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AUSA CINC Awards

Army Vice Chief of Staff Shares His Compassion for Soldiers

By Carl P. Cecil
Lee Technologies Services

Over 200 members and guests came to honor Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, General Peter W. Chiarelli as the 2011 George Washington Chapter AUSA CINC Award at our May 25th luncheon held at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott. Well over a dozen VIPs were present to honor General Chiarelli for all that has done for the Army community.

General Chiarelli has been the VCSA since August 2008. A highly decorated combat veteran, he has overseen numerous ARFORGEN cycles supporting Afghanistan and Iraq as the Vice Chief and in a number of key assignments such as Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense; Commander of 1st Cavalry Division in

Operation Iraqi Freedom II and commander of the Multi-National Corps-Iraq. He has commanded at every level from platoon to corps.

AUSA George Washington Chapter Commander-In-Chief (CINC) AWARD

Carl Cecil from Lee Technologies and the GW Chapter Vice President for Industry Affairs, provided remarks about the CINC Presentation Award history. Since 1979, the George Washington Chapter of AUSA has selected highly regarded, prominent leaders to receive this prestigious annual award. The recipient must be a current or former member of the Armed Forces, a past or present elected or appointed government official, or a leader in academic, business or community affairs.

Distinguished recipients of the Commander-in-Chief Award have included: first winner, Congressman "Sonny"

Montgomery of Mississippi. Other winners include: Clifford Alexander, Secretary of the Army; Senator Barry

Goldwater; General Colin Powell; Senator Sam Nunn; General Gordon Sullivan; The

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Ken Wanless, outgoing GW Chapter President with General Pete and Mrs Beth Chiarelli, and SFC Manual Rodriguez.

Fairfax-Lee Awards 24 Scholarships



Two groups of proud scholarship winners flanked by (left) Mark Wise, Chapter President and (right) keynote speaker James Warner, President of the Army Civilian University



The AUSA Fairfax-Lee Chapter held its General Membership Luncheon on June 15th 2011, at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club. Twenty-four scholarships were awarded to high school and college students totaling \$20,000 thanks to the Chapter and to corporate donors: FLIR Systems, Dalena Kanouse, Lockheed Martin, Peduzzi Associates, Rockwell Collins Charitable Corporation and the Springfield Hilton. Volney "James" Warner, President of the Army Civilian University was the keynote speaker. The event was also used to present "Excellence in Education Program" Awards.

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Mimi Stout, Education Specialist with the Army Civilian University, announces the "Excellence in Education Program" Awards co-sponsored by AUSA National and the Army Civilian University during the chapter's annual Scholarship Luncheon on 15 June 2011 at Fort Belvoir.



Volney "James" Warner, President of the Army Civilian University spoke to the AUSA Fairfax-Lee Annual Scholarship Luncheon at Fort Belvoir on 15 June 2011 and was among those honoring the chapter's 24 scholarship winners for 2011

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Old Guard; SMA Kenneth Preston; and Senator Lindsey Graham.

Chapter President, Ken Wanless, introduced our CINC Awardee noting that he hails from Washington State and is a fan of all teams from the Seattle area. He also noted that the Vice Chief is an avid golfer with a very respectable handicap index. Ken then listed some General Chiarelli's many deeds in supporting soldiers that made him the clear nomination for this year's CINC Award.

General Chiarelli opened his remarks by sharing with our membership his deep concern for our wounded warriors and in particular the traumatic brain injuries because the medical science lags the tremendous

leaps forward in treating mechanical injuries, such as missing limbs. He stressed the need for that more work must be done to properly diagnose and treat soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and suicidal thoughts.

"There's a lot of criticism with how we handle PTSD and TBI and other behavioral health issues," he said. "I think a lot of that is unfair, because if you study this, we don't know as much about the brain. That is the basis of the problem." Chiarelli also said that the stigma that some soldiers associate with actively seeking treatment for mental health issues is still active. "Breaking the stigma of mental health issues is the hardest part."

As part of the ceremony, Karen

Lowe presented Mrs. Beth Chiarelli a bouquet of flowers from the GWC to recognize her contributions to soldiers and their families.

The Old Guard's Continental Color Guard posted the Colors at the beginning of the luncheon. Incoming chapter president, Todd Hunter, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain (MG) Carver, Army Chief of Chaplains, provided the Invocation. After GEN Chiarelli's remarks, the

crowd was treated to a wonderful medley of songs by the Army Band's Strolling Strings, which was under the direction of SGM Manny Bobenrieth.

Following the Music Interlude, chapter president Ken Wanless closed the meeting. The next chapter luncheon will be held on September 23rd at Army Navy Country Club in Arlington with LTG Susan Lawrence, Army G6/CIO.



Entertainment for the CINC Award Luncheon was the Army Band's Strolling Strings performing a medley of songs.

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Col. Schmid and Red Cross volunteers receive duffel bags for wounded warriors.

GW Chapter Supports the Andrews Air Force Base ASF

On April 29th, Marc Roth and Ken Wanless traveled to Andrews Air Force Base's Aeromedical Staging Flight (ASF) facility to make the formal presentation of 250 duffel bags to COL Claude Schmid, the Army Team Chief for Medical Evacuations to CONUS Hospitals. As the Army's Team Chief, COL Schmid and the doctors, nurses, and technicians staff at the ASF, welcome wounded warriors back to the states from the combat zone. These soldiers are then transported to other military hospitals.

The ASF facility, which is supported by the Red Cross, provides a lounge, rooms, and a well stocked room of supplies and clothing to the soldiers, many of whom arrive with only a few personal belongings. Once settled in, the soldiers can browse the supplies for shirts, pants, shoes and

an assortment of other necessities. And, to carry these items, the duffel bags will come in handy.

An example of the soldiers who arrive there was summarized by COL Schmid, when he said, "Tonight was another night to welcome heroes home. One warrior on tonight's flight was a 2 x battle injury. In 2009 he broke his back in an IED strike in Afghanistan. After a long recovery he returned to full duty. Tonight he returned home with a foot shattered by an IED. While praising him on the plane tonight, he told me "he couldn't let it go." Warriors like that make one proud to be able to help."

The George Washington Chapter is proud to be able to support the ASF in providing the much needed duffel bags.

DCS Corp. Named Corporate Member of the Quarter

Fairfax-Lee Chapter is pleased to recognize DCS Corp, based in Alexandria, Va. as its Corporate Member of the Quarter. A long-time AUSA supporter, DCS Corp is a corporate member of the Fairfax-Lee, Detroit, Aberdeen, and Redstone/Huntsville chapters of the Association of the United States Army and provides direct sponsorship to several events annually.

The employee-owned company, founded in 1977, creates innovative technology solutions for customers and seeks to develop successful working relationships to ensure that they meet their customers' expectations and get the job done right. According to their philosophy, "the value that we place on ensuring customer satisfaction is based on our strong corporate culture of empowerment, innovation, responsiveness, and professional excellence. The transformative

ideas and entrepreneurial spirit that characterize our 800 employee-owners allow DCS to ensure success of each client's mission and actively contribute to the well being of the nation." More about DCS Corp on their website: www.dccorp.com

Fairfax-Lee Chapter thanks not only DCS but all of its corporate members for their continued support of the organization in order that it meet its mission to support the Fort Belvoir community.





Mark Wise, President
Fairfax-Lee Chapter

REPORT FROM THE FAIRFAX-LEE PRESIDENT

2011 FAIRFAX-LEE CHAPTER EVENTS

27 July

Last Wednesday

9 August • 07:30

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting
Fort Belvoir

31 August

Last Wednesday

13 September • 07:30

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting
Fort Belvoir

28 September

Last Wednesday

8 October

AUSA National Golf Tournament

10 - 12 October

AUSA Annual Meeting

For details on any of these events, consult
our website: ausafairfaxlee.org

I'm happy to report that at the end of another AUSA calendar year, your Fairfax-Lee Chapter continues to excel at and expand on support provided to our big and local Army communities. We have exceeded our goals for membership, finances, contributions to soldiers, Wounded Warriors, survivor outreach, veterans, retirees, ROTC, recruiting command, families and the Fort Belvoir community in general. Our communications outreach has touched thousands and will continue to expand as we revamp our website and roll out a Facebook page in the coming year. The spirit of engagement and volunteerism is alive and

well as we have added a number of talented individuals to our board of directors and board of advisors. Our mission will expand over the next year, as well, as BRAC brings thousands of new workers and hundreds of additional Wounded Warriors to Ft. Belvoir. I want to thank all—individuals and corporate members—who've made this past year possible and ask for your continued support in this coming year. We rely on your support to be able to reach our supported community in as many ways as possible. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we'll see you all this fall and during the October annual meeting.

F-L Chapter Monthly Mixer Last Wednesday

On the last Wednesday of every month the Fairfax-Lee Chapter of AUSA hosts a reception at the Springfield Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Virginia from 1700 until 1900 hours. This informal gathering of whomever is available is a great opportunity to meet the officers and other members of your chapter to discuss upcoming activities, identify needs within the community, and determine where you can assist as we strive to support Soldiers and their Families within the Fort Belvoir and the greater Washington communities. These events are intended to be fun, informal sessions with a cash bar, free appetizers and good fellowship. We encourage all to stop by on their way home from work and join the crowd! Due to the chapter's Salute To Soldiers! On 27 April at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course, we will not meet at the Springfield Hilton

on the last Wednesday in April, but invite everyone to join us in recognizing the brave men and women of the Fort Belvoir community at the golf course!

Coming from the North

Take I-395 South to exit ramp 1-B, Springfield. Take exit 169A, Franconia Road and turn right at the first light onto Loisdale Road. Turn right into the Hilton hotel parking lot at the Hilton sign. Follow directional signs to the entrance.

Coming from the South

From I-95 North, take exit 169A Franconia Road (Route 644 East). At the first stop light make a left onto Loisdale Road. At the next light turn left onto Loisdale Court. You will find the entrance to the Hilton hotel parking lot at the end of the court on your right.



Look for this sign in the Springfield Hilton and enjoy meeting fellow AUSA members and your chapter officers.



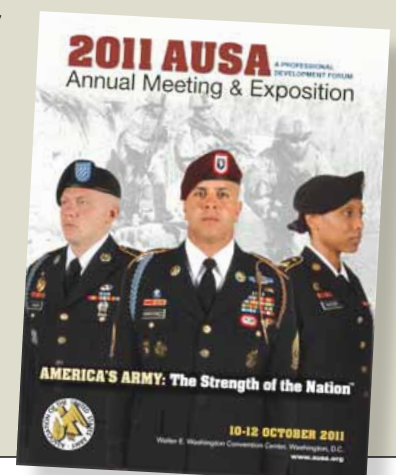
**Salute To
Soldiers!**

Although a firm date has yet to be established, the Fairfax-Lee Chapter of AUSA is sponsoring a *Salute to Soldiers!* in late summer at the Fort Belvoir golf course. This event will feature free appetizers, entertainment and beverages for soldiers and their families in the clubhouse patio area. Door prizes will be given away every half hour and chapter executive committee members will be on hand to address current AUSA efforts underway as well as other areas we may be able to positively influence the lives of soldiers and the families here in the greater Washington area. The Fairfax-Lee Chapter is on track to contribute more than \$100,000 to the Fort Belvoir community this year and remains committed to supporting soldier and family programs within the area. Please watch our website, www.ausafairfaxlee.org, for more information and look for our advertisement in the Fort Belvoir *Belvoir Eagle*. For more information concerning this event, please contact Ken Britt at: Kenneth.britt@us.army.mil

Plan Now to Attend Annual Meeting

The 2011 AUSA Annual Meeting will take place 10-12 October at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center located between 7th and 9th streets and N Street and New York Avenue in Washington, D.C. AUSA's commitment to professional development includes seminars and special presentations on the Global War on Terrorism, the Army's Transformation to the Future Force, LandWarNet, Expeditionary Logistics, Actionable Intelligence and other issues affecting today's Army. A variety of other opportunities will be available to attendees during this outstanding annual event.

For more information, go to: <http://www.ausa.org/meetings/2011/annual/Pages/annual1010-12.aspx>





Todd Hunter, President
George Washington Chapter

REPORT FROM THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER PRESIDENT

for the last four years and also as the 1st vice president for several years. LTC Bobbie William served as Howard University Professor, Military Science, and as vice president, scholarships, June 2006–June 2011. Through their efforts the chapter was able to provide outstanding support to soldiers, family members, Wounded Warriors and ROTC cadets in the national capitol region.

AUSA is the Army's professional association and has, for 60 years, provided support for soldiers and family members. At the national level, AUSA represents every American soldier by being the voice for all components of America's Army. AUSA fosters public support of the Army's role in national security. AUSA also provides professional education and information programs. AUSA's strength can be found in its membership and chapters. That's why membership is

important. With every new member, our voice becomes stronger! When you join AUSA, your membership amplifies AUSA's ability to serve as the voice for the Army through congressional testimony and Hill visits. AUSA continually seeks ways to improve the quality of life for those that have served our nation so faithfully.

Please read the articles in the newsletter and you will see more of what the chapter has done and will be doing. Of particular note is the chapter's recipient of the Commander-in-Chief Award, GEN Peter Chiarelli, VCSA. And the National Capital Region Golf Tournament, hosted with our sister chapter, Fairfax-Lee.

Lots of events are coming up as well—please mark your calendars. Still Serving!

2011 GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER EVENTS

September 23

Quarterly Chapter Luncheon
Army Navy Country Club
Arlington, VA
with LTG Susan Lawrence,
Army G6/CIO

October 8 - 1 PM Start

National AUSA Golf Invitational
Westfields Golf Club
Clifton, VA

October 9 - 8 - 11 AM

Army Ten-Miler HOOAH
Tent #1
Pentagon Parking Lot

October 10 - 12

AUSA Annual Meeting
See Schedule
Washington, DC Convention Center

Golf Tourney Planning Underway

The George Washington and Fairfax-Lee chapters are excited to announce that the second annual AUSA National Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011. The tournament is an official event held in conjunction with the AUSA annual meeting, and will be a great opportunity to kick off the biggest week of the year with AUSA. In 2010, the inaugural tournament was a great success with over 150 participants. We sold out the course quickly with participation from large and small businesses, soldiers, and several general officers.

This year, the tournament will again be held at Westfields Golf, a highly-rated, beautiful course in Clifton, Va. The planning committee has a superb event planned.

More information about the event, including sponsorship opportunities, is available at www.ausagolf.info or by contacting Dave Barber at dave.barber@cps-ps.com or (703) 887-3518.

Welcome to our newsletter. As your new chapter president it is a privilege to serve our great Army, the George Washington Chapter, Individual and Corporate members and friends. The George Washington chapter has more than 4,100 members and 312 corporate members. Our common bond is that we love to support soldiers and families. We have had many changes in the last few months, welcoming numerous individuals to our team and also bidding farewell to two individuals that have served on our board in numerous positions. Ken Wanless served as our chapter president

GW Chapter Scholarships Awarded



Incoming AUSA GW chapter president Todd Hunter (l) presents Kylie Hayes a \$5,000 Scholarship award, along with Ken Wanless, outgoing GW chapter president.

The George Washington Chapter, AUSA -2011 Scholarship Program and Fund was established to provide recognition, inspiration, financial assistance and encouragement to our members and their families in "Keeping America's Army Strong." These awards are presented to outstanding members and family members enrolled in undergraduate or advanced degree programs.

Congratulations to our 2011 Scholarship winners. This year the Chapter awarded seven scholarships totaling \$20,000 to a very competitive group of highly qualified applicants. These applicants represent members

and/or their dependents to cover education-related needs such as tuition, fees, books, and room and board, as well as other expenses.

This year's scholarship recipients received checks ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000. They are:

Kylie Hayes	\$5,000
Elizabeth Cunningham	\$4,000
Kayle Marshall	\$3,000
Bria Williams	\$2,500
Caitlin Gayles	\$2,500
Jeffrey Thomas	\$1,500
Tiffany Hunter	\$1,500

The chapter would also like to thank our donors and sponsors for making our scholarship awards program possible. The scholarship program is a result of contributions by corporate and individual members of the chapter who support our many activities, including our major fundraiser, the annual golf tournament. The committee sincerely hopes this year's scholarship recipients will be able to continue their educational goals and wishes them much success in achieving their dreams!

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 8
2011**



Marriott Ranch BBQ & Rodeo for Wounded Warriors

On June 26, 2011, the George Washington Chapter of the AUSA hosted a day at The Marriott Ranch in Hume, Va., for Wounded Warriors and their families.

Mother Nature cooperated by providing us a breezy summer day with temperatures hovering around 80 degrees. Our guests were treated to a chuck wagon BBQ lunch, blue grass music by the Shenandoah Travelers Band, 90-minute trail ride in the Shenandoah hills and an opportunity to learn how to lasso a "simulated" calf. It was a great day of adventure, meeting new friends and perfecting the art of relaxing.

Nestled at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Marriott Ranch (originally known as Fairfield) was purchased in 1951 by J. Willard Marriott, Sr., the founder of Marriott International. With more than 1,500 head of cattle, the 4,200 acre working farm continues to serve as a respite to the Marriott family, friends and associates.

It is rumored that Jesse James spent the summers there with his godfather who had a cabin on the property. Several U.S. Presidents, including President Reagan, who was rumored to have raced Marriott ranch hands on horseback through the fields on his many visits, have used the Ranch as a retreat from their hectic schedules and city life.

*Submitted by Valerie Beall
Vice President Programs,
AUSA George Washington Chapter*



**Raising \$30,000 and
Having Fun Supporting
the 1st Annual National
Capital Region Spring
Golf Tournament**



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Spring Golf Tourney Huge Success



Todd Hunter, Ken Wanless and Mark Wise congratulate Team Flour.

Our 1st Annual National Capital Region Spring Golf Tournament was held June 8 at Fort Belvoir. This was the first year that the George Washington and Fairfax-Lee chapters held their golf tournament jointly. It turned out to be one of our most successful tournaments—we had 140 participants representing 33 different companies/organizations. Thanks to all who participated—we raised over \$30,000. Congratulations to the winning team representing Flour Corporation: Matt Carroll, Mike Hill, Alan Burton, Scott Mitchell. This year we were pleased to be joined by six Wounded Warriors from Walter Reed, four Soldiers from the Old Guard, and four Soldiers

from Fort Belvoir. A special thanks, also, to our Gold Sponsor, General Dynamics and SMA (Ret) Jack Tilley and the American Freedom Foundation which donated a flat screen TV, the signature raffle gift. Thanks to all the companies who helped to make this year's tournament a success: Agility, ATK, AUSA National, CACI, DRS Technologies, Raytheon, SAIC, Malone and Associates, MG Vern Lewis, DCS Corporation, Lockheed Martin, Flour Corporation, Golden Key, Group, Geico, Harris Corporation, MEBS International FLIR, Deloitte, CPS Professional Services, Singleton's, Veterans Corporation, Peduzzi and Associates, Vail Strategies, LLC, Saab, CGI Federal, Advance Design

Corporation, Northrop Grumman, and the Springfield Hilton. A very special thanks to the following: Long Drive-Deloitte, Beverage Cart Sponsors-DRS and Flour Corporation-Box Lunch Sponsor-Veteran Corporation. In all, it was a terrific tournament which had many memorable moments. And, because of the participation and generosity of the attendees, we raised a significant amount of money for the George Washington and Fairfax-Lee Chapters. We thank you all and hope to see you at our next golf tournament which will be held in conjunction with the AUSA National Convention. The tournament will be held on 8 October at Westfields Golf Course.

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