



Our Mission

AUSA represents every American 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

Our Values

- Excellence
- Innovation
- Professionalism
- Inclusiveness
 - Integrity
- Responsiveness

Important Dates to Remember

- April 8th – 10th AUSA Army Installations Symposium
- April 22nd – Deadline for reservations for the Banquet
- April 29th – Annual Scholarships and Awards Banquet
- May 9th – ASF Adopt a Room Dedication at Scott AFB

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*visit www.gatewayausa.com for details

President's Corner

Spring is here and the Cardinals are back on the field in St. Louis...definite signs of spring even though the air still has a chill and the weather leaves a lot to be desired.

The Gateway Chapter has been very busy over the last few months planning for annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet. Each year, your chapter awards scholarships to outstanding students in the St. Louis area that serve in the Army or have parents who have served or work to defend our country. We also recognize the soldiers who are chosen by their commanders as the Soldier of the Year for their unit. We are honored to take part in both of these events.

We have also adopted the lobby / TV room of the Aero-Medical Staging Facility at Scott AFB. The ASF serves as a stop for wounded warriors returning home or moving on for further treatment. Our dedication ceremony at Scott will be held in May. Watch your e-mail for details and pictures of the "Extreme Makeover – ASF Edition."

We are continually looking for new members to join the AUSA and corporations to show their support for the organization and our chapter. Corporate membership runs as little as \$150 per year. Talk to your company about becoming a corporate member. Members are recognized on our website and in our communications so the word will spread that they support the AUSA and our soldiers.



Doug Stuart

Happy Birthday Army Reserves!

The Army Reserves turn 100 years old on April 23rd.

The Army Reserves began as a reserve of medical officers for the Army. After World War I, the name was official changed to the Organized Reserve and then to the current name in 1952.

Notable reservists over the years include one COL Teddy Roosevelt and WWI ace Eddie Rickenbacker.

Throughout the history of American warfare, the Army Reserve has played a vital role in the defense of our nation and freedoms.



Should Veterans Salute the Colors?



Finally, new guidance has been given to soldiers and veterans who want to salute the flag when not in uniform.

As of January 28, 2008, Section 9 of title 4 of the USC now reads, "Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute," during hoisting, lowering or passing of the colors.

Although this still does not address the playing of the National Anthem or the Pledge of Allegiance...we are getting closer.

Contact your legislators!



Be sure to attend this can't miss symposium. Visit www.gatewayausa.org for details.

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2008 Scholarship and Awards Banquet

Each April, the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the AUSA takes pride in awarding scholarships to local students. Proceeds from fund raising activities throughout the year, including our annual golf tournament, are put towards fulfilling the local chapter's efforts to provide scholarships to the members of our nation's armed forces and the area's top students. This year's event to be held on April 29th is expected to be the finest yet.



Brittany Kurowski and Keith Guller of Essex Industries

"The St. Louis Gateway Chapter of AUSA is proud of its tradition of assisting students in the St. Louis area with scholarships to help them attend school.

This event is critical to our goal of helping some of the area's brightest youngsters fulfill their dream of a college education. We are very fortunate to have citizens and employers in the region that help us in this worthy cause, and we greatly appreciate their support," said Chapter President Doug Stuart.

In 2007, the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the AUSA presented thirty outstanding students with \$32,000 in scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$3000. The scholarship recipients submitted application forms and essays to the chapter for consideration and were evaluated based on their academic record and responses to the critical thinking essays on current events affecting the United States Army.

We also recognize the Soldier of the Year honoree from the St. Louis area major Army commands.



2007 Soldiers of the Year

This prestigious award is given to one enlisted soldier from each unit. Recipients are selected by their respective Commanders.

Major General Charles A. Cartwright, Program Manager for the Future Combat Systems (Brigade Combat Team), will be the keynote speaker at this year's event.

Visit www.gatewayausa.org for the invitation

Do we have your e-mail?

We are working hard to update all of the e-mail addresses of our chapter members. Please stop by and visit the national AUSA's website at www.ausa.org and check your membership profile. If you are having trouble updating your profile, feel free to use the Contact Us link on our local website or send us an e-mail with your information updates newsletter@gatewayausa.org and we will do it for you!

Fallen Comrade Found



After being captured almost four years ago, the remains of SGT Keith 'Matt' Maupin have been found in Iraq.

SGT Maupin, then a PFC, was ambushed west of Baghdad on April 9, 2004. A week after his fuel convoy was hit, Arab television network Al-Jazeera aired a tape of Maupin being held by men with automatic weapons. Two months later a soldier, reported to be Maupin, was shot by the insurgents.

Maupin was promoted to SPC a month after his capture and to SGT in April of 2005.

Military Appreciation Day at Busch Stadium is Just Around the Corner.

It's spring and that means the Redbirds are back and gunning for another World Series title. Stay tuned for news about this year's festivities.



Our Chapter at a Glance

509 Current Members

21 Members Currently Deployed



Thank you to our Corporate Members!

Sustaining Members with employees in the St. Louis Gateway Chapter area

Accenture
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Boeing
DRS Technologies
Eagle Industries
SAIC
Seiler Instrument
Westar
Winchester Ammunition

St. Louis Corporate Members

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Welcome to Our New Corporate Member



Innoventor, Inc.'s vision is "To be the best engineering technology

solutions provider." With a desire to start his own company, Kent Schien founded Innoventor in the basement of his house in January 1996. He built a team of more than 50 engineers who have over 2,000 years of combined industry experience. And, of course, their headquarters is now in a key business area near West Port in St. Louis.

Innoventor is a progressive, entrepreneurial design/build engineering firm diversified in five major industries. Our core competency is leveraging cross-industry experience and cutting edge technology to provide innovative solutions for our customers.

Please visit their website: www.innoventor.net

Corporate Members in the News

Boeing and Orion Propulsion Sign NASA Mentor-Protégé Agreement

The Boeing Company and Orion Propulsion Inc. (OPI) have signed a government-sponsored Mentor-Protégé agreement to work together on NASA's Ares I rocket, which will transport astronauts into space after the space shuttle retires. The one-year agreement was signed today at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama and marks the first Mentor-Protégé agreement in 2008 in support of a major NASA contract.

LaBarge Awarded \$3.5 million Contract to Produce Electronics for Northrop Grumman Missile Countermeasure System

LaBarge, Inc. (AMEX: LB) has been awarded a \$3.5 million contract from Northrop Grumman Corp (NYSE: NOC) to continue to produce electronic equipment for the AN/AAQ-24(V) NEMESIS Directional Infrared Countermeasure (DIRCM) system. LaBarge has worked on the program for nearly a decade.

Production at LaBarge's Tulsa, Okla., facility is expected to begin in April 2008 and continue through June 2008. LaBarge is a Northrop Grumman Preferred Supplier.

Awards Banquet Information

The 2008 Scholarship and Awards Banquet will be held on April 29, 2008 at the Missouri Athletic Club in downtown St. Louis. The reception will begin at 5 pm with dinner being served at 6:15 pm. The Human Resources Command (HRC) will provide the Honor Guard to post and retrieve the Colors and will perform the traditional Missing Man ceremony.

The M.A.C. is located at 405 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63102. Directions to the M.A.C can be found at: www.mac-stl.org

Reservations are:

- \$40 - Individuals
- \$75 - for Corporate Attendees
- \$550 - for Corporate Table of Eight

Proceeds from the event are applied to the scholarship fund.

Appropriate dress for civilians is a dark business suit. Military attendees should present in Class A, Dress Mess or Dress Blue uniform.

We hope to see you at the banquet on April 29th.

Is your company an AUSA Corporate Member? Corporate Membership starts at \$150 per year. Visit www.gatewayusa.org for membership details.

Show your support!

Do you know someone who should be a member of the AUSA?

Pass this newsletter on to your friends, co-workers and neighbors to help support our Soldiers. This newsletter is also available on our chapter website.

Dues	1 Year	3 Years
E1-E4; Cadet (without ARMY Magazine)	\$12	n/a
Cadet/Officer Candidate (with ARMY Magazine)	\$20	\$60
E1-E4; GS1-GS4 (with ARMY Magazine)	\$20	\$60
E5-E7;GS5-GS6	\$25	\$68
E8-E9;W1-W3;O1-O3;GS7-GS11, Veteran (not Retired)	\$30	\$82
W4-W5; O4-O6;GS12-GS15; Civilian	\$33	\$90
O7-O10; SES, ES	\$38	\$103

Visit <http://www.gatewayausa.org> or <http://www.ausa.org> to become a member.



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