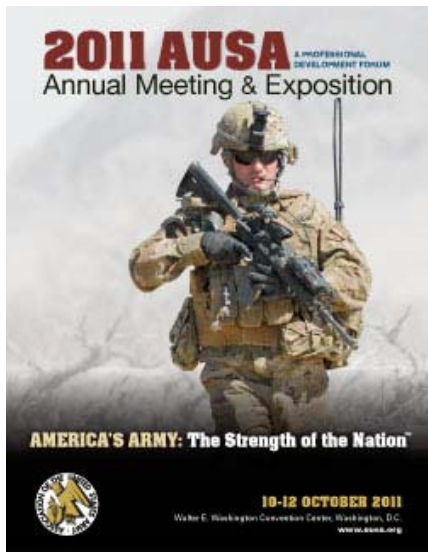


**2011 AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition, Washington DC
October 2011**



It was another successful year for the Monmouth Chapter at the Annual Meeting in DC!

As always, friends, colleagues, community leaders and family members met to regroup and review a great year. It is a wonderful tradition! I encourage all that have never been to the Annual Meeting to start planning for next year, October 22 – 24, 2012. You will learn so much about AUSA and have the opportunity to network with some of the major decision makers from industry and the government.

To see the event coverage from National, please visit
<http://www.ausa.org/meetings/2011/annual>

Our Chapter received the following awards in recognition for our continued support to our community and our Soldiers:

- Star Chapter
 - President's Gold Club
 - Merit Chapter
 - Superior Chapter
 - Reserve Component Support
 - Army Birthday
 - Support to ROTC
 - Take the Hill
- Commendable Performance – Greatest Corporate Membership
Runner Up –Greatest Government Civilian Employee Membership

Events started on Sunday, 9 October, where Bob Fasulo and I attended the Chapter President's Dinner. At the dinner, Chapter's receive their recognition for their support and efforts contributed throughout the operational year July 2010- June 2011. The recognition we received could not have been achieved if it wasn't for all our great members and our very active Board to make things get done in our community. A big "Thank you" to all our members! Without you we just wouldn't exist.

On Monday, 10 October, I attended the First Region Business Meeting at 0700 where all First Region chapters meet and exchange ideas and success/failure stories with one another. There were over 100 people present to eagerly tell their "story"!

At the same time board member Bob Lake represented our Chapter to receive award for Reserve Component Support.

Opening ceremonies were at 0900. Again I encourage all that have never attended to make an effort to attend the opening ceremonies – an experience you will never forget. Corporate Member Luncheon was at 1200. GEN Ann E. Dunwoody , Commanding General United States Army Material Command was guest speaker.

That evening the APG AUSA chapter hosted a reception in the Renaissance Hotel. It was great to get the opportunity to see and talk to some of the folks that have moved on and to talk to those that are still in transition.

Tuesday, 11 October, First Region hosted a reception which again was a great place to meet old friends. Teresa Sareo performed for the crowd and as always brought the house down with her honesty and sincere strength in her voice as she sang the National Anthem and her famed song, "Through a Soldiers Eyes".

Wednesday, 12 October, First Region Breakfast started at 0700, the morning included:

First Region and European Department Breakfast Meeting

PRESIDING

Hank Zolla First Region President

COL David Ellis United States Army, Retired European Department President

SPEAKER

LTG Mark P. Hertling Commanding General United States Army Europe and Seventh Army
Presentation of Chapter Awards