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AUSA Press Release

St. Louis – 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 (Ret) Joe Ernst, and Major General (Ret) Joe Thompson and **Walter Lamkin**.

AUSA Student Winners were:

Students in Uniform:

Sgt. Terra Borkowski	Missouri National Guard	\$1000
Sgt. Jefferson Green	US Army HRC	\$1000
Niquita Harrell	Beaumont High School ROTC	\$1000
Sgt. Jennifer Pettigrew	Missouri National Guard	\$1000
Ria Terry	Beaumont High School ROTC	\$1000

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Child of Parent Serving:

Drew Gehrke	Father-Active Duty HRC	\$2000
Alex Hendel	Father-Reserve at Scott AFB	\$1000
Patrick Kacsur	Father-Active DFAS-St. Louis	\$1000
Ashley Shea	Father-Active at Scott AFB	\$1000

Child of Veteran:

Elizabeth Charnowski	Father-Army Veteran	\$1000
Alayne Potter	Father-Army Retired	\$2000
Lauren Schlosser	Step-Father-Army Veteran	\$1000

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

Brittany Kurowski	Nerinx Hall High School	\$3000
Jessica Loyet	O'Fallon Township High School	\$2000
Tina Mozelewski	Hazelwood West High School	\$2000
Molly Anderson	Parkway Central High School	\$1000
Matt Camden	Francis Howell North	\$1000
Mark Council	Edwardsville High School	\$1000
Amanda Finkes	Francis Howell North	\$1000
Johathan Meany	Parkway South High School	\$1000
Jessica Perkins	Francis Howell High School	\$1000
Jillian Ridderbos	Westminster Christian Academy	\$1000
Rebecca Smith	Pattonville High School	\$1000
Tu Vo	Gateway Tech High School	\$1000
William Whitford	Francis Howell Central High	\$1000
Michael Fowler	Father-Veteran	\$250
Paige Halamiccek	Father-Veteran	\$250
Paige Rusan	Mother-Veteran	\$250
Melissa Williams	Father-Veteran	\$250

AUSA Soldiers of the Year were:

Awardee	Unit
SGT Shaw Koch	USTRANSCOM (JTRU)
SPC Keith Kettenback	620th CSSB
SPC Matthew DePriest	HRC
SSG Arlisa L. Moffat	US Army Element, USTRANSCOM
SPC Kara A. Kittrell	135th ROC
SSG Sarah S. Robinson	835th CSSB
SGT Kristin C. Kemplin	648th RSG
SGT Corey Landale Stevenson	6025th GSU
SP4 Ai Chi Thi Truong	325th CSH

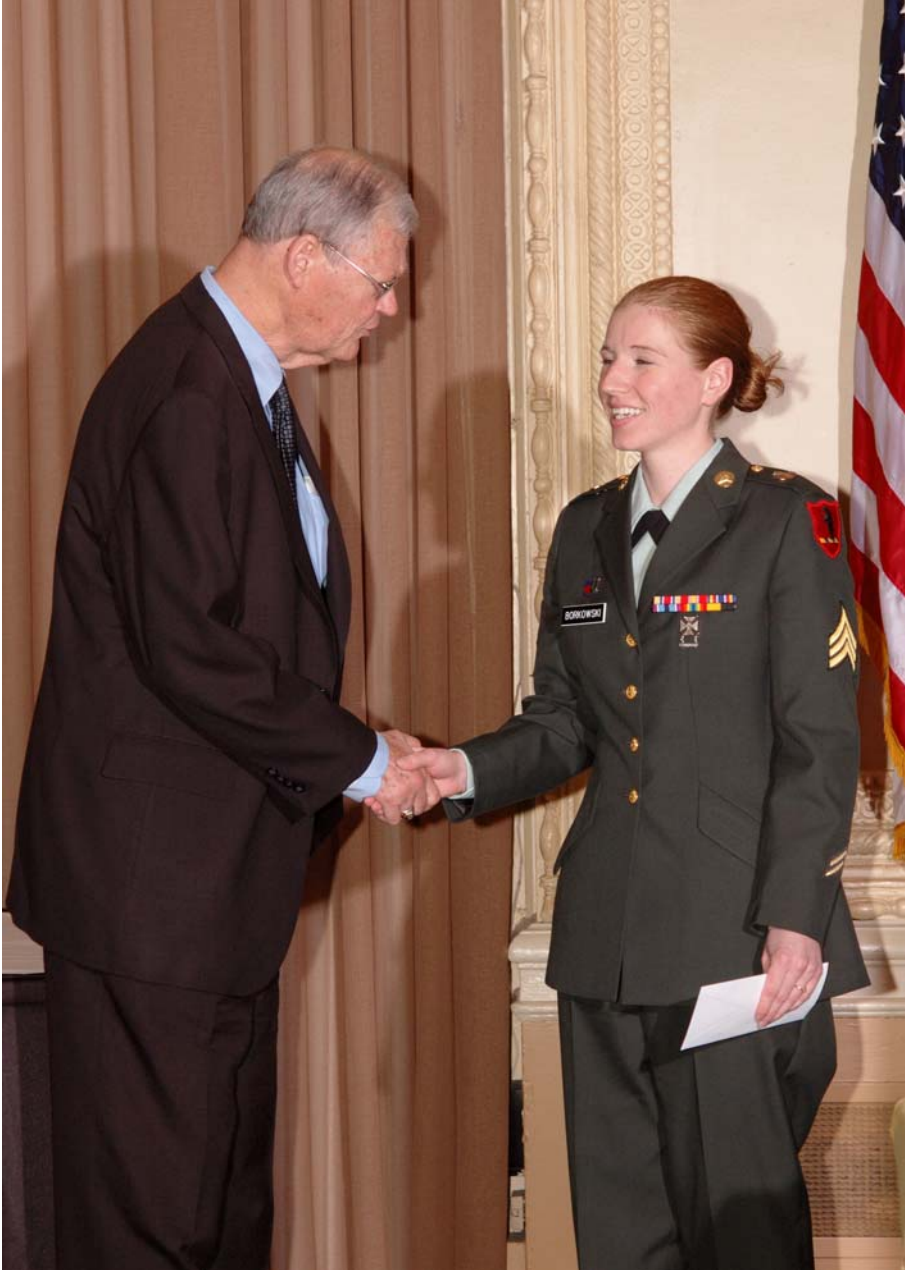


Brittany Kurowski accepting her \$3000 award from chapter board member Keith Guller. Brittany will be graduating from Nerinx Hall High School.



The Honorable Ike Skelton receiving a thank you gift from chapter president Doug Stuart.

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The Honorable Ike Skelton presenting Sgt. Terra Borkowski of the Missouri National Guard her \$1000 award.

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Distinguished Soldiers of the Year. From Left to Right:

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| 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:

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

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