The Association of the United States Army held its annual summit virtually this year in mid-October. Pentagon officials, Army leaders and defense industry representatives gathered online to discuss the state of the Army. Updates on the industry, changes for personnel, ideas for future warfare and plans for technical acquisition were presented. Catch up on some of the best stories from this year’s AUSA conference and find more at www.defensenews.com/digital-show-dailies/ausa and c4isrnet.com/show-reporter/ausa.

WINTER Highlights

Veterans Day 2020

AUSA North Texas - Audie Murphy Chapter: A Salute to the Veterans was held at U.S. Army Recruiting Office Irving and at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2205 on November 11th.

Wreaths Across America

Continuing the Chapter’s annual tradition of remembering the nation’s fallen heroes, our organization donated over $3000 to Wreaths Across America - DFW and laid wreaths on soldiers’ graves.

Change and Continuity

The Chapter’s guest speaker, Lieutenant General Larry R. Jordan, USA, (Retired) discussed how in the past, the Army and the people who make it up – uniformed and civilian – will facilitate and manage dramatic change. LTG Jordan highlighted how the key to successful change remains the same throughout time:

- The entire Force must understand why the change is necessary
- The Force must understand how we will change
- The Force must become proficient with the new equipment, doctrine, tactics, and training needed
- All must get on with it wholeheartedly, in an efficient manner
The Chapter hosted a Hospitality Suite during the America Future Series’ Defense Innovation Virtual Summit in October. Mr. Gus Rodriguez, the 4th Region President and Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA), provided the guests insight on the role of a CASA and the 2020 - 2021 initiatives he had underway to support the Recruiting Commands, National Guard Units, and Army Reserve Units in the region. Special thanks to the Chapter’s Community Partner, Arcadium Solutions for sponsoring the Hospitality Suite. For more information about CASA visit https://casa.army.mil/

At the National Defense Industrial Association’s (NDIA) virtual meeting, the Chapter promoted our goals of:

- being the acknowledging voice for the US Army,
- being the primary source of Information and opportunity for chapter members to become aware of, and participate in, activities providing support to our constituencies, and
- creating Soldier for Life opportunities.

The third Wednesdays at noon and evening Leadership Series detailed moments in Army history on how specific military leaders’ decisions impacted the United States position during war and military battles. Guest speaker, Colonel James P. Hogan, USA, (Ret.), AUSA 4th Region Executive Vice President, provided insight on each military and government leader’s qualities and shortfalls during the military conflict. Topics covered ranged from KPA Invasion, Task Force Smith, Pusan Perimeter, and Inchon to the Battle of Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge. Refer to the Calendar of Events for the 2021 Leadership Series.
Recognizing Future Enlistees

Our Community Salutes is a national non-profit organization helping communities recognize, honor and support high school seniors who plan to enlist in the U.S. Armed Services after graduation.

Recently, community volunteer leaders in Dallas set up a local chapter of Our Community Salutes – DFW Inc. (OCSDFW) as a non-profit corporation in the State of Texas. In October, OCSDFW received a Letter of Incorporation and has applied for IRS status as a 501 C 3 non-profit corporation. OCSDFW is waiting for the formal response from the IRS. The current Board of Directors of OCSDFW are:

- Richard Kaniss (Chairman)
- James P. Hogan as (Director and Secretary)
- David Ewing (Treasurer)
- Bill DiGaetano, Jr. (Chairman, PR/Media Steering Committee)
- Patti McCoy (AUSA chapter representative)

Serving on the PR/Media Steering Committee along with Bill are Patti and the Army, Air Force, Marines/Navy, and Coast Guard Recruiting Commands.

Volunteers are needed to help manage or support the following Steering Committees:

- Fundraising
- VIP Support
- Venue and Operation Logistics
- PR/Media

Please email OCSDFW at ocsdfwtx@gmail.com for more information and to volunteer

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, May 7, 2021 - Honoring High School Enlistees

Supporting the US Army Recruiting Battalion at the US Army Recruiting Station in Irving, Texas and the VFW Post in Denton, Texas
Calendar of Events

Jan. 20  Leadership Series Session
Feb. 16 General Membership Meeting
Feb. 17 Leadership Series Session
Feb. 23 Advanced Manufacturing and National Security (Reshoring/Supply Chain Resilience) Virtual Summit - Hosted by America Future Series
Mar. 17 Leadership Series Session
Mar. 30 Megellas Award Dinner
Apr. 6  2021 Cyber, Land, Air, Sea, Space Summit Series
Apr. 13 2021 Cyber, Land, Air, Sea, Space Summit Series
Apr. 20 2021 Cyber, Land, Air, Sea, Space Summit Series
Apr. 21 Leadership Series Session
Apr. 27 2021 Cyber, Land, Air, Sea, Space Summit Series
May  Texas Rangers Military Appreciation Game (Date TBD)
May 7  Our Community Salutes Reception Ceremony
May 18 General Membership Meeting
May 19 Leadership Series Session
Jun   Rough Riders Military Appreciation Game (Date TBD)
Jun. 16 Leadership Series Session
Jul. 21 Leadership Series Session
Aug. 17 General Membership Meeting
Aug. 18 Leadership Series Session
Sept. 15 Leadership Series Session
Oct  2021 AUSA Wounded Warrior Golf Classic (Date TBD)
Oct. 19 General Membership Meeting
Oct. 20 Leadership Series Session
Nov. 5  Army Scholarship Fund Help Our Heroes Luncheon
Nov. 6  Lockheed Martin Classic’s Army vs. Air Force Game
Nov. 17 Leadership Series Session
Dec. 2  Holiday Party
Dec. 22 Leadership Series Session
Dec. Wreaths Across America (Date TBD)