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From left to right, Medal of Honor recipients retired Master Sgt. Leroy Petry, Sgt. Maj. Thomas Payne and retired Col. Bruce Crandall, along with Col. David Rowland, commander of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier May 25 to mark National Medal of Honor Day. (U.S. ARMY/ELIZABETH FRASER)

AUSA extends scholarships deadline

The deadline to apply for more than \$320,000 in national scholarships from the Association of the U.S. Army has been extended to June 16.

AUSA is awarding 41 scholarships in 2023. Three others are administered in conjunction with the Army.

To apply, click [here](#). 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.

AUSA's national scholarships include awards for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) pro-

grams, 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. Chabreja Scholarships valued at \$5,000 each.

The Delta Dental program provides scholarships for the advancement of oral health and wellness. 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. Chabreja Scholarships honor the

past chairman of AUSA's Board of Directors. Both may be used for completing degrees in STEM areas.

There also is a new \$10,000 scholarship sponsored by the Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium, a nonprofit biomedical consortium that collaborates with the Army Medical Research and Development Command to promote the development and delivery of medical technologies to improve the health and safety of military personnel, veterans and civilians.

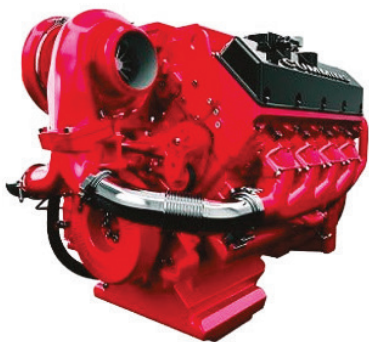
AUSA's general studies scholarships consist of the new GEN Carl E. Vuono Leadership Scholarship; the SMA Leon Van Autreve Scholarship Program; General Jack N. Merritt Scholarships; completed coursework scholarships; and three full scholar-

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Harris: Army's newest officers face an 'unsettled world'

In a history-making address at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, Vice President Kamala Harris congratulated the Army's newest officers while warning that they face an "increasingly unsettled world."

"The world has drastically changed," Harris, the first woman to give the commencement address at West Point, said May 27 to the Class of 2023. Longstanding principles are at risk, Harris told the nearly 950 graduating cadets.

In addition to Russia's aggression in Ukraine, China is "rapidly modernizing its military and threatening both the freedom of the seas and rules of international commerce," Harris said. Autocrats have become bolder, the threat of terrorism persists, and an accelerating climate crisis continues to disrupt lives, she said.

"In the face of all these challenges ... a strong America remains indispensable to the world plays a singular role of leadership," Harris said.

A critical part of America's strength



Vice President Kamala Harris greets cadets during the 2023 commencement at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

is its military. "Our military is a force that underwrites global stability and our national security," Harris said. "And it is this pillar of our strength where you, cadets, have dedicated yourself to lead."

Soldiers around the world defend America's ideals, Harris said. "And soon, as officers in the United States

Army, you will join the ranks of those brave warriors and make your own mark on the world," she said.

Harris' visit was her first to West Point, according to the Associated Press. Commencement addresses at the military academies usually are delivered by the president, vice president or a high-ranking military official, which until now meant the speakers have always been men.

Harris, who in her remarks noted the 75th anniversary of the integration of women in the military as well as the desegregation of the military, was joined at the commencement by Army Secretary Christine Wormuth, the first woman to serve as the Army's top civilian leader.

The Class of 2023 is ready for the challenges that await, Harris said in her remarks. "Today, our nation turns to each of you for the strength that you have built here at West Point. The physical strength, the mental strength, the emotional strength, and the strength of character," she said. "And in years to come, I promise you, you will be tried, and you will be tested, and I am so very confident that you will rise to each occasion, whatever comes your way."

ARMY magazine June issue



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

Scholarships

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ships for Trident University.

The new GEN Carl E. Vuono Leadership Scholarship, worth \$25,000, honors the former Army chief of staff who served on AUSA's Board of Directors for 20 years. During his tenure, Vuono provided leadership, guidance and unwavering support for AUSA's continued growth.

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.

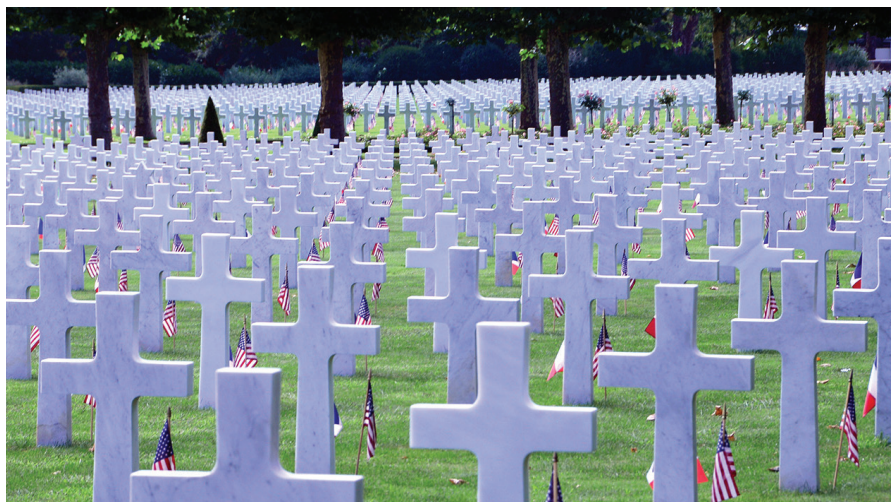
Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded in honor of the late Gen. Jack Merritt, a former president of AUSA.

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

Three 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 these Army scholarships: the SGM Larry Strickland Memorial Fund and Scholarship, the SGM Dawn Kilpatrick Memorial AUSA Scholarship, and ROTC scholarships.

Unknown US soldier from WWI to receive full honors burial in France



More than 6,000 Americans are buried at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in Seringes-et-Nesles, France. (ARMY NATIONAL GUARD/CAPT. JEAN KRATZER)

For the first time in 35 years, the remains of an unknown U.S. soldier from World War I will be buried in an American cemetery in France.

Officials with the American Battle Monuments Commission will carry out the burial on June 7 at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in northern France. It will be the first burial of an American unknown from World War I since 1988.

The soldier's remains were discovered in February 2022 by a French undertaker excavating a new grave in the village cemetery of Villers-sur-Fère, according to the commission's documentation of the discovery. The site is about 62 miles northeast of Paris, where in the summer of 1918 there was fierce combat between American and German forces.

The undertaker discovered the human remains as well as American field equipment and ammunition, in what appeared to be a hasty burial of a World War I-era soldier, the document says.

Among the items found were the remains of a 1917 steel helmet used by American troops, U.S. insignia buttons, a model 1917 U.S. trench knife, a metal cross arm of a U.S.-

issue stretcher, remnants of a round U.S. identification tag, and U.S.-issue .30-06 ammunition, dated 1917, that were still in their ammunition pouches, according to the document.

The identification tag was fragmented, corroded and illegible, but it was identifiable by its shape and the small hole for a chain. The soldier could not be identified, but French, British and American historians concurred that the remains were those of an American soldier.

The American Battle Monuments Commission maintains 23 World War I and World War II cemeteries around the world. Among the 30,973 servicemen buried in the commission's World War I cemeteries are 1,600 unknowns, according to a commission news release.

The Oise-Aisne American Cemetery is in Seringes-et-Nesles, France, about 2 1/2 miles from the temporary cemetery where the U.S. soldier was buried. The June 7 burial ceremony will include a full military honors funeral procession and burial with a World War I-era 75 mm artillery salute and historic World War I biplane flyover.

Learn more about the commission here.

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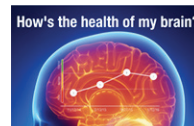
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New graphic novel features WWI's 'greatest single hero'

Maj. Samuel Woodfill, who single-handedly took out several machine-gun nests with a rifle, a pistol and a pickax during the Meuse-Argonne offensive of World War I, is the subject 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: Samuel Woodfill tells of the Indiana native's actions on Oct. 12, 1918, in Cunel, France. Gen. John Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, once described Woodfill as "the greatest single hero in the American Forces."

"In the years following World War I, Samuel Woodfill was as famous as Alvin York, but today he has largely been forgotten," said Joseph Craig, director of AUSA's Book Program. "I'm privileged to work with such a great creative team to help restore the spotlight on this remarkable soldier."

Medal of Honor: Samuel Woodfill is available here.

AUSA launched its Medal of Honor graphic novel series in October 2018. This is the 18th novel in the series, with two more planned this year along with a paperback collection to be released in the fall.

The digital graphic novels are available here.

Born in January 1883, Woodfill joined the Army when he turned 18 and served in the Philippines for three years before volunteering for duty in Alaska. After stints in Kentucky and Texas, Woodfill was sent to France in the fall of 1918, just as the Meuse-Argonne offensive was unfolding, according to DoD.

On Oct. 12, 1918, then-1st Lt. Woodfill was leading his men from Company M, 60th Infantry, 5th Division, just outside the town of Cu-



nel when they came under heavy machine-gun fire. Woodfill moved out ahead of his soldiers toward a machine-gun nest. When he got within 10 yards of the gun, it stopped firing, and four enemy soldiers rushed toward Woodfill, according to his Medal of Honor citation.

Woodfill shot three of them. When the fourth rushed Woodfill, the two struggled in hand-to-hand combat until Woodfill killed the enemy officer with his pistol.

The American soldiers continued their advance until another machine gun opened fire on them. "Calling on his men to follow, 1st Lt. Woodfill rushed ahead of his line in the face of heavy fire from the nest, and when several of the enemy appeared above the nest, he shot them, capturing three other members of the crew and silencing the gun," according to the award citation.

A few minutes later, Woodfill again charged a machine-gun position, this time killing five enemy with his rifle, according to the citation. "He then drew his revolver and started to jump into the pit, when two other gunners only a few yards away turned their guns on him," the cita-

tion says. "Failing to kill them with his revolver, he grabbed a pick lying nearby and killed both of them."

Woodfill's actions enabled his men to push on to their objective, but shrapnel and mustard gas would cut short his fight that day. He would spend 10 weeks in an Army hospital.

On Feb. 9, 1919, Pershing presented Woodfill with the Medal of Honor. Two years later, in November 1921, Woodfill was among the eight highly decorated World War I veterans chosen by Pershing to escort the first unknown to his final resting place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Woodfill died Aug. 10, 1951. He was 68. He is buried at Arlington, near Pershing's grave.

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

Pencils, inks and the cover were by Geof Isherwood, who has worked on *The 'Nam*, *G.I. Joe* and *Conan the Barbarian*; 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*.

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Sign up to learn more about AUSA member benefits

In response to requests for more information about many of the benefit programs offered to members of the Association of the U.S. Army, I have set up one-hour webinars for three programs, with more to come in the future.

To start, we will discuss Office Depot, Home for Heroes and Statera Retirement.

Office Depot

AUSA's discount program at Office Depot/Office Max is very popular, but it's important to know that the program is with the company's business division, ODP Business Solutions. Members can download a discount card for in-store visits at www.ausa.org/office, but the best savings are online.

Many AUSA chapters and corporate members take advantage of Office Depot's printing and binding discounts, which are also available online.

Join our online seminar to learn how to take advantage of many ODP Business Solutions deals and meet our account management team, who will guide you through the process. There will also be a presentation on available savings from the company's tech division.

These seminars will take place on 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. June 15. Click here to register for the morning session and here for the afternoon webinar.

Homes for Heroes

Homes for Heroes offers all AUSA members—regardless of military service—exclusive access to a nationwide network of real estate and mortgage specialists committed to providing real savings.

With more than 4,500 real estate and mortgage specialists nationwide, Homes for Heroes helps AUSA members save an average of \$3,000 when you buy, sell or refinance a home or



Your AUSA membership provides access to savings on office supplies, mortgage assistance, retirement planning, fitness and more. (U.S. ARMY/SPC. ELIZABETH HACKBARTH)

mortgage.

Homes for Heroes donates a portion of its earnings to the Homes for Heroes Foundation and to AUSA. This helps AUSA support soldiers, their families, Army civilians, retired soldiers and veterans with programs, products, resources and events.

Sign up now for the Homes for Heroes seminars, scheduled for June 22 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Statera Retirement

Planning for retirement is more challenging than ever. With longer life expectancies, unpredictable markets and volatile inflation, having a sound plan is a must.

Your AUSA membership provides access to Statera Retirement's innovative SIM retirement method with member benefits including:

- Complimentary, no-obligation, in-depth analysis using Statera's proprietary SIM retirement method (not the same one offered to the public).
- Pension analysis.
- Social Security strategies.
- Education for major financial decisions (estate planning, major purchases, long-term care planning and more).
- Discounted wealth management

fees for members.

The Statera Retirement seminars will be held June 29 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

New fitness benefit

My apologies to members who had trouble signing up for AUSA's valuable fitness and gym benefit, Active&Fit Direct, last month.

This program allows you to pay just \$28 per month and get access to a variety of gyms including Gold's Gym, LA Fitness, SNAP Fitness, Anytime Fitness, Workout Anytime and many more quality gyms, with the option to move easily from one to another.

Visit www.ausa.org/gym to register now. Log in to the AUSA website, then register for the ChooseHealthy program, which includes the gym access. If you do not have login credentials to the AUSA website, contact the association's member support office at membersupport@ausa.org or 1-855-246-6269.

If you have questions about these or any other AUSA member benefits, contact me at srubel@ausa.org.

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

Chapter award recognizes outstanding ROTC cadet

The Association of the U.S. Army's Arsenal of Democracy chapter in Michigan recently honored Army ROTC cadet Sean Gordon as the top cadet in the state with the chapter's 2023 Saber Award.

Gordon, who attended Michigan State University, was recognized for his academic standing and leadership roles. He is the third cadet from the "Spartan" battalion to receive the award since it was established in 2013.

Arsenal of Democracy

"Being recognized by such a distinguished organization as AUSA is a huge honor. Most importantly, it will serve as a reminder for me to learn from my noncommissioned officers, remain committed to improving the people around me and bettering the Army as a whole," Gordon said in a news release from the university.

During his time in ROTC, Gordon participated in the 2022 Sandhurst Competition at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, volunteered for a summer internship, commonly referred to as Cadet Troop Leading Training, with the 11th Air-



Tammy Kiellen, left, president of AUSA's Arsenal of Democracy chapter in Michigan, and retired Lt. Col. Charles Cogger, right, the chapter's executive vice president, present the chapter's 2023 Saber Award to ROTC cadet Sean Gordon. (MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO)

borne Division in Alaska, and achieved the highest score on the Army Combat Fitness Test in his regiment of 600 cadets while attending Advanced Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

After graduating with a major in finance, Gordon was commissioned as an infantry second lieutenant and is moving to Fort Moore, Georgia.

"Sean has been an exemplar of a student aspiring to become an Army officer," said Lt. Col. Joseph Dumas,

chairperson of Michigan State's Military Science Department, according to the release.

Gordon was inspired to join the Army ROTC program because of his mother's experience as a Russian immigrant. "That's why I love America; it truly is the land of opportunity," he said. "I chose to join the Army because I want to protect American values and ensure it remains a symbol of hope and opportunity to the world."

AUSA members honor Junior Paratroopers of the Year

Members of the Association of the U.S. Army's Braxton Bragg chapter participated in the 82nd Airborne Division's Junior Paratrooper of the Year award ceremony May 23 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The ceremony at Fort Bragg, which on Friday will be redesignated as

Braxton Bragg

Fort Liberty, recognizes children of soldiers in the division for their resiliency, contribution to the unit or community and extracurricular activities while navigating the challenges of military life.

The 2023 Junior Paratroopers of the Year are Savanna Oen, repre-

senting the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, and Anna-Marie Nolen, representing the 82nd Sustainment Brigade. They received gifts from Tawni Dixon, the AUSA chapter's vice president of family support programs, and retired Sgt. Maj. Ryan Sattelberg, vice president of NCO and soldier programs.

"The price [of military] service is felt by everybody that calls a paratrooper a family member ... that potentially can go into harm's way, and sometimes the ones that ask the most questions are our children," said Maj. Gen. Christopher LaNeve, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, as reported by the *Fayetteville Observer*.



AUSA Braxton Bragg chapter officers Tawni Dixon, left, and retired Sgt. Maj. Ryan Sattelberg, right, recognize Savanna Oen, center left, and Anna-Marie Nolen as Junior Paratroopers of the Year in a ceremony at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. (AUSA PHOTO)



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