

# Association of the United States Army Central Texas – Fort Hood Chapter



Board of Governors  
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 @ 5:30 pm  
Club Hood – Fort Hood, TX

Meeting Agenda and Packet

**Central Texas – Fort Hood Chapter  
Association of the US Army  
Board of Governors Meeting  
May 24, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Club Hood, Fort Hood, TX**

**AGENDA**

Call to Order & Welcome .....Larry Phelps

Attendance Reports

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Review/Act on Minutes ..... Bill Parry

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Review Financial Reports .....Gene “Bubba” Silverblatt

Fort Hood Update ..... Fort Hood Representative

Review & Act on Standing Committee Reports

- Communications ..... Michael Street
- Fundraising ..... Susan Kamas
  - Golf Tournament: May 12, 2017.....Randy Sutton
- Membership
  - Corporate..... Randy Sutton
  - Individual..... Jackeline Fountain
- Chapter Activity..... Pete Beronio
- Adopt-A-Fort Hood Unit ..... Rob Walter
- Past Presidents Council..... John Crutchfield
- Meetings ..... Larry Phelps/Ken Cox
  - AUSA National Annual Meeting, 9-11 October 2017
- Soldier Support Activities.....TBD

Discussion Items.....Larry Phelps

New Business

Adjourn

Central Texas Fort Hood Chapter AUSA

Executive Committee Attendance

July 2016 to June 2017

		2016 - 2017											
		13-Jul	11-Aug	14-Sep	12-Oct	9-Nov	14-Dec	13-Jan	8-Feb	8-Mar	13-Apr	17-May	14-Jun
% Attendance*	BOG Member												
80%	Peter Beronio												
100%	Ken Cox												
80%	John Crutchfield												
100%	Susan Kamas												
100%	Stephanie O'Banion												
90%	Bill Parry												
80%	Larry Phelps												
80%	Bubba Silverblatt												
80%	Michael Street												
80%	Rob Walter												
75%	Randy Sutton												
100%	Jackeline Fountain												
<b>PERCENT FULL EXCOM ATTENDANCE</b>		70%	60%	100%	80%	100%	90%	82%	100%	91%	92%		
<b>Present</b>													
<b>Absent</b>													

**Central Texas Fort Hood Chapter AUSA**

**Board of Governors Attendance**

July 2016 to June 2017

2016-2017		2016-2017					
% Attendance*	BOG Member	7/27/2016	9/28/2016	11/16/2016	1/25/2017	3/22/2017	5/24/2017
80%	Arey, Scot						
60%	Beronio, Pete						
100%	Blackburn, David						
60%	Brown, Kelly						
40%	Burke, Steve						
40%	Chockran, Mark						
60%	Clark, Scott						
100%	Cloud, Perry						
100%	Cox, Ken						
60%	Craft, Dr. John						
100%	Crutchfield, John						
80%	Fountain, Jackeline						
60%	Gill, Rudy						
60%	Glover, Nancy						
60%	Gogas, Keith						
60%	Grace, Horace						
60%	Henry, Rod						
20%	Hodges, Sammie						
40%	Hoxworth, Bobby						
40%	Johnson, J.D.						
80%	Kaczur, Eyal						
80%	Kamas, Susan						
60%	Kilpatrick, Jim						
60%	Manning, Carla						
60%	Maxwell, Keith						
80%	Minosky, Frank						
60%	Mitchell, David						
20%	Mitchell, Stephen						
80%	Naegle, Mat						
80%	Nicholas, Don						
60%	Nigliazzo, Marc						
100%	O'Banion, Stephanie						
100%	Odell, Vickie						
60%	Parker, Bob						
100%	Parry, Bill						
80%	Phelps, Larry						
40%	Potts, Luke						
60%	Purser, Gary Jr.						
100%	Putt, Eric						
80%	Reno, Rich						
100%	Santos, Doris						
40%	Schoel, J.C.						
60%	Shanahan, Ryan						
100%	Shine, Rodney						
100%	Silverblatt, Bubba						
80%	Street, Michael						
60%	Subhani, Abdul						
100%	Sutton, Randy						
80%	Teter, Virgil						
80%	Vitucci, Stephen						
100%	Walter, Rob						
60%	Yancey, Dan						
80%	Yeonopolus, Jim						
<b>PERCENT FULL BOG ATTENDANCE</b>		62%	71%	77%	66%	81%	
	<b>Present</b>						
	<b>Absent</b>						

**ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
CENTRAL TEXAS – FORT HOOD CHAPTER  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Club Hood – Fort Hood, TX**

**MINUTES**

Chapter President Stephanie O’Banion called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Eric Putt led the Pledge and Michael Street delivered the invocation.

**Officers, Board members present: Attendance Report Attached**

Guests: CSM Alonzo Smith; Stacy Clady (FH Spouses Club); Tom Clady.

**Approval of Minutes:** Bill Parry presented minutes from the January 25, 2101 Board of Governors, and February 8, 2017 Executive Committee meetings and moved approval; second by Larry Phelps. Motion passed.

**Chapter Activity Report:** President Stephanie O’Banion reminded the Board of Governors to submit Chapter Activity Reports for their AUSA-related activities.

**Financial Reports:**

- Treasurer Gene “Bubba” Silverblatt provided reconciled financial reports as of March 22, 2017 noting account balances and outstanding (2016) scholarship obligations. Scholarship donations result in a positive fund balance for the year. He noted that it is Chapter policy that checks uncashed after a year are used for Soldier Support.
- He provided an updated spreadsheet with specifics for Soldier Support noting donated memberships.
- Based on a question about the cost for printing the coupon booklet, it was noted that a Chapter App was being developed.

**Fort Hood Update**

- III Corps/Fort Hood CSM Alonzo Smith provided the Fort Hood update; he addressed the “educational process” for Army leaders on the importance of AUSA. Look for an April Change of Command, and noted LTG MacFarland’s farewell dinner would be 29 March. The Deputy CGs would change this summer. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment will revert to a Separate brigade and noted the 85<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade inactivation has been delayed. He discussed the Army’s 28,000 Total Force increase in end strength and the Army’s recruiting goal of 68,000. He noted that as Army end strength increased, recruiting needed to focus on quality. He concluded by reminding the Chapter that Soldiers stay in the Army because of command climate, Family Quality of Life, and Career opportunities.

**Review and Act on Standing Committees**

- **Communications:**
  - Michael Street reported 1,061 Facebook followers which continues to grow. He encouraged Governors to Like and share Chapter articles. He has updated the Chapter's Facebook page and website with information about scholarships with over 1,000 Facebook hits. He also provided a press release on scholarships to local media, and will post information about the Golf Tournament on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Chapter newsletter will be published this month.
  
- **Fundraising:** Randy Sutton provided an update on the Golf Tournament: three pickups for the hole-in-one holes and a goal of 100 flag sponsors.
  
- **Membership:**
  - Randy Sutton reported that eight Corporate members had renewed with a phone call.
  - Jackeline Fountain discussed the Newcomer orientation and that she provided an AUSA update at an NCOPD for all MSG and above. She thanked Terry Fountain, Frank Minosky, and Eric Putt for their assistance.
  - Stephanie O'Banion reported that the Temple Corporate member event on April 26<sup>th</sup> would be at Clem Mikeska's in Temple.
  
- **Chapter Activity**
  - Pete Beronio reported that over \$12,000 had been contributed for the 2017 scholarship program with one application received. The Scholarship Luncheon will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Pete was working to establish local contacts with ROTC and JROTC.
  
- **Adopt-A-Fort Hood Unit**
  - Rob Walters reported that he was currently working with Baylor Scott & White, Fairway Mortgage and several local churches on adopting units. He stated that he would coordinate with redeploying units to ensure there was a smooth transition with their adopting entity.
  
- **Past President's Council**
  - John Crutchfield reported he was working on III Corps CG pavers and briefed the Board of Governors about the Great American Defense Communities and I-14 ceremony on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  
- **Meetings**
  - AUSA CEO, GEN (Ret) Carter Ham will be at Fort Hood May 15-17 to conduct an Officer Professional Development session for Battalion Commanders and above; anticipate a General Membership Meeting in conjunction with his visit.
  
- **Soldier Support Activities**
  - The Board of Governors requested facility shortfall talking points.
  - In keeping with President Stephanie O'Banion's desire to have recipients of Soldier Support funding discuss how they used the money, Larry Phelps introduced Stacy Clady, President of the Fort Hood Spouses Club. She stated that 100% of funds raised go to community families. She discussed the evolution of the Fort Hood Spouses Club and noted they did three fundraisers annually: Wild West Night, Holiday Bazaar, and Golf Tournament. Larry briefed that the

Chapter had recently funded two Soldiers' registrations for the Bataan Memorial Death March and one Soldier with funeral expenses.

- Stephanie thanked Doris Santos for continuing to support the Chapter by coordinating the Soldier Support mission.

**Discussion Items:**

- The next Board of Governors meeting will be held on May 24, 2017 at Club Hood.

**New Business:** None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Bill Parry

AUSA Central Texas – Fort Hood Chapter Secretary

**ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
CENTRAL TEXAS – FORT HOOD CHAPTER  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

**The Gin - Belton**

*MINUTES*

**Executive Committee members present:**

Pete Beronio	Bill Parry
Ken Cox	Larry Phelps
John Crutchfield	Gene “Bubba” Silverblatt
Susan Kamas	Randy Sutton
Stephanie O’Banion	Rob Walter

**Executive Committee members absent:** Michael Street

**Guests:** None

President Stephanie O’Banion called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. She referenced attendance reports.

**Approval of minutes:** President Stephanie O’Banion presented the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. Motion to approve by Randy Sutton, second by Rob Walter. Motion carried.

**Chapter Activity Report (CARs):** Nothing new to report.

**Financial Reports:** Treasurer Gene Silverblatt reviewed the reconciled financial reports as of March 7, 2017. He noted the chapter is in sound financial condition despite revenues (grants) being down, expenses were being held in check. There was general agreement that the Chapter’s financial reserves policy needed to be developed.

**Standing Committees:**

**Communications:** Stephanie O’Banion reported that the plan is to produce three newsletters by the end of June.

**Fund Raising:** Susan Kamas reported that the Herzstein Foundation Grant application was ready to go; E.R. Carpenter Foundation (Temple) grant applications are due July 15<sup>th</sup>. RFPs were recently received for funding from the Veteran’s scratch off lottery. Randy Sutton reported that local dealers (All American, Patriot, Automax) have donated three pickup trucks for the hole-in-one holes for the Chapter Golf Tournament. First State Bank and First National Bank will provide sausage wraps, and Heart Of Texas Credit Union has donated a bag and clubs. Goals are 100 pin flag sponsors at \$250 each and anticipated revenues of \$20,000 to \$22,500.



**Adopt a Unit**

Rob Walter reported that Baylor Scott & White is interested in adopting two units (1<sup>st</sup> Medical Brigade plus one other) and wanted to include their Northern Region in the effort. Needs to be de-conflicted with the City of Temple. Fairway Mortgage in Belton has expressed interest in adopting a unit, and Rob will meet with them in person in the future.

**Chapter Activity:** Pete Beronio reported that as of March 8, he had received \$5,880 in scholarship donations, some additional pledges, and some smaller checks waiting to be deposited. Working with finding updated ROTC/JROTC contacts.

**Membership:**

- Corporate – Randy Sutton reported that he was working telephonic follow ups with 20 to 25 lapsed Corporate members.
- Soldiers/Individual: Stephanie O'Banion reported that the Chapter had three new Corporate and 175 Individual members since last month. Corporate recruiting efforts were working in Temple and Gatesville. The Temple American Legion and VFW have expressed interest in joining.

**Past Presidents Council:** Nothing new to report.

**Meetings:**

- Ken Cox reported that CSM Smith would provide the Fort Hood update at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Governors meeting.
- Next General Membership Meeting is still working – GEN(Ret) Carter Hamm invited.

**Discussion Items:**

- Stephanie O'Banion asked that Soldier Support be added to future agendas. The EXCOM desires to assist Doris Santos with the Soldier Support mission in order to prevent any "surprises." Stephanie will send a letter to Air & Armor regarding plaques being ordered. Three requests for support were submitted to the EXCOM. \$250 for two Soldier registrations for the Bataan Death March Memorial and \$250 for the Fort Hood Spouses Club were approved.
- Stephanie reported that the window for GEN(Ret) Ham's visit in conjunction with a Fort Hood Professional Development activity was May 15-17.
- There was brief discussion about a tentative AUSA event to welcome MG(P Funk, perhaps in conjunction with Scholarship awards.
- Stephanie requested that participation in Toy Drives be discussed at the April EXCOM.
- Stephanie was meeting with Abdul Subhani to discuss a Coupon App in order to reduce expenses for printing the coupon book.
- Stephanie reported that she believed there was a place for AUSA to participate in the Hood Heroes luncheons.

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Bill Parry

AUSA Central Texas – Fort Hood Chapter Secretary

**ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
CENTRAL TEXAS – FORT HOOD CHAPTER  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, April 13, 2017**

**The Gin - Belton**

*MINUTES*

**Executive Committee members present:**

Pete Beronio

Ken Cox

Jackeline Fountain

Susan Kamas

Stephanie O'Banion

Bill Parry

Larry Phelps

Gene "Bubba" Silverblatt

Michael Street

Randy Sutton

Rob Walter

**Executive Committee members absent:** John Crutchfield

**Guests:** None

President Stephanie O'Banion called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of minutes:** Chapter Secretary Bill Parry presented the minutes of the March 8, 2017 Executive Committee and March 22, 2017 Board of Governors meetings, and moved approval; second by Ken Cox. Motion carried.

**Chapter Activity Report (CARs):** Nothing new to report.

**Financial Reports:** Treasurer Gene Silverblatt reviewed the reconciled financial reports as of April 10, 2017. He noted very limited activity in the Soldier Support spreadsheet – three total requests for March 2017. There was brief discussion about Soldier Support requests from the USAG Reception Detachment. Rob Walter inquired about linking Soldier Support to Adopt-A-Fort Hood Unit. Stephanie recommended a meeting with Jackie, Rob, and Doris Santos.

**Standing Committees:**

**Communications:** Michael Street reported 1070 Facebook followers. He posted stories on the Chapter Golf Tournament (726 hits), Corporate Member lunch, and Scholarships (1014 hits). Michael discussed using the magnet mail listserv as a way to "blast" information to all members.

**Fund Raising:** Susan Kamas reported that the Herzstein Foundation and E.R. Carpenter Foundation grant applications were ready to be submitted. Randy Sutton reported that everything was on track for the 12 May Chapter Golf Tournament.

**Adopt a Unit**

Rob Walter reported that Baylor Scott & White is interested in adopting three units and he was working details with Fairway Mortgage in Belton. He has received some inquiries about adopting company-level units.

**Chapter Activity:** Pete Beronio reported that as of April 13 he had received only a few scholarship applications. Stephanie requested to let high school counselors know about the CT-FH AUSA scholarships. The Scholarship luncheon on 6 June is on track.

**Membership:**

- Corporate – Randy Sutton reported that five Corporate members whose membership had expired had renewed and five expiring indicated they would renew.
- Soldiers/Individual: Stephanie reported that individual memberships had increased approximately 500. Jackie credits the increased membership to a presence at the Newcomer briefing. Starting on 20 April, she will brief the NCO Academy.

**Past Presidents Council:** Brief discussion on Chapter pavers at TAMUCT for GEN Milley and LTG MacFarland.

**Meetings:**

- Stephanie reported that the Corporate Member luncheon (April 26) was targeting East Bell County and was on track; she thanked Rod Henry for promoting. Discussed having Corporate Membership certificates.
- Chapter leaders will meet with LTG Funk on 21 April and were tentatively working a 16 May Chapter welcome with GEN(Ret) Ham present; the concept is to follow the OPD with an AUSA-sponsored stable call.
- A breakfast with SMA(Ret) Ken Preston on 20 April is being worked.

**Discussion Items:**

- Stephanie O'Banion reported that a Committee to make Board of Governors nominations was being formed.
- A meeting with the Texas ARNG Sustainment Brigade was scheduled at the Armory in Temple on 3 May.
- The Chapter has nominated two individuals for AUSA National-level awards: Charlie Green for the Cribbens Award and Frank Minosky for the SMA Bainbridge Award.
- Stephanie requested an update on Merit Chapter status at the next EXCOM meeting.

**New Business:**

- The Chapter received a request from Survivor Outreach Services at Fort Hood to assist with Memorial Day services. Larry Phelps moved that the Chapter support the request with \$350; unanimously approved.

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Bill Parry

AUSA Central Texas – Fort Hood Chapter Secretary