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Attendees at the 2021 AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition examine materials at the association's membership booth on the show floor. (AUSA PHOTO)

AUSA launches 'Basic' membership

The Association of the U.S. Army is offering a new no-cost membership option to soldiers, family members and anyone interested in supporting and learning more about America's Army.

This free Basic Membership is designed to give those who haven't yet joined the Army's professional association a chance to become a member at no cost and see firsthand what AUSA does in support of the world's most powerful land force.

Retired Gen. Bob Brown, AUSA president and CEO, said this is also an opportunity for AUSA to grow. "Membership matters. The more

people we have, the more we can help soldiers," he said, describing Basic Membership as a game changer. "We will be able to reach more people in our mission to educate, inform and connect, while providing outstanding professional resources to soldiers at every level in their careers."

Basic Membership creates an opportunity to know AUSA before buying a Premium Membership. Basic members will receive many benefits from the association, including access to AUSA events, professional networks, AUSA Jobs Central, podcasts, newsletters and discounts and deals for travel, entertainment, shopping and more.

Premium members, who pay for membership, get basic benefits plus a copy of *ARMY* magazine, the asso-

ciation's flagship professional development publication, and discounted registration and tickets to key AUSA events.

Premium members also can apply for more than \$340,000 in scholarships each year for themselves or their dependents.

They also receive access to AUSA's digital publication archives and LawAssure, a free online service to create high-quality legal documents including wills, health care directives or powers of attorney.

Premium Memberships are \$30 for two years, \$50 for five years or \$400 for a life membership for a limited time, through Oct. 31.

All AUSA members are invited to join their local chapter, participate

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Futures Command welcomes Rainey as new commander

Almost a year after bidding farewell to its first commander, Army Futures Command on Tuesday welcomed its next commander during a ceremony in Austin, Texas.

Gen. James Rainey, who most recently was the Army deputy chief of staff for operations, now leads the Army's newest four-star command. He succeeds Gen. Mike Murray, who helped stand up the command and retired last December after more than three years at the helm.

Lt. Gen. James Richardson, who served as the command's deputy commander and then its acting commanding general, was honored during the Tuesday ceremony as he retires from the Army.

In a separate ceremony, Maj. Gen. Ross Coffman was promoted to lieutenant general before assuming the duties of the deputy commanding general of Army Futures Command. Coffman most recently was the director of the Army's Next Generation Combat Vehicles Cross-Functional Team.

"I am honored and humbled to join this great team," Rainey said. "I think Army Futures Command was a bold idea that is absolutely critical to the success of our Army and the defense of our nation. I'm glad to join the team."

Army Secretary Christine Wormuth lauded Rainey as a gifted leader. "I know I can trust him to tackle the toughest problems with tremendous energy," she said. "He is the right leader to build on the excellent work of Gen. Mike Murray and Lt. Gen. Jim Richardson and



Gen. James Rainey, center, assumes command of Army Futures Command. The ceremony took place in Austin, Texas. (U.S. ARMY/PATRICK HUNTER)

to bring Futures Command into the next phase of delivering the Army of 2030 and looking ahead to 2040."

Rainey takes command of Futures Command at a critical time in the Army's transformation effort.

Since the command was stood up in 2018, it has delivered 14 signature systems from the Army's six modernization priorities, Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville said. The command is on track to next deliver 24 more systems in fiscal 2023, he said.

Through its hard work and teamwork, Futures Command is "ensuring that we'll never be outgunned, outranged or overmatched," McConville said. "The battlefield is becoming faster, it's becoming more lethal, it's becoming more distributed. Army Futures Command is leading our transformation effort."

McConville said he's confident that under Rainey's leadership, Futures Command will "remain on track."

Rainey is a "proven warfighter to the core," an innovative leader who understands how the enterprise works and who "makes things happen," McConville said. "He's exactly the kind of leader we need here at AFC," he said.

Rainey said he is confident in the "incredibly talented" team at Futures Command and "great teammates that want nothing more than to see us succeed."

"We will absolutely deliver the Army of 2030 while we're designing the Army of 2040. I'm 100% confident of that," he said. "I'm excited and I'm confident that all of us together as a team are going to make a huge, huge difference for our Army, the joint force and our great country."

Basic Membership

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in advocacy campaigns and use their member discounts.

Introduction of the new Basic Membership coincides with the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition, which

will take place Oct. 10–12 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

"There is no better time to roll out this new membership than during the 2022 AUSA Annual Meeting, our premier event of the year, where we

showcase the many ways AUSA supports our Army," Brown said.

For more information, contact AUSA Member Support at 1-855-246-6269 or membersupport@ausa.org.

You can also visit us online at <https://www.ausa.org/membership>.

Senators recognized by AUSA for support to soldiers and families



Retired Gen. Bob Brown, AUSA president and CEO, presents the association's Legislator of the Year award to Sen. Jim Inhofe, left, and Sen. Jack Reed. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

Two leading members of the Senate Armed Services Committee have been awarded the Association of the U.S. Army's 2022 Legislator of the Year award for their staunch and effective support of the Army and soldiers and their families.

Sens. Jack Reed, a Democrat from Rhode Island, and Republican Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma recently were honored by AUSA President and CEO retired Gen. Bob Brown.

Reed is the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, while Inhofe is the ranking member.

"Senators Reed and Inhofe have long been, and continue to be, champions of the total Army—our soldiers, their families, caregivers and veterans," Brown said. "Naming these distinguished senators the 2022 Legislators of the Year was an easy choice. Their bipartisan leadership, tireless efforts and patriotism puts our soldiers first and ensures that they have the resources necessary to fight and win."

AUSA's Legislator of the Year award is an apolitical and nonpartisan award designed to recognize congressional leaders who have made significant contributions to and provided substantial support for the total Army.

This is the first time the award has been presented since 2013, even though AUSA began recognizing con-

gressional leaders more than two decades ago.

"It's a real honor to receive this prestigious award for a second time and a thrill to share it today with my battle buddy, Ranking Member Inhofe," Reed said. "I am incredibly grateful to AUSA for their outstanding advocacy and insight, and I join them in saluting my friend and colleague Jim Inhofe on his years of distinguished service to Oklahoma and the nation."

Inhofe, who has announced his plans to retire from the Senate effective Jan. 3, said it has been a priority for him to continue serving his country.

"Each year in which I've been on the Senate Armed Services Committee, I have dedicated time and resources towards working alongside my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure that our military has what it needs protect our nation's safety and security," he said in a statement, adding that he's "not done" advocating for the military.

"I am incredibly humbled and honored to be selected as the Association of the United States Army 2022 Legislator of the Year alongside my good friend, Jack Reed," Inhofe said. "I am also proud of our joint efforts to preserve, renew and expand provisions and support for the United States Army."

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PERK OF THE WEEK

Oct. 9 is the last day for all AUSA members, regardless of military service, to save an additional 15% at Dell for its Military Appreciation Week. This is an exclusive arrangement to allow AUSA's civilian members access to the discount. Start by getting your special one-time use coupon from Chris Pringle at chris.pringle@dell.com, then shop at www.dell.com/mpp/ausa.



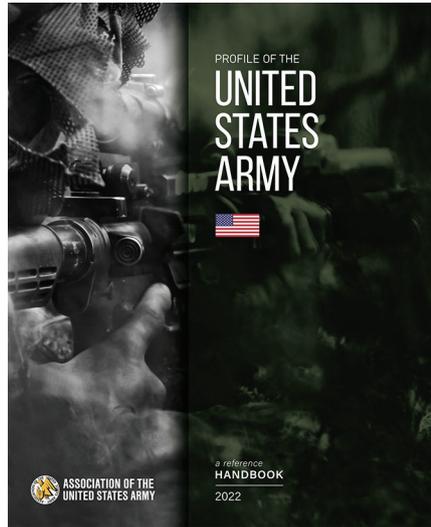
New AUSA report provides top-to-bottom Army profile

An updated 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.

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

The 2022 edition is available for download here.

This latest edition of *Profile of the United States Army* provides an updated and comprehensive summary of Army operations, commitments and activities around the world, contains information and graphics on soldiers and their uniforms—including the new Army Green Service Uniform—and describes the mission and ongoing activities of each Army



command, service component command and direct reporting unit.

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

and functional commands.

In response to reader requests, this edition brings back the glossary of military acronyms.

"AUSA fully supports the Total Army—Regular Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Army civilians," retired Gen. Bob Brown, AUSA president and CEO, writes in the foreword. "*Profile of the United States Army* is an integral part of this support."

He adds, "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."

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Play Osmo

AUSA recently partnered with Play Osmo to bring you play-based learning with an exclusive discount.



AUSA has partnered with Play Osmo to bring your children play-based learning with an exclusive discount. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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just the first order. Use promo code OS30AUSA at www.playosmo.com.

Member Deals

AUSA members have access to exclusive entertainment discounts through Member Deals, found at www.ausa.org/entertain. You will find many entertainment discounts, including these "scary good" deals in October:

- Up to 65% off Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Hollywood and Orlando and SeaWorld Orlando, Busch Gardens.
- Up to \$80 savings at Walt Disney World, and up to \$35 savings at Disneyland.
- At Six Flags, save up to 60%.
- Receive a 40% discount at Legoland.

At the AUSA entertainment site, you'll also find savings on theme parks, Broadway tickets, concerts and sporting events, ski resorts and golf resorts. Search by city for discounts on all of the above, as well as airport parking, bus tours, local venues and much more.



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

AUSA asks lawmakers to pass defense-related bills

Fiscal 2023 began Oct. 1 with the Army operating with only temporary funding and no new authorizations for its programs.

The situation is not unusual, as Congress has found it difficult, especially in election years, to complete critical defense legislation. Temporary funding for the entire federal government has been provided through Nov. 16, keeping the government running until well after the Nov. 8 elections.

Lawmakers are working separately on the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, the policy bill that makes changes in programs. That measure appears unlikely to be wrapped up until after the election because of several policy disagreements.

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Temporary funding harms readiness, modernization and quality of life programs, according to a letter to Congress from AUSA and other associations. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

In mid-September, AUSA joined with the National Guard Association of the United States, the Reserve Organization of America and the U.S.

Army Warrant Officers Association in urging Congress to pass defense-related bills “as soon as possible”

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because of critical needs and the disruption caused by legislative delays.

Operating under short-term spending diminishes national security “by hurting readiness, modernization and quality of life programs,” the joint letter says.

The services cannot start new programs or increase the investment level in existing programs under a temporary funding resolution, new housing projects cannot begin for troops and families, and the defense industrial base, especially small businesses, faces added uncertainty.

This combines to “hurt the joint force’s ability to prepare to fight and win in the future and impedes readiness to counter threats today,” the joint letter says.

Read the letter here.

There are some funding increases in the short-term appropriations bill.



AUSA members can help by contacting your representatives and senators in Congress and encouraging them to pass defense legislation. (ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL PHOTO)

It includes \$3 billion for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, \$1.5 billion to replenish U.S. equipment stocks, \$540 million to increase production of munitions and \$2.8 billion in support of European Command operations.

Also included in the continuing resolution are important extensions of authorities for the Department of Veterans Affairs to care for veterans, support their families and combat

veteran homelessness.

You can help build momentum for passage of these critical pieces of legislation by contacting your representatives and senators in Congress and encouraging them to pass the NDAA and full-year appropriations for defense, military construction and veterans affairs as quickly as possible.

Mark Haaland is AUSA’s Government Affairs director.

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Chapter hosts celebration for service members, veterans

On Sept. 24, members of the Association of the U.S. Army's Major Samuel Woodfill chapter hosted "Operation Thank You" at Sawyer Point Park in Cincinnati.

Operation Thank You, which the AUSA chapter co-hosted with the Cincinnati Parks Department, the Cincinnati Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Western and Southern Financial, celebrated those who have served and are serving now.

In addition to live musical performances, military displays and fireworks, the event also featured an enlistment ceremony for a group of young men and women from the area.

"It's important and necessary for the community to connect and know that we have service members, veterans and families right next door," said Mike Boyd, president of the AUSA chapter, according to WCPO.com.



Mike Boyd, left, president of AUSA's Major Samuel Woodfill chapter, stands with a soldier from the Ohio National Guard during Operation Thank You. (COURTESY SCREENSHOT)

Musician Bootsy Collins, a native of Cincinnati, emceed the event along with Air Force veteran and news anchor Craig McKee.

"We feel like we have one chance ... to come support our troops, say

thank you, give them a smile, give them a hug," Collins' wife, Patti, said, according to WCPO.com.

"Just let them know you care, and you love, and let's support one another."

AUSA members raise funds for Fisher House Foundation

Members of the Association of the U.S. Army's MG Harry Greene, Aberdeen chapter raised more than \$150,000 for the Fisher House Foundation during the chapter's 18th Annual Fisher House Gala Sept. 17 in Belcamp, Maryland.

"The celebration of giving dates back to when our community was largely still at Fort Monmouth, [New Jersey], said retired Col. Bob Gutjahr, the chapter president.

Senior Army leaders from the area were in attendance, as well as over 60 soldiers and many local and state politicians, Gutjahr said.

The Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes around the world where military and veteran families can stay for free while a loved one is in the hospital.



A donation of \$150,000 is presented to the Fisher House Foundation during a gala hosted by AUSA's MG Harry Greene, Aberdeen chapter. (AUSA PHOTO)



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