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## Arctic Forge



Pfc. Jackson Richardson, of the 10th Mountain Division, crawls under an obstacle Tuesday during Exercise Arctic Forge in Sodankyla Garrison, Finland. (U.S. ARMY/SGT. 1ST CLASS MATTHEW KEELER)

## AUSA offers \$310,000 in scholarships

The Association of the U.S. Army is accepting applications for more than \$310,000 in national scholarships in 2023, with 40 scholarships awarded by AUSA and three administered by the association in conjunction with the Army.

This year, a new scholarship worth \$25,000 is being awarded in honor of former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Carl Vuono, who served on AUSA's Board of Directors for 20 years.

Vuono, who retired from active duty in 1991, was first appointed in 2003 to the association's governing body, then known as the Board of Trustees.

During his tenure, Vuono provided leadership, guidance and unwavering support for AUSA's continued growth and support of America's Army. He

retired from the board in 2023.

Scholarship applications will be accepted online until May 31. Those selected to receive an AUSA national scholarship will be notified in July.

AUSA national scholarship applicants must be active AUSA Premium members, Association Partner members or their children or grandchildren. Membership is not a prerequisite for the Army scholarships administered by AUSA.

For more information, including eligibility rules and requirements, or to apply, click here.

AUSA's national scholarships include awards for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs, and general studies.

In the STEM category, AUSA will award 10 Delta Dental Oral Health

and Wellness Scholarships valued at \$2,000 each; two Joseph P. and Helen T. Cribbins Scholarships valued at \$10,000 each; and six Nicholas D. Chabraja Scholarships valued at \$5,000 each.

The Delta Dental program provides scholarships to Army family members and transitioning soldiers for the advancement of oral health and wellness. Eligible applicants may pursue programs such as dentistry, nursing, home health care aid or caregiver training.

The Joseph P. and Helen T. Cribbins Scholarships honor the memory and legacy of Joseph and Helen Cribbins, longtime supporters of America's Army and AUSA, while the Nicholas D. Chabraja Scholarships honor

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## Bellavia: Medal of Honor belongs ‘to the whole crew’

**W**hen former Staff Sgt. David Bellavia’s unit was ambushed in Fallujah, Iraq, on Nov. 10, 2004, he charged toward enemy fire, saving many of his fellow soldiers’ lives.

Bellavia was awarded the Medal of Honor in June 2019, but the award doesn’t belong to him, he said.

“It’s not about the individual,” Bellavia said Tuesday during an Association of the U.S. Army Noon Report webinar. “I went through that fire with my friends, and now, with this honor, we’re going to collect it together. The medics, the tankers, the engineers, every one of their jobs and their skill is why we were able to succeed on the battlefield. So, if there’s going to be attention brought, let the attention be brought to the whole crew.”

Bellavia and his fellow soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division’s 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, known as the Ramrods, were instrumental in the battle. He details his experiences in his new book, *Remember the Ramrods: An Army Brotherhood in War and Peace*.

In the book, Bellavia also shares how reuniting with soldiers in his platoon 15 years later at his Medal of Honor ceremony helped the group



Former Staff Sgt. David Bellavia, Medal of Honor recipient, addresses civilian aides to the secretary of the Army during a conference at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. (U.S. ARMY/PAUL LARA)

grapple with their wartime service.

Though almost two decades have passed since the ambush in Fallujah, the Ramrods are still going strong, Bellavia said.

“They’re beautiful, they’re dysfunctional, they’re just the most wonderful group of Americans,” he said. “What I know is that we’re not alone anymore. And this award was able to bring us all back together.”

Today’s Army leaders should empower their soldiers to excel, Bellavia said. “A leader is only judged by what their subordinates do,” he said. “You will be eclipsed by your subordinates, and if you’re not willing to let your subordinates be greater than you, get out of my Army. ... That’s why this institution, every generation is better than the one that came before it.”

### Scholarships

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the past chairman of AUSA’s Board of Directors.

Both may be used for completing degrees in STEM areas.

AUSA’s general studies scholarships consist of the new GEN Carl E. Vuono Leadership Scholarship; the SMA Leon Van Autreve Scholarship Program; General Jack N. Merritt Scholarships; completed coursework scholarships; and three full scholarships for undergraduate or graduate degrees offered by Trident University.

In honor of Vuono’s service to AUSA and the Army, a \$25,000 scholarship

is being awarded in his honor. A former Army chief of staff, Vuono served in Korea and twice in Vietnam and was commander of the Army Training and Doctrine Command and the Army Combined Arms Center.

In honor of Leon Van Autreve, the fourth sergeant major of the Army who was instrumental in establishing the NCO education system, eight scholarships are available: one for \$25,000, one for \$10,000, one for \$5,000, and five for \$2,000, for a total of \$50,000.

Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded in honor of the late Gen. Jack Merritt, a former president of AUSA.

For young professionals with debt from recently completed college courses or professional certifications, eight \$2,500 scholarships are available.

Three full-ride scholarships valued at up to \$48,000 each will be awarded for Trident University, an accredited online institution offering bachelor’s and master’s degrees that gives credit for leadership and professional experience.

AUSA also administers the following Army scholarships: the SGM Larry Strickland Memorial Fund and Scholarship, the SGM Dawn Kilpatrick Memorial AUSA Scholarship, and ROTC scholarships.

## Registration opens soon for 39th annual Army Ten-Miler road race



Runners participate in the 2022 Army Ten-Miler, conducted in the nation's capital by the Army Military District of Washington. (U.S. ARMY/SPC. CHRISTOPHER RODRIGO)

**P**riority registration for the 2023 Army Ten-Miler opens March 1, with general registration and virtual race registration to follow March 8, race officials announced.

The 39th annual race will be conducted by the Army Military District of Washington Oct. 8 in Arlington, Virginia. The third largest 10-mile road race in the world, the Army Ten-Miler takes place one day before the start of the Association of the U.S. Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C.

AUSA is a founding and co-lead sponsor of the race.

For the first time since 2019, runners will be able to transfer their race registration to other runners if they are no longer able to use it. Transfers must be finalized no later than Sept. 1, race officials said in a statement, adding that transfer instructions will be available soon.

Priority registration, presented by Navy Federal Credit Union, opens at 8 a.m. Eastern March 1 with 10,000 slots available, and will remain open until 11:59 p.m. Eastern March 7. It is available to active-duty, National

Guard and Reserve personnel and runners who have completed seven or more Army Ten-Miler races.

This year, service members are no longer required to use a .mil email address to register. Instead, their military status will be verified in-person at the race expo.

General registration, beginning at 8 a.m. Eastern March 8, is open to the public with a total race capacity of 36,000. Service members can still register, and all runners must be at least 13 years old on race day to enter.

There also will be 2,000 slots available March 8 for those who wish to compete in a virtual race between Oct. 8 and Dec. 31. "Transfers from virtual to in-person races and vice versa are not permitted in 2023," race officials said, adding that the virtual race is for individuals only, not teams.

The in-person Army Ten-Miler starts and ends at the Pentagon, with a course that travels through Washington, D.C. All race proceeds benefit Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.

For more information, click here.

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## Reference series documents Pershing's wartime writing

**J**ohn Pershing is best known as the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I.

Congress recognized his achievements in that war by creating the unique rank of “General of the Armies of the United States,” which is the highest military rank in the U.S. Army—senior even to the five-star grade of general of the army that was conferred to such World War II luminaries as George Marshall and Dwight Eisenhower. Only fellow General of the Armies George Washington outranks Pershing.

Pershing's towering achievements in the first world war clearly merit close examination. And that's exactly

### Book Program

what John Greenwood provides in *John J. Pershing and the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, 1917-1919: Volume 2, October 1-December 31, 1917*.

This new addition to the Association of the U.S. Army's Book Program is part of a reference series of Pershing's official wartime correspondence edited by Greenwood, a former military historian with the Army and editor of several books, including Pershing's pre-war memoir.

This second volume of the series covers Pershing's efforts to train and equip the American Expeditionary Forces' first combat divisions while keeping them independent of French and British control. Meanwhile, Allied losses in the East and Russia's withdrawal from the coalition following its revolution are putting additional pressure on the Western front.

The AUSA Book Program sat down with Greenwood to discuss the new work.

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**AUSA:** This project on Gen. Pershing's wartime correspondence followed your work editing and annotating his memoir *My Life Before the World War, 1860-1917*. What originally drew you to Pershing as a topic for study?



Gen. John Pershing, left, speaks with Maj. Gen. William Johnston, commander of the 91st Division, in 1918 in France's Argonne forest. (NATIONAL ARCHIVES PHOTO)

**Greenwood:** He was one of the American military observers of the Russo-Japanese War of 1904–1905 that I wrote about in my doctoral dissertation many years ago. In my reading since then, I came across a reference to his unpublished autobiography, which led me to the project on his memoir.

**AUSA:** What elements of Pershing's personality are exhibited in his correspondence?

**Greenwood:** I dealt almost exclu-

sively with his official correspondence and not his personal and private correspondence. However, his official correspondence with his closest associates often gets quite personal.

Pershing was an excellent writer who was perfectly capable of expressing the full range of his thoughts, emotions, policies and plans in significant detail and forcefulness. He was fully in command of even the most minute aspects of the AEF's vast organization.

**AUSA:** What is the most important development covered in this volume?

**Greenwood:** That's hard to single out because there was so much going on. Two things are prominent—one, Pershing's continued drive to develop the AEF into a first-class fighting organization; and two, a growing dispute with the French and British over their desires to amalgamate American troops into their depleted ranks.

**AUSA:** How has your view of Pershing changed over the course of this project?

**Greenwood:** I knew relatively little about Pershing and his role in France at the beginning. My views have matured and changed over these years as I became more familiar with him, his personality and style, and the enormous challenges he had to face and surmount.

**AUSA:** What are the plans for completion of the series?

**Greenwood:** I have *Volume 3* with the press now for review and slated for publication later this year. I am now doing a final review and edit of *Volume 4*, which I'll submit later this year for publication in 2024. After that I have four more volumes covering the rest of 1918 and 1919 until Pershing and the AEF depart France in September.

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To order a copy of *John J. Pershing and the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, 1917-1919* please visit [www.ausa.org/books](http://www.ausa.org/books).

**Joseph Craig** is AUSA's Book Program director.

### JOHN J. PERSHING AND THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN WORLD WAR I, 1917-1919

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## Chapter members recognize Vietnam veteran's service

**R**etired Master Sgt. Andy Mostajo, a Vietnam War veteran, was honored for his service by the Association of the U.S. Army's Fort Leonard Wood-Mid Missouri chapter during a Feb. 14 breakfast.

Mostajo is the 100th Vietnam veteran recognized by the chapter in the past year. He was presented with a Vietnam War Commemoration pin and certificate by retired Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Morris, AUSA's Fifth Region president, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Freddie Brock, vice president of NCO and Soldier Programs for the chapter.

After being drafted in 1968, Mostajo served in Vietnam in 1968 and 1971. He was medically retired in 1985 and began working as a range control officer at Fort Leonard Wood.



AUSA volunteer leaders retired Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Morris, left, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Freddie Brock, right, honor retired Master Sgt. Andy Mostajo, center. (AUSA PHOTO)

Mostajo was a principal range and training area design technician in planning for the movement of the Army's chemical and military police schools to the installation in 1995,

according to the chapter.

"Thank you [retired Master Sgt.] Mostajo, for your service to our nation and our community," the chapter said in a Facebook post.

## Eagle Chapters

**The following chapters attained Eagle status for January by showing positive membership growth. The number of consecutive months of growth since July 1, 2022, is shown in parentheses.**

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| Magnolia (7)                           | Northern New Jersey (5)                      | New Orleans (4)                       |
| Major Samuel Woodfill (7)              | Northern New York-Fort Drum (5)              | Newton D. Baker (4)                   |
| North Texas (7)                        | San Francisco (5)                            | Picatinny Arsenal-Middle Forge (4)    |
| Allegheny-Blue Ridge (6)               | Sunshine (5)                                 | SGM Jon R. Cavaiani (4)               |
| Arkansas (6)                           | Thunderbird (5)                              | Tobyhanna Army Depot (4)              |
| Fort Jackson-Palmetto State (6)        | Utah (5)                                     | Alamo (3)                             |
| Houston Metroplex (6)                  | Capital District of New York (4)             | Arsenal of Democracy (3)              |
| Mediterranean (6)                      | Central Ohio (4)                             | Ethan Allen (3)                       |
| Suncoast (6)                           | Coastal South Carolina (4)                   | Francis Scott Key (3)                 |
| Texas Capital Area (6)                 | Columbia River (4)                           | Greater Atlanta (3)                   |
| Col Edward Cross (5)                   | Connecticut (4)                              | Isthmian (3)                          |
| Des Moines Freedom (5)                 | CSM James M. MacDonald-Key-stone (4)         | MG Harry Greene, Aberdeen (3)         |
| Emerald Coast-Big Bend-So. Georgia (5) | First In Battle (4)                          | Stuttgart (3)                         |
| Fort Leonard Wood-Mid Missouri (5)     | Greater New York-Statue of Liberty (4)       | Fort Campbell (2)                     |
| Gem State (5)                          | Greater Philadelphia (Penn and Franklin) (4) | Lake Cumberland-PVT Chris Guillen (2) |
| GEN Creighton W. Abrams (5)            | Henry Leavenworth (4)                        | Leonidas Polk (2)                     |
| George Washington (5)                  | National Training Center-High Desert (4)     | PFC William Kenzo Nakamura (2)        |
| Greater Augusta-Fort Gordon (5)        |  | Redstone-Huntsville (2)               |
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