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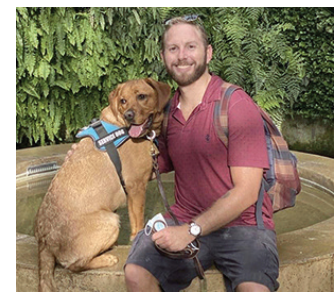
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## Graphic novel honors Cpl. Tibor Rubin

The story of Cpl. Tibor Rubin, the only Holocaust survivor to be awarded the Medal of Honor, is highlighted in the newest 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: Tibor Rubin* tells the story of how Rubin emigrated to the U.S. after World War II and joined the Army.

Fighting in Korea in July 1950, he single-handedly fought off a North Korean assault, inflicting a staggering number of enemy casualties.

When captured by the enemy, he risked his life to gather food for his

fellow prisoners.

"Tibor Rubin's story is inspiring and poetic. There is a beautiful symmetry in the fact that Rubin was liberated from a concentration camp by the U.S. Army, then went on to become an Army hero himself," said Joseph Craig, director of AUSA's book program.

AUSA launched its Medal of Honor graphic novel series in October 2018.

This is the eighth novel in the series. The digital graphic novels are available here. A paperback collection of this year's four graphic novels will be released this fall.

Born in Hungary in 1929, Rubin was captured at the age of 13 and sur-

vived 14 months in the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria during World War II, according to a biography by the Army.

Liberated by the U.S. Army, Rubin, whose parents and sister died during the Holocaust, credited Army medics with saving his life.

He moved to the U.S. and joined the Army, determined to give back to the country that freed him.

Rubin deployed to Korea in 1950 with the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He would earn the Medal of Honor for his actions from July 23, 1950, to April 20, 1953.

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## Army profile seeks to provide understanding of service

The latest version of the Association of the U.S. Army's top-to-bottom guide to the organization, mission, structure and operations of the Army is now available online.

*Profile of the United States Army: A Reference Handbook* is updated and published every two years, and it's designed to be a useful guide for soldiers, new recruits, veterans, civilians and Army families.

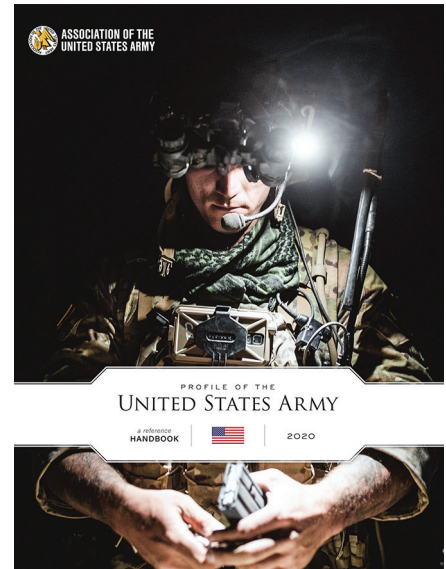
It is available for download here.

This latest edition of *Profile of the United States Army* showcases the Army's push to prioritize its people and their families. It also features a comprehensive summary of Army op-

erations around the world, contains pertinent information and helpful graphics on soldiers and their uniforms, and describes the Army's command structure and installations.

There also are maps showing current Army commands, corps and divisions, Army National Guard divisions and Army Reserve divisions and functional commands.

"In publishing this *Profile*, AUSA seeks to provide a greater understanding and appreciation of the people, families, institutions and organizations who strive to maintain the world's greatest army," retired Gen. Carter Ham, AUSA president and CEO, wrote in the foreword.



### Graphic Novel

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Outnumbered by North Korean forces, the American soldiers retreated to the Pusan Perimeter. Rubin was assigned to stay behind to keep open the vital Taegu-Pusan road link used by his fellow soldiers, according to his Medal of Honor citation.

In the ensuing battle, "overwhelming numbers" of North Korean troops assaulted a hill defended solely by Rubin.

He "inflicted a staggering number of casualties on the attacking force during his personal 24-hour battle, single-handedly slowing the enemy advance," according to his citation.

"I figured I was a goner," Rubin said in an interview published by the Army. "But I ran from one foxhole to the next, throwing hand grenades so the North Koreans would think they were fighting more than one person."

His actions allowed the regiment to withdraw and move into North Korea.

As the Americans moved north, Rubin saved a fellow soldier pinned down by sniper fire and helped capture several hundred North Korean soldiers.

On Oct. 30, Chinese forces attacked the soldiers at Unsan, North Korea, according to the citation.

All night and throughout the next

day, Rubin manned a .30-caliber machine gun after three other gunners became casualties.

He manned the gun until he ran out of ammunition, slowing the pace of the enemy's advance, but he was severely wounded and captured by Chinese forces.

Despite offers from the Chinese to return him to his native Hungary, Rubin chose to remain in the prison camp and began sneaking out at night to search for food for his fellow prisoners, according to the citation.

Risking torture and death, Rubin provided food and desperately needed

medical care and moral support for the sick and wounded in the camp.

His efforts are credited with saving the lives of as many as 40 of his fellow prisoners, according to the citation.

Rubin spent 30 months as a prisoner of war before he was released in spring 1953 in a prisoner exchange.

He received the Medal of Honor on Sept. 23, 2005.

"The real heroes were those who never came home," Rubin said, according to the Army. "I was just lucky."

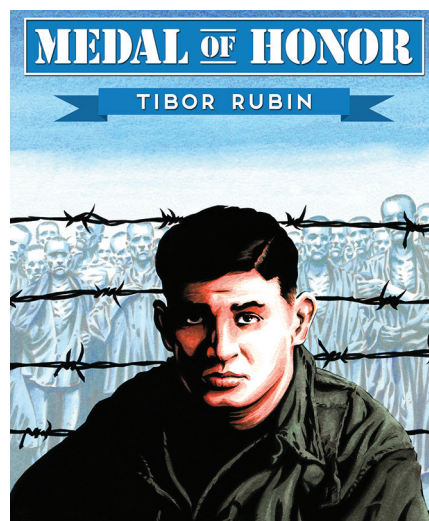
Rubin died in 2015 at the age of 86.

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

The cover and layouts were by Rick Magyar, who has worked on *Avengers*, *Captain America* and *Guardians of the Galaxy*, and finishes were by Le Beau Underwood, who has worked on *Justice League*, *Suicide Squad* and *Hulk*.

Colors were by Peter Pantazis, who has worked on *Black Panther*, *Superman* and *Wolverine*, and the lettering was by Troy Peteri, who worked on *Spider-Man*, *Iron Man* and *X-Men*.

To download *Medal of Honor: Tibor Rubin*, click here.



## Continuing resolution hinders Army modernization, planning efforts

By Mark Haaland

**A**s the new fiscal year begins, lawmakers have yet to pass a defense appropriations bill or a National Defense Authorization Act.

Fortunately, the federal government is operating under a continuing resolution to get us through the November election and allow Congress additional time to pass the fiscal 2021 appropriations bill.

There are several drawbacks to a continuing resolution, one of which is the Army must carefully operate without exceeding last year's funding level. This places a lot of additional work upon the service's operating activities and organizations.

Another disadvantage is the Army is unable to initiate new programs and projects to modernize and improve capabilities.

Although we tend to focus on budgets, appropriations and funding,

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congressional passage and presidential signing of the NDAA is also very important to the Army. The legislation provides a pay increase for soldiers and puts in place new policies, particularly support for family readiness and medical care for fiscal 2021.

The Association of the U.S. Army has recommended to the leadership of the congressional armed services committees several priorities in support of the Army. These include improving the Uniform Code of Military Justice in matters relating to victims' rights and maintaining the critical role and authority of the commander in UCMJ matters.

AUSA's recommendations also include supporting new legislation to enhance family readiness and health care. For example, AUSA supports measures to slow pre-COVID-19 plans to cut the military's medical force and restructure medical treatment facilities.



AUSA's legislative recommendations include supporting new legislation to enhance family readiness and health care. (ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL PHOTO)

The House of Representatives recently passed legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Army's famed Merrill's Marauders for heroic actions in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II.

AUSA is proud to have partnered with family members of the Merrill's Marauders, along with the Special Forces Association, the Hunton-Andrews-Kurth law firm and others, to achieve this important legislation recognizing these American heroes.

Finally, AUSA Now, our 2020 virtual annual meeting, is almost here. Please register and join us from Oct. 13–16 for a dynamic virtual conference designed to deliver the Army's key messages: emphasizing people, modernization, readiness and partnerships.

The meeting will highlight the capabilities of Army organizations and present a wide range of industry products and services. As we do every year, AUSA invites congressional staffers to join us and participate in the events, meet with industry and tour the virtual exhibits.

For more information or to register, click here.

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## Professional development opportunities for AUSA members

By Susan Rubel

**A**s a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, one of your most valuable benefits is access to a variety of networking and professional development opportunities.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we're transforming many of our popular events into virtual opportunities. Here are a few that are coming up soon.

### AUSA Now

AUSA's annual meeting is going virtual in 2020, and this is a great opportunity to reap the rewards without the expense of traveling to Washington, D.C.

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From Oct. 13–16, enjoy informative and relevant presentations on the Army's current state and future plans, and hear

from many senior Army and defense leaders.

You can join panel discussions and seminars on pertinent national security subjects, witness a variety of award ceremonies, including a top award recognizing the Army Family, tune in for Warriors Corner presentations, civilian program sessions and military family forums, visit hundreds of exhibits highlighting the latest technology, and much more.

Click here to register.

### Virtual job fair

AUSA is hosting a virtual job fair Nov. 10 to connect job seekers with military-friendly employers.

Constituents of AUSA—soldiers, Army civilians, family members, the defense industry and more—have valuable skills, and the job fair is an opportunity share to share those

skills and expertise with prospective employers.

“Providing our members with numerous opportunities for professional development and career growth is core to our mission,” said retired Lt. Gen. Patricia McQuiston, AUSA's vice president for membership and meetings. “AUSA members are tremendous candidates for employers, with demonstrated values, exceptional training, effective teamwork and honed leadership skills.”

The job fair will take place from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Eastern.

During that time, online booths will be staffed by recruiters and human resources professionals who will be available for chat via text or video.

Registration is available now at [www.ausa.org/vjobfair](http://www.ausa.org/vjobfair).

There is no cost to attend.

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To prepare for the event, job seekers can visit the AUSA Jobs Central career center and use the well-respected Top Resume preparation service, which evaluates resumes for design and formatting, content and structure, keywords and skills and Applicant Tracking System compatibility, automated software used by 93% of hiring managers to filter candidates from the application pool.

Visit AUSA Jobs Central here.

## LinkedIn training

Are you hiding your talents in plain sight? When you register for the virtual job fair, you can opt for a two-hour LinkedIn training class on Nov. 9.

Learn how to better market yourself on LinkedIn and use this re-



To prepare for the hiring event, job seekers can visit the AUSA Jobs Central career center and opt for a two-hour LinkedIn training class. (AUSA PHOTO)

source to your advantage.

Expert Linda Kempin will provide a “behind-the-scenes” look at how the site works and demonstrate why 98% of LinkedIn members are missing out on opportunities.

She combines search engine optimization savvy with her experience working with business leaders for more than 20 years to help you achieve the critical visibility you

need to succeed in the overcrowded world of social media.

The class will cover gaining visibility, avoiding missed opportunities, profile strategies, optimization tips, online reputation and more.

If you have any questions, contact me at [srubel@ausa.org](mailto:srubel@ausa.org).

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## Veterans receive service dogs through chapter initiative

**T**he Association of the U.S. Army's Monmouth chapter is going above and beyond in its efforts to provide service dogs for veterans in need.

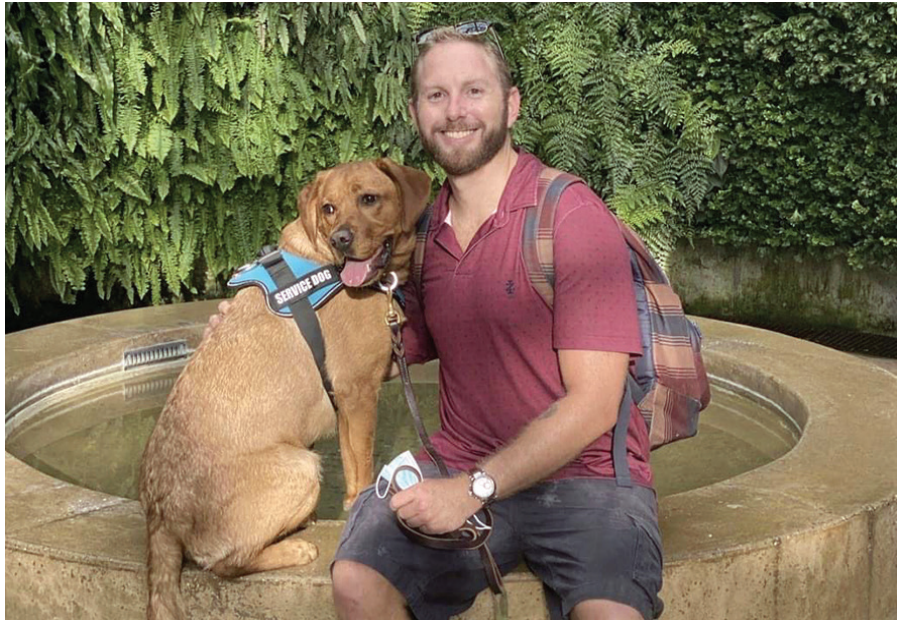
"Our chapter's 'Service Dog Initiative: Pairing and Caring for Our Veterans' began in 2015. We donated \$15,000 to the Lt. Dennis Zilinski Foundation and provided a service dog to a veteran through their program," said Kit Roache, acting president of the chapter in Eatontown, New Jersey.

The foundation's mission is to honor the memory of Zilinski, who was killed in action Nov. 19, 2005, in Bayji, Iraq.

The following year, the chapter set its sights on donating to a Vietnam War Marine veteran who lived in Monmouth County, New Jersey.

He was suffering from severe post-traumatic stress disorder and other health problems, and the chapter purchased a service dog from a local dog trainer for him.

This dog has greatly impacted his life and allowed him to participate in many different social settings,



Army veteran William Madigan and his service dog. (AUSA PHOTO)

Roache said.

"In 2019, we identified William Madigan, another Monmouth County Army veteran from Afghanistan with multiple health issues. We were able to purchase a qualified puppy, which was trained with its veteran partner," Roache said. "Together they enjoy many activities."

Madigan now serves as vice president of young professionals on the Monmouth chapter board, she said.

The chapter is currently working on purchasing a puppy for an Air Force veteran who will greatly benefit from a companion service dog, and another veteran is on their list to assist in the 2020-2021 time frame.

## Chapter donates to USO Oklahoma in support of soldiers

**T**he Association of the U.S. Army's Fires chapter recently donated \$2,000 to USO Oklahoma in support of the morale-boosting programs the organization provides to soldiers and families.

"USO Oklahoma facilities on Fort Sill and other locations across the state benefit soldiers and their families in the tradition that so many active-duty service members have enjoyed for generations," said James Taylor, the chapter president.

This is the second year the Lawton, Oklahoma-based chapter has contributed to USO Oklahoma, Taylor said, adding that the chapter reg-



Fires chapter members present the donation to USO Oklahoma. (AUSA PHOTO)

ularly provides volunteers and coordinates events that support the USO on Fort Sill and across the state.

USO Oklahoma is also a past recipient of the Fires chapter's Care

Providers Award, an annual recognition of local and regional organizations that go above and beyond to support the Army and its soldiers, Taylor said.



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