



## THE ALAMO CHAPTER DISPATCH

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### Awards

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### Upcoming Events

#### All American Bowl

8 Jan 2011  
Alamo Dome

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting

24-27 March 2011  
AUSA Alamo Chapter  
San Antonio, TX

Quarterly Luncheon  
25 Mar 2011  
Ft. Sam Houston Club

### Save the Date

#### Chapter Leader Development Training

In 2011, as in previous years, there will be two training sessions. On 23-26 June 2011, there will be NEW Chapter President training in Arlington, VA. The second session is the Chapter Leader Development Training that will be 10-14 August 2011 at a location yet to be determined. For more information, please contact:

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### KENNETH O. PRESTON Sergeant Major of the Army

#### AUSA Luncheon Speaker Friday, 07 January 2011 Ft. Sam Houston Club



Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston was sworn in as the 13th Sergeant Major of the Army on January 15, 2004. SMA Preston has held a variety of leadership positions throughout his career ranging from cavalry scout to command sergeant major.

As Sergeant Major of the Army, Preston serves as the Army Chief of Staff's personal adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life. He devotes the majority of his time to traveling throughout the Army observing training, and talking to Soldiers and their families. He sits on a wide variety of councils and boards that make decisions affecting enlisted Soldiers and their families and is routinely invited to testify before Congress.

Preston is a native of Mount Savage, Md., and was born Feb. 18, 1957. Preston entered the Army on June 30, 1975. He attended Basic Training and Armor Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Throughout his 28-year career, he has served in every enlisted leadership position from cavalry scout and tank commander to his current position as Sergeant Major of the Army. Other assignments he held as command sergeant major were 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, 3rd "Grey Wolf" Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Armored Division in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, and V Corps in Heidelberg, Germany.

His most recent assignment was as the command sergeant major for Combined Joint Task Force 7 serving in Baghdad, Iraq.

His military education includes Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course, First Sergeant's Course, M1/M1A1 Tank Master Gunner Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer's Course, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

His awards and decorations include two Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Army Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, Southwest Asia Service Ribbon, Liberation of Kuwait Ribbon (Kuwait), Kosovo Medal, the NATO Medal and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

### ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

AUSA is a private, non-profit educational organization that supports America's Army - Active, National Guard, Reserve, Civilians, Retirees and family members. AUSA Chapters worldwide develop programs and activities that provide community support for America's Army through individual and corporate members.



# Three FSH entry points!

## Info to enter Fort Sam Houston

All FSH visitors may enter through ALL three entrances now:

- Walters Street entrance (off IH-35)
- Harry Wurzbach Rd. (off NE Loop 410)
- The Binz-Engelman exit (off IH-35; if northbound, it's the next exit past the SplashTown exit or if southbound, it's the next exit on right after Rittiman Rd.)

You must have the following FOUR items to gain entrance:

- Current photo ID
- Current vehicle registration form
- Current vehicle state safety sticker
- Current proof of insurance



## Meeting Information

**Speaker:** Kenneth O. Preston - Sergeant Major of the Army

**Location:** Fort Sam Houston Club

**Time:** Friday, 07 January 2011, 1130 Hours

## Message from the President

Season Greetings,

As the Holidays approach, I want to thank chapter members and corporate sponsors for great support, which enables us to care for Soldiers and Families. We have had an active year supporting our troops with Yellow Ribbon Ceremonies, special Soldier awards, Recruiting Conferences, scholarships, Veteran recognition events and support of our Wounded Warriors. The list is long and this newsletter features just a few of our recent accomplishments.

As the new year approaches, the Alamo Chapter will support the Army All American Bowl. San Antonio and Alamo Chapter will host the AUSA 4th Regional meeting and two AUSA Symposiums (Medical and Installation Management) in 2011. This gives us an opportunity to show our Army why San Antonio is "Military City USA". I hope you can join the Alamo Chapter in supporting these events.

Our quarterly luncheons continue to be premier professional development events. January's luncheon, with the Sergeant Major of The Army, will definitely sell out. At our last luncheon, the Chapter elected LTG (Ret) Stephen Speakes to serve as the next Chapter President in July 2011. The upcoming year provides many ways to contribute to our mission of taking care of Soldiers and their Families. Please join us in making a difference.

*Happy holidays,*

*Bradley D. Freeman*

*Colonel, US Army (Retired)*



**Bradley D. Freeman**  
President  
AUSA Alamo Chapter

### *AUSA Alamo Chapter Website*

Check out our new chapter website at <http://www.alamochapterausa.org/>. As always, if you would like to receive *The Alamo Chapter Dispatch* newsletter electronically, email the editor, Therese M. Baer, PE at [tbaer@baereng.com](mailto:tbaer@baereng.com).

# Fund Raising Advisory Committee Open Letter to TX Veterans

To: All Texas Veterans  
From: Texas Veterans Commission Fund Raising Advisory Committee  
Subject: Texas Veterans Scratch Off Lottery Ticket Program  
Date: 25 June 2010

We are writing you this message for two reasons. The first is to inform you of the Texas Veterans Scratch Off Lottery Ticket program that was passed by the legislature in 2009 and signed at once by Governor Rick Perry. The first tickets hit the sales locations on 11 November 2009 (Veterans Day). They continue to be sold at stores and service stations. The Texas Veterans Commission is responsible for the stewardship of the funds that are generated by Lottery ticket sales. The money is used to assist needy veterans of all wars, active service members, and their families. For example, money has gone to help homeless veterans; veterans who need help with food for their families; transportation to VA or Military hospitals for treatment, to name just a few.

Texas has 1.7 million veterans. Thankfully many of them do not need assistance. However, there are, all too frequently, situations that require immediate assistance. For example, a WWII veteran passed away and his widow did not have the funds to pay for a decent burial. Also, a young woman veteran of Iraq returned from deployment to discover that her husband had left their two children with neighbors and disappeared. She and the two children were living in a pickup truck with no money for food! These are but two of many situations that confront some veterans on a daily basis. They need help and they need it at once!

As of this date the Texas Veterans Commission has provided over Five Million Dollars of Texas Veterans Lottery generated funds to help those with dire needs. Secondly, we need your help to highlight the Texas Veterans Lottery program by speaking with your family members, friends, and neighbors about the program and making sure that all Texans are aware of it and its noteworthy purpose. Also, we ask that you visit your local service station, grocery store, or wherever you purchase lottery tickets and check to see if they sell the Texas Veterans scratch off lottery tickets. In case they do not, request them to consider doing so in the immediate future. Your actions will enlighten many Texans who probably are not aware of the program or its aims but will gladly support it once informed.

There is no better way to show our appreciation for the service our veterans have provided than to support the Veterans Lottery, which generates funds for those veterans in need. Thank you all very much from all of us, and more importantly, from all the deserving veterans who call the great state of Texas home!

The following link will take you to the Scratch-Off Game and Store Locator page on the Texas Lottery's website. You can search for a game by city or zip code.

[http://www.txlottery.org/opencms/Games/Scratch\\_Offs/Retailer\\_Locator.jsp](http://www.txlottery.org/opencms/Games/Scratch_Offs/Retailer_Locator.jsp)



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# U.S. Army All-American Bowl

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The U.S. Army All-American Bowl will celebrate its 11th Anniversary on January 8, 2011, at the Alamo Dome. While the main highlight of the week is the classic East vs. West match-up of the finest high school football players in the nation, just outside the Alamo Dome is another exciting exhibit, the Army Strong Zone.

This year, the Army has extended a formal invitation to Alamo Chapter AUSA to participate in this interactive guided tour of the 129,000 square foot Army Strong Zone on Friday afternoon. It will be led by experts from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. You are welcome to bring family members or friends to join you.

The tours will showcase some of the Army's elite technology, how degrees in engineering and other technical fields are being put into practice by the modern military as well as allow the participants to meet Soldiers who can provide a glimpse into Army life.

## Tour Details:

Date: Friday, January 7  
Time: 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Army Strong Zone  
Sunset Station  
1174 E. Commerce  
San Antonio, TX 78205



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## Corporate Member Sponsorships

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You or your company can be a table or soldier sponsor at the 07 January 2011 quarterly membership luncheon. The cost to sponsor a table of 10 is \$130. The cost to sponsor a soldier is \$13. Reservations may be made by completing this form and faxing or mailing the request to the address below. Payment for all reservations must be received prior to 21 December 2011 in order to confirm your reservation. Purchase your luncheon tickets on line at [www.alamochapterausa.org](http://www.alamochapterausa.org), or for tickets and information, contact:

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**TABLES:** Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ corporate table(s) for us at \$130 each.  
We would like to donate \_\_\_\_ of our seats for our soldiers to use.  
My check for \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**INDIVIDUALS:** Please reserve \_\_\_\_ individual ticket(s) for me.  
We would like to donate \_\_\_\_ of our tickets for our soldiers to use.  
My check for \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.



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# AUSA Alamo Chapter Accomplishments 2010

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## Chapter Business

Membership stats: Individual 1200, Corporate 59

Chapter newsletter: Mailed quarterly to all local members and linked to the chapter website.

Chapter Fundraiser: The Chapter hosted 13<sup>th</sup> Annual For The Soldier Golf Tournament in May and raised approximately \$20,000.

Chapter Meetings: Annual business meeting and elections are held in June, and general membership luncheons were held in March, June, & November. Speakers included LtGen Rick Lynch, LTG Swan

And Honorable Nelson Ford. Monthly Board of Directors & Advisors breakfast meetings are held at Corporate Member's restaurant (Earl Abels).

## Boy Scout Troop 23

Completed the annual recharter for Scout Troop 23 at Ft Sam Houston. Presented plaques to 5 Eagle Scouts at their Courts of Honor and hosted lunch at a membership meeting for the awardees and their families. Supported their main fundraiser by purchasing \$400 worth of tickets for the Fiesta Flambeau parade and donating them to the Warrior and Family Support Center.

## JROTC/ROTC

Supported the Junior ROTC program by providing AUSA Chapter Medals and presenting them to outstanding cadets at the end of the year ceremonies. Hosted lunch at a membership meeting for 8 ROTC cadets. Sent scholarship information to 25 JROTC Units and 62 local high schools. The Meloy Scholarship (1x \$3,000) and Past President's Scholarship (3 x \$1,000) are presented in June.

Donated \$350 to UTSA ROTC Rangers for their sabre.

## Wounded Warriors

Provide free tickets at each quarterly membership meeting, refreshments for 250 at WFSC Super Bowl Party and Fiesta Flambeau tickets for Warriors and their families.

Organize and sponsor Deer Hunting & Fishing Trips for Wounded Warriors and manned a booth at Texas Wildlife Association convention to show ranchers how to host a Wounded Warrior Hunt.

Sponsored tables for Wounded Warriors at AMEDD C&S Holiday Ball, the All American Canteen Dinner Dance and the Army North's Ball.

## Active Army

Provided free lunch to members of MEDCOM Band, donated \$500 to 32<sup>nd</sup> Medical Brigade awards breakfast, \$500 to Medical Recruiting Battalion Conference for childcare, \$600 for bouncy balloon, medals and ribbons for kids at Army Birthday celebration, \$500 to Recruiting Battalion Annual Training Conference for t-shirts for family & wives, sponsored cake at reception following the Army Birthday flag ceremony, Co-sponsored lunch at 4<sup>th</sup> ESC Family Day.

Provided certificate, chapter coin and one year paid subscription to AUSA to NCO of the Quarter, NCO of the Year, Soldier of the Year, Instructor of the Quarter, Best Warrior for AMEDD C&S and BAMC and the 32<sup>nd</sup> Brigade.

Presented 3 Hospital Corps Surgeon Knife and one year chapter membership to essay winners at the Captain's Career Course graduation ceremonies.

Two free AUSA memberships are given out at the monthly Extravaganzas.

Provided administrative assistance and invitation distribution for the Uncasing Ceremony and BBQ lunch for Installation Management Command.

Authorized \$2,000 to support the 7 running teams from Fort Sam Houston were supported by AUSA at the Army 10 Miler and 1000 breakfast tacos were handed out as part of the finish line festival, complete with Mariachi's provided by the local chapter.

## Guard & Reserve

Provided \$500 for Texas State Guard Regimental Christmas Dinner Dance

Provided \$100 to Guard & Reserve Yellow Ribbon Christmas Party

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## **Veterans**

Participated in the San Antonio Veterans Leadership Forum which resulted in the formation of Veterans Community Action Team (VCAT). This new initiative will bring together all the local VSO together to collaborate and optimize integration.

Chapter presents a wreath at the Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Chapter was instrumental in obtaining keynote speaker for the Ft Sam Houston Retiree Appreciation day (Leroy Bussells, AUSA Asst Director of Retiree & Veteran Affairs).

## **Legislative Affairs**

Attended meeting of the Texas State legislative Texas Veterans Commission. Met with several Senators and liaisons to senior elected officials to discuss recent state government actions to support veterans. During the day long session, we agreed on four proposals for the next legislative session.

Joined the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations which will enable us to network with other VSO to influence state veteran benefits. Cost \$50.

Provided emails that members can forward to their representatives regarding: Reverse the 21% Medicare/TRICARE Physicians Payment Cut / Preserve Military and Veterans Healthcare Benefits / Protecting Military and Veteran Healthcare during Health Care Reform.

## **ILW & AMEDD Museum**

Co-sponsored (\$500) ceremony celebrating 100 years since the first military flight which originated from Ft Sam Houston.

Sponsored reception (\$250) for the unveiling ceremony for Solo Pilots at AMEDD Museum

Provided \$700 donation to support ILW & Army Museum

## **General**

US Army All-American High School Football Bowl: Hosted 104 Football Players and 121 All-American Band members. The Host Volunteer Committee provided the hosts, ordered the host shirts and hoodies, and organized the local Veterans Group participation in the 10th Anniversary Recognition Ceremony held during the pre-game show.

Donated \$200 to two charities in memoriam of former Board Member Carlos Correa-Ruiz.

Donated \$300 to Memorial Services Detachment for their annual banquet. The group provides free rifle & bugle playing at military funerals.

Awarded \$6,000 in Scholarships to high school seniors.

Nominated Judith Markelz, Program Director of Warrior & Family Support Center as the 4<sup>th</sup> Region AUSA Civilian of the Year Award.

Presented a wreath at the San Antonio National Cemetery IMO the Buffalo Soldiers on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. There are 281 Buffalo Soldiers buried in this cemetery as well as 13 Medal of Honor Recipients, 2 congressmen and the namesake for Kelly AFB.

Presented a wreath IMO SMA Van Autreve.

Sponsored lunch for the scholarship recipients.

Sponsored a table for wounded Soldiers at the US Army North and US Army South 235th Army BD Ball

## **AUSA Marketing & PR**

Attended various receptions and events interacting with senior unit commanders to remind them of AUSA benefit to their units. These included MEDCOM CDR's (3 star) New Year's reception, Army North CDR's (3 star) New Year's reception, Ft Sam Houston Martin Luther King Ceremony, Chamber of Commerce's Cocktail Reception celebrating the military's first flight, Surgeon General's celebration, Open House for the newly renovated Robert G. Cole High School, ground breaking ceremony for the Installation Management Command's new HQ building, Uncasing of the Colors ceremony for the Environmental Command, San Antonio Recruiting Battalion Change of Command, 5<sup>th</sup> AMEDD Recruiting Battalion Change of Command, San Antonio Recruiting Battalion dinner rededicating the San Antonio Community Action group.

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## **National/Regional Events supporting AUSA**

Attended the Regional and National AUSA Meetings at Ft Bliss and Washington, D.C.

Manned AUSA booth at the Installation Management Symposiums in March and April, and the AUSA Medical Symposiums in May and June.

## **AUSA Awards Received**

Greatest Percentage Increase in Government Civilian Membership

Army Birthday

Institute Land Warfare

Take the Hill

Star Chapter

Merit Chapter

Superior Chapter

Chapter of Excellence

Support to Recruiting Command

Army History

Presidents Club Gold

Additionally the chapter came in 4<sup>th</sup> in Newsletter category, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Greatest Growth in Retiree membership.

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Retired Col. Bradley Freeman (left), AUSA president and guest speaker Honorable Nelson M. Ford (right), former Under Secretary of the Army and president and CEO of Logistics Management Institute, present Judith Markelz, program director of the Warrior and Family Support Center the AUSA 4<sup>th</sup> Region Civilian of the Year Award Nov. 5 during a luncheon at the Sam Houston Community Center. (Photo by Lori Newman.)

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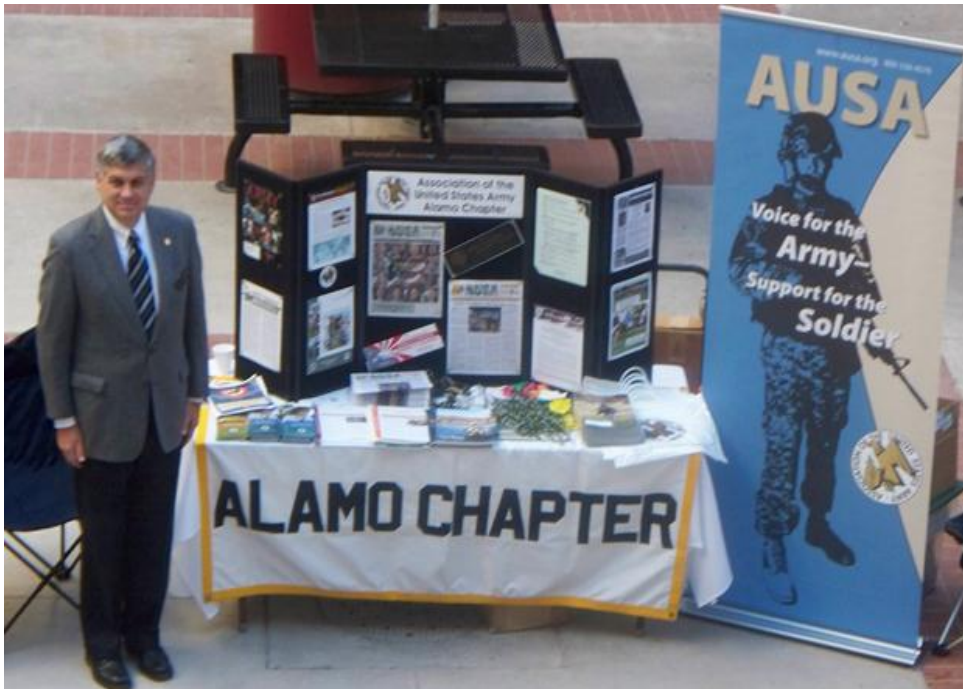
# News in the Brief

## Veteran's Day



Alamo Chapter President Brad Freeman and Barbara Hagen, Alamo Chapter Programs Director inspect the AUSA wreath Chapter prior to placement during the 2011 Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. The event honors all Veterans and was attended by over 300 civilian and community leaders.

## Retiree Appreciation Day



JB Crowther, Alamo Chapter Board Members, stands ready for the start of the 2010 Fort Sam Houston Retiree Appreciation Day on 6 November 2110 in courtyard of Willis Hall. The Alamo Chapter booth provided information on AUSA to retirees attending this annual event. In addition to the variety of display booths and free flu shots, there were presentations from the Commanders of Army North, BAMC, and 502nd MSG. The keynote speaker was SGM Retired Leroy Bussells, Assistant Director of Retiree and Veteran Affairs at AUSA HQ in DC. Over 1000 local retirees attended the Retiree Appreciation Day.

# AWARDS



SSG Richard L. Jones pins the Eagle Scout rank upon his son James B. Jones while his wife Angelia Jones and James' brother Cory Jones congratulate James B. Jones upon the award of the rank of Eagle Scout at a Troop 23 Court of Honor on October 26, 2010 at the Main Post Chapel, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Alamo Chapter is the sponsoring organization for Troop 23.



Left to Right: LTC Kelly Halverson, Scoutmaster Troop 23, Laura Lamoureux, Troop Committee Chairman, SSG Joshua Lenavitt, and his wife Tracey Lenavitt congratulate Phillip S. Lenavitt upon the award of the rank of Eagle Scout at a Troop 23 Court of Honor on October 10, 2010 at the Main Post Chapel, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Alamo Chapter is the sponsoring organization for Troop 23.

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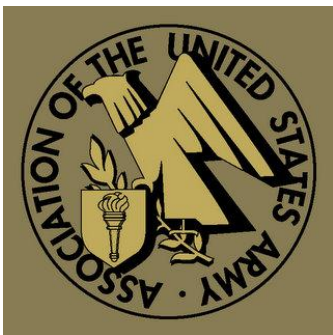
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