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The New Hampshire Chapter of AUSA



Chapter General Membership Newsletter – August 2018

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A Note from the Chapter President

Hi everyone. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and has had a chance to get out and enjoy the great outdoors of New Hampshire!

- ❖ We have a couple of events coming up very soon that we need your support. You will see the details for these in the newsletter:
 - Armed Forces Appreciation Night, 16 August
 - September 21, Chapter Golf Tournament

These events are important for the Chapter to support so please consider participating.

- ❖ The best news I can give you all is that we were named the Best AUSA Chapter in the Nation for our category, Category 4 (250-499 members)! While our membership has grown since the beginning of the 2017-2018 year (we are at 534 now), we

started in Category 4. We have since outgrown that category but that just means our Chapter is getting better every day!! Thank you all for your support and for your membership. Without you as a member, none of what we do as a Chapter would be possible. Thanks!!! Here is the list of awards our Chapter earned this year:

- Best Chapter
- Chapter of Excellence
- Presidents Club Silver
- Star Chapter
- Greatest % Increase in Community Partners
- Superior Chapter
- Merit Chapter
- Chapter of Distinction
- Excellence in Reserve Component Growth
- Vietnam Commemorative Partnership
- Member Communications
- Take the Hill
- Institute for Land Warfare Support
- ROTC Support
- Army History
- Army Birthday
- Professional Development
- Department of the Army Civilian Support
- Soldier for Life
- Volunteer Development
- Support to USAREC

Additionally, the Region our Chapter is in, First Region, garnered a good amount of the awards and recognition at the National level. Our Chapter President, Dennis J. Dougherty, also stated “I would also like to thank all of our Frist Region Chapter's for the 211 individual streamers our 22 chapters received recognizing excellence in 33 categories for the 2017-18 operating year.” Here is a summary of the Region awards and honors:

- Best Chapter:
 - Colonel Edward Cross Chapter as Best Chapter Category 4 (250-499 members)
 - Monmouth Chapter as Best Chapter Category 2 (900-1500 Members) (the third year in a row for the Monmouth Chapter)
 - The Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge Award for contributions to the advancement of the Noncommissioned Officers Corps: CSM (Retired) Robert Van Pelt of the Capital District of New York Chapter
 - The Lieutenant General Raymond S. McLain Medal for a current or former National Guard member who has contributed significantly to the Total Army: Major General (Retired) Jessica Wright, former Adjutant General of Pennsylvania and former Undersecretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)
 - The Volunteer Family of the Year: The Pastore Family of New Jersey (254th Regiment NJARNG)
- ❖ Another topic of concern to many of our members is the DoD and Army Budget. Many of our members work in the Defense Industry and meeting the needs of the military relies on a strong industrial base. Without a regular budget cycle and assurances that programs will be allowed to move forward as planned, there is angst

in these businesses. The AUSA monthly newsletter that comes to us online had an article quoting LTG Ostrowski about the Army doing “business the way industry does” (http://ausanews.ausa.org/display_article.php?id=3140967&view=513744). And two articles I received through LinkedIn (sorry, I am not able to put the links here) were also related to this topic. The first is called “The \$13 Billion Increase in the Army's Budget for FY19” and the other was “[Surface Warfare] The Impact of the Navy's FY19 Budget Request”. All good articles and worth the read.

To that end, the Army recently announced the creation of a new 4-Star command, Army Futures Command, that will be based in Austin, TX. Here is the article AUSA sent out when this announcement was made: <https://www.ausa.org/news/austin-based-futures-command-radical-cultural-change>.

July Recap

July 19 to 23, The Vietnam Memorial “Moving Wall”: Many of us went to “The Moving Wall” that was setup at Souhegan High School. Thanks to the work of the Vietnam Veterans of America, especially our AUSA Chapter member Ray Goulet, this was a tremendous event and very well received by the communities. Thanks again, Ray, for your efforts in getting “The Moving Wall” to our State.

July 22, “Vetworking” Social: A big thank you to Chris Sittig and Rocco Collura, members of our Executive Committee, for their great work in putting together the Vetworking Socials. The social on 22 July was attended by 24 people with some looking for employees, some looking for jobs, and some there to support Veterans in need. Everyone had a chance to speak about what they are looking for and how they can help. We are also talking to the University of New Hampshire Office of Military and Veteran Services to work with them on expanding our Vetworking Socials in the area around UNH. Again, thanks to Chris and Rocco for this initiative!

Chapter Community Partner Wapack Labs in the News – “Local cybersecurity company warns small businesses”: Wapack Labs, one of our Chapter’s Community Partners, was in the news addressing cyber threats businesses face from hackers and malware. Congratulations to Wapack Labs and the great work they are doing for our Chapter and our Nation!! You can watch the WMUR article at <https://www.wmur.com/article/local-cybersecurity-company-warns-small-businesses/10338543>

Upcoming Chapter Events:

September 21, Chapter Golf Tournament: Our Chapter golf tournament is quickly approaching (21st of September at the Amherst Country Club, in Amherst, NH). The flyer is in the newsletter, but we really need folks to sign-up and sponsors for holes so if you can, please let me know and sign-up as soon as you can. Proceeds from the

tournament will go to helping raise funds for the Veterans Heritage Learning Center at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery (<https://nhvca.org/veterans-heritage-learning-center>) and to our “Adopt-a-Soldier program.

October 8 to 10, AUSA Annual Meeting in DC: The biggest event for the entire AUSA family is the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Information about this event can be viewed at <https://t.e2ma.net/message/87ki8/o4syc6>. The theme for this year’s event is “Ready Today, More Lethal Tomorrow.”

January 25, Chapter “Army Ski Day” at Gunstock: Our Chapter will hold our Army Ski Day on 25 January at Gunstock Mountain Resort. This should be a great event because it will be more than skiing. There will be tubing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and night skiing all available to everyone who attends. Plus, we will have a social after the day skiing with soup and sandwiches. This can be a family day so please put this on your calendar and invite others to attend and bring your family as the tubing will be after the ski day, so the kids can attend after school. More to come as we get closer to that “dreaded word – Winter!”

AUSA Institute of Land Warfare Publications:

- **“Army Combat Developments Command: A Way to Modernize Better and Faster than the Competition,” by Major Hassan M. Kamara.** Warning of the decreased and continually diminishing technological overmatch of the U.S. military over potential peer adversaries, Kamara, an Army acquisitions officer, looks to historical precedent for a solution. In the 1960s, U.S. Army Combat Developments Command was established to ensure that the Army’s modernization efforts of the day were researched efficiently and implemented effectively. Calling for a contemporary activation of a Combat Development Command—one that would work in concert with the newly-established Army Futures Command—Kamara argues that such a step could help the Army to modernize in peace and adapt equally well for combat superiority in future war. Read it online at: <https://www.ausa.org/publications/army-combat-developments-command-way-modernize-better-and-faster-competition>.

Please visit Our Facebook Page: Our Chapter’s Facebook page is called the “Colonel Edward Cross Chapter, the New Hampshire Chapter of AUSA” and you can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/Colonel-Edward-Cross-Chapter-the-New-Hampshire-Chapter-of-AUSA-1350333641697702/>. Please visit the page and hit the Like button so you can receive notifications when items are added. There you can see pictures from our events as well as learn about upcoming events. If you want to add items to the page, contact me and I can have them added. Pictures from events will be posted there so please take the time to visit the page and hit the “Follow” button. Thanks!

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Until next month...

Well, that is all for this month. We are always looking to increase our membership, so, if you have friends or businesses that support the Army, AUSA is the right organization for them. If you work or own a company that does business with the Army, please consider having your company join as a Corporate Member. Please contact me for more information.

Thank you for your membership and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Greg

Greg d'Arbonne, Colonel Edward Cross Chapter President

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Announcements

Vietnam War: Diverse Perspectives, 9 August, 7 to 9 PM

On August 9th at 7pm at the Hopkinton Public Library, there will be a short film screening (~30 minutes from the Ken Burns Vietnam Documentary) followed by a conversation. It's part of an initiative from the NH Humanities. The event is described as presenting the Vietnam War from diverse perspectives, facilitated by NH Humanities Presenter Dan Vallone. It will be a discussion of Ken Burns Documentary.

Paint Night, 15 August

Please join us for a fun night of creative relaxation and friendship! "Paint Night" will be at the VFW Post 1088, 93 Route 125 Kingston, NH on August 15th, from 7pm to 9pm. Cost is \$25/person. It includes Expert instruction by Steve Pascucci of "Art Made Easely"; 16"x20" Canvas; and all supplies. Cash bar will be available. Call ahead at (603) 642-5510 any day after 2pm to reserve a spot today!

"Armed Forces Appreciation Night" with the Fisher Cats, 16 August

On 16 August, the Fisher Cats will be sponsoring an "Armed Forces Appreciation Night" at their stadium in Manchester. This event is being organized by various Veteran related organizations, to include our AUSA Chapter so please "come out to the ballgame!" The game starts at 7 PM and tickets can be purchased online for \$11.25 at: <https://groupmatics.events/event/Armedforcesappreciation>

Manchester VA Medical Center Veterans FREE Farmers Market

Wednesday, August 15, 2018
All Veterans are Welcome
Manchester VA Medical Center
Under the Tents

Starts at 11:00am and
continues while supplies last!



The Farmers Market will offer fresh fruits & vegetables along with healthy recipes to enjoy. The goal is to support those who are working to improve their health by including fresh produce in their meal plans.

*Honoring America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care
that improves their health and well-being.
Contact Debra Krinsky, Voluntary Service Officer , 603-624-4366
x6419 for event information.*



Sunday, September 9 | 9am

Mines Falls | Stellos Stadium Entrance | Nashua, NH

Lace up your sneakers! Grab your friends & family!

Show your support for NH veterans, service members & their families at this patriotic fun run and walk through Mines Falls to benefit Veterans Count.

\$30 per participant

FREE registration for all Veterans

\$20/child (12 and under) | T-shirt included with all \$30 registrations before 8/10/18

www.vetscount.org/nh

Register | Join a Team | Support a Participant



Veterans Count provides critical and timely financial assistance and services when no other resource is available to veterans, service members and their families, to ensure their dignity, health and overall well-being.

We continue to ensure that 90% of every net dollar raised for Veterans Count is spent to provide services and grow resources for NH veterans, service members and their families.

For more information please visit: www.vetscount.org/nh



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**22nd Annual Joshua Chamberlain Chapter
Lobster Bake September 14, 2018**



Rhumb Line Resort
41 Turbats Creek Road
Kennebunkport, ME 04046
207-967-5457



Social Hour and Presentation of Awards
3:00 - 4:30 pm

Lobster Bake
5:00 pm

Honored Guests

Person of the Year: Laura Benedict of the Red Barn Restaurant

*Please complete reservation form below and mail to:
AUSA c/o Arthur Wickham, PO Box 1016, Windham, ME 04062
Please respond on or before September 1st, 2018.*

Due to no-shows in recent years, meals **MUST** be paid for in advance.

No meals will be paid at the door.

There will be NO exceptions to this for 2018.

*Association of the United States Army
Joshua Chamberlain Chapter Lobster Bake*

Please reserve # of tickets _____ \$35.00 per person. Total: _____

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Enclosed is my check for: Lobster: _____ Steak: _____

Tickets will be issued for either lobster or steak to the person listed above

Please make checks payable to:
AUSA Joshua Chamberlain Chapter *(Donations always welcomed)*

Dress: Casual / Military: ACU's or Multi-Cam

For further information call:

Arthur Wickham @ 207-892-3064, Arthur.wickham@yahoo.com,
Cindi Piacitelli @ 207-776-3963, cpiacitell@aol.com
or Dee Hunt @ 207-458-2972, deeh1964@gmail.com

Rhumb Line Resort Reservations 1-800-337-4862 or 207-967-5457



**12TH Annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans
co-hosted by**

Harbor Homes and Manchester VA



Location: Harbor Homes

77 Northeastern Boulevard, Nashua NH

September 20th, 2018

9am-2pm

Services Include: VA Representation, Food, Clothing, Community Resources, Employment Information and More. For a view of past events: Visit [Utube Harbor Homes Stand Down Andrea Reed 2012](#). Thank you.

For more information call (603)882-3616 and ask for Andrea Reed, by email: a.reed@nhpartnership.org or Emily Reisine, Homeless Coordinator Manchester VA at Emily.Reisine@va.gov or at 800-892-8384 x 3622



Showers available as well. Bring a towel if you can. We will do our best to have new available.

The Annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans is brought to you through the partnership of Harbor Homes, Inc. and Manchester VA along with the collaboration of our community partners.

We are looking for some assistance with transportation of Veterans, so if you have any VSO volunteers who could be part of our network, that would be great.

Thanks very much,

Beth Grady, LCSW, Homeless Outreach Social Worker, Manchester VA Medical Center
718 Smyth Road, Manchester, NH 03104, Office: (603)-624-4366 ext 2701; Cell: (603)-703-2948; Fax: (603)-629-3244



**Association of United States Army
Colonel Edward Cross Chapter
2018 Networking Golf Tournament**

Friday, September 21st – Amherst Country Club

72 Ponemah Rd, Amherst, NH 03031 (603) 673-9908

Registration Table Open 12 pm

Shotgun Start – Scramble Format 1:30pm

BBQ Dinner Following 6:30 pm

Awards for Team Score, Closest to Pin, Long Drive, Putting Contest



**Funds raised will support the New Hampshire Veterans Heritage Learning Center at the
New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH**

and

The Colonel Cross Chapter “Adopt-a-Recruit” Program

For more information and sponsorship, call or e-mail:

Dane Rota (603-878-0701) dane.rota@verizon.net or Greg d’Arbonne GDarbo6844@aol.com

Registration Deadline is September 11th. Make checks payable to: COL Cross Chapter AUSA

Mail to: AUSA, c/o Greg d’Arbonne, 65 Cleveland Hill Road, Brookline, NH 03033

- Single _____ \$100 per person (includes cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- Team _____ \$400 per foursome (includes cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- Sponsor _____ \$1000 (includes foursome, tee box advertising, cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- BBQ Only (total number attending only for the BBQ) _____ \$20 per person
- Contribution to NH Veterans Cemetery with/without golf _____

\$ _____ *Total Amount Enclosed*

Name _____ Affiliation (if any) _____

Email Address _____ Telephone # _____

Are you with a foursome? If so, who else will be in the foursome? _____

No Tickets Will Be Required; Check-In at the Door

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If you're not already a member of AUSA, please click the link below to fill out an application. As a member of our chapter, we'll keep you updated on upcoming events, important news on the military, and ways you can get involved with supporting service members.

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