



The TKC Voice



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Greetings from your newly elected President of the Tennessee-Kentucky Chapter of AUSA!

If you don't already know me, my name is Tom Cole. I have lived in the Ft. Campbell area for the last 8 years and have been active in the Tennessee Kentucky Chapter of

AUSA since I arrived. I work for Sikorsky Aircraft as the General Manager of Boeing Sikorsky Aircraft Support (working with the 160th SOAR). Prior to joining Sikorsky I was in the Army & retired after over 25 years of service. I have been a member of AUSA for more than 25 years. I am very excited to serve as your Chapter's President.

Let me first say thank you to Past President Lori Harper for the great leadership she provided over the last challenging two years of chapter operations. A big "thank you" to her company, Rogers Group, for all the support they have provided by funding numerous Chapter functions for the past several years. I personally appreciate the assistance Lori has provided during my transition into the Chapter's Presidency.

The Tennessee-Kentucky AUSA Chapter is in good shape but we do face a few challenges. The number one issue is membership— we are well below the goal set for us by the AUSA National Headquarters. Everyone in the chapter is needed as a recruiter to get more members into our great chapter. We need a maximum effort from all our members if we are to attain the goal of 5,000 members.

In June, Hopkinsville kicked off its annual corporate membership campaign and Clarksville will be following suit in the very near future. Also we are committed to increasing our membership in

the categories of retirees and civil service employees. On a very positive note, this year we are receiving an Award at the National Convention for the greatest increase in Government Civilian Membership. My thanks to all the civilian leadership at Ft. Campbell for making this happen. On balance I hope to have the Chapter's membership close to or over the goal set by the National Headquarters by the end of this year.

We are planning several Chapter activities once the Division returns from their current "Rendezvous with Destiny." Most notably we will host a Texas Hold 'em Tournament in January and a Welcome Home Golf Scramble in the spring. Of course we continue to focus on the annual meeting which is 9-11 October, 2006.

Our Welcome Home activities have been going GREAT. As of September 30, we have met over 80 flights. Our goal is to provide the family and friends of returning soldiers with food, drinks, and conversation while they wait for their loved ones to return. We expect to continue to meet all the flights of the returning division soldiers.

I truly look forward to my tenure as your Chapter President. My contact information is at the bottom of this letter. Or you can reach me at our Chapter Office. Thanks again for your individual support of AUSA. I look forward to working with everyone in the Chapter.

If you have any questions concerning the chapter or our activities, please contact Judy Fish at the TN/KY Chapter AUSA Office at, (270) 439-0041.

AIR ASSAULT!

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Tom Cole

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You are invited...

CHAPTER RECEPTION

The members of the Tennessee-Kentucky Chapter of the Association of the United States Army request the pleasure of your company at a cocktail buffet on Tuesday, the tenth of October from six-thirty to eight-thirty Four Points Sheraton (Franklin Ballroom) Washington, D.C.

*RSVP no later than 2 October
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Website!!

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Chapter General Membership Breakfast

**Commanding General
MG Thomas R Turner
Guest Speaker**

**26 OCT, Thursday
0730-0900
Cole Park Commons**

Cost is \$10

**Please RSVP to
judy.fish@us.army.mil
By Oct 19**

WELCOME HOME SCREAMING EAGLES!!!

Why be a MEMBER OF AUSA???

By being a member of AUSA, members show support of all aspects of national security with an emphasis on the Total Army and especially on the men and women who serve. AUSA is the only professional organization supporting the Total Army: Active-Reserve-National Guard-DA Civilians-Retired-and their families.

It is essential that Oak Grove, Hopkinsville, Clarksville, and surrounding areas send a strong message to Washington of our support. How better to send that voice than by joining the Tennessee-Kentucky Chapter! You can join on line!

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Go to www.ause.org



SAVE THE DATE!!!

14 NOV 2006

***Grape Expectations
Wine and Cheese
Chapter Event
Pratt Museum***

Tickets cost \$10

Proceeds donated to charity

**AUSA Chapter
Membership Drives
are happening now in
Tennessee and Kentucky!
Call 270-439-0041**

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