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Army Undersecretary Gabe Camarillo, center, who will be a keynote speaker at AUSA's Global Force Symposium and Exposition in March, meets with soldiers assigned to the 2nd Cavalry Regiment during an exercise in Hohenfels, Germany. (U.S. ARMY/STAFF SGT. ASHLEY LOW)

Global Force features top Army leaders

A rmy Undersecretary Gabe Camarillo and leaders from Army Materiel Command, Army Futures Command and Army Training and Doctrine Command will speak at the Association of the U.S. Army's Global Force Symposium and Exposition in Huntsville, Alabama.

Back in-person for the first time since 2019, the three-day event will take place March 28–30 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, just outside Redstone Arsenal, home to Materiel Command.

This year's theme is "Designing and Sustaining the Army of 2040," with keynote speeches and panel discussions focused on the continued transformation of the Army as the force prepares for a complex future battlefield.

To register for Global Force, click [here](#). For more information, click [here](#).

Global Force opens March 28 with a keynote presentation by Camarillo.

He will be followed by a panel titled "Designing the Army of 2040" featuring Lt. Gen. Ross Coffman, deputy commanding general of Futures Command; Lt. Gen. Scott McKean, director of Futures Command's Futures and Concepts Center; Willie Nelson, deputy assistant Army secretary for research and technology; and Alex Wang, founder and CEO of Scale AI.

In the afternoon, Douglas Bush, assistant Army secretary for acquisition, logistics and technology, will lead a panel titled "Materiel Modernizing for the Army for 2040."

Panelists include Jennifer Swanson, deputy assistant Army secretary

for data, engineering and software; Mackenzie Eaglen, senior fellow with the American Enterprise Institute; and Cynthia Cook, director of the Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group and International Security Program senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

There also will be two fireside chats, one on the Indo-Pacific Army of 2040, and another by Gen. Gary Brito, commander of Training and Doctrine Command, who will talk about synchronizing Army modernization and the importance of balancing readiness, modernization and people.

On March 29, Gen. James Rainey, commanding general of Futures Command, starts the day with a keynote presentation.

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Dr. James A. Helis

Director, Army Resilience Directorate

Ch. (MG) Thomas L. Solhjem

25th Chief of Chaplains

Moderated by **SMA Kenneth O. Preston, USA, Ret.**



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Join us for a fireside chat with Dr. James A. Helis, Director of the Army Resilience Directorate, and Chaplain (MG) Thomas L. Solhjem, 25th Chief of Chaplains. They will address how the Army is equipping Commanders and leaders with prevention resources to mitigate and reduce harmful behaviors that lead to suicide; discuss the role of spiritual readiness as a protective factor in the prevention of suicide; and examine the Army's progress in refining intervention and response efforts.



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Graphic novel features WWII hero's 'simply amazing' story

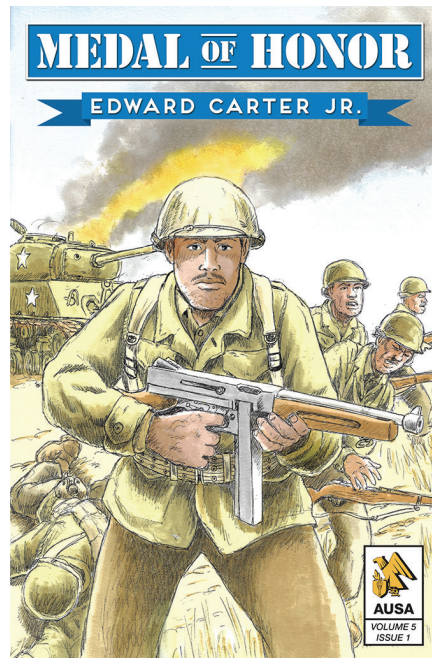
Staff Sgt. Edward Carter Jr., who single-handedly fought the enemy while wounded and helped U.S. forces capture a nearby German town during World War II, is the focus of the latest graphic novel in the Association of the U.S. Army's series on recipients of the nation's highest award for valor.

Medal of Honor: Edward Carter Jr. tells of the Los Angeles native's actions on March 23, 1945, near Speyer, Germany. It also highlights his incredible life before the Army.

"Carter's life story is simply amazing—you could make a movie about his combat experience before he even joined the U.S. Army," said Joseph Craig, director of AUSA's Book Program.

Medal of Honor: Edward Carter Jr. is available here.

AUSA launched its Medal of Honor graphic novel series in October 2018. This is the 17th novel in the series, with three more planned this year along with a paperback collection to be released in the fall.



The digital graphic novels are available here.

Born in May 1916 to missionary parents, Carter was 9 when his family moved from Los Angeles to India to start a church. When the family moved to China, Carter's father enrolled him in a Chinese military academy, sharpening his desire to serve.

Following a Japanese invasion, a 15-year-old Carter ran off and volunteered to serve in the Chinese army. His father found him after several weeks and brought him home.

He tried to fight again when the Italians attacked Ethiopia in 1935 and eventually traveled to Spain to fight in its civil war as part of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

After returning to the United States, Carter joined the U.S. Army in 1941, according to a tribute by the National World War II Museum.

He would get his chance to serve on the front lines after the horrific losses suffered during the Battle of the Bulge, according to the museum.

Assigned to the 1st Infantry Company Provisional, 7th Army, Carter and his fellow soldiers pushed toward the Rhine River. As they approached the town of Speyer, Carter and his

men came under heavy enemy fire that disabled their tank. Carter volunteered to lead a patrol to a warehouse 150 yards away where enemy German fighters were holed up, according to his Medal of Honor citation.

The patrol quickly came under heavy fire; two Americans were killed and another seriously wounded.

An enemy machine-gun burst hit Carter three times in the left arm, another wound in his left leg knocked him off his feet, and an enemy round tore through his left hand.

Undeterred, Carter kept moving alone until he was within 30 yards of the warehouse, the citation says.

When eight enemy fighters approached Carter, apparently to take him prisoner, Carter killed six and captured two, the citation says.

The two enemy soldiers provided valuable information, allowing the Americans to capture the nearby town of Speyer.

After the war, Carter's hopes of continuing to serve were dashed when the Army denied his reenlistment because of his previous associations in China and Spain, according to the National World War II Museum.

Carter fought the decision for years. He died heartbroken in January 1963.

In 1997, Carter was one of seven soldiers recognized with the Medal of Honor. They remain the only African American recipients of the award from World War II.

Each AUSA graphic novel is created by a team of professional comic book veterans. The script for the graphic novel on Carter was written by Chuck Dixon, whose previous work includes *Batman*, *The Punisher* and *The 'Nam*.

Pencils, inks and the cover were by Wayne Vansant, who has worked on *The 'Nam*, *Savage Tales* and *All Quiet on the Western Front*; colors were by Peter Pantazis, who previously worked on *Justice League*, *Superman* and *Black Panther*; and the lettering was by Troy Peteri, who has worked on *Spider-Man*, *Iron Man* and *X-Men*.

ARMY magazine March issue



AUSA Basic Members can now view a selection of articles from the March issue of *ARMY* magazine. To read the articles, click here.

Army acquisition pursues ‘aggressive timelines’ in push to equip the force



Douglas Bush, the Army's assistant secretary for acquisition, logistics and technology, speaks at AUSA's Hot Topic on Army Aviation. (AUSA PHOTO)

Douglas Bush, the Army's assistant secretary for acquisition, logistics and technology, says his top priority is very simple: "The only thing that actually matters in the Army is equipping soldiers so they can fight and win."

Speaking at an Army Aviation Hot Topic event hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army, Bush said the Army has struggled in the past on designing, building and fielding new products. Times have changed, he said, with the Army on the edge of big changes.

The AUSA Hot Topic, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Army aviation branch, focused on honoring the past and transforming for the future and included Army and industry representatives. Retired Gen. Bob Brown, AUSA's president and CEO, said mingling industry and the Army always produces a healthy discussion. Bush noted his first paying job was as a national security analyst for AUSA.

Now the Army's top acquisition official, Bush described acquisition as a "supporting function" for the Army that has become a priority. The Army is attempting to do this "different and

better," he said. Using new authorities granted by Congress, the Army is trying to do everything a little faster, cutting out initial steps so that prototypes are produced more quickly to help get "real equipment" into the hands of soldiers.

"It is really hard to perfectly predict the future," he said, which is why concurrently working on requirements and design is helpful "if it is done well."

"We have very aggressive timelines," Bush said, noting that the war in Ukraine shows why the need is so urgent.

"We are doing things differently," Bush said, with requirements being defined on the fly. Going fast is important, but the Army also needs to be transparent and open. This is different than the "slow and painful" requirements process in the past, he said.

Congress has been supportive, Bush said, both in aiding Army transformation and helping to supply equipment, weapons and munitions to Ukraine. Additionally, the pending fiscal 2024 budget will be strong for the Army, he pledged.

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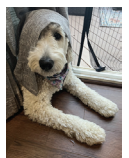
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PERK OF THE WEEK

AUSA has partnered with MetLife to offer a premium discount on pet insurance to members—which you can combine with MetLife's military discount. Customize the plan that works for you by visiting www.ausa.org/pet. Choose your annual benefit, your deductible, the percentage reimbursement and whether you want to include preventive care.



Global Force

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The morning panel will focus on sustaining the Army of 2040 and feature Lt. Gen. Christopher Mohan, deputy commanding general and chief of staff of Materiel Command; Myles Miyamasu, deputy G-3 (operations) for Materiel Command; Maj. Gen. Mark Simerly, commander of the Army Combined Arms Support Command, the Sustainment Center of Excellence and Fort Lee, Virginia; and Peter Bechtel, deputy G-3/5/7 at the Department of the Army.

There will be a fireside chat on “Understanding the Future Operating Environment to Inform the Army’s Operational Approach in 2040,” and an industry panel on support to Ukraine operations.

To open the final day of Global Force, Lt. Gen. Charles Hamilton, deputy Army chief of staff for logistics, G-4, will provide the keynote.

Hamilton has been confirmed by the Senate for promotion to four-star general and to be the next commander of Materiel Command.

A panel in the morning will focus on manning the Army of 2040 and feature Lt. Gen. Maria Gervais, deputy commanding general and chief of staff of Training and Doctrine Command; Lt. Gen. Douglas Stitt, deputy Army chief of staff for personnel, G-1; and Juan Garcia, managing director for Deloitte Consulting.

There also will be a fireside chat on installation resiliency.

Additionally, throughout all three days of Global Force, the Army will run the Warriors Corner from its booth in the Von Braun Center’s South Hall.

Featuring presentations by Army leaders, topics include strengthening relationships with allies and partners, modernizing the organic industrial base, countering unmanned aerial



A soldier speaks with a civilian attendee on the exhibit floor during AUSA’s 2019 Global Force Symposium and Exhibition in Huntsville, Alabama. (AUSA PHOTO)

systems on a multidomain battlefield, and predictive logistics.

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WWII, Vietnam veteran retired Lt. Gen. Trefry dies at 98

Retired Lt. Gen. Richard Trefry, a veteran of World War II and Vietnam who spent 33 years in uniform and a longtime senior fellow of the Association of the U.S. Army, has died. He was 98.

“He was a remarkable Army officer with a long career stretching from World War II into the President George H.W. Bush administration, always proving himself to be a thoughtful leader and guide,” retired Gen. Bob Brown, AUSA president and CEO, said about Trefry. “We were very fortunate to have him as a member of the AUSA family. He’ll be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on and guide future generations.”

Born in August 1924, Trefry began his Army career as an enlisted soldier, serving during World War II before attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Commissioned in 1950 as a field artillery officer, he served in Germany, Vietnam and Laos. Among his assignments was commanding an artillery battalion in Vietnam and later leading the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group in Laos and serving as defense attaché to the country, where he contributed to the defeat of a coup d’état by exiled Laotian air force officers.

In the mid-1970s, Trefry served as the assistant Army deputy chief of staff for personnel, responsible for overseeing changes in the honor system at West Point after it was rocked by a cheating scandal.

In his final active-duty assignment, Trefry spent six years as the Army inspector general, revolutionizing general inspections and making management improvements.

“By encouraging openness and a commitment to identifying problems and fixing them at the appropriate level, he had a profound positive effect on the readiness of the Army and the morale of its soldiers and subordinate leaders,” the West Point Association of Graduates said in a 2006 statement when Trefry was named a



Retired Lt. Gen. Richard Trefry, right, sits with then-Army Secretary Pete Geren at the 2009 inaugural presentation of the lifetime service award named for Trefry. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

distinguished graduate.

“His impact was felt especially in the area of nuclear technical proficiency inspections where the goal of the inspection shifted from affixing micro blame to correcting macro processes. He accomplished all this by spending a great deal of time in the field, speaking with those who were the end users of the vehicles, weapons, ammunition, and other materiel of the Army and who would be tasked to employ them in the event of armed conflict.”

Just last April, Trefry addressed more than 200 Army inspectors general virtually during the service’s annual Worldwide Inspector General Conference.

“The principal function of an inspector general is to be the best teacher in the Army at whatever level he or she is serving,” Trefry said, according to an Army news release.

He retired from the Army in 1983.

Trefry spent two years, beginning in 1990, as director of the White

House Military Office and the military assistant to President George H.W. Bush.

In 1995, he was founder and program manager of the Army Force Management School.

The Army in 2009 created and named a lifetime of service award after Trefry. The inaugural Lt. Gen. Richard G. Trefry Lifetime Service Award was presented to Trefry himself for his service in the Army and his accomplishments as a civilian.

“I am deeply honored, and I was completely floored when they told me they were going to do this,” Trefry said at the time.

In retirement, he served as an AUSA senior fellow since 1984, and he was an officer and board member of Army Emergency Relief and a member of the Army War College Alumni Association.

He frequently taught and spoke on topics related to the Army profession.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Army Emergency Relief.

AUSA announces 2023 legislative advocacy priorities

Lawmakers return from recess this week to continue working their way through the opening months of the 118th Congress. The current pace on Capitol Hill is not unusual as control of the House and Senate is divided.

Defense and security-related hearings have begun, and the administration plans to release its budget request on March 9—a significant milestone in the authorization and appropriations process. Appropriations and the debt ceiling will dominate discussions this year in Washington, D.C., and little progress has been made so far.

Government Affairs

The Association of the U.S. Army will continue its work to ensure the Total Army—including veterans and retirees and their families—receive the support and resources they need and have earned.

AUSA recently rolled out its 2023 Focus Areas—the association's legislative recommendations for Congress—and has begun meeting with congressional staff. Here are AUSA's five recommendations:

1. Pass legislation for defense appropriations, military construction and veterans affairs appropriations and the National Defense Authorization Act before the Oct. 1 start of the next fiscal year.
2. Support the Army People Strategy.
3. Sustain and grow readiness across the Total Army.
4. Speed Army modernization.
5. Strengthen DoD and Army infrastructure as well as the defense industrial base.

Further, AUSA's Government Affairs team recently participated in an advocacy day with like-minded organizations on Capitol Hill in support of the Major Richard Starr Act—a bill that AUSA has long supported allowing combat-disabled retirees with fewer than 20 years of service to con-



Sgt. Brayton Daniel of the 1st Cavalry Division assumes an improvised fighting position during a Feb. 25 exercise at Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, Poland. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

currently receive, without reduction, veterans' disability compensation and retired pay or combat-related special compensation.

You can help build momentum for passage of critical legislation that supports the Army, including the Major Richard Starr Act, appropriations and the NDAA, by contacting your representatives and senators and encouraging them to act.

AUSA also wishes to remind retirees, veterans and their families of the important new benefits they may be

eligible for after the AUSA-supported Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act was enacted last year. For more information, on what's known as the PACT Act, click here.

Here are some resources from the Department of Veterans Affairs on recently reported scams related to the PACT Act.

Mark Haaland is AUSA's Government Affairs director.



AUSA's 2023 Focus Areas include supporting the Army People Strategy, growing readiness, speeding modernization and strengthening infrastructure. (ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL PHOTO)

Make use of discounts, savings for AUSA members

We are always looking for programs that provide real benefit and value to members of the Association of the U.S. Army. Here are a few examples.

Homes for Heroes

Homes for Heroes offers access to a nationwide network of real estate and mortgage specialists committed to providing real savings as a way to thank veterans and service members for their service. Even if you didn't serve in the military, you are eligible because of your AUSA membership.

With more than 4,500 real estate and mortgage specialists, Homes for Heroes helps members save an average of \$3,000 when buying, selling or refinancing a home or mortgage.

Member Benefits

Every time you buy or sell a home with Homes for Heroes specialists, you help other heroes in need by expanding the "Circle of Giving," which donates a portion of earnings to the Homes for Heroes Foundation and to AUSA.

Entertainment discounts

In March, AUSA members can take advantage of some great offers at www.ausea.org/entertain.

Save up to \$100 on gate prices at Walt Disney World Resort, up to \$65 off gate prices at Universal Orlando, up to 40% off Sesame Place San Diego, more than 65% off Sesame Place Philadelphia, up to 40% off Sea World San Diego and up to 50% off Six Flags San Antonio.

If you are looking for a show, there are discounts of up to 25% on the Blue Man Group, tickets from \$63 for *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* and preferred access tickets with up to 25% savings for Beyonce, Janet Jackson and more. You can also save up to 40% at many ski resorts and 25% off strength and cardio equipment with code EBG25OFF at Life Fitness Equipment.



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- Create a trust or put a trust in place for your pets.
- Hire contractors or arrange for housesitting.
- Provide a lease agreement, deal with rental deposits or maintain your property.
- Create a contract for construction or maintenance, including hiring contractors and subcontractors.
- Lease farmland or buy or sell horses and other livestock.
- Protect intellectual property, hire consultants and create bylaws and operating agreements.

There are also human resource documents and documents for residential and commercial landlords.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at srubel@ausea.org.

Susan Rubel is AUSA's Association and Affinity Partnerships director.

Cadets hear from senior military leaders at chapter forum

The Association of the U.S. Army's Braxton Bragg chapter recently partnered with other local organizations to host a forum in Raleigh, North Carolina, where cadets learned valuable life lessons from Black leaders in the military.

"It's important for you to see who we are. Engage with key leaders.

Braxton Bragg

Ask questions. Be open. We didn't see it, but you have a

chance to learn from us," said Col. Wendy Rivers, a division chief in the office of the Army inspector general.

Nearly 200 ROTC cadets from historically Black colleges and universities and junior ROTC cadets from high schools across North Carolina attended the event, which showcased African American service members who broke the color barrier and glass ceiling in all branches of the military.

Retired Marine Lt. Gen. Walter Gaskin, who is now secretary of the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, told the audience not to doubt their skills and



Maj. Gen. David Wilson, center, commander of Army Sustainment Command, addresses a forum for ROTC and junior ROTC cadets in Raleigh, North Carolina. (VA PHOTO)

knowledge. "You have what it takes. Don't ever doubt yourself because of your skin color or your background. Know what you are doing ... do your job and know that advice is always right," Gaskin said, according to a press release from the department.

Panel participants shared the challenges they faced in their careers be-

cause of their race and backgrounds and the lessons they learned.

"You have to see inspiration to be inspired," said Command Sgt Maj. Robert Craven, the 26th command sergeant major of the Corps of Cadets at West Point. "When you are inspired, well, that's life-changing. Don't doubt your power, because in doing so, you give power to your doubts. You need honest people to keep you honest. Love yourself and keep mentors around."

Leaders must also understand the importance of trust and caring for soldiers, said Maj. Gen. David Wilson, commander of Army Sustainment Command.

"There are two kinds of trust. Professional trust is your stars, bars and resume, but personal trust is the name on your chest, and that's earned. You can't build it if you don't care," Wilson said.

The speakers also emphasized the need to understand the past to accomplish goals and missions.

"You can be anything you want to be if you focus on your passion," Rivers said. "Know the sacrifices people made before you. Dig into the history. You've got to know where we've been to know where you're going. We aspire to inspire before we expire."

Army Reserve aviation commander speaks at AUSA chapter event



Fort Knox

Brig. Gen. Roger Deon Jr., commander of the Army Reserve Aviation Command, discusses recruiting, the Army of 2030 and other topics at a luncheon hosted by AUSA's Fort Knox chapter in Kentucky. (AUSA PHOTO)

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