



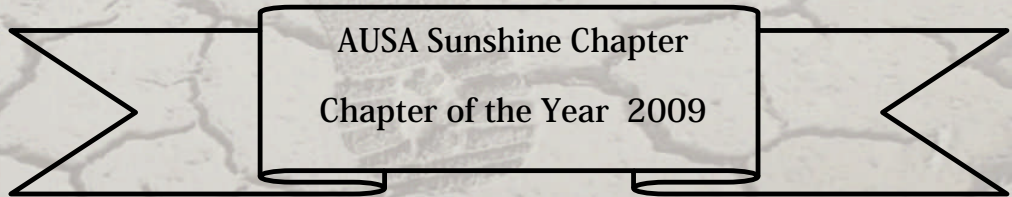
AUSA Sunshine Chapter



Fall 2009

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GEN Gordon Sullivan, LTG Jack Stultz, Sunshine Chapter President Mary Trier, Dr. Jim Blake and LTG Roger Thompson at the Annual Meeting Opening Ceremony



Chairman Nicholas D. Chabraja, Sunshine Chapter President, Mary Trier and GEN Sullivan at President's Dinner



Proud members of the AUSA Sunshine Chapter with GEN Gordon Sullivan during the GEN George C. Marshall Dinner



Debbie Berry accepting Corporate Member Award at Corporate Member Luncheon.

President's Message



Sunshine Chapter Members,

The Sunshine Chapter leadership and many of our members are just back from AUSA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC where your chapter was recognized in a big way. I cannot adequately express the pride I felt for our Chapter and the hard work we have all accomplished for our Soldiers during the last year - each ribbon on our badges, proudly worn, a distinct representation of the support provided. Thank you for doing this – for our Soldiers! And, a big thank you to our Annual Meeting Hospitality Sponsors for the generous donations that allowed our Chapter to offer some great Flamingo cheer to Sol-

diers, family members and government and industry attendees during the conference.

We are deeply engrossed in executing our annual plan now and have several ongoing projects. I hope you participate in as many as you can. In November, we have a General Membership Meeting (our second of the year). Gen. Sullivan, who normally joins us the Monday before Thanksgiving, will not be able to be with us this year; however, LTG Roger Thompson will be our speaker. This will be Gen. Thompson's first visit to the Sunshine Chapter and I know our chapter members will make him feel welcome!

Also in November, we are wrapping up our collections for Operation Holiday Cheer and packing boxes for our deployed Soldiers. I hope you can participate in this very important event that communicates to our deployed troops that we are thinking about them over the holidays.

As many of you know, Joe O'Connell, our Vice President of Membership, deployed to Afghanistan in early October. I have corresponded with him several times on Facebook and he enjoys a friendly hello from chapter members from time to time. As I speak with Joe, it is clear to me that our Soldiers really need us when they are deployed. They need to know that they are loved and missed. So, whatever your method of communication, please reach out and touch our troops that are so far from home in harms way. Most importantly, please keep them all in your hearts and prayers. They deserve our deepest respect and honor.

Please stay tuned in to our many events and don't hesitate to contact one of our EXCOM members if you have any questions. Our events are posted on the Sunshine Chapter website: www.ausa-sunshine.org. I look forward to seeing you all later this month at the Citrus Club for our November general membership meeting.

Very Respectfully,

Mary Trier
President
AUSA Sunshine Chapter

Warriors to Work



Since the creation in November 2007, the Warriors to Work (WtoW) program has proven to be an integral part of successfully rounding out WWP's ASSURE3 model of service. The program has steadily grown and now falls under the Alumni program and includes the intern program. Warriors to Work continues to be advertised via website, email, and word of mouth.

Warrior Participation

- Nearly five hundred (500) warriors have expressed interest in the program.
- Currently, eighty-five (85) are actively looking for assistance in finding employment.
- More than fifty (50) warriors have already been placed into new positions in fields such as IT, defense, and security by companies such as Northrop Grumman, Epsilon Systems, and Halfaker and Associates.

Website

- The most visible form of advertisement which has grown and adapted along with the program.
- Allows warriors to view job postings, access employment resources, and start building a resume.

The job postings fall into one of three categories:

1. Employers who have posted links to their employment websites
2. Multiple listings from the same company in different states
3. Individual listings

We are always looking for more potential employers that understand and value the skills and experiences that warriors and warriors in need of assistance require. Additionally raising awareness about the program is essential and financial assistance is always appreciated.

Contact:

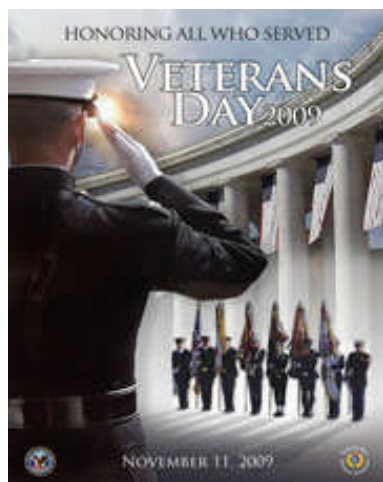
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www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Honoring All Who Served—Veterans Day 2009



AUSA Sunshine Chapter
Salutes our Veterans!



Retirement Appreciation Day (RAD) 2009 - Orlando

The Sunshine Chapter continued its support to the retiree and Army family community by sponsoring and participating at the recent Retirement Appreciation Day (RAD) held in Orlando. On 15 August, over 1200 retirees, Army (Active, Guard and Reserves), their families and other services took part in the annual RAD, hosted by the Ft. Stewart RSO. The event was held at the newly remodeled International Plaza Resort and Spa, 10100 International Drive. The event draws retirees from parts of Florida and Georgia for the day. Bo Terry did the coordination for the event, Jack Collins and John Hoffman did most of the booth work and helped set up and tear down the Chapter's table. Matt Fair also pitched in to help get out the word on the great things that the Sunshine Chapter is doing for Soldiers, past and present! Many Chapter members are retired Soldiers and we see and chat with them every year at the RAD. The event went on into early afternoon with many visitors stopping by the Chapter table to hear what AUSA is all about – Supporting our Soldiers!



Jack Collins and John Hoffman talk with retirees and their families who stopped by the Sunshine Chapter table RAD 2009.



RAD 2009—Jack and John talk about what the Sunshine Chapter is doing for Soldiers in the Orlando area with some of the many guests at the Orlando RAD

COL Kevin Milton, Ft. Stewart Garrison Commander, gave the morning's keynote and numerous briefings were given to retirees and their families. The briefings help keep the Army Family in-

formed on changes in everything from TRICARE to how to get assistance on a wide range of topics. It is a great event that keeps the Retiree community informed of not only their benefits, but what the Army is doing for the Nation.

After the formal briefings, there were many displays set up at a "county fair" style event. As an event sponsor (the Sunshine Chapter donated funds to support refreshments for the attendees in conjunction with the Ft. Stewart RSO and the First Militia Chapter) we also have a table at the event. We discussed the advantages of AUSA memberships and, the great things that AUSA is doing for Soldiers, especially your Chapter! National AUSA also supports our outreach effort with AUSA giveaways and a very nice AUSA logo watch given as a door prize (300 signed up for a chance to win!) that went to Mr. William Green, US Army (ret) of Sanderson, FL. Many thanks to the Sunshine Chapter members who stopped by, and to Bo and his crew that did another superb job supporting our community.

General Membership Meeting Recap— September 16, 2009

Your Sunshine Chapter hosted a fantastic GMM on 16 Sep at the Holiday Inn UCF. LTC Reid Sawyer, Director of Combating Terrorism at West Point, was the guest speaker and gave a candid assessment of the long battle ahead of us. Awards were also presented to our DA Civilian of the Year - Mr. Pete Marion and our Volunteer Army Family of the Year - Suzanne Godfrey! One of our long time ExCom members and former chapter President, Joe O'Connell has deployed in support of OIF so the chapter presented him with a battle buddy (Sulli) to keep him company while away. We would like to thank the staff of the Holiday Inn UCF for making this event a total success.

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors—TAPS

The Sunshine chapter is supporting the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS. www.taps.org) by co-hosting, along with the Pete Marion family, the Third Annual Flamingo Holiday Party with a goal of raising \$10,000. The event is strictly focused on fundraising and is by invitation only due to limited space. TAPS is an organization of 'survivors helping survivors heal' through a national network of families and offers grief support groups and services, educates survivors about grief and traumatic effects following the sudden death of a loved one across the country. They publish a quarterly journal focusing on vital issues facing military survivors, and operate a national toll-free help and information line providing assistance 24 hours a day. You can support this fundraising event by making a secure donation through: <http://taps.kintera.org/friends/flamingo>.

Military Ticket Discounts for Bowl Games

Orlando, Fla. - Florida Citrus Sports salutes our active, reserve and retired United States military personnel and their immediate families with discounted tickets to the Champs Sports Bowl and the Capital One Bowl. In the **Champs Sports Bowl**, teams from the Big Ten and Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) face off in the only annual bowl matchup between these two conferences. The game will take place Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium. Tickets are \$47.50; seats are available in sections 235 and 213. The **Capital One Bowl** is Thursday, Jan. 1, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. and matches highly-ranked teams from the Big Ten and the Southeastern Conference (SEC). Tickets are \$68.50; seats are available in sections 235 and 213.

To purchase individual tickets using your military discount please contact Orlando MWR/ITT office (407) 855-0116/Jacksonville MWR/ITT office (904) 542-3318. For group tickets (20+) please contact Johnny Nelis with FCSports 407-423-2476 ext. 134 or e-mail jnelis@fcsports.com.

UCF ROTC Ten-Miler by MAJ Don Smith UCF Army ROTC, Executive Officer

This year, The University of Central Florida sent an eight person team to compete in the 25th annual Army Ten Miler Race held in Washington D.C. on October 4th. The team consisted of six males and two females. The captain this year was Senior, Cadet Alex Repp. The team included Assistant Captain Junior Chris Galvan, Juniors Joshua Yates, Delfin Fuentes, David Rey, and Derrick Gessler. The two females to compete as members of the team were Senior Lisa-Ann Cefalu and Sophomore Mary Jane Jachens.



This year's team was accompanied by Second Lieutenant D.J. Hoyt, a 2009 graduate from UCF who branched Infantry in the Florida National Guard. The team exceeded expectations set by each runner at the beginning of training by running the ten mile race in personal best times. First runner to finish the race this year was Cadet David Rey with 1 hour 16 minutes, second place was Cadet Joshua Yates with 1 hour 18 minutes, and Cadet Alex Repp with 1 hour 20 minutes. Cadets Galvan, Fuentes, and Gessler finished at 1 hour 25 minutes and Cadets Cefalu and Jachens finishing in 1 hour 35 minutes. This year's team came to the race to compete and definitely meet the challenge!



Additionally to the Ten Miler race, the UCF team was invited to the annual AUSA banquet held in Washington D.C. The banquet was an extravagant event, bringing cadets and chapters from all over the United States together to celebrate the accomplishments of cadets and the chapters of those that support them. The guest speaker this year was Major General Carter Ham, who has served as Commander of the 1st Infantry Division and been an advisor at the Pentagon.

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More Photos from the Army Ten-Miler



“Supporting the Warfighter’s for 21st Century Missions”
9th Annual TechNet - Orlando 2010 | January 20-22 2010

The Orlando Chapters of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) and the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) are sponsoring the 9th Annual TechNet - Orlando 2010. “Supporting the Warfighter’s for 21st Century Missions” Conference. In order to overcome the challenges our Warfighter’s face in operations on Land, Air, Sea and Space, it is essential that we assess and support the requirements of the services. This conference will concentrate on the near term and future developments that will be essential to determine Coalition and US forces capabilities.

Our panels will examine Coalition Warfighter, Homeland Defense, to include Protection of our Critical Infrastructure, Irregular Warfare and Cyber Warfare and Security capabilities as they are affected by these new technological and business practices. The contributions that evolutionary Training, Testing, C4ISR and Acquisition Policies & Practices have in preparing our Warfighter's to meet these diverse challenges now and in future conflicts, will be discussed by senior government, military and industry leaders.

There will again be two Professional Education Development Sessions that will examine in depth, the contributions that Medical Simulation & Training and a Case Study of Information Assurance, Cyberwar, plus Modeling & Simulation issues that contribute in enhancing our Warfighter combat capabilities.

Accommodations: Rooms at the government rate are available at the Radisson University Hotel for those attending TechNet 2010-Orlando. Please make your reservations directly with the Radisson at 407-658-9008. The hotel is east of downtown Orlando at the intersection of Colonial Drive (Hwy 50) and Alafaya Trail (SR. 434).

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In honor of Joe O'Connell, our VP of Membership, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan, we are spotlighting:

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UCF ROTC Ten-Miler (cont'd from page 6)

In his speech, he talked about the importance to being a master of ones trade and he gave praise to



the cadets in the audience because he feels that troops today have so much more to deal with than when he was a young officer in the Army. His speech was powerful and all the cadets on the team commented on his words impacting them to become better cadets today so that they could become better leaders of tomorrow.

The UCF Army Ten-Miler team owes a debt of gratitude to the AUSA Sunshine Chapter because without their support financially and emotionally every year, this great undertaking would never have been possible. The Sunshine Chapter financially funded the team's flight tickets, hotel accommodations, and fees for the race packets. The Sunshine Chapter has been supporting UCF for years in its various endeavors to expand the ROTC's influence in the local community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23, 2009 — General Membership Meeting

November 29-30, 2009 — I/ITSEC Golf

November 30—December 3, 2009 — I/ITSEC

December 12, 2009—TAPS Event

December 18, 2009 — MOAA Holiday Dinner/Dance

January 7, 2009 — CPAG Team Orlando Defense Forum Breakfast

January 20-22, 2010 — TechNet Orlando

January 20, 2010 — AFCEA Golf Tourney (TechNet)