



ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

CENTRAL TEXAS – FORT HOOD CHAPTER



Above: Team Fountain and Nancy Duran on April 26, 2020 with the Future Soldier Send Off KISD Graduates.

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Chapter Updates

Calendar

Tentative Board of Governors Meeting – 22 July 2020

Annual Golf Tournament – September 2020

AUSA National Meeting – 14-20 October 2020

Cancelled:

Region Conference

Futures 2020 with Austin Chapter schedule for 23-25 June 2020

Postponed:

General Membership Meeting and Reception with Gen(R) Chiarelli in Late October

General Membership Meeting and Reception with Gen(R) Brooks next year

Friends,

I hope this message finds you all healthy and well. The last 60 days have been challenging for all of us, our AUSA Chapter included. We appreciate that many of our Membership are essential...highly essential...personnel, and as always, we appreciate your time and dedication to our Chapter and our Soldiers. We have adjusted virtually every facet of our Chapter operations, and have attempted to keep our forward momentum in our most important programs, and “hold serve” everywhere else.

Our Region (4th Region) was forced to cancel its Region Conference, and is doing all of its Region business electronically. We have participated in that process, including our recommendations and votes for the next set of 4th Region leaders.

At the Chapter level, we too have adjusted to electronic/telephonic meetings and coordination. As you all know, we have been forced to adjust our meeting and Professional Development schedules based on the current reality know, we have been forced to adjust our meeting and Professional Development schedules based on the current reality and at the request of the III Corps Chain of Command.

Here are some updates for you.

- Board of Governors attendance suspended throughout the COVID process and members credited for attendance.
- Scholarship Application due date 15MAY2020. Donations continued during this time with support from our local donors. Thank you!
- Annual Scholarship Luncheon changed to virtual recognition of our Scholarship Recipients.

Soldier Support:

1 July 2019 to 23 April 2020 - \$18,135 to North Fort Hood and West Fort Hood Quarantined Soldiers, Recruiting Career Expo, Soldier and family assistance.

Awards

- Air Assault Instructor of the Cycle: 13 Feb 2020
- Master Leaders Course Instructor of the Cycle: 11 Feb 2020, 27 Feb 2020
- Basic Leader Course Instructor of the Cycle: 11 Feb 2020, 27 Feb 2020
- III Corps EOA of the QTR: 27 Feb 2020

- Regional Walmart's continue to support our Christmas Toy Drive, raised over \$2000 for the 2020 Toy Drive
- EXCOM meetings are now conducted via teleconference
- New Website for the Chapter is <https://www.ausaforthood.org/>
- General Membership Meeting and Reception with LTG Laura Richardson, US Army North CG, tentatively planned for late summer
- SMA (R) Dailey interested in talking with Senior NCOs and Leaders next spring.
- HQ, III Corps still engage in the fight downrange with a projected return of late Summer/early Fall. 1st Cav Division HQ has returned from Defender 2020 in Europe as the large-scale exercise was curtailed due to COVID-19. Over 7,800 troops from Fort Hood still deployed around the world.
- Fort Hood and COVID
 - Shelter in Place – curfew – 2200-0530; no visitors within quarters/barracks/off-post homes; only essential actions (food, gas, laundry, essentials) allowed.
 - BLORA for family exercising, boating, fishing, hunting for DoD ID Card holders
 - Numerous services across Fort Hood have been closed/curtailed.
 - Face Coverings, social distancing and handwashing required for entry into the PX and commissaries
 - Updates to service provided are provided found on the Fort Hood Facebook Page
- ROTC Support: Schools closed but working to arrange virtual award ceremonies.
- Individual Membership – over 8,000 members and anticipate winning the Largest Chapter for the 9th time out of 10 years. Anticipate retaining at least 7500 members despite the absence of our primary engagement strategy (Newcomers' Briefings).
- Finances Report
 - General Operating - \$15,524.67
 - Money Mkt Reserve- \$155,702.91
 - Scholarship - \$23,722.24
 - Scholarship Money Mkt - \$20,036.32
- Will conduct Board and Officer Elections in May via email vote and same in June for our general membership.
- Frank Minosky is the POC for Award Nominations, we are still accepting nominations for the awards process.
- 26 April 2020 Future Soldier Send Off with 3 KISD Graduates to Basic training
- PFC Kyra Batalla – Headed to Fort Sill, OK for Basic Training; MOS: 68C Practical Nursing Specialist; Recruiter SSG Gray
- PV1 Nazeer Farmek – Headed to Fort Jackson, SC for Basic Training; MOS: 88M Motor Transport Operator; Recruiter SSG Gray
- PFC Kayla Kunz – Headed to Fort Sill, OK for Basic Training; MOS: 68X Behavioral Health Specialist; Recruiter SSG Cotton

Yours in support to Soldier, Families, Retirees, Veterans and DA Civilians! Army Strong, AUSA Ready!

Larry Phelps
Chapter President