

TRADOC commander to visit at annual AUSA awards banquet

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What organization gives away thousands of dollars in scholarships each year, host Soldiers at a national conference in Washington, D.C.? This volunteer group is the General of the Army Omar N. Bradley Chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

Recognition is not new to this organization. For the third year in a row they have taken home the laurels for best overall AUSA chapter, and were given a "commendable performance" for the largest overall gain in membership. The competitive winner's categories are: most active pursuit of objectives, best general membership meeting winners, and the greatest gain in government civilian employee members. Several runner-up awards were also earned by the chapter, which include: best Web site, best newsletter, greatest increase in overall members and retirees, and largest gain in corporate membership.

Deserving students were recently presented with \$10,000 in scholarships.

Later this month the Bradley Chapter of the AUSA will host 127 "Wounded Warriors" to a Music Under the Stars Concert, as well as a buffet, at the Chamizal National Park. Throughout the year they sponsor unit organization days and lead a group of community groups in hosting a month long "Freedom Fiesta" which gives Soldiers and family members an opportunity to attend numerous recreational events at little or no cost. The chapter also co-sponsored the 62nd and 312th Army Band concert at Magoffin Auditorium.

September 7, the Omar N. Bradley Chapter will host their annual awards banquet at the Centennial Club on Biggs Army Airfield. The keynote speaker at the awards banquet will be Gen. William S. Wallace, commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Commander. Junior enlisted Soldiers

will be able to purchase reduced tickets to the event, courtesy of the corporate members of the AUSA Chapter. Recognition of outstanding Soldiers and civilians will also take place.

AUSA National also lobbies the Congressional leadership for new, and changes in, exiting programs and policies that improve the benefits and

advantages for all Soldiers. The annual AUSA National conference held in October gives AUSA and defense contractors an opportunity to showcase the latest in technology and military hardware. Again, it also recognizes top Soldiers from around the world for their sacrifice and service to the country. AUSA is the "Torchbearer" for the Army.



CAPT. JAMES BRINDLE

Homeland defense on west coast

Soldiers of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade returned from Point Mugu Naval Air Station, Calif. The Soldiers were participating in a joint exercise to establish air defense system compatibility with Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard counterparts. The homeland defense exercise ensured all of the military services could communicate during joint operations.

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