



## IN THIS ISSUE

VOLUME 1 NUMBER 15  
AUGUST 15, 2019

### NCO & Soldier Programs

Enlisted Guard Association  
3

### U.S. Army Ranked Third In Land Power

4



### Chapter Highlights

Indiana  
Greater Los Angeles  
7



Gen. James C. McConville, left, is sworn in as the 40th chief of staff of the Army by acting Army Secretary Ryan D. McCarthy. (U.S. ARMY/SPC. ZACHERY PERKINS)

## New chief: People are ‘my No. 1 priority’

The Army’s newly sworn-in chief of staff, Gen. James C. McConville, has two simple messages to the force: winning matters, and people will always be his top priority.

“People are always my No. 1 priority,” he said. “Our Army’s people are our greatest strength and our most important weapon system.”

McConville, whose own three children are in the Army, said soldiers’ parents “have sent their most important possession to the United States Army.”

“They expect us, in fact, they demand, that we take care of them, that we treat them with dignity and respect, and we do everything we can to make sure they grow in the Army,” he said.

“Every single day I wake up knowing that some parents have trusted me with their sons and daughters, and I need to take care of them.”

This includes implementing a 21st-century talent management system that will allow the Army to “put the

right soldier in the right job at the right time,” he said.

It also means making sure soldiers “have the best training, best equipment, best leadership.”

The Army also must better manage its civilian employees’ talent and take care of soldiers’ families, he said.

“We’ve got to make sure they have good health care, child care, that spouses have an opportunity for employment, and we’ve got to take care of the PCS moving challenges we have right now,” he said. “If we have a good quality of life for our families, they will stay with their soldiers.”

McConville was sworn in alongside Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston, who became the 16th sergeant major of the Army, Aug. 9 at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia.

The ceremony, hosted by acting Army Secretary Ryan D. McCarthy, marked the latest in a series of changes to the Army’s top leadership ranks.

McConville succeeds Gen. Mark A. Milley, who is confirmed to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Grinston succeeds Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey as the Army’s top enlisted soldier.

The elevation of McConville from vice chief of staff to be the Army’s top general provides important continuity to the force, McCarthy said.

There is no leader better prepared than McConville, who is the first Army aviator to serve as chief, to lead the Army through a massive and “risky” transformation, McCarthy said.

McCarthy also paid tribute to Milley and Dailey, crediting them with improving the Army’s readiness and setting the force on the path it’s on.

Milley said the Army is “in much better shape today” because of support from the nation’s civilian leaders and “the efforts of tens of thousands of people” across the force.

See **McConville**, Page 4

# NO MATTER WHERE FUTURE WARFIGHTERS ARE CALLED WE STAND WITH THEM.

ATEC is a joint venture of Honeywell and Pratt & Whitney—two unique and trusted companies with a combined 160+ years in military technology.

Together, we stand ready for every mission, every time.

 **ATEC**  
ADVANCED  
TURBINE ENGINE  
COMPANY

A JOINT VENTURE OF

**Honeywell**



**Pratt & Whitney**  
A United Technologies Company

[ATECAdvantage.com](http://ATECAdvantage.com)

## AUSA supports enlisted Guard association conference

By Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, U.S. Army Retired

**G**reetings from the Association of the U.S. Army, our Army's association for education and professional development, and a major supporter of the Army's Soldier for Life efforts.

The 48th annual Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States conference was held Aug. 4-7 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

With approximately 1,500 attendees, including soldiers and airmen from the Army and Air National Guard, the conference served as the association's annual meeting and a professional development forum supporting more than 120 uniformed young professionals from across the states and territories.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Karen Craig, EANGUS president, and the leadership team from the national office presided over the events.

Command Sgt. Maj. John Sampa of the Army National Guard and Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Anderson of the Air National Guard were present throughout the conference as well.

Paul Lawrence, Ph.D., Veterans Affairs undersecretary for benefits, kicked off the conference by highlighting the VA's ongoing transformation, beginning with the Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act becoming law in 2017 and enabling the expeditious removal of habitual bad performers.

The new VA Mission Act, designed to give veterans more health care options, "puts veterans at the center of health care."

It also strengthens the VA's ability to deliver trusted, easy-to-access, high-quality care at VA facilities, virtually through telehealth, and in local communities, Lawrence said.

He also highlighted the transition to electronic health records and the ability to seamlessly transition from military service to the VA, while ac-



Retired Gen. Carter F. Ham, AUSA president and CEO, said '35% of our forces [in the Army and Air Force] are National Guard and 84% of those are enlisted. I believe in the citizen-soldier.' (ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO)

knowledging the 10-year journey to implementation as being a complex task with much progress to date.

Retired Gen. Carter F. Ham, AUSA president and CEO, also spoke on Aug. 5 to a full house of Army and Air National Guard soldiers and airmen, veterans and spouses.

Ham recognized the young NCOs, soldiers and airmen attending the conference for professional development and serving as liaisons to their assigned units in their home state, referring to them as "the future of our Army and Air Force."

"When asked why I address soldiers and airmen in the National Guard," Ham said, "35% of our forces [in the Army and Air Force] are National Guard and 84% of those are enlisted. I believe in the citizen-soldier."

He also cited a recent congressional study on the structure of the Army, saying, "Our nation has one Army with three distinct and essential components, the Regular Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. Only when the three are properly sized, manned, equipped, trained and resourced can the Army do its mission."

Addressing AUSA's congressional focus areas for 2019, Ham specifically highlighted support for reasonable end

strength growth with the resources to train and equip those forces across all three components of the Army.

He further highlighted support and funding for the Integrated Personnel and Pay System—Army to sustain and field across the Army, support for Army medicine, support for Tricare Reserve Select and credit for deployments.

Ham concluded his remarks by praising the partnership between EANGUS and AUSA, focusing on the importance for AUSA to serve as a voice for the Army and support for the soldier.

Throughout the conference, leaders for EANGUS recognized and honored soldiers and airmen of excellence, retired members, and spouses for their service to the organization, and the generous support of business partners who contributed to the success of the conference.

Like the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition each October in Washington, D.C., the EANGUS conference serves as a reunion and team-building venue that brings soldiers and airmen from all 54 states and territories together to educate, inform and connect.

**Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston** is AUSA's Vice President for NCO and Soldier Programs and was the 13th sergeant major of the Army.

NCO & Soldier Programs

# U.S. Army ranks third behind Russia, China in global land power evaluation



The key reason for the ranking is the U.S. has fewer armored fighting vehicles, self-propelled and towed artillery, and rocket projectors (U.S. ARMY/STAFF SGT. WALLACE BONNER)

**T**he U.S. Army ranks behind Russia and China in the 2019 Global Firepower ratings, which measure a nation’s conventional arms war-making capability, resources and finances.

The United States ranks first in total military power in the comparison of 137 countries, ahead of No. 2 Russia and No. 3 China, but ranks behind Russia and China in terms of land power.

The key reason is the U.S. has fewer armored fighting vehicles, self-propelled and towed artillery, and rocket projectors.

The U.S. ranks third in tanks and armored fighting vehicles, third in self-propelled artillery and 15th in towed artillery, according to the Global Firepower assessment.

**McConville**  
From Page 1

“Our Army is incredible, and our Army is strong, and our Army is getting stronger,” Milley said. “Our men and women on the ground, in the mud, walking into harm’s way and defending freedom—America’s soldiers deliver results day after day.”

Looking ahead, “our Army has momentum, and we need to build upon it over the next several years,” Milley said. “We know the United States Army

Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville told the Senate Armed Services Committee that he sees the Army entering a great-power competition that requires modernization, so it is “ready to win decisively against any adversary, anytime and anywhere in a joint, combined, multi-domain, high-intensity conflict.”

“As the global threat landscape continues to shift toward great-power competition between near-peer adversaries, the Army will have the capacity to fight and win in all spectrums of conflict that may rise within the current and emerging geopolitical environments,” said McConville, who became the Army’s top general on Aug. 9.

See the full 2019 Global Firepower assessment at <https://bit.ly/2AsSd9c>.

is very expensive, but we also know that losing a war is far more costly.”

McConville reiterated the importance of increasing the Army’s readiness, continuing on the path to modernization and prioritizing reform—all in an effort to win the nation’s next wars.

“When we send the Army somewhere, we don’t go to participate, we don’t go to try hard, we go to win,” he said. “Winning matters. We win by doing the right things, the right way.”

## AUSA Extra

Voice for the Army –  
Support For the Soldier

**Gen. Carter F. Ham, USA, Ret.**  
President and CEO, AUSA

**Lt. Gen. Guy C. Swan III, USA, Ret.**  
Vice President, Education, AUSA

**Luc Dunn**  
Editor

**Desiree Hurlocker**  
Advertising Production and  
Fulfillment Manager

**Advertising Information Contact:**

Fox Associates Inc.  
116 W. Kinzie St. • Chicago, IL 60654  
Phone: 800-440-0231  
Email: [adinfo.rmy@foxrep.com](mailto:adinfo.rmy@foxrep.com)

**ARTICLES.** Articles appearing in AUSA Extra do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the officers or members of the Council of Trustees of AUSA, or its editors. Articles are expressions of personal opinion and should not be interpreted as reflecting the official opinion of the Department of Defense nor of any branch, command, installation or agency of the Department of Defense. The publication assumes no responsibility for any unsolicited material.

**ADVERTISING.** Neither AUSA Extra, nor its publisher, the Association of the United States Army, makes any representations, warranties or endorsements as to the truth and accuracy of the advertisements appearing herein, and no such representations, warranties or endorsements should be implied or inferred from the appearance of the advertisements in the publication. The advertisers are solely responsible for the contents of such advertisements.

**RATES.** Individual membership fees payable in advance are \$40 for two years, \$75 for five years, and \$400 for Life Membership. A discounted rate of \$10 for two years is available to members in the ranks of E-1 through E-4, and for service academy and ROTC cadets and OCS candidates. More information is available at our website [www.ausa.org](http://www.ausa.org); or by emailing [membersupport@ausa.org](mailto:membersupport@ausa.org), phoning 855-246-6269, or mailing Fulfillment Manager, P.O. Box 101560, Arlington, VA 22210-0860.

### PERK OF THE WEEK

**Student loan debt assistance**

We have partnered with Gradifi to provide financial wellness benefits at no cost to AUSA members. Services include a learning center and student loan and college planning counseling with 1:1 counselors through American Student Assistance®, a non-profit that helps you decide if refinancing is right for you. If it is, Gradifi Refi offers you access to some of the lowest student loan refinancing rates, best-in-class service and a special \$300 bonus when you refinance through the platform.

REGISTER NOW! [WWW.AUSA.ORG/AM](http://WWW.AUSA.ORG/AM)



# AUSA

## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION

A Professional Development Forum



**30,000+**  
Attendees



**130+**  
Programs



**700+**  
Exhibits



**80**  
Countries

**14-16 OCTOBER 2019**

WASHINGTON, DC | [WWW.AUSA.ORG/AM](http://WWW.AUSA.ORG/AM)

**EXHIBITS**

Jamie Woodside, CEM  
[jwoodside@ausa.org](mailto:jwoodside@ausa.org)

**SPONSORSHIPS**

Gaye Hudson  
[ghudson@ausa.org](mailto:ghudson@ausa.org)



# AUSA

## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION

14-16 OCTOBER | WASHINGTON, DC | [WWW.AUSA.ORG/AM](http://WWW.AUSA.ORG/AM)

### SPECIAL EVENT TICKETS

	EVENT	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>14 OCT</b>	Guard/Reserve Breakfast	\$50	\$70
	Family Readiness Networking Breakfast	\$20	\$30
	Community Partner Luncheon	\$55	\$75
	Army Cadet Luncheon	\$55	\$75
	President's Reception	\$55	\$75
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>15 OCT</b>	Senior Warrant Officer Breakfast	\$35	\$55
	Family Readiness Munch & Mingle	\$20	\$30
	Eisenhower Luncheon	\$70	\$90
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>16 OCT</b>	Army Civilian Luncheon	\$60	\$80
	Marshall Memorial Reception/Dinner	\$125	\$150

Save up to 35% by joining AUSA at [www.ausa.org/join](http://www.ausa.org/join).

**ORDER NOW AT [WWW.AUSA.ORG/TICKETS](http://WWW.AUSA.ORG/TICKETS)**

**ORDERS CLOSE 18 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 1700 EDT**

#### TICKET SALES

Michael Siembida  
[msiembida@ausa.org](mailto:msiembida@ausa.org)



**ASSOCIATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES ARMY**

## Vietnam vet receives Maude award from AUSA chapter

**B**ob Carnagey, a Vietnam veteran and Bronze Star recipient, was recently presented with the Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude Award by the Indiana chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

“Bob Carnagey is an outstanding soldier for life who exemplifies service beyond the uniform,” said retired Command Sgt. Maj. W. Douglas Gibbens, president of AUSA’s 2nd Region.

“A Vietnam veteran, he continues to serve and to give back to his community, particularly to those who wear the uniform of our country and their families.”

Carnagey is currently the organizer of the Northwest Indiana Friends of

### Indiana

Folds of Honor, an organization that provides educa-

tional scholarships to spouses and children of America’s fallen and disabled service members.

Under Carnagey’s leadership, the local Folds of Honor chapter has raised \$160,000 to provide more than 30 years of academic scholarships, according to a news release.

Carnagey also is active in other veterans’ groups and military charity events, including the annual Sapper



Bob Carnagey, second from right, receives the Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude Award from AUSA’s Indiana chapter. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Six Memorial Festival & Motorcycle Run in Valparaiso, Indiana.

The event honors six members of the National Guard’s Valparaiso-based 713th Combat Engineer Company who died in the line of duty during a 2012 deployment in Afghanistan.

The Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude Award was conceived in 2003 in memory of Maude, who was the highest-ranking officer killed in the Sept. 11,

2001, attack on the Pentagon.

It is presented annually to those who show exceptional efforts on behalf of soldier welfare.

“He is a great addition to the long line of recipients of this prestigious award, which has been presented to generals and senators,” Gibbens said. “The Indiana chapter of AUSA is proud to add Bob Carnagey’s name to that list.”

## Medal of Honor recipient: ‘Our military is beloved’

**F**ormer Staff Sgt. David Bellavia, the first living Iraq War veteran to receive the Medal of Honor, recently received a commendation certificate from the City of Los Alamitos at a reception hosted by the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

“It was my privilege and honor to recognize and thank a true American hero who is an unabashedly patriotic warfighter,” said Mayor Warren Kusumoto, who presented the certificate.

The event took place in July at Joint Forces Training Base-Los Alamitos, California.

### Greater Los Angeles

In addition to the reception, Bellavia had speaking engagements in Yorba Linda and Los Angeles, according to base officials.

President Donald Trump presented the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest award for valor, to Bellavia in a June 25 White House ceremony.

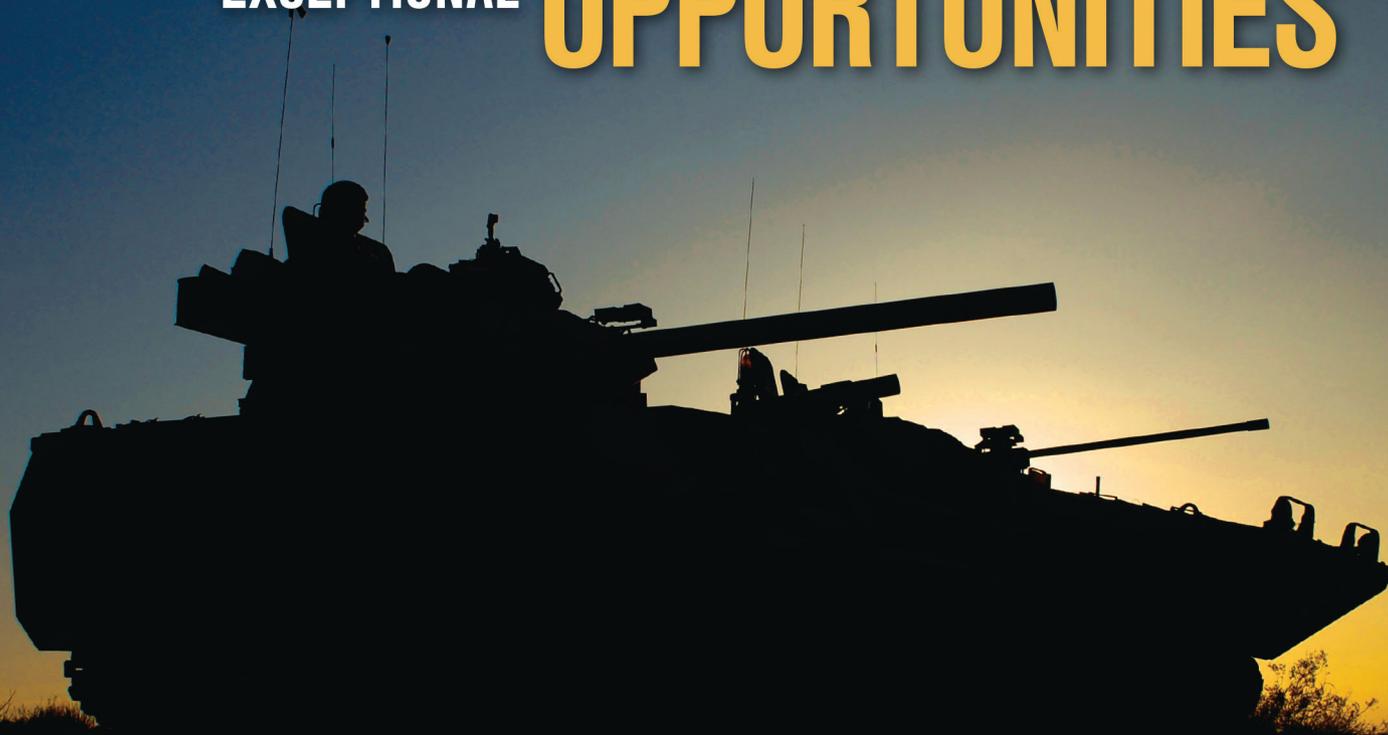
Bellavia was honored for his actions during a fierce fight on Nov. 10, 2004, during the Second Battle of Fallujah in Iraq.

“Our military is beloved, our citizens are appreciative of our freedoms, and I’m seeing that firsthand across the country,” Bellavia told a reporter during his visit.



Former Staff Sgt. David Bellavia, recipient of the Medal of Honor. (U.S. ARMY/SGT. KEVIN ROY)

OUR **NATIONAL**  
**PARTNERSHIP** OFFERS  
EXCEPTIONAL **OPPORTUNITIES**



AUSA IS YOUR **PROFESSIONAL** EDGE

[www.ausa.org/nationalpartner](http://www.ausa.org/nationalpartner)



**ASSOCIATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES ARMY**

**PROGRAM MANAGER**  
Lynette Nichols  
[lnichols@ausa.org](mailto:lnichols@ausa.org)