

## President's Corner

Welcome to this summer's edition of the AUSA's St. Louis Gateway Chapter Newsletter. We're really excited about sharing the chapter's activities and successes with our members. This is your organization and we have been working hard to make sure that we continue to be good stewards of your membership and your trust representing the soldiers of the world's best Army.



Doug Stuart

In this issue you will find a summary of the chapter's events since the first of the year including our recent Awards Dinner, the Army Birthday Ball, Military Appreciation Day at Busch Stadium, and of course our annual golf tournament to raise money for scholarships. We'll also provide some links to the chapter's website so you can see more details about the events. The chapter has been incredibly active and involved in the community.

Since the beginning of the year our chapter has focused on raising money for scholarships to benefit student soldiers, the children of soldiers and the children of local defense contractors. I am proud to say that this year we were able to give out more scholarships than ever before and expand our Soldier of the Year Award to include all major commands in the St. Louis area. You'll find more details about the dinner and the complete list of winners on page 3 of this newsletter. As President, I am very excited about what our Chapter accomplished thus far this year and what we hope to accomplish the rest of the year and into 2008. Please take a few minutes to look at the newsletter, and help us to make the newsletter better by telling us what you'd like to see. We are happy to accept submissions. Please send your submissions and ideas them to [ausa-newsletter@charter.net](mailto:ausa-newsletter@charter.net). This is your newsletter.

A strong membership is key to the chapter's success. Please stop by a meeting or let us know that you want to volunteer. Invite a buddy that you served with or your uncle who is a Korean veteran to join the AUSA. It's a great way to stay involved in the military long after you get out of active or reserve service. The more members we have and the stronger our presence is in the community, the ability to affect change and help increases immeasurably.

Visit [http://www.gatewayausa.org/textonly.asp?Dept\\_ID=0&NavButton=05&Main=Y](http://www.gatewayausa.org/textonly.asp?Dept_ID=0&NavButton=05&Main=Y) to learn more about getting a membership for you and your employer. Thank you for being a contributing member of our team as we continue to be a voice for the Army and support for the soldiers and families.

## AUSA Leads the Way! – 2007 Legislative Priorities

- **Close** the Pay Gap (military and federal civilians)
- **Implement** paid up SBP in Fiscal Year 2008
- **No increase** in TRICARE fees or deductibles
- **Increased** Medicare reimbursement rates
- **Hassle-free** medical claims processing with no out-of-pocket expenses
- **Additional** funding to build new and repair existing housing
- **Fully fund** Future Combat Systems and Future Force technologies
- **Fill 100%** of ARNG and USAR full-time manning,

Visit <http://www.ausa.org/webpub/DeptGovAffairs.nsf/byid/JRAY-6VARQJ> to learn more

### Our Mission

AUSA represents the soldier by:

- Being the voice for all components of America's Army
- Fostering public support of the Army's role in national security
- Providing professional education and information programs

### Our Vision

As the premier voice for America's Soldiers, we are a dedicated team committed to building the best professional and representative association for the world's best Army.

### Dates to Remember

- July 13<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting\*
- August 10<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting\*
- August 11<sup>th</sup> – Military Appreciation Day at Busch Stadium
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – AUSA Scholarship Fund Four Person Scramble Golf Tournament - Pevely Farms Golf Club
- September 14<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting\*
- October 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> – AUSA Annual Meeting in Washington D.C.

*\*Please see the chapter website for meeting details*

*Chapter President  
Doug Stuart*

*Chapter Vice President  
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*Secretary  
Christina Winkler*

*Treasurer  
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## 2007 Golf Tournament

Pevely Farms Golf Club is once again hosting the annual golf tournament that benefits the AUSA Scholarship Fund. The tournament is open to both AUSA members and non-members.

Registration for a single player is \$100 with discounts given for registering a foursome or becoming an Eagle Sponsor which includes a hole sponsorship. The shotgun start is at 1:00pm. Mulligans will be sold at check-in. There will be prizes for the top teams in each tier, longest drive and closest to the pin. After the tournament, there will be a silent auction with some fantastic items to bid on. Be sure to bring your wallet. Hole sponsorships are only \$200. Talk to your employer about sponsoring a hole or get a group together such as a civic organization or club to show your support of the soldiers and the AUSA's mission.

Visit [www.gatewayausa.org](http://www.gatewayausa.org) for more information on registration and sponsorships.

## Happy Birthday to the Army!

A bit longer than a year before the Declaration of Independence was signed, the Army was born. On June 14, 1775 the Continental Army was founded to support the needs of the Revolution. After the war was won, the Congress disbanded the Continental Army and reformed it as the United States Army.



The U.S. Senate celebrates the Army's birthday at this cake cutting ceremony held in Washington, D.C.

Across the country and throughout the world, June 14<sup>th</sup> holds a special place in the heart of every American soldier. This year's 232<sup>nd</sup> birthday party was no exception. The Army Ball held this year at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis was a rousing success. This celebration is in recognition of the Army's history, traditions and its service to this nation from the Revolutionary War, the World Wars to the Global War on Terrorism that we fight today.

## Take me out to the ballgame...



On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the St. Louis Cardinals will host the annual Military Appreciation Day at Busch Stadium. This annual tailgate party is simple but effective way to say "Thank you" to all that have served our country.

The Cardinals will be playing the Los Angeles Dodgers this year and also happens to be Ice Mountain Team Poster Day where all kids 15 and under will receive a poster featuring the 2007 St. Louis Cardinals. Bring the whole family downtown for a great day at Busch to support the military and cheer on the Cards!

For information or to volunteer, please contact Brett Hanke at [Brett.L.Hanke@saic.com](mailto:Brett.L.Hanke@saic.com)

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## 2007 Scholarship and Awards Dinner

The Association of the United States Army, St. Louis Gateway held its Annual Leadership Awards Banquet recently at the Missouri Athletic Club, St. Louis. The guest speaker was the Honorable Ike Skelton, Congressman from Missouri and Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Congressman Skelton presented awards to Soldiers of the Year from the Active, Reserve and National Guard components of the Army and distinguished local high school college-bound seniors. Several of these soldiers had recently returned from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The thirty award recipients were selected from a large pool of applicants that represented the superb quality of soldiers and high school students destined to furthering their careers and educational pursuits. The soldier recipients of the prestigious "Soldier of the Year" award were selected by their respective Unit Commanders and held not only the highest standard from their peers and supervisors, but also distinguished themselves as leaders respected by their unit members as a "cut above the rest".

The outstanding high school recipients displayed not only keen intellect and superb academic endeavors but also, as reflected by their essays, critical thinking on current events affecting our United States Army.

The scholarship and awards given to the thirty winners ranged from \$250 to \$3000 for a grand total of \$32,000. These funds were donated by a number of local companies, corporations, and individuals to include: The Boeing Company, Anheuser-Busch, Seiler Instruments & Manufacturing Company, Demmer Corporation, GMP Metals, EMA Environmental, Tri-Rinse Inc., Essex Industries, Major General Joe Ernst (Ret.), and Major General Joe Thompson (Ret.) and Walter Lamkin.



The Honorable Ike Skelton presents SGT Terra Borkowski of the Missouri National Guard with her \$1000 scholarship award.



Each year, the AUSA presents the Soldier of the Year award to the best and brightest NCOs and soldiers from the major commands located in the St. Louis area. Their own units identify these men and women to receive the awards. These soldiers are a shining example of dedication to their mission, their unit and the US Army. *Pictured from Left to Right:*

SGT Corey Landale Stevenson	6025th GSU
SPC Kara A. Kittrell	135th ROC
SSG Arlisa L. Moffat	US Army Element, USTRANSCOM
SP4 Ai Chi Thi Truong	325th CSH
SGT Kristin C. Kemplin	648th RSG
SSG Sarah S. Robinson	835th CSSB

Not pictured:

SGT Shaw Koch	USTRANSCOM (JTRU)
SPC Keith Kettenback	620th CSSB
SPC Matthew DePriest	HRC

<http://www.gatewayausa.org/TempImg/images/gatewayausa/PressRelease2007AwardsProgram.pdf>  
for more pictures from this year's awards dinner. Be sure to join us next year!

## The 2007 Scholarship Award Recipients

### Students in Uniform:

SGT Terra Borkowski	\$1000
SGT Jefferson Green	\$1000
Niquita Harrell	\$1000
SGT Jennifer Pettigrew	\$1000
Ria Terry	\$1000

### Child of Parent Serving:

Drew Gehrke	\$2000
Alex Hendel	\$1000
Patrick Kacsur	\$1000
Ashley Shea	\$1000

### Child of Veteran:

Elizabeth Charnowski	\$1000
Alayne Potter	\$2000
Lauren Schlosser	\$1000

### High School Seniors Whose Parent Works for a Defense Contractor or Agency

Brittany Kurowski	\$3000
Jessica Loyet	\$2000
Tina Mozelewski	\$2000
Molly Anderson	\$1000
Matt Camden	\$1000
Mark Council	\$1000
Amanda Finkes	\$1000
Johathan Meany	\$1000
Jessica Perkins	\$1000
Jillian Ridderbos	\$1000
Rebecca Smith	\$1000
Tu Vo	\$1000
William Whitford	\$1000
Michael Fowler	\$250
Paige Halamicek	\$250
Paige Rusan	\$250
Melissa Williams	\$250

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To donate to the scholarship funds that are given to these students of excellence each year by the AUSA Gateway Chapter, please contact us at [www.gatewayausa.org](http://www.gatewayausa.org)

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