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Retired Gen. Bob Brown, AUSA president and CEO, speaks at the farewell event for retired Gen. Carter Ham, the association's immediate past president. (AUSA PHOTO)

# **AUSA** welcomes Brown as president

he Association of the U.S. Army on Oct. 1 welcomed retired Gen. Bob Brown as its new president and CEO.

Brown, a former commander of U.S. Army Pacific who joined AUSA in January as its executive vice president, succeeded retired Gen. Carter Ham, who departed Sept. 30 after leading the association for five years.

"I'm so proud to be a part of AUSA," Brown said Monday in an address at the association's national headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

The Army needs AUSA "now more than ever," Brown said, adding that he recently met with senior leaders, including Army Secretary Christine Wormuth and Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville, who echoed that sentiment.

"We have a tremendous vision, ... and we play a huge role as the voice of the Army," Brown said.

He pointed to the upcoming AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition, scheduled for Oct. 11-13 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., as an example of that role.

"It's going to be a great meeting," Brown said, praising the "incredible flexibility" of AUSA's staff in planning the conference under restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brown served more than 38 years in uniform after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1981.

He deployed in support of Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti, Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

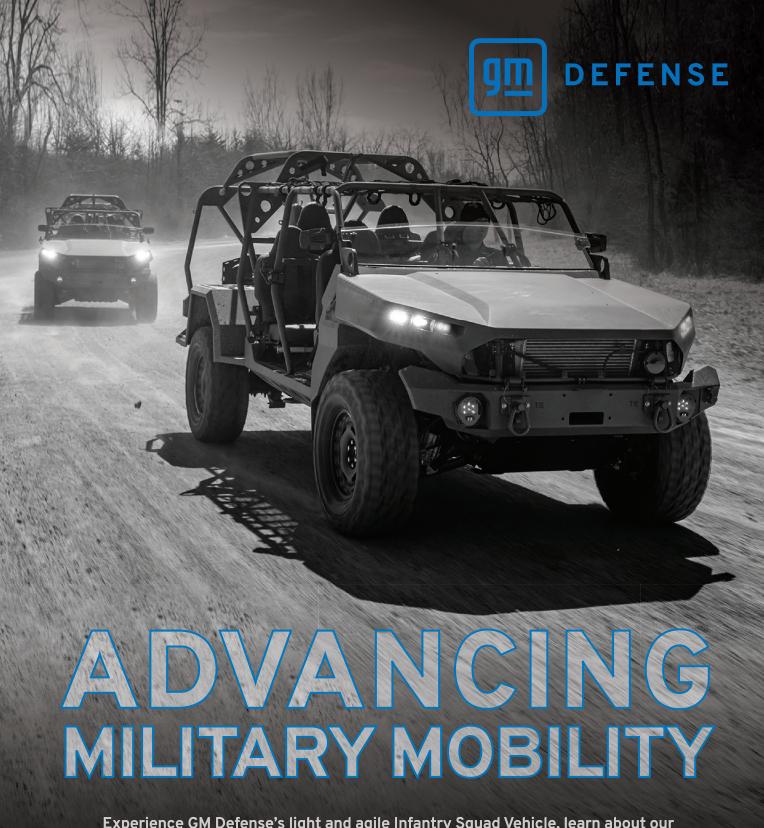
Prior to U.S. Army Pacific, Brown commanded the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas: I Corps and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; and the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning, Georgia.

He retired in 2019 and joined AUSA as a senior fellow before becoming its executive vice president.

AUSA makes a difference, Brown

"The better the Army is, the more they can do to deter our adversaries." and AUSA plays a key role, he said. "You all should be proud of what you

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## Army Pacific commander highlights need for 'ready forces'

ompetition and tensions continue to build in the Indo-Pacific as the Army works to increase its readiness and presence in the region, the commander of U.S. Army Pacific said.

"The most important thing we can do is make sure we have ready forces forward," Gen. Charles Flynn said Tuesday during a virtual conference hosted by the Modern War Institute at West Point. "Those ready forces forward allow us to deny the [People's Republic of China] terrain, it allows us to increase our joint readiness, and it increases the confidence of our allies and partners in our relationship."

The Indo-Pacific is experiencing an "incredibly competitive state of affairs right now," Flynn said.

Competition is escalating in the Arctic, Russia is a great-power competitor, North Korea remains a "dangerous, dangerous regime," and instability continues in places such as Myanmar, where the government was deposed this year in a military coup.

Violent extremist organizations continue to wreak havoc in places such as Mindanao, the second largest island in the Philippines, and China continues to make territorial claims in the South and East China Seas, has an ongoing border dispute with India, continues to conduct access and influence campaigns, and looms over



Gen. Charles Flynn, left, commander of U.S. Army Pacific, pins airborne wings on an Indonesian Armed Forces soldier during Exercise Garuda Shield. (U.S. ARMY/DANIELLE O'DONNELL)

Taiwan, Flynn added.

"There's a lot of activity," he said.

In response, the Army has about 106,000 soldiers and civilians assigned, allocated or aligned to the Indo-Pacific, Flynn said.

The Army also has been busy exercising and training with its allies and partners. In 2021 alone, the Army participated in exercises such as Orient Shield in Japan, Cobra Gold in Thailand, Garuda Shield in Indonesia, Talisman Sabre in Australia and Balikatan in the Philippines.

The Chinese "took note of all these activities," Flynn said, as the Army

fired the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, conducted joint forcible entry exercises, moved watercraft across the region and exercised its maneuver, aviation and command and control capabilities.

In the coming years, the Army looks to keep up and even increase its activities and presence in the region, Flynn said.

"COVID had an impact on us in '21 ... but we would like to do more and further forward," he said. "I'd like to have more faces in more places operating in the region."

More robust home-station training is also in the works, as the Army seeks to replicate combat training center-like rotations in Hawaii and Alaska, with the goal of continuing to "operate and learn and understand what it's like to fight, live and operate in jungle, tropic, high-altitude, mountainous and extreme cold weather," he said.

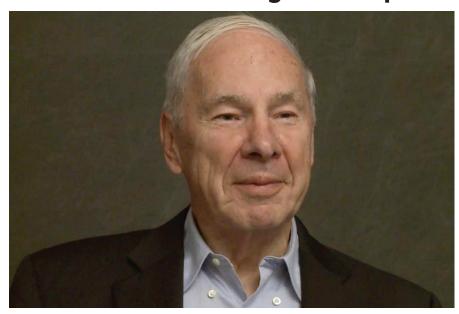
Combined, these efforts are critical to what the Army is trying to do in the region, particularly when it comes to deterring conflict and building relationships with allies and partners.

"This is the most consequential theater against the most consequential adversary at, arguably, the most consequential time," Flynn said.



A soldier with the 1st Special Forces Group fires a training round with the Stinger Missile System during a field exercise at Okinawa, Japan. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

## **West Point honors longtime chaplain**



The Rev. Richard Camp served as a civilian chaplain at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, from 1973 to 1996. (WEST POINT CENTER FOR ORAL HISTORY PHOTO)

he West Point community will remember the Rev. Richard Camp, the U.S. Military Academy's longest serving chaplain, during several events this weekend.

Camp, who served as a civilian chaplain at West Point from 1973 to 1996, died Sept. 15, 2020, from complications due to Parkinson's disease.

He was 84.

Delayed from last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, several events honoring Camp are scheduled for this weekend.

A hike up Bull Hill is scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday. Camp and his staff climbed the hill with every company and every class for 23 years, according to a website dedicated to Camp.

A memorial service in the Cadet Chapel will begin at 2 p.m. Friday.

For more information on the events, click here.

Camp, a native of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, arrived at West Point in New York in 1973. By 1979, he had earned the title of senior chaplain on post.

During his time at West Point, Camp oversaw several historic events, including the first class of women in 1976, the cheating scandal of 1977, the Iran hostage reunion in 1980, and the building of the Jewish Chapel in 1984, according to his obituary.

He also became known for helping cadets build "spiritual muscle," encouraging them to build their faith in preparation for the Army and life's challenges, according to his obituary.

Camp maintained close relationships with the cadets and continued to hear from them years after he left West Point, he said in an October 2015 interview with the West Point Center for Oral History.

After Camp and his daughter received national attention when she ran for Parkinson's awareness, he received an outpouring of support from the West Point community.

"My daughter and I were in the national news recently, and we received letters and emails from so many cadets who I didn't even know," Camp said.

Camp reflected on his years at West Point during the interview.

"Cadets have a noble task. West Point is a good place to train them," Camp said. "I'm impressed with the leaders that have come out of West Point, and I want to be a part of bringing the best out of these men and women."

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#### **AUSA President**

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On Sept. 30, the association bid farewell to Ham, who described AUSA as "an amazing place."

He recalled memories from his time as AUSA president and CEO, including the 2016 Annual Meeting and Exposition, his first as the association's leader.

During that meeting, retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, AUSA's immediate past president and the 32nd Army chief of staff, was presented with the George Catlett Marshall Medal, the association's highest award.

"I remember being exhausted and exhilarated as we draped the Marshall Medal around Gen. Sullivan's neck that Wednesday night," Ham said.

He also noted the association's role as principal donor for the construction of the National Museum of the United States Army, which opened in November.



Retired Gen. Carter Ham speaks during his farewell ceremony as AUSA president and CEO. (AUSA PHOTO)

Brown praised Ham's "selfless service" during nearly 38 years in uniform and his time with AUSA.

"Your legacy lives on, your legacy here lives on, and across our whole Army because of your incredible dedication and selfless service," he said.

Ham enlisted in the Army and served as an infantryman in the

82nd Airborne Division before joining the ROTC at John Carroll University in Cleveland.

His career as an officer included service in Italy, Germany, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Macedonia, Qatar and Iraq, and commanding the 1st Infantry Division and U.S. Army Europe.

In 2011, Ham became the second commander of U.S. Africa Command, where he led all U.S. military activities on the continent.

He retired in 2013, and prior to joining AUSA served as the chairman of the National Commission on the Future of the Army, an eightmember panel tasked with making recommendations on the service's size, force structure and capabilities.

"I have tried my best ... and I will be forever grateful for my time with [AUSA]," Ham said. "May God bless all our soldiers at home and abroad, and may God forever bless the United States of America."



## **AUSA** event commemorates Hispanic Heritage Month

ssociation of the U.S. Army staff on Oct. 1 celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, which was created by Congress to recognize the contributions and achievements of Latinos in the U.S.

The month is observed every year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Tens of thousands of Hispanics have honorably served in the U.S. military throughout history, Gina Cavallaro, senior staff writer for AUSA's *ARMY* magazine, said during the event.

"Like [Supreme Court Justice] Sonia Sotomayor stepping up to serve the nation, there are tens of thousands of Hispanic Americans, soldiers, many of whom chose to start serving in the Army," Cavallaro said. "From the Civil War to World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and operations in Afghanistan, 59 Hispanics have earned the Medal of Honor, the highest military award for valor in combat."



Staff Sgt. Henry Meza, Iowa Army National Guard, speaks about his childhood in Honduras at the Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center, Iowa. (U.S. ARMY/STAFF SGT. TAWNY SCHMIT)

Hispanic soldiers have played a part in every major conflict since the Civil War, and today, Hispanic soldiers make up nearly one-fifth of the active-duty Army and serve in over 120 countries, according to the Army.

As the U.S. population continues to become more diverse, these changes

are also reflected across the military.

By 2017, nearly half of the activeduty military identified as racial and ethnic minorities, and between 2004 and 2017, Hispanic service members accounted for a quarter and to over one-third of those service members, according to the Pew Research Center.



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## Continuing resolution passes as defense funding bills stall

By Mark Haaland

ere we are in the new fiscal year 2022.
On Sept. 30, Congress passed and the president signed a continuing resolution to fund the federal government through Dec. 3 at fiscal 2021 levels.

In any given year, Congress should by Sept. 30 pass the annual appropriations bills to fund the armed forces and the National Defense Authorization Act to authorize and establish military policy and programs.

Unfortunately, missing the start of the new fiscal year is more common than not.

While the House has passed its version of the NDAA, the Senate version is waiting for time to be debated on the floor, and the Senate remains busy with the administration's requested funding measures for infrastructure and other programs.

The final version of the House

Government Affairs NDAA includes additional funding above the fiscal 2022 budget re-

quest for DoD, which is flat to declining when compared to the previous year's amount.

The NDAA approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee also includes additional funding for the Pentagon.

These additional amounts align with the recommendations of the bipartisan commission that reviewed the National Defense Strategy.

As part of its comprehensive review, the commission recommended 3% to 5% budget increases annually for the armed forces for the U.S. to effectively compete with near-peers such as China and Russia.

On appropriations, the Senate Appropriations Committee plans to release several markups this week, so progress is being made at the committee level.

Again, the challenge is the same as for the NDAA—the Senate remains



Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Joseph Martin, right, leads a reenlistment ceremony during a visit to Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. (U.S. ARMY/SGT. ANDREW MCNEIL)

busy with the president's requested legislation.

The House appropriation for the military awaits floor time to be considered.

The Association of the U.S. Army agrees with the bipartisan commission's recommendations and supports additional funding for DoD—both authorized and appropriated funding.



While the House has passed its version of the National Defense Authorization Act, the Senate version is waiting for time to be debated. (ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL PHOTO)

We know inflation has returned and is decreasing buying power, adding more reason for Congress to ultimately provide additional defense funding in fiscal 2022.

AUSA remains a strong advocate in support of Army leaders' priorities: People First programs, maintaining readiness and modernizing the Army.

As we count down to the AUSA Annual Meeting next week, we are planning a Congressional Staff Day on Oct. 12 to bring staffers together with Army and industry leaders.

In support of this event, AUSA has invited the professional staff of the congressional defense committees and the military legislative assistants for all members of Congress.

The exhibit halls, professional military forums and family readiness forums will provide an excellent opportunity for congressional staff to meet with Army and industry leaders on topics of mutual importance.

Please look for our next column in November when we will review progress and highlight expectations for the defense funding bills.

**Mark Haaland** is AUSA's Government Affairs Director.

## Save on term life insurance with your AUSA membership

By Susan Rubel

his month, many members will receive information on the Association of the U.S. Army's term life insurance policy and accidental death and dismemberment policy.

These are group insurance plans where the policy is issued to AUSA, and certificates on those policies are issued to members. Group insurance

Member Benefits differs from an individual insurance policy in that premiums are the

same for everyone in the group—based on age for life insurance and based on whether you want individual or family coverage. Premiums are not based on an individual's specific health.

Having the right insurance coverage in place can make a difference when it comes to helping protect the security of your loved ones. But all too often, complicated jargon and policy contracts make the process confusing and frustrating.

Here, we'll break down some of the basics when it comes to term life insurance.

#### What is term life insurance?

Term life insurance is one of the more popular and affordable forms of life insurance.

It provides financial protection for a set period, or term.

Coverage under a term life plan can be renewed up to a specific age (for example, age 85).

## How is term life insurance different than whole life insurance?

With term insurance, you're paying for coverage only for a specific period, usually to cover the period when you still have people dependent on you, a mortgage payment, etc.

Term life is often called "pure" insurance and is straightforward—it pays the beneficiary if the insured dies during the term of the policy.

It's insurance without all the bells and whistles.



Having the right insurance coverage can make a difference when it comes to helping protect the security of your loved ones. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Term life insurance is generally less expensive than whole life. Whole life insurance (sometimes called permanent insurance) continues if you make the payments and provides some cash value in addition to the death benefit.

It also is usually more expensive than term life insurance because part of your payment pays the cost of the insurance and part goes to help build your cash value.

Why should you consider AUSA term life insurance? If you have a spouse, children or other family members depending on you, it can be a cost-effective way to help make sure money is available to cover expenses after you're gone.

#### How does term life insurance work?

If your term life insurance application is accepted, you must remain eligible and pay your premiums on time to keep your coverage in place.

If you pass away before the termination age, the life insurance company pays a benefit to the person(s) or entity (a trust, foundation or charity) you name as your beneficiary.

This money is usually tax-free and can be used however needed without restrictions.

#### How much life insurance do I need?

Experts recommend you have 10 to

15 times your annual salary in place through life insurance and/or savings. ("How much life insurance do I need?" Policygenius. May 19, 2021.)

You should have enough life insurance for your loved ones to cover any debt, end-of-life expenses and other everyday expenses you have.

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## Chapter hears from space, missile defense commander

ncreasing Army capabilities in space and missile defense will require developing new talent, a senior leader told the audience at a recent event hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army's Redstone-Huntsville chapter in Alabama.

Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler, commander of the Army Space and Missile Defense Command, said one of his com-

Redstone-Huntsville mand's initiatives to develop new talent is the Underserved Community

Cybersecurity and Engineering Education Development program.

By showcasing careers in cybersecurity at historically Black colleges and universities and underserved communities, the program aims to attract young people in the science, technology, engineering and math fields who "are interested in coming and supporting air and missile defense and space," Karbler said in an Army press release.

The initiative has been very suc-



Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler, commander of the Army Space and Missile Defense Command, speaks at AUSA's Redstone-Huntsville chapter breakfast. (u.s. ARMY/JASON CUTSHAW)

cessful as "an opportunity to attract this talent, and if you spend a day with these interns you see what these great young men and women want to do in serving our country," he said.

"I couldn't be prouder of the outreach we have had with the youth to bring them into our mission areas. Hopefully they will get attracted to the Huntsville area and will settle here and start a new generation of professionals and experts," Karbler said.

The AUSA event featuring Karbler was focused on the chapter's Community Partner Program, which provides local organizations the opportunity to demonstrate support for soldiers and their families while strengthening their own organizational and business objectives.

"Thank you to all of our community partners that were able to attend and special thanks to LTG Karbler for being our special guest," the chapter said in a Facebook post.

"We wanted to bring value to our community partners by offering them an intimate means of interfacing with Team Redstone leaders," said Marc Jacobson, executive vice president of AUSA's Redstone-Huntsville chapter.

Those partners, along with individual members, help the chapter accomplish its mission, he said.

"AUSA is here to support our military, specifically Army veterans, active-duty, Reserve, Guard, Department of the Army civilians and military families, and we are very intent on that maintaining that support," Jacobson said.

## Medal of Honor recipient addresses AUSA members at chapter event



Members of the Association of the U.S. Army's Allegheny-Blue Ridge chapter in Roanoke, Virginia, attend a recent event with a special guest speaker. Former Staff Sgt. David Bellavia, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Iraq, spoke via videoconference about his Army service and how it shaped his life. (AUSA PHOTO)

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