Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction.

For more information visit: https://www.usarmyregistry.org/donation_start.aspx

We Need Your Help in Recruiting New Sunshine Chapter Members!!!

The Sunshine Chapter has enjoyed tremendous growth over recent years, thanks to our individual and corporate members. Each year, AUSA National establishes membership goals for its chapters, and the chapters work towards meeting those goals because our strength as an organization is founded in our membership. The Sunshine Chapter has an established Membership Committee on the EXCOM; however, we believe that we succeed as a chapter when all our members are active in assisting our recruitment efforts. The following table outlines our current status as a chapter. Although the chapter has the second longest streak (among all AUSA chapters) with over 150 months of meeting our goal, there are many months that we come dangerously close to falling below that goal.

This is where you can help us.

If you know of any individual that either supports the US Army, has a family member in the Army, or is in the Army from the Central Florida area, please ask them if they know what AUSA does for them – either at the National level or locally. Joining costs are very little — only \$12/year for an E1-E4 or only \$33/year for a civilian. You can recoup that by using your AUSA discount for a rental car, or a hotel room.

AUSA Sunshine Chapter				
Category	Active	Expires Pending	Totals	EOY Goal
AD Officer	42	3	45	
AD Enlisted	107	4	111	
AGR	16	0	16	
NG	23	0	23	
Reserve	26	2	28	
Retired	258	6	264	
Gov't Civilian	18	1	19	
Civilian	418	6	424	
Cadet	23	5	28	
Total	931	27	958	900

AUSA Sunshine Chapter Membership

I would like to challenge each of you with signing up just one person this year to join the Sunshine Chapter. We do great things for our local Soldier community. Visit <http://www.ausa.org/membership/Pages/default.aspx> for more details on joining.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Joe O'Connell, VP of Membership at joconnell@ecsorl.com.

Thank you, in advance, for accepting this challenge!

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Rebalancing the Force**

The Orlando Chapters of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) and the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) are sponsoring the 8th Annual TechNet - Orlando 2009. Rebalancing the Force is a top priority of the services and overcoming the challenges related to C4ISR, Training and Testing will be integral to accomplishing this critical requirement. This symposium will concentrate on the near term and future developments that will be essential to rebalancing US forces.

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Meet Your EXCOM Members...

Wendell Hays is new on the EXCOM this year. In addition to being an attorney at the law offices of Broad and Cassel, Wendell is a CPT in the Florida National Guard. He first got acquainted with the Sunshine Chapter at the 2004 Army Ball after returning from a combat tour in Iraq. Because of the generous donations of our corporate members, the Sunshine Chapter hosted CPT Hays and several of the Soldiers in his unit. After recently completing his rotation as a Company Commander, CPT Hays volunteered to serve on the Executive Committee. We are extremely happy to have Wendell as part of our EXCOM.

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Upcoming Events

1 Sep—19 Nov 08—Operation Holiday Cheer Care Packages Collections

19 Sep 08—Scholarship Golf Tournament

4-5 Oct 08—Ten Miler

6-8 Oct 08—Annual Meeting

22 Nov 08—Operation Holiday Cheer Packing Day

**22 Nov 08—Dedication Ceremony for
New Home Built for Wounded Warrior SGT Cope**

24 Nov 08—GMM (GEN Sullivan)

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