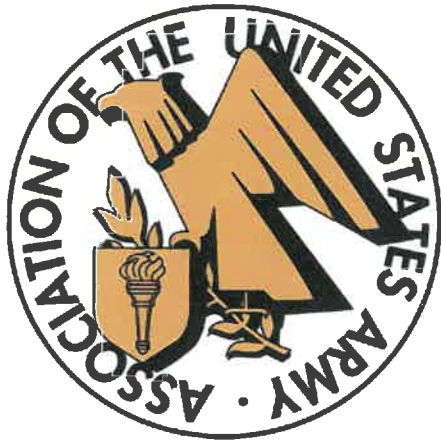


# Association of the United States Army Central Texas – Fort Hood Chapter



Executive Committee  
Friday, January 13, 2017  
@ 3:30 p.m.  
The Gin – Belton, TX

Meeting Agenda and Packet

**Central Texas – Fort Hood Chapter  
Association of the US Army  
Executive Committee Meeting  
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**AGENDA**

Call to Order & Welcome.....Stephanie O'Banion

Attendance

- Executive Committee, p. 2

Review & Act on Minutes..... TBD

- December 14, 2016, Executive Committee, p. 3

Chapter Activity Report

Review & Act on Financial Reports ..... Gene Silverblatt

Review & Act on Standing Committee Reports

- Communications .....Michael Street
- Fundraising..... Susan Kamas
- Adopt A Fort Hood Unit.....Rob Walter
- Chapter Activity.....Pete Beronio
- Membership.....Randy Sutton/Jackeline Fountain
- Past Presidents Council.....John Crutchfield
- Meetings .....Larry Phelps
  - January Kick Off Breakfast

Discussion Items

- Chapter Statement of Support for Employment Rights of National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers (AUSA National and ESGR)
- Central Texas-Fort Hood Chapter Toy Drive
- CAR Deadlines

New Business

Adjourn

Central Texas Fort Hood Chapter AUSA

Executive Committee Attendance

July 2016 to June 2017

|                                      |                    | 2016 - 2017 |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
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|                                      |                    | 13-Jul      | 11-Aug | 14-Sep | 12-Oct | 9-Nov | 14-Dec | 13-Jan | 8-Feb | 8-Mar | 12-Apr | 10-May | 14-Jun |
| <b>% Attendance*</b>                 | <b>BOG Member</b>  |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 67%                                  | Peter Beronio      |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 100%                                 | Ken Cox            |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 83%                                  | John Crutchfield   |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 100%                                 | Susan Kamas        |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 100%                                 | Stephanie O'Banion |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 100%                                 | Bill Parry         |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 67%                                  | Larry Phelps       |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 67%                                  | Bubba Silverblatt  |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 83%                                  | Michael Street     |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 67%                                  | Rob Walter         |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| 100%                                 | Randy Sutton       |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
| <b>PERCENT FULL EXCOM ATTENDANCE</b> |                    | 70%         | 60%    | 100%   | 80%    | 100%  | 91%    |        |       |       |        |        |        |
|                                      | <b>Present</b>     |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |
|                                      | <b>Absent</b>      |             |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |

**ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
CENTRAL TEXAS – FORT HOOD CHAPTER  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.  
The Gin – 219 S. East Street, Belton TX**

*MINUTES*

**Executive Committee members present:**

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

**Executive Committee members absent:** Michael Street

**Guests:** None

President Stephanie O’Banion called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and welcomed Randy Sutton, Corporate Membership Chair; Stephanie indicated that it was necessary to split the Corporate and Individual membership functions and Jackeline Fountain has agreed to coordinate the recruiting effort for Individual Membership.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the November 9, 2016 Executive Committee and November 16, 2016 Board of Governors meetings were presented for approval. Larry Phelps indicated he was present for the November EXCOM meeting; minutes will be changed accordingly. Second by John Crutchfield. Motion carried.

**Chapter Activity Report (CARs):** There have been 63 CARs submitted to date; the deadline for submitting CARs for the months of October through December 2016 is January 12, 2017 (do not submit CARs for January 2017.)

**Financial Reports:** Treasurer Bubba Silverblatt provided reconciled financial reports as of 12 December 2016 along with the unit and Soldier support register. He noted there was \$9500 in Scholarship equity and the price for printing the coupon book. There was one request for Unit and Soldier support in November; he also highlighted that the Chapter’s only source of income was share dues.

**Standing Committees:**

**Communications:** President Stephanie O’Banion reported for Michael Street. She noted there were over 1,000 Facebook followers, and the public relations for the General Membership Meeting was strong. Past President Crutchfield suggested that the Chapter consider funding in next year’s budget for a social media promotion.

**Fund Raising:** Susan Kamas reported that she needed to follow up with AUSA National regarding grant applications for this program year. Stephanie indicated she would put Susan in contact with John Davies.

**Adopt a Fort Hood Unit:** Rob Walter reported that the Rotary Club of Harker Heights was attempting to adopt 1-5 Cav, but cited there were potential issues with the III Corps SJA about the AAFHU program; Rob indicated he would attempt to get all the parties together to see how to resolve this issue.

**Chapter Activity:** Nothing new to report.

**Corporate Membership:** Randy Sutton indicated he was working on a plan to get members within the communities to assist him with Corporate membership; a reduction in the number of Corporate members may be a function of not having strong communication links between the Chapter and them.

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

**Meetings:**

a. Ken Cox reported that the Kickoff Breakfast will be held at the Phantom Warrior Center on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January at 7:00 a.m. CSM Smith will be the speaker.

**Discussion Items:**

- Vice President Larry Phelps presented an after action review of the November 28<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting, complete with a list of “lessons learned” for future General Membership meetings.
- Stephanie O’Banion provided a reminder for the deadline for CARs.
- There was general discussion regarding the price to print the coupon book, and whether a mobile app might be available.
- Stephanie indicated that she would submit the Chapter’s Plan of Work to National.
- There was general discussion about the need to institute a process for any future Chapter toy drives, and that it needed to be synchronized with the Chapter’s support of Santa’s Workshop.
- Stephanie reported that she and Ken Cox met with Serving Our Soldiers (S.O.S.) on December 13, 2016. She also reported that CSM Leija indicated he would assist Doris Santos in vetting requests for Soldier Support.
- There was general discussion about the newcomer’s briefing. Rob Walter indicated that there were some challenges with the slides in the briefing, the location of the table is problematic, and that the layout may not present the best forum for new member recruitment; Stephanie indicated that the process needed to be tweaked to work for the Chapter. Larry Phelps stated he was meeting with Jackeline Fountain to shorten the brief and focus it on local Chapter support of Soldiers. He also recommended increasing the pool of volunteers so that someone to man the table could be present to assist the briefer. He will ask Jackeline to attend the next EXCOM meeting.

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Bill Parry  
AUSA Central Texas – Fort Hood Chapter Secretary