

# **Association of the United States Army Sixth Region**



## **2020 SIXTH REGION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE\***

**Presented at the Sixth Region Spring Meeting  
4 April 2020  
Woodland, CA**

**\*Honoring service and accomplishments during the year ending  
30 June 2019. Past honorees may be found in the Appendix.**

*NOTE: These awards were scheduled to be presented at the Sixth Region Spring Meeting which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. They will be presented at an appropriate time at Chapter gatherings.*



**“Our Speaker tonight”**

## **Major General Garrett Yee**

### ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

Army Major General Garrett S. Yee is the assistant to the director of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). In this role, he helps to lead a global organization of approximately 8,000 military and civilian personnel who plan, develop, deliver, and operate joint, interoperable, command and control capabilities and a global enterprise infrastructure in direct support of the president, secretary of defense, joint chiefs of staff, combatant commanders, Department of Defense components, and other mission partners across the full spectrum of operations.

Prior to this assignment, MG Yee served as the Military Deputy to the Army CIO/G-6 and Senior Information Security Officer in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G6, Headquarters, Department of the Army in the Pentagon.

MG Yee, a native of Fremont, California, received his commission upon graduation from Santa Clara University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in combined science. He later earned a Master of Business Administration from Golden Gate University and Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

MG Yee’s command and operational assignments include Commander, 335th Signal Command (Theater) (Provisional) in Kuwait, where he concurrently served as the G-6 for U.S. Army Central Command and the Director of Cyber Information Systems for the Combined Joint Task Force - Operation INHERENT RESOLVE; Deputy Commanding General for Mobilization, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; Deputy Commander, 335th Signal Command (Theater) (Provisional) during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan; Commander, 505th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade in Las Vegas, Nevada; Commander, 650th Regional Support Group in Las Vegas, Nevada; Theater Observation Detachment Officer with the Center for Army Lessons Learned in Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, where he authored a handbook on Provincial Reconstruction Teams; and Commander, 3/356th Logistics Support Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas.

MG Yee’s awards and decorations include the Defense Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Parachutist Badge, and German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency. He is also a recipient of the Signal Corps Bronze Order of Mercury.

Special announcement: We are privileged to be able to announce two National level awards. The Columbia River Chapter requested the following awards, with two pending, which will be presented in Oregon, at a later date:

### **Certificate of Achievement**

The Certificate is awarded for outstanding accomplishments and service to the United States Army.

**MS. Renee Souza Co-Chair, Holidays for Heroes Christmas Gift Program, Columbia River Chapter**

The AUSA Certificate of Achievement is awarded to Ms. Renee Souza, a Community Partner of the Columbia River Chapter, for her outstanding leadership in the coordination and direct management of the Columbia River Chapter's Holidays of Heroes Christmas Gift Program for the past six years. As Co-Chair, she recruited volunteers, developed resident rosters, identified gift needs, solicited donations, organized gift-wrapping parties and presentation of gifts to over 300 resident veterans at both Oregon Veteran Homes. Her efforts that honor and remember Oregon veterans during the Christmas season reflect great credit upon herself, the Columbia River Chapter and the Association of the United States Army.

**MS. Kirsten Kler Co-Chair, Holidays for Heroes Christmas Gift Program, Columbia River Chapter**

The AUSA Certificate of Achievement is awarded to Ms. Kirsten Kler of the Bonneville Power Administration's Veterans Resource Group for her outstanding leadership in the coordination and direct management of the Columbia River Chapter's Holidays of Heroes Christmas Gift Program for the past seven years. As Co-Chair, she recruited volunteers, developed resident rosters, identified gift needs, solicited donations, organized gift-wrapping parties and presentation of gifts to over 300 resident veterans at both Oregon Veteran Homes. Her efforts that honor and remember Oregon veterans during the Christmas season reflect great credit upon herself, the Columbia River Chapter and the Association of the United States Army.

*(Pending)*

### **Award for Distinguished Service**

The Award is given for significant contributions to the U.S. Army or the Association of the United States Army.

COL Larry J. Smith (USA Ret)

*(Pending)*

### ***Citation for Exceptional Service - (Public Service Award)***

The award is given to an Individual, organization or community making a significant contribution to AUSA, the US Army or to national defense.

COL Kevin J. D. Dial (USA Ret)

### **SPECIAL STREAMER AWARD**

The Award is given to chapters that conduct outstanding single activities in support of the U.S. Army or the Association of the United States Army.

#### **Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

This year, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter Young Professional, Stephanie Prosser, modified the Suits for Service Members Program. She met with the Suits for Service members team and looked at what was going well and where they could use help. They were in desperate need of ladies clothing; so, Stephanie came up with the idea of "suit your sister" for the month of October. She coordinated with area businesses to become drop off locations and did a series of face book live videos from those locations launching the program. A car dealership that got involved, they filled a FIAT when she collected over 1500 items of ladies' interview clothes, 15 new suits for men, also gaining two new community partners. She was able to increase the Chapter footprint in the community, increase the membership of our team and create a new sustainable event to support our growing number of transitioning female veterans while sharing with them about AUSA.

## **GENERAL OF THE ARMIES JOHN J. PERSHING DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

The General of the Armies John J. Pershing Distinguished Service Award honors the exceptional service of this most distinguished general officer who served as an Army brigade commander in the Sixth Region.

Born and raised in Laclede, Missouri, General Pershing graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in 1886, where his leadership qualities were first evident by being the First Captain and elected President of his class. Initial assignments were on the Great Plains for the close of the Indian Wars, a tour as the Professor of Military Science at the University of Nebraska where he developed winning "Pershing Rifle" drill teams, and assignment as a tactical officer at West Point. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal for combat valor in Cuba during the Spanish – American War.

In 1914, General Pershing was assigned to command the 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade with Headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco, California. Because of trouble on the Mexican Border, he and his Brigade were ordered to Fort Bliss, Texas, where General Pershing lead a Punitive Expedition four hundred miles into Mexico. He was promoted to major general. The 11,000 man Punitive Expedition broke up the bandit band and withdrew from Mexico in February 1917, just as the United States was preparing to enter World War I. Now a major general, the highest rank in the Army and with proven combat experience, General Pershing was selected to command the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) and became the only person to hold the United States rank of General of the Armies that gave him equal status with European field marshals.

General of the Armies John J. Pershing served as Chief of Staff, United States Army, from 1921 to 1924 and retired on 13 September 1924. This finest United States Army general officer of his generation died in Walter Reed Army Hospital at 87 years of age, on 15 July 1948. His casket was displayed in the Rotunda of the Nation's Capital Building followed by a funeral procession generally given for President to burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

### **Brigadier General (Retired) James "Jim" P. Combs California Chair, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve**

The General of the Armies John J. Pershing Distinguished Service Award is presented to Brigadier General (Retired) Jim Combs, for contributions to the advancement of the Association's Sixth Region.

Jim retired in 2009 as the Commanding General the 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division after more than 42 years in uniform. Jim entered active military service in the Army on July 1967 and after completing a tour in Vietnam he was appointed a Lieutenant in the California Army National Guard. Jim progressed through command and staff assignments and was ultimately appointed Commander of the California Army National Guard's sixteen thousand service members in 2003. In this capacity he was responsible for the deployment of over seven thousand troops in 2004 and 2005. During this assignment he was mobilized to support Guard and Reserve deployments as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jim received another dual hat assignment in 2007 as the Commander of the 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and Commander Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) with the primary focus of preparing units for employment as part of both joint and combined forces for state and federal missions. Jim worked closely with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to create a favorable partnership with employers to enhance the retention of reservists and prepare employers to support the mobilization of two brigades into Iraq and Afghanistan.

Since his retirement from the military in 2009, Jim has invested his time in nonprofits endeavors to support returning warriors. His effort included working with: incarcerated veterans, veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury, as well as Guard and Reserve transition assistance and fundraising. Jim was elected President of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) in June 2014 and served for two years. He received the AUSA National LTG McLain Medal for support of the National Guard, also In October 2015, Jim was appointed by the Secretary of

Defense as the State Chairmen of California's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee. Its primary mission is to help create a favorable relationship between California's fifty-eight thousand Guard and Reserve members and their employers, reducing unemployment among reservists and when required act as a mediator to resolve conflicts with employers.

Some of Jim's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, "Order of California" from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the "Magnolia Medal" from Governor Haley Barbour of Mississippi for exceptionally meritorious service. Jim was also selected as the "Man of the Year" in 2008 by City of Los Alamitos and in 2009 by City of Cypress for his support to veteran and military nonprofit organizations within those communities.

Jim received his Bachelor's degree from Humboldt State University, his Master's degree from Shippensburg University in Public Administration and is a graduate of the US Army War College. Jim is married to Janet and they have a son, Staff Sargent Vincent Combs, a member of the California Army National Guard who has deployed twice in support of Iraqi Freedom.

## **MAJOR GENERAL JOHN A. HEMPHILL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE REGION**

The Major General John A. Hemphill award for outstanding contributions to the Region honors the Sixth Region President that served from 1996 to 2000. A 1951 U.S. Military Academy graduate, General Hemphill distinguished himself by conspicuous heroism in Korea and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor among the nation's awards for valor. General Hemphill's awards and decorations for valor in Korea and Vietnam as well as for meritorious service worldwide include the Distinguished Service Cross, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and four Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Republic of Korea Chung Mu Distinguished Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Army Distinguished Order, and numerous service medals and other foreign decorations.

Retiring from the Army in 1985, General Hemphill and his wife Peggy again became active in AUSA's Fort Lewis Chapter. In 1990 he became chapter president, rebuilding a moribund chapter and reestablishing AUSA at the Army's premier West Coast installation.

In 1996, General Hemphill was elected Sixth Region President and *ex officio* Trustee of the national organization. As Region President, General Hemphill gave his attention to rejuvenating chapters, to major expansion and organization of the Region's awards program, and to mentoring and coaching current and potential AUSA officers. He created AUSA's Gem State Chapter, centered on his hometown of Boise. He was the sparkplug for chapter improvements throughout Sixth Region and for fostering development of chapter officers to prepare AUSA's Far West for the many changes needed for a new century.

In 2008, the Association recognized and honored General Hemphill's uniquely dedicated and effective service to AUSA, Soldiers, and Families with its General Creighton W. Abrams Medal, presented annually to that member contributing the most to the advancement of the Army. The Abrams Medal is AUSA's highest internal award recognizing distinguished AUSA members and their accomplishments. Sixth Region is incredibly proud of Major General John A. Hemphill and his contributions to the Army, the Region, and the Association.

### **Ms. Amy Tiemeyer, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Major General John A. Hemphill award for outstanding contributions to the Region is presented to Ms. Amy Tiemeyer, for her significant contributions to the Association of the United States Army.

Amy Tiemeyer has been an advocate and volunteer in the JBLM community on and off post for more than 12 years. As a Life member of AUSA and as a two-time Chapter President, earning National Best Chapter Award for the largest size chapters in 2016, she had the opportunity to be a part of projects and programs that span the country. Because of the many hours she put into AUSA, she was also given the

opportunity to speak in different states about; best practices, building relationships, communication, and garnering new ideas.

In support of the JBLM community, she has helped units find the support they needed and facilitated coordination for things such as: organizational days, holiday parties and building relationships. The relationships between soldiers, the local community and the businesses that surround JBLM are key to Soldier and Unit support. Santa suits and Easter bunnies seem trivial, but they were building blocks to JBLM family's ability to be resilient during stressful times. She has volunteered with the USO Northwest Shilo Center on McChord, where her team served hundreds of sandwiches and hot dogs and deserts during deployments and welcome homes.

As the current chapter President for the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Ms. Tiemeyer guided the chapter in raising over \$100,000.00 last year to support all the programs and events that specifically build moral, increase family readiness, aide suicide prevention, build professionalism and educate our community on military needs.

As a past President of the Air Force Association (AFA) for McChord Field she helped initiate the first Airmen Appreciation Day, which helped in building better relationships with units on McChord, Camp Murray and the Airmen working on the Lewis side of JBLM. The AFA also provided awards and scholarships to local JROTC units, spouses and airmen. As a Past Honorary Commander of the 62d Comptroller Squadron, she had the opportunity to support Airmen through promotions, holiday events, and a variety of unit activities.

As a part of the Navy League of Tacoma executive council for 2 years, she was supporting Navy, Marines, and Coastguardsmen in the JBLM area, with awards and monetary support.

Recently, she completed a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and Management, through Western Governors University. She holds also has a Bachelor of Science in Business & Management.

Volunteer awards:

Civilian Hall of Fame for JBLM 2015

Employee Volunteer of the Year 2016

Medal of Merit from the Air Force Association 2015

6<sup>th</sup> Region Presidents Award 2014

Certificate of Appreciation from AUSA National 2014

Volunteer of the year for the Captain Meriwether-Lewis chapter of AUSA 2013

Volunteer of the year for the DASH center 2007

Weed and Seed Tacoma Youth Volunteer of the year 2006

Youth against Violence Advocate Award 2006

## **SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY WILLIAM G. BAINBRIDGE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

Sergeant Major Bainbridge was a native of Galesburg, Illinois. Drafted in 1943, his first unit of assignment was the 423<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, the last unit organized for WWII. Captured in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, Sergeant Major Bainbridge spent the remainder of the war in a German POW camp. Upon returning to the United States, he left active duty and joined the Army Reserve, but returned to active duty for the Korean War. Continuing on active duty, he was a Battalion Sergeant Major by the Vietnam War. Deploying to Vietnam with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, he became the Sergeant Major of II Field Force, a lieutenant general level command. Returning to the United States, Sergeant Major Bainbridge would be one of the Army's first Command Sergeant Majors. Subsequently, he was selected to be the first Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy at Fort Bliss Texas. In 1975, he was selected to be the Command Sergeant Major of the Army, serving in that position until retirement in 1979.

Sergeant Major of the Army Bainbridge's awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-North Africa-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal,

National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Prisoner of War Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Combat infantryman Badge (Second Award).

Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge died 29 November 2008 at age 83 and was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on 29 January 2009.

In 2000, the Association of the United States Army established their Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge annual award to an active duty, Reserve Component serving or retired noncommissioned officer for a lifetime of selfless service to the Army and Nation. Since the Sixth Region already had its annual award to a noncommissioned officer named in honor of the Sergeant Major of the Army Bainbridge with the Sergeant Major's concurrence, the Sixth Region continues its annual Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge Award for Excellence.

**Not awarded in 2020.**

## **SERGEANT PATRICK GASS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

The Sergeant Patrick Gass award is named for one of the four sergeants of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Army task force that explored the Missouri and Columbia River systems in 1803-06 searching for a water route to the Pacific Ocean. He was born on 12 June 1771 in Falling Springs, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Gass was a carpenter in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania when he answered the call in 1799 to join the Army that was expanding from three to seventeen regiments because of expected war with France. The Quasi War emergency ended in 1800; however, the Army recruited those with promise that wanted to stay on for the pay of four dollars a month. He joined Captain Daniel Bissell's Company of the First Regiment of Infantry and was a private at Fort Kaskaskia, Illinois Territory in November 1803, when Captain Meriwether Lewis arrived looking for recruits. Captain Lewis was especially interested in the carpenter skills and got Private Gass released to join the Corps of Discovery.

When one of the sergeants died of natural causes in April 1804, the soldiers of the Corps of Discovery by vote selected Gass to fill the vacancy. Sergeant Gass became a favorite of Captain Lewis because of his carpenter skills that proved to be a needed, valuable asset.

When the Corps of Discovery disbanded at the end of their mission in September 1806, Sergeant Gass went home to Pennsylvania. When the War of 1812 began, he again enlisted at the age of 41 years. He did fight at the Battle of Lundy's Lane. During the war he lost an eye in an accident and was given a total disability discharge on 10 June 1815. In 1831, at the age of 59, he married. They had six children that lived to adulthood. He tried to serve in the Civil War, but was turned down because of age. He died at the age of 99 years on 2 April 1870.

Sergeant Gass kept a journal during the Corps of Discovery's epic journey of exploration. This journal was published in 1807. Because Sergeant Gass' children were alive at the time of the 100 year Commemoration of the Corps of Discovery epic exploration, historians were able to gather much information about Sergeant Gass. A Boise State University historian, Dr. Carol Lynn MacGregor, published an excellent book in 1997, titled "The Journals of Patrick Gass, Member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition." In addition to the Gass Journal, the book covers what is known of the life of Patrick Gass including his account book detailing living expenses.

The Sergeant Patrick Gass memorabilia is on display at the Army's former Fort Canby, located near Ilwaco, Washington, and operated by the State of Washington as the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Museum.

**Not awarded in 2019 or 2020.**

## **SIXTH REGION EXCEPTIONAL CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD**

**Not awarded in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 or 2019. Pending National Joseph P. Cribbins nominees for 2020.**

## **FIRST LIEUTENANT ERIK S. McCRAE MEMORIAL AWARD**

The First Lieutenant Erik S. McCrae Memorial Award is named for this platoon Leader of E Troop, 82<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 162<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, Oregon Army National Guard killed in action on June 4, 2004 in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 25 years of age.

Lieutenant McCrae's hometown was LaGrande, Oregon, but his father's service as a Colonel in the Oregon Army National Guard brought the family to Western Oregon. His older brother was also a captain in the Oregon Army National Guard. Lieutenant McCrae graduated co-valedictorian from Tigard High School in 1997 with a 4.0 GPA and earned the coveted International Baccalaureate Degree, where his advanced studies earned him 35 college credit hours. He then went on to graduate Cum Laude from Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, in 2000. He completed college in two and one-half years with dual degrees in mathematics and applied sciences. That same year he enlisted in the Oregon Army National Guard as a Cavalry Scout. In 2001, shortly after 19D AIT, Erik completed 'Fast Track' Officer Candidate School. Lieutenant McCrae's civilian employment was with a high technology company, FEI in Hillsboro Oregon where he came up with new ways to improve production and quality. He was lauded by his supervisors and peers at FEI as very smart and fun to be around. He regularly attended the First Baptist Church in Tigard, Oregon. On 27 February 2004, just prior to his deployment, Lieutenant McCrae and Miss Heather Smyth of Portland, Oregon were married at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Some three months after arriving in Baghdad, Iraq, 1st Lieutenant McCrae and his Cavalry platoon responded to the aid of an MP convoy that had been ambushed. Upon arrival at the ambush site, a second IED exploded instantly killing two platoon soldiers and mortally wounding Lieutenant McCrae. He died four hours later in a U.S. Army Hospital. His last words were asking how his men were.

1st Lieutenant McCrae received the Leadership Award and Honor Graduate at the Scout Platoon Leaders Course. Other honors and awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, OIF/OEF Campaign Ribbon and the Draper Leadership Award (Goodrich Riding Trophy) at his Armor Officer Basic Course.

Not awarded in 2017, 2018 or 2019

### **Captain James Meredith, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region First Lieutenant Erik S. McCrae Memorial Award is conferred upon CPT James Meredith, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, in recognition of his meritorious contributions and exemplary performance supporting Joint Base Lewis-McChord soldiers, their families, and the Association of the United States Army. Since 2017, CPT Meredith has tirelessly supported the Puyallup/Sumner Subchapter by coordinating volunteers, event planning, organizing and execution, as well as serving flawlessly as a liaison between units, local cities, and the subchapter. CPT Meredith's assistance to the Puyallup/Sumner Subchapter has been invaluable as he provided unparalleled support to both the community and to soldiers within his unit. CPT Meredith is leading from the front for his unit and within the community, he brings great credit upon himself, his family, the Puyallup/Sumner Subchapter, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, Sixth Region, and the Association of the United States Army.

## **WARRANT OFFICER ONE ADRIAN B. STUMP MEMORIAL AWARD**

The Warrant Officer One Adrian B. Stump Memorial Award is named for this Chinook Helicopter pilot killed in action - doing what he loved best, flying his Chinook - near Deh Chopan, Afghanistan on 25 September 2005. He was a member of Detachment 1, Company D, 113<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment of the Oregon National Guard.

Warrant Officer Stump was born on 9 July 1983 and grew up in Pendleton, Oregon, where he graduated from Pendleton High School in 2002. An avid outdoorsman, he was also infatuated with flying. At age 14, he experienced his first airplane and helicopter ride and soon began regular visits to the Army Aviation Facility in Pendleton. When he reached the age of 17, Warrant Officer Stump enlisted in Detachment 1, 113<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment. Many of the Detachment aviators joked that by the time of his enlistment, he had more flying time than they did. Motivated by his love for flying, Warrant Officer Stump was the honor graduate of his Army aviation class at Fort Eustis, Virginia. In summary, Warrant Officer Stump was born to be an aviator.

Not awarded in 2019, 2020



## **SIXTH REGION PRESIDENT'S MEDAL**

### **Eric Kantor, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region President's Medal is conferred upon Staff Sergeant Eric Kantor, United States Army Retired for his distinguished service in support of Joint Base Lewis-McChord soldiers and families and to the Association of the United States Army. Eric's strong "Jack of all trades" leadership style and "nothing is too hard to do" attitude has been instrumental in the sustainment of the Puyallup Subchapter, the planning and execution of the 2017 Sixth Region Annual Spring Meeting in Tacoma, Washington, and creation of the Community Partner Outreach program which emphasizes branding AUSA throughout the South Sound area, telling potential new businesses the AUSA story, and then recruiting them for immediate chapter membership. Eric Kantor's exemplary achievements reflect great credit upon him, the Puyallup Subchapter, the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, Sixth Region, and the Association of the United States Army.

### **Sandi Lewis, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region President's Medal is conferred upon Sandi Lewis in recognition of her meritorious selfless service to the Association of the United States Army. Whether volunteering for the Eastside Subchapter or as Director of Community Partner Retention for the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, Sandi Lewis worked tirelessly on a myriad of subchapter projects supporting 555<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Joint Base Lewis-McChord, 3<sup>rd</sup> Explosive Ordnance Battalion, and the 110<sup>th</sup> Chemical Battalion. As the new Director of Community Partner Retention, Sandi Lewis has already initiated a process making renewals smoother and communication more responsive. Sandi Lewis's superior volunteerism and exemplary performance reflects great credit upon her, the Captain Meriwether Chapter, Sixth Region, and the Association of the United States Army.

### **Stephanie Prosser, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region President's Medal is conferred upon Stephanie Prosser, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter in recognition of her meritorious contributions and exemplary performance on behalf of Joint Base Lewis-McChord soldiers, their families, and the Association of the United States Army. Since 2014 Stephanie Prosser has tirelessly supported the Lacey Subchapter with fundraising efforts, event planning, organizing, and execution as well as flawlessly serving as their Financial Administrator. Her assistance to the Lacey Subchapter has been an invaluable asset as they provided unparalleled support to the 1<sup>st</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team through support activities such as annual Military Family Appreciation Days, Trunk or Treat Programs, and annual Operations Turkey Drop and Ham Grenade during the holiday season. As Captain Meriwether Chapter Director of the Young Professional's Program, Stephanie Prosser has delivered a ground-breaking chapter program which has limitless potential. Her exemplary dedication to the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter and the Association of the United States Army continues to set a standard of excellence to be proud of and honored and reflects credit upon her, the Lacey Subchapter, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, Sixth Region, and the Association of the United States Army.

### **Catherine Rotes, General William C. Westmoreland Chapter**

The Sixth Region President's Medal is awarded to Catherine Rotes for her exceptionally meritorious service to the Association of the United States Army, General William C. Westmoreland Chapter. Catherine Rotes distinguished herself by exceptionally meritorious service over a four-year period as the Co-Director for Chapter Events. In that position she has worked diligently to arrange for successful Chapter events including three annual dinners and one picnic. The most recent event, the Veterans' Day Dinner, was attended by 88 guests, producing more than \$1,000 in Chapter income. She is truly deserving of this award.

### **Paul Rotes, General William C. Westmoreland Chapter**

The Sixth Region President's Medal is awarded to Paul Rotes for his exceptionally meritorious service to the Association of the United States Army, General William C. Westmoreland Chapter. Paul Rotes distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious over a four-year period as the Co-Director for Events. In that position he was instrumental in producing well-attended and profitable events for the benefit of the Chapter. The most recent event, the Veterans' Day Dinner, was attended by 88 guests, producing more than \$1,000 in Chapter income. He is richly deserving of this award.

## **MAJOR GENERAL (CA) RONALD H. MARKARIAN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COOPERATIVE SUCCESS**

The Outstanding Cooperative Success Award is named in honor of Major General (CA) Ronald H. Markarian, California State Military Reserve, retired, the exemplar of successful cooperative effort within and beyond AUSA Sixth Region. General Markarian's military service commenced in 1949 with the Army National Guard, and continued after college with the U.S. Air Force, from which he retired in 1980 as a colonel. General Markarian served in B-47 and B-52 strategic bombers and as Chief of Air Reconnaissance for USMACV. He flew 116 combat missions in Vietnam.

Following retirement from the Air Force he accepted a commission in the California State Military Reserve, serving in a variety of flag-rank positions culminating as Commander of the State Military Reserve. He retired again in 1985, having served in uniform for 46 years.

In civilian life, General Markarian served on a number of California state boards and commissions. He was appointed by President Reagan as California's Director of Selective Service, a position he continues to hold today and to which his dedication, commitment, and energy are legendary. In addition, he has served with distinction for many years as Army Reserve Ambassador for Central California, and as president of the Military Order of the Golden Bear, the State Military Reserve's support group.

Within AUSA, General Markarian was founding president of AUSA's Central California Chapter, which won numerous Best Chapter awards under his leadership. In 1991, upon the death in office of the Sixth Region President, he accepted appointment as Region President and went on to serve two full elective terms. He then reverted to chapter president and continued to lead the chapter to success after success with his unparalleled dedication and boundless energy. He has received numerous awards at the national level, culminating in the annual MG Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Award for greatest contribution to the Association – AUSA's second highest internal award for meritorious service.

Throughout all his service, General Markarian more than any other member of Sixth Region has exemplified the ideal recognized by this award. In an association where there are strong pressures toward territoriality, he and his chapter have reached out to other chapters both within and outside of Sixth Region, as well as to Army units, veterans service organizations, AUSA's sister organizations, and individuals throughout his huge state (164,000 square miles). He has been the soul of joint and cooperative effort, devoting long hours to helping other chapters and working out mutually beneficial solutions to joint problems.

As a result of Ron Markarian's personal leadership and dedication to AUSA ideals, Central California Chapter was the first recipient of this Outstanding Cooperative Success Award, and his leadership continues to inspire and benefit AUSA members throughout California. He is the epitome of "successful cooperative effort" both within AUSA and in the larger community.

General Markarian's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and Vietnamese Staff Service Honor Medal, First Class. Other awards and decorations include the Order of California Selective Service System Exceptional Service Silver Medal, Selective Service System Meritorious Service Bronze Medal, Army Commander's Award for Public Service, various Army branch honorary societies, AUSA's MG Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Award and extensive other national AUSA recognition, Sixth Region's President's Medal and its MG John A. Hemphill Award — which he is the only person to have earned twice.

**Not awarded in 2019.**

### **Colonel Larry Smith J. Smith (USA Ret), Columbia River Chapter**

The Sixth Region Major General (CA) Ronald H. Markarian Award for Outstanding Cooperative Success is awarded to COL Larry J. Smith (USA Ret) for his outstanding leadership and success in collaborating with all major support organizations in Southwest Washington. As founder and Co-Chair of the Community Military Appreciation Committee, he promotes civic appreciation for our nation by supporting Veteran organizations, civic groups, schools, governments, police, fire and other first responders. He leads the CMAC in conducting all patriotic events such as Memorial Day, Our Community Salutes, Veterans Day and many more. COL Smith's outstanding military career, his dedicated service in local government and focus on all veterans and soldiers reflects great credit upon himself, the Columbia River Chapter, and the Association of the United States Army.

## **COLONEL DAVID A. APPLING AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RECRUITING SUPPORT**

The Colonel David A. Appling Award for Outstanding Recruiting Support is named in honor of Sixth Region's seventh President (2004-2008). Colonel Appling was and remains a staunch supporter and enabler of a strong AUSA focus on Army recruiting for all components and all ranks.

Colonel Appling was commissioned in the Ordnance Corps from ROTC in 1957, serving in Germany, Viet Nam, and Saudi Arabia in addition to CONUS postings. He commanded at the detachment, battery, and twice at the company level, deploying his company to Vietnam and later serving as Materiel Officer of a 1200-man battalion.

Returning from Vietnam, he served as Associate Professor of Military Science at the University of California, Berkeley. This was followed by a Washington tour on the Main Battle Tank program, and then as senior Army advisor and joint detachment chief in Ta'if, Saudi Arabia.

He redeployed to the "tank business" with the Abrams Tank program, leading its International Office in sensitive and complex negotiations with the German Ministry of Defense. He was then selected as Project Manager, Tank Main Armament Systems, where he introduced depleted uranium ammunition into the Army inventory and led transfusion of the German-designed 120mm armament system into U.S. production.

In retirement from the Army, Colonel Appling has worked with FMC Defense Systems Group, SIMCO Electronics, and Allied Aerospace Corporation, as well as consulting activities and outside directorships. While with FMC he was a founding member of AUSA's Silicon Valley Chapter, later serving two tours as chapter president. He became Sixth Region's secretary-treasurer in 2000, and was elected Region President in 2004. Upon completing his tour, he continued his service to AUSA as a State President, and most recently accepted the presidency of the General Stilwell Chapter as well. He continues his strong support to Army recruiting at all levels, for example with the Sacramento Recruiting Battalion's Grassroots Advisory Board.

Colonel Appling's awards include the Commander's Cross of Germany's Federal Order of Merit, the Legion of Merit (2 awards), the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), and the Army Commendation Medal. He has also received the California Adjutant General's Commander's Award for Public Service and the National Defense Industrial Association's Firepower Medal.

In 2009, AUSA awarded Colonel Appling its annual Biddle Medal for "contributions to the Association's advancement and mission." Previous AUSA recognition includes the Sixth Region President's Medal, the Region's Hemphill Award, and Silicon Valley Chapter's Daulton Memorial Award.

**Not awarded in 2018, 2019 or 2020.**

## **SIXTH REGION SPECIAL AWARD FOR SIXTH RECRUITING BRIGADE RECRUITING EXCELLENCE**

1SG Adam Snow – 6<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Brigade 1SG of the Year – FY19, Salt Lake City Battalion  
SFC Jeremy Turner – Station Commander of the Year – FY19, Los Angeles Battalion  
SFC Bryan Lowney – 6<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Brigade Regular Army NCO of the Year – FY19, Central California Battalion  
SFC Kevin Tran – 6<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Brigade Army Reserve NCO of the Year – FY19, Los Angeles Battalion  
SSG Fredrick Williams – 6<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Brigade Staff NCO of the Year – FY19, Sixth Brigade HQ – Las Vegas

## **SIXTH REGION FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Not awarded in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020.**

## **BRIGADIER GENERAL ALEX R. CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL BEST CHAPTER AWARD**

Brigadier General Alexander Raphael Cunningham was born 1 September 1936 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He began his military service 23 November 1959 when he enlisted in the California Army National Guard as an artillery gun crewman. Prior to attending OCS, he attained the rank of Specialist. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 21 July 1962 and was the Honor Graduate of the California Military Academy Class of 1962. During this period he served in numerous platoon, company and battalion level staff positions, including troop command. Major Cunningham was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in February of 1977 and became Material Officer at CAARNG headquarters. On 1 October 1985 he was promoted to Colonel and appointed Chief of Operations. Later assignments included Director of Plans and Operations, Chief, Education and Evaluation Branch, Chief of Emergency Plans, and Director of Intelligence and Security. In civilian life, he served California's state government in a number of senior positions. Brigadier General Cunningham retired from the California National Guard on 1 October 1989. BG Cunningham served as the Sixth Region President from 1988 until his death on 7 May 1991.

Brigadier General Cunningham was a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth and graduated from the prestigious U.S. Army War College in July 1988. His federal awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal. His state awards and decorations include the Medal of Merit, California Commendation Ribbon, California Service Medal, Outstanding Unit Award, and Drill Attendance Ribbon.

**The Best Chapters based on National Statistics (1 July 2018 through 30 June 2019) are:**

**Group 1 (1 chapter) – Captain Meriwether Lewis**

**Group 2 (0 Chapter) – No Chapter**

**Group 3 (4 chapters) – Columbia River, (Best Chapter for Group 3 Nationally)**

**Group 4 (2 chapters) – GEN William C. Westmoreland**

**Group 5 (6 chapters) – John C. Fremont (Runner up for Best Group 5 Nationally)**

**- Most Improved Chapter in Sixth Region**

Note: 7 (Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Central California, GEN Joseph W. Stillwell, MSG Leroy Petry, Gem State, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura) of the 13 chapters did not make Merit status; all other chapters in the 6<sup>th</sup> Region attained Merit status.

## **SIXTH REGION PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT**

### **Columbia River Chapter**

The Columbia River Chapter has been the Chapter to emulate for the second year in a row, earning the AUSA, National Group Three, Best Chapter Award for 2018 and 2019. Not only were they the best chapter for their size, but, were the only President's Club Gold Chapter in 2019. They have increased their membership nearly 100 percent over a two-year period. They were also designated as a: Chapter of Excellence, Superior Chapter, Merit Chapter, Chapter of Distinction, Star Chapter for 12 months. They also earned the following streamers: Community Partner Growth, Greatest % Increase in Reserve Component Membership. Excellence in Reserve Component Growth, Reserve Component Support, Community Partner Support, Take the Hill, Family Programs, Institute of Land Warfare. ROTC Support. Army History, Army Birthday, Professional Development, Department of the Army Civilian Support, Soldier for Life, Volunteer Development, Young Professionals, Support to USAREC, Vietnam Commemorative Partner and earned a Special Award. They are to be commended for this outstanding Chapter Achievement.

## **SIXTH REGION DISTINGUISHED UNIT COMMENDATION**

Not awarded in 2020.

## **SIXTH REGION MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION**

Not awarded in 2019 or 2020.

## **SIXTH REGION EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AWARD**

### **Isabella Colvin, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Exceptional Contributions Award is presented to Isabella Colvin for contributing over 20 hours a week to ensure the Lacey Organization days in support of the 1-2 Stryker Brigade as well as the 17<sup>th</sup> Fires, had all the support needed for their 4 events in 2018, and 4 events in 2019. She coordinated operation Turkey Drop and Ham Grenade entirely, this being the first ever hand over, since the events inception. Isabella raised over \$32,000.00 for the event, working with the chaplains Corps instead of the JBLM Garrison, in order to ensure the efficacy for the junior enlisted families that were receiving the donations. She was responsible for the chapter receiving the most social media impact ever received for this event, with 16 units sharing pictures and tagging our chapter on Facebook pages. Isabella has chosen to continue with past obligations and is now the Lacey Subchapter Secretary, CPT Meriwether Lewis Main Chapter Vice President, and Committee chair for the Turkey Drop and Ham Grenade. These efforts reflect great credit upon her and the Association of the United States Army.

### **COL Kevin J. D. Dial (USA Ret), Columbia River Chapter**

The Sixth Region Exceptional Contributions Award is presented to COL Kevin Dial for his outstanding and enduring support to the Association and Columbia River Chapter. For six years, he oversaw the Columbia River Chapter's Awards Program where the chapter recognized outstanding soldiers, veterans, recruiters, cadets, civilians and units. Always looking for opportunities to highlight deserving individuals and recognize their accomplishments, COL Kevin Dial's outstanding Army career, volunteerism, and dedication to soldier's welfare reflect great credit upon himself, the Columbia River Chapter, the Sixth Region, and the Association of the United States Army.

### **Tactical Tailor, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Exceptional Contributions Award is conferred upon Tactical Tailor for their continued and superior dedicated support to the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. Year after year, since 2004, Tactical Tailor has provided a myriad of products in extensive support of chapter events and activities to include our annual golf tournament, Zombie Run, and Flip2Fund. Tactical Tailor's exemplary dedication to supporting Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter events and activities reflects great credit upon them, the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, Sixth Region, and the Association of the United States Army.

### **US Family Health Plan, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Exceptional Contributions Award is conferred upon US Family Health Plan for their continued superior support of JBLM Soldiers, families and to the Association of the United States Army. Since 2013, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter Community Partner, US Family Health Plan, has enthusiastically participated in, supported, and/or sponsored over 42 chapter/subchapter events and activities benefiting our military personnel and their families with over \$ 21,000 in funding. This support was channeled through the Captain Meriwether Chapter/Subchapter programs and activities fund site. Most memorable, in 2017 and 2019, US Family Health Plan employees were the driving force in helping to organize, plan, and execute the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Family Fun Days at Clover Park High School (2017) and at Fort Steilacoom Park (2019) in Lakewood, Washington, directly benefiting over 6,000 soldiers and family members. US Family Health Plan's exemplary achievements reflect great credit upon them, the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, Sixth Region, and the Association of the United States Army.

## **SIXTH REGION PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

Not awarded in 2019 or 2020.

## **SIXTH REGION SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES TO ARMY AND NATION**

Not awarded in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020.

## **SIXTH REGION SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES TO THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Colonel Robert L. Windus (USA Ret), Columbia River Chapter**

The Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to the Association is awarded to Colonel Robert L. Windus (USA Ret) in recognition of his outstanding and meritorious service while serving as the chapter's Vice President for Programs since 2008. COL Windus has planned and conducted 100s of informative meetings and events over the past 11 years in support of all soldiers, veterans and their families. Eleven years ago, he initiated and co-chaired the chapter's *Holidays for Heroes Christmas* Program to provide Christmas gifts to over 300 residents of the State's two Veterans Homes. He leads the chapter's support of the annual *Camp for Abused Kids* providing positive examples and mentorship for the kids. A true AUSA Ambassador, COL Windus' outstanding leadership and numerous accomplishments reflect great credit upon himself, the Columbia River Chapter, and the Association of the United States Army.

## **SIXTH REGION CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION**

Not awarded in 2020.

## **SIXTH REGION CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

LTC (Retired) Marko Grgurich, Sergeant Major Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter  
CPT (Retired) Chuck Jamison, Sergeant Major Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter  
Ms. Bali Sangha, Fairfield Inn – Woodland, CA

In grateful appreciation for your outstanding contributions in making what would have been a Sixth Region Annual Spring Meeting a success. We appreciate your continuous encouragement of our organization and all military personnel. Thank you for the willingness to assist us whenever and wherever possible. We hold you in high esteem as great Americans in support of our Army.

***Warm congratulations to all our distinguished honorees for their exceptionally well-earned recognition!***

## **APPENDIX**

### **SIXTH REGION PAST/CURRENT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

#### **GA JOHN J. PERSHING DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

HON James B. Thayer, Sr., Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Oregon  
HON Henry R. Morris, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for California (North)  
MAJ Charles J. Monges, Director, Legion of Valor Museum, Fresno, California  
COL Alex Woods, Jr., Director of Army Instruction, Washoe County School District, Reno, NV, 2000  
MG John A. Hemphill, Steilacoom, Washington  
HON Jon N. Bengtson, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Nevada  
MG Paul D. Monroe, Jr., The Adjutant General, State of California  
BG Raymond C. Byrne, Jr., Acting The Adjutant General, State of Oregon  
LTG James M. Dubik, Commander, I Corps and Fort Lewis, Washington  
MG William H. Wade II, The Adjutant General, State of California  
MG Raymond F. Rees, The Adjutant General, State of Oregon  
MG Thomas P. Bostick, Commander, US Army Recruiting Command, Central Texas – Fort Hood, 2008  
MG Cynthia N. Kirkland, The Adjutant General, State of Nevada, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2009  
Mrs. Beth Chiarelli, Board Member, Military Child Education Coalition, 2010  
LTG (Retired) Roger G. Thompson, Jr., AUSA National Headquarters, 2011  
COL (Retired) David A. Appling, California State President, AUSA, 2012  
Carlene Joseph, President, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
COL (Retired) George D. Lanning, Columbia River Chapter, 2014  
Virginia Kinakin, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
COL (Retired) Charles R. Grundy, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2016  
MG David A. Baldwin, The Adjutant General, State of California, Sergeant Major Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2017  
GEN (Retired) Carter F. Ham, President and CEO, AUSA, 2018  
MG (Retired) John T. Crowe, Sixth Region Executive Vice-President, Central California Chapter, 2019  
BG (Ret) James P. Combs, California State Chairman, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve,  
Sergeant Major Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2020  
Announced at meeting - 2021

#### **MG JOHN A. HEMPHILL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REGION**

MG (CA) G. Walter Titus, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
LTC Jack J. Isler, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
LTC James E. Maloney III, Gem State Chapter  
Mr. John A. Elswick, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter  
BG James B. Thayer, Sr., Columbia River Chapter  
MG (CA) Ronald H. Markarian, Central California Chapter  
COL (Retired) David A. Appling, Silicon Valley Chapter  
Mrs. Cynthia J. Ramirez, Central California Chapter  
MG (CA) Ronald H. Markarian, Central California Chapter (2nd award)  
MG Clyde R. Cherberg, Puget Sound Chapter  
COL (Retired) George D. Lanning, Columbia River Chapter  
MG (Retired) John T. Crowe, Central California Chapter, 2008  
COL (Retired) Robert G. Fritz, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2009  
Ms. Lucie Marx Titus, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2010  
Mrs. Carlene Joseph, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
COL (Retired) Michor M. Gentemann, Washington State President, 2012  
MG (CA) Ronald H. Markarian, Sixth Region President Emeritus, 2013  
MG (Retired) John T. Crowe, Central California Chapter, 2014  
COL (Retired) Richard P. Stage, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2015  
Not awarded in 2016  
CSM (Retired) Herbert C. Schmeling, Jr., Sixth Region Vice-President for NCO and Soldier Affairs, CPT Meriwether  
Lewis Chapter, 2017  
CSM (Retired) Joseph R. Sweeney, President - MSG Leroy A. Petry Chapter, 2018  
LTC Gerald F. Morris, Nevada State President, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2019  
Amy Tiemeyer, President - CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2020  
Announced at meeting - 2021

#### **SMA WILLIAM G. BAINBRIDGE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

SFC Edward Cabezud, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
SGM Michael A. Clarizio (posthumous), Columbia River Chapter  
CSM Kenneth E. Moats, Central California Chapter  
CSM Tommy L. Gentile, Central California Chapter

SGT Russell E. Noble, Central California Chapter  
 CSM Joseph R. Sweeney, Silicon Valley Chapter  
 CSM Mary E. Starmer-Smith, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 CSM Herbert C. Schmeling, Jr., Fort Lewis Chapter  
 CSM John E. Lee, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
 SGM Lloyd Rahlif, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2009  
 SGM William Thomas Riggs, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010  
 CSM Mark R. Wilsdon, Columbia River Chapter, 2012  
 Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Matthew Scott Shepardson, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
 Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Dennis R. Bowers, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
 Staff Sergeant Eric Kantor, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Daryl R. Thies, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
 Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Lourdes Alvarado-Ramos, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
 Sergeant Major (Retired) Jerry L. Glesmann, Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
 Sergeant Major (CA) Daniel Mark Sebby, SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2019  
 Not awarded in 2020.

**SGT PATRICK GASS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

SGT George Freelan, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 SFC Daniel J. Kessinger, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
 CSM Roberta L. Santiago, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 SFC Charles F. Jamison, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 SSG Joseph Yberra, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 CSM Mark B. Mickaelian, Central California Chapter  
 SFC Tommy L. Carson, Fort Lewis Chapter  
 CSM Ronald P. Andrews, Central California Chapter  
 CSM Jefferson Varner III, Fort Lewis Chapter  
 SGT James Witkowski (posthumous), Central California Chapter  
 CSM Rock A. Orozco, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 SGM Matthew T. Brady, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
 CSM Joseph E. Santos, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2009  
 CSM Billy Ray King, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010  
 CSM Matthew Douglas Barnes, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
 SFC Raymond Castillo, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 Sergeant Jolene V. Houghtaling, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
 Sergeant Jacob R. Valderrama, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
 Sergeant First Class Michael J. Hendricks, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 Staff Sergeant Justin Naylor, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
 Command Sergeant Major Kyle Brinkman, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
 Staff Sergeant Jon Patrick-Allen McCoy, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
 Not awarded in 2019 or 2020

**SIXTH REGION EXCEPTIONAL CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD**

(\*Recognized at AUSA Annual Meeting as Sixth Region Army Civilian of the Year)

- \* Mr. Louis F. Bain, Fort Lewis Chapter
- \* Mr. Alan H. Archambault, Fort Lewis Chapter  
 Mr. Gary A. Houston, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 Dr. Shih-Tun Su, San Francisco Chapter
- \* Ms. Susan W. Chen, MG William F. Dean Chapter
- \* Mr. Gregory M. Parsons, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 Mr. Christopher P. Govekar, Columbia River Chapter, 2008  
 Mr. Mark R. Hamelin, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2008
- \* Mr. Mark A. Ohlstrom, Puget Sound Chapter, 2008
- \* Mr. Alan M. Brown, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2009
- \* Dr. Mahmood Taba-Tabai, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, 2010
- \* Mr. Michael Hayes, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
 Mr. Richard L. Fielder, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2011  
 Ms. Marcia A. Charles, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012
- \* Mr. Andrew Terrell, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012
- \* COL (Retired) Donald Frederick Bond, Columbia River Chapter, 2013
- \* Alecia R. Grady, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
 Not awarded in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, pending National Cribbins Award nominees for 2020.

**1LT ERIK S. McCRAE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

1LT Erik S. McCrae (posthumous), Columbia River Chapter  
 CPT Christopher N. Stelle, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, 2004  
 CPT Michael D. Bromund, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2009



1LT Brian N. Bradshaw (posthumous), Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010  
CPT Brian Forester, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
CPT Deffanie S. Brown, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
1LT Hannah Culberg, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
1LT Douglass B. Waggoman, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
CPT Jamie Rorick Russell, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
Not awarded in 2017, 2018 or 2019  
CPT James Meredith, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2020

### **WO1 ADRIAN B. STUMP MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

WO1 Adrian B. Stump (posthumous), Columbia River Chapter  
CW2 Richard ServánteZ, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2008  
CW4 John S. Hook, Central California Chapter, 2010  
CW4 Jeffery Heil, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
CW3 Theodore A. Dimone, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
CW2 Derrick T. Favors, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
CW2 Nicholas A. Clemons, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
Not awarded in 2016 or 2017  
CW3 Richard D. Martin, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
Not awarded in 2019 or 2020

### **SIXTH REGION PRESIDENT'S MEDAL**

001. Mr. Kirby P. Low, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
002. CSM Richard D. Kraabel, Seattle Chapter  
003. Mrs. Lucie Marx Titus, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
004. SFC Daniel J. Kessinger, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
005. MG (CA) Ronald H. Markarian, Central California Chapter  
006. Ms. Carole A. Childress, Silicon Valley Chapter  
007. LTC Wangyee Vang, Royal Laotian Army, Central California Chapter  
008. Mr. Robert J. Rothwell, Fort Lewis Chapter  
009. COL Franklin A. Loewus (posthumous), Silicon Valley Chapter  
010. MAJ Joseph P. Moore, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
011. COL Charles R. Grundy, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 1998  
012. Mrs. Marilyn R. Cullen, Fort Lewis Chapter  
013. MG Clyde R. Cherberg, Seattle Chapter  
014. COL Larry J. Linder, Central California Chapter  
015. COL Jack R. Logan, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter  
016. COL G. Thomas Greco, Gem State Chapter  
017. LTC Robert J. Reed, Silicon Valley Chapter  
018. COL Carroll Z. Dickson, Fort Lewis Chapter  
019. Mrs. Benny L. Markarian, Central California Chapter  
020. LTG James M. Thompson, Gem State Chapter  
021. MG Alexander H. Burgin, Columbia River Chapter  
022. MG (CA) G. Walter Titus, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
023. LTC James E. Maloney III, Gem State Chapter  
024. LTC John D. Jackson, Mother Lode Chapter  
025. CW4 John S. Hook, Central California Chapter  
026. CSM Joseph R. Sweeney, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
027. MAJ Susan M. Meyer, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
028. Mr. David J. Welch, Fort Lewis Chapter  
029. BG Douglas M. Byington, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter  
030. MG John A. Hemphill, Fort Lewis Chapter  
031. Mrs. Peggy Hemphill, Fort Lewis Chapter  
032. COL Alfred A. López, Jr. (posthumous), Mother Lode Chapter  
033. Mrs. Karen López, Mother Lode Chapter  
034. COL David A. Appling, Silicon Valley Chapter  
035. COL Douglas H. Pendleton, Silicon Valley Chapter  
036. Mr. Rickey O. Stevens, Fort Lewis Chapter  
037. Mr. Ralph E. Jones, AUSA National Headquarters  
038. MAJ Miguel A. Castellanos, Silicon Valley Chapter  
039. Ms. Terry L. Donahue, Fort Lewis Chapter  
040. CW4 Robert E. Gross, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
041. COL Richard M. Gelgeson, Central California Chapter, 2002  
042. LTC (WA) Reed W. Jarvis, Seattle Chapter, 2002  
043. CSM Kenneth E. Moats, Central California Chapter, 2002  
044. COL Philip N. Stoneman III, AUSA National Headquarters, 2002

045. LTC Marshall O. Townsend II, Gem State Chapter, 2002
046. Ms. Julie A. Webster, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, 2002
047. CSM Richard Detjen, Seattle Chapter, 2003
048. CSM Jimmie Johnson, Las Vegas-John C. Fremont Chapter, 2003
049. Mr. Anthony J. Lallo, Central California Chapter, 2003
050. Ms. Barbara J. Morgan, San Francisco Chapter, 2003
051. CSM Roberta L. Santiago, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2003
052. COL Richard P. Stage, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2003
053. Dr. Alexander Pronin, Central California Chapter, 2003
054. Mr. Robert L. Varni, San Francisco Chapter, 2003
055. MG John T. Crowe, Central California Chapter, 2004
056. COL George Taylor Jones, Columbia River Chapter, 2004
057. LTC Barrett W. Larwin, Central California Chapter, 2004
058. SGT William T. Pearce, Seattle Chapter, 2004
059. Mrs. Cynthia Ramírez, Central California Chapter, 2004
060. COL Jesús Ramírez, Central California Chapter, 2004
061. LTC Leah R. Sundquist, Columbia River Chapter, 2004
062. CSM William D. Blond, Puget Sound Chapter, 2005
063. COL Michor Gentemann, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2005
064. Ms. Virginia E. Kinakin, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2005
065. SGM David E. Meyer, Las Vegas-John C. Fremont Chapter, 2005
066. Mr. Harry R. Paul, Central California Chapter, 2005
067. BG Douglas A. Pritt, Columbia River Chapter, 2005
068. CSM Jimmie W. Spencer, AUSA National Headquarters, 2005
069. MAJ Verle C. Miller, Columbia River Chapter, 2006
070. CSM R. Thomas Detchemendy, Puget Sound Chapter, 2006
071. Mr. Monte C. Gmur, Central California Chapter, 2006
072. COL Matthew T. Hale, Columbia River Chapter, 2006
073. 1SG Ronald E. Kruse, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, 2006
074. LTC Robert W. Small, Central California Chapter, 2006
075. Mr. Donald R. Burks, Central California Chapter, 2007
076. Mr. Richard L. Fielder, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2007
077. LTC William E. King IV, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2007
078. COL George D. Lanning, Columbia River Chapter, 2007
079. MG Charles A. Ott, Jr. (posthumous), Mission Trails Chapter, 2007
080. Hon. James B. Thayer, Sr., Columbia River Chapter, 2007
081. COL Richard W. Hobbs, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2008
082. BG Norman A. Hoffman, Columbia River Chapter, 2008
083. CW2 (CA) Sandra R. Peralta, Mission Trails Chapter, 2008
084. CSM Herbert C. Schmeling, Jr., Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008
085. LTC Sharlee W. Smith, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2008
086. MG William H. Wade II, Mother Lode Chapter, 2008
087. COL Robert G. Fritz, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2009
088. Mrs. Linda Latham, Columbia River Chapter, 2009
089. MG Curtis A. Loop, Columbia River Chapter, 2009
090. Ms. Suezy Proctor, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2009
091. COL Kevin R. Riedler, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2009
092. BG (CA) Thomas A. Swidler, Mother Lode Chapter, 2009
093. COL (WA) Douglass Adams, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura Chapter, 2010
094. SGM Charles H. Beauchamp, Columbia River Chapter, 2010
095. Mrs. Carlene Joseph, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010
096. SGM Lloyd J. Rahlf, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2010
097. Mrs. Robin Robertson, Central California Chapter, 2010
098. Ms. Karen Schade, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010
099. 1SG Thomas David Clanton, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, 2011
100. MG Kent H. Hillhouse, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2011
101. Mrs. Linda Johnston, Columbia River Chapter, 2011
102. LTC Scott W. Maryott, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2011
103. CW5 Lorie E. Noble, Mission Trails Chapter, 2011
104. Mr. Ken Swarner, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011
105. Mrs. Denise Dhane, Columbia River Chapter, 2012
106. Mrs. Kathy Hart, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2012
107. MG Robert B. Ostenberg, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2012
108. Mrs. Dee Rahlf, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2012
109. Mrs. Annette Siebert, Mission Trails Chapter, 2012
110. COL Robert L. Windus, Columbia River Chapter, 2012
111. CSM (R) Larry D. Smith, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2013
112. CSM (R) Alan Callanan, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2014

113. Greg Hollmann, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014
114. Sandy Merlot, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2014
115. Amy Tiemeyer, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014
116. BG Robert E. Harpainter, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2015
117. Mrs. Mary Jennifer Logan, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2015
118. Mrs. Pamela Marr, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2015
119. COL (Retired) Daniel E. Furtado, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2016
120. MAJ (Retired) Douglas W. Miller, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2016
121. Mr. Bernie Stolzman, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2016
122. Ms. Mary Findlay, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017
123. Ms. Alecia Grady, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017
124. Ms. Kirsten Kler, Columbia River Chapter, 2017
125. Mrs. Renee Souza, Columbia River Chapter, 2017
126. LTC (Ret) Alex Thole, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura Chapter, 2017
127. Ms. Tina Torfin, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017
128. Mr. James W. Anderson, Central California Chapter, 2018
129. Mr. Cruz Arroyo, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018
130. SGM Jerry L. Glesmann (USA Ret), Columbia River Chapter, 2018
131. MAJ Gerald F. Morris, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2018
132. The Reverend Susan Plucker, Sergeant Major Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2018
133. MSG Scott Stimpson, Columbia River Chapter, 2018
134. Daniel Campostagno, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2019
135. LTC (Ret) Nicole Sarafolean, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2019
136. Eric Kantor, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2020
137. Sandi Lewis, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2020
138. Stephanie Prosser, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2020
139. Catherine Rotes, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2020
140. Paul Rotes, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2020

**MG (CA) RONALD H. MARKARIAN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COOPERATIVE SUCCESS** [Award name changed in 2012 to honor MG (CA) Ronald H. Markarian]

- 509<sup>th</sup> Military Band and Chorus, Central California Chapter  
 Gem State Chapter, Association of the United States Army  
 Central California Chapter, Association of the United States Army  
 Employer Support to Guard and Reserve Joint Support Team, Columbia River Chapter  
 Army Reserve Support Team, Columbia River Chapter, 2008  
 Pierce Military and Business Alliance, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010  
 "Sounds of Freedom" Military Concert Band, Central California Chapter, 2010  
 Columbia River Chapter, 2011  
 PFC William Kenzo Nakamura Chapter, 2011  
 CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter Executive Committee, 2012  
 Design Science Early College High School Cadet Corps, Central California Chapter, 2012  
 MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2012  
 Support America's Armed Forces, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 Lacey Subchapter of the CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post 6298, Dublin-Pleasanton CA, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2013  
 Virginia Kinakin, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
 Lakewood Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
 Eastside Subchapter of the CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 Puyallup Subchapter of the CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 Paul and Cathy Rotes, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2016  
 LTC (Retired) Nicole Sarafolean, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2017  
 Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC), Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
 Not awarded in 2019  
 COL (Retired) Larry J. Smith, Columbia River Chapter, 2020

**COL DAVID A. APPLING AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RECRUITING SUPPORT**

- (Award name changed in 2012 to honor COL David A. Appling)  
 Columbia River Chapter, 2010  
 Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010  
 Columbia River Chapter, 2011  
 BG (CA) Richard A. Lundin, PhD, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2012  
 Mr. Mike Conklin, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2013  
 Washington State Army Advisory Board, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014

Not awarded in 2015 or 2016  
Dr. Lance Izumi, SGM Jon R Cavaiani Chapter, 2017  
The Community Relations Board of the Northern California (NORCA) Army Recruiting Battalion,  
Sergeant Major Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2017  
Not awarded in 2018, 2019 or 2020.

### **SIXTH REGION FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Staff Sergeant Mark A. Jones Family, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2014  
First Sergeant Jeffrey Goodman Family, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
Family of First Sergeant Jesse Galbraith, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
Family of Sergeant First Class Benjamin Pagni, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2016  
Not awarded in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020.

### **BG ALEX R. CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL AWARD**

Category 2 - CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
Category 2 - CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
Category 3 - Columbia River Chapter, 2013  
Category 5 - GEN William C. Westmoreland, 2013  
Category 2 - CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
Category 3 - Columbia River Chapter, 2014  
Category 4 - SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2014  
Category 5 - GEN William C. Westmoreland, 2014  
Category 2 - CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
Category 3 - Columbia River Chapter, 2015  
Category 4 - TIE - MG William F. Dean Chapter and SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2015  
Category 5 - GEN William C. Westmoreland, 2015  
Most Improved Chapter in Sixth Region: Silicon Valley Chapter, 2015  
Category 2: CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
Category 3: Columbia River Chapter, 2016  
Category 4: MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2016  
Category 5: GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2016  
Most Improved Chapter in Sixth Region: MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2016  
Category 2: CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
Category 3: Columbia River Chapter, 2017  
Category 4: SGM Jon R Cavaiani Chapter, MG William F. Dean Chapter – Runner Up, 2017  
Category 5: GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, San Francisco Chapter – Runner Up,  
Silicon Valley Chapter – Honorable Mention, 2017  
Best Chapter Overall in Sixth Region: GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2017  
CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter – Runner Up, 2017  
Category 2: CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
Category 3: Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
Category 4: SGM Jon R Cavaiani Chapter, 2018  
Category 5: GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2018  
Group 1 (1 chapter) – Captain Meriwether Lewis, 2019  
Group 2 (0 Chapter) – No Chapter  
Group 3 (4 chapters) – Columbia River, 2019  
Group 4 (2 chapters) – GEN William C. Westmoreland, 2019  
Group 5 (6 chapters) – MSG Leroy Arthur Petry, 2019  
Best Chapter Overall in Sixth Region: Columbia River Chapter, 2019  
Group 1 (1 chapter) – Captain Meriwether Lewis, 2020  
Group 2 (0 chapter) – No Chapter  
Group 3 (4 chapters) – Columbia River, (Best Chapter for Group 3 Nationally), 2020  
Group 4 (2 chapters) – GEN William C. Westmoreland, 2020  
Group 5 (6 chapters) – John C. Fremont (Runner up for Best Group 5 Nationally), Most Improved Chapter in  
Sixth Region, 2020  
Best Chapter Overall in Sixth Region: Columbia River Chapter, 2020  
Note: 7 (Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Central California, GEN Joseph W. Stillwell, MSG Leroy Petry,  
Gem State, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura) of the 13 chapters did not make Merit status; all other  
chapters in the 6<sup>th</sup> Region attained Merit status.

## **SIXTH REGION PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT**

Silicon Valley Chapter, 2014  
Not awarded in 2015, 2016 or 2017  
Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
Not awarded in 2019  
Columbia River Chapter, 2020

## **SIXTH REGION DISTINGUISHED UNIT COMMENDATION**

HHC, 351st Civil Affairs Command, Silicon Valley Chapter  
Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
Jet JROTC Battalion, Encinal High School, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
United States Army Recruiting Company, Monterey Bay, Silicon Valley Chapter  
United States Army Tri-Valley Recruiting Station, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
1106th Aviation Classification and Repair Activity Depot, Central California Chapter (5 awards)  
US Army Livermore Recruiting Station, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
Pipes and Drums, 91st Division Band, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
HQ, 3rd Brigade, 91st Division, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
91st Division Band, MG William F. Dean Chapter (2 awards)  
United States Army Recruiting Company, Fresno, Central California Chapter  
229th Military Intelligence Battalion, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter (2 awards)  
McLane High School Junior ROTC Battalion, Central California Chapter  
US Army Fresno Recruiting Company, Central California Chapter  
HHC, 7th Psychological Operations Group, Silicon Valley Chapter  
HHC, 351st Civil Affairs Command, Silicon Valley Chapter  
12th Psychological Operations Battalion, Silicon Valley Chapter  
14th Psychological Operations Battalion, Silicon Valley Chapter  
2d Battalion, 162d Infantry, Columbia River Chapter  
1st Battalion, 184th Infantry, Central California Chapter  
729th Transportation Company, Central California Chapter  
14th Engineer Battalion (Combat), Fort Lewis Chapter  
41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Columbia River Chapter  
41st Personnel Services Company, Columbia River Chapter  
HQ and Hq Company, 555th Combat Support Brigade, Fort Lewis Chapter  
1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
17th Fires Brigade, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
585th Engineer Company (Pipeline Construction), Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
Henry H. Lind Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2009  
Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2009  
United States Army Combat Support Training Center, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2009  
2nd Battalion, 641st Aviation Regiment, ORARNG, Columbia River Chapter, 2010  
41st Brigade Combat Team, ORARNG, Columbia River Chapter, 2010  
Headquarters, 81st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, WAARNG, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010  
3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd ID, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd ID, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
17th Field Artillery Brigade, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
3rd Battalion, 116th Cavalry Regiment, Columbia River Chapter, 2012  
593rd Special Troops Battalion, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
14th Engineer Battalion "Rugged", CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
109th Military Intelligence Battalion "Disrupters", Eastside Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
Fresno Army Recruiting Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2013  
B Battery, 1st Battalion, (Air Assault) 377th Field Artillery Regiment, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
864th Engineer Battalion, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
Detachment 47, 2-641st Aviation, Columbia River Chapter, 2014  
2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, JBLM, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, I Corps, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
US Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy Parks, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2015  
4th Battalion 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
3d Ordnance Battalion (EOD) "Nighthawks", CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
110th CBRN Battalion "Utmost", CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
504th Military Police Battalion, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2019  
Not awarded in 2020.

## **SIXTH REGION MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 185<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Central California Chapter  
91<sup>st</sup> Division Band, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
Andrew P. Hill High School Junior ROTC Battalion, Silicon Valley Chapter  
Bulldog Battalion, California State University, Fresno, Central California Chapter (2 awards)  
Company D, 40<sup>th</sup> Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Battalion, Central California Chapter  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 186<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Columbia River Chapter  
241<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Company, Columbia River Chapter  
249<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute, Columbia River Chapter  
445<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Silicon Valley Chapter  
Oregon National Guard Military Air Rescue Team, Columbia River Chapter  
United States Army Recruiting Company, East Bay, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
United States Army Reserve West Coast Garrison (Provisional), MG William F. Dean Chapter  
Warrior Battalion, Fresno High School Junior ROTC, Central California Chapter  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 162<sup>d</sup> Infantry, Columbia River Chapter  
Troop F, 82<sup>d</sup> Cavalry, Columbia River Chapter  
Troop G, 82<sup>d</sup> Cavalry, Columbia River Chapter  
Detachment 1, Company D, 113<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Columbia River Chapter  
1186<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, Columbia River Chapter  
91<sup>st</sup> Division Band, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
HQ, United States Army Garrison, Fort Lewis, Fort Lewis Chapter  
115<sup>th</sup> Military Public Affairs Detachment, Columbia River Chapter, 2008  
Warrior Transition Battalion, Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
Combat Support Training Center, Ft. Hunter Liggett, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2010  
Warrior, Veteran and Family Service Support Directorate, J-9, WAARNG, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010  
191<sup>st</sup> Division Band, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2010  
Golden Bear ROTC Battalion, University of California, Berkeley, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2011  
Sacramento Recruiting Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2011  
Washington State Guard, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura Chapter, 2011  
9<sup>th</sup> Financial Management Company, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
22<sup>nd</sup> Human Resources Company, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
265<sup>th</sup> Movement Control Team, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
Detachment 1, Bravo Company (Military Intelligence), Columbia River Chapter, 2011  
Bronco Battalion, Army ROTC, Santa Clara University, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2011  
Golden Bear Battalion, Army ROTC, University of California-Berkeley, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2011  
Sacramento Army Recruiting Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2011  
42<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Brigade, Steilacoom Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
308<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion "Red Lion", CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
502<sup>d</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion "Watchmen", Eastside Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
University of California Berkeley Army ROTC "Golden Bear" Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2013  
C Company, 7-158<sup>th</sup> Aviation (FMST), Columbia River Chapter, 2014  
US Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy Parks, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2014  
22<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Clearance Company ("Hooligans"), 864<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
42<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Brigade, 593<sup>rd</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment, JBLM, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
HQ 508<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion, 593<sup>rd</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment, JBLM, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
570<sup>th</sup> Sapper Company ("FIDO"), 864<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
Mount Diablo High School Army JROTC "Red Devil" Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2015  
University of California, Berkeley Army ROTC "Golden Bear" Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2015  
Mount Diablo High School Army JROTC "Red Devil" Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2016  
University of California, Berkeley, Army ROTC "Golden Bear" Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2016  
Western Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2016  
Clover Park High School Air Force JROTC DET WA-931, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
Reno High School "Huskie" Battalion (JROTC), GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2017  
Clover Park High School Air Force JROTC DET WA-931, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
Lakes High School Army JROTC, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
Not awarded in 2019 or 2020.

## **SIXTH REGION EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AWARD**

Keradan Sales, Seattle, Washington  
Safeway Stores, Danville, California  
Pipes and Drums, 91<sup>st</sup> Division Band, Camp Parks, California  
Fresno County National Guard Commission, California  
Bulldog Battalion, California State University, Fresno  
Mariposa Inn, Monterey, California  
Headquarters, Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, California

1106th Aviation Classification and Repair Activity Depot, Fresno, California (2 awards)  
 509th Military Band, Fresno, California  
 Lao Veterans of America, Inc., Fresno, California (2 awards)  
 Jet JROTC Battalion, Encinal High School, Alameda, California  
 Falcon Battalion, Andrew P. Hill High School Junior ROTC, San José, California  
 Beer Monuments, Inc., Fresno, California  
 The Club at Camp Parks, Dublin, California  
 Greater Fresno Chamber of Commerce, California  
 Presley's Military Supplies, Fresno, California  
 Allied Aerospace Flight Systems Division, Moffett Field, California  
 Pioneer Services, Tacoma, Washington  
 Wyndham Garden Hotel, Pleasanton, California  
 America's Credit Union, Fort Lewis Chapter (2 awards)  
 Athletes Helping Kids Foundation, Beverly Hills, California  
 1SG Ray Bentley, 91<sup>st</sup> Division Band  
 GEICO Direct, Lakewood, Washington  
 CW4 John S. Hook, Fresno, California  
 United Services Automobile Association, Seattle, Washington  
 Walmart Store #2985, Fresno, California  
 Mr. Richard L. Fielder, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 CSM Jimmie Johnson, Las Vegas-John C. Fremont Chapter  
 MSG Patrick F. Johnson, Central California Chapter  
 LTC Joel B. Manning, Central California Chapter  
 MAJ Verl C. Miller, Columbia River Chapter  
 CSM Jackie Moore, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
 CSM Mary Starmer-Smith, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 MAJ David P. Wolin, Central California Chapter  
 LTC Robert J. Mouw, Columbia River Chapter  
 US Army Combat Support Training Center, Camp Parks, California, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 LTC Richard R. Dyer, Mother Lode Chapter  
 LTC Ronald D. Kinsley, Columbia River Chapter  
 Mrs. Linda Latham, Columbia River Chapter  
 Ms. Amy Phillips, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
 SGM Charles R. Beauchamp, Columbia River Chapter, 2008  
 SGM James B. Duncan, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
 Mr. Ralph J. Hartmann, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2008  
 MG Curtis A. Loop, Columbia River Chapter, 2008  
 COL Kevin R. Riedler, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2008  
 Rickey O. Stevens, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
 CSM John Austin, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2009  
 Mr. Kevin Cato, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2009  
 Bill and Stacy Gardner, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2009  
 COL Paul R. Disney Jr., Columbia River Chapter, 2009  
 Mr. Richard L. Fielder, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2009  
 CW4 Robert E. Gross, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2009  
 COL Roberta Janssen, Columbia River Chapter, 2009  
 Mrs. Carlene Joseph, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2009  
 Ms. Karen Schade, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2009  
 COL William J. Schutz, Columbia River Chapter, 2009  
 Columbia River Chapter's Golf Committee, Columbia River Chapter, 2010  
 LTC Michael J. Daniels, Columbia River Chapter, 2010  
 LTC Alisha K. Hamel, Columbia River Chapter, 2010  
 Mrs. Virginia Kinakin, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010  
 CW2 (CA) Sandra R. Peralta, Mission Trails Chapter, 2010  
 CSM Mark R. Wilsdon, Columbia River Chapter, 2010  
 Mr. Brice Barrett, Columbia River Chapter, 2011  
 America's Credit Union, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 COL Peter M Sorini, M.C., Montana, 2012  
 Christine M. Campbell, Ph.D. Associate Provost, (DLIFLC), GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, 2013  
 Joint Base Lewis-McChord Credit Union Team, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
 City of Lakewood, Washington, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
 Farrelli's Pizza, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 Northwest Harley-Davidson of Lacey, Washington, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 VFW Post 11401, Milton, Washington, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 Hawks Prairie Restaurant and Casino of Lacey, Washington, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
 PKMM Incorporated, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
 Brandman University of Lacey, Washington, Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
 Kidz-n-Motion Entertainment of Lacey, Washington, Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017

Lucky Eagle Casino, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
 PRIDE Industries, Sergeant Major Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2017  
 Walmart of Lacey, Washington, Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
 Harborstone Credit Union, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
 City of Lacey, Washington, Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
 COL David J. Lay (USA Ret), Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
 Saint Martin's University, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
 Chaplain (LTC) Terry Schrick, Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
 T-Mobile Salem Call Center, Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
 Mr. Ralph Walker, Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
 The Old Cannery Furniture Store, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2019  
 Peninsula Metropolitan (PenMet) Park District, Gig Harbor Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2019  
 Isabella Colvin. Captain Meriwether-Lewis chapter, 2020  
 COL Kevin J. D. Dial (USA Ret), Columbia River Chapter, 2020  
 Tactical Tailor, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2020  
 US Family Health Plan, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2020

### **SIXTH REGION PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

Public Affairs Office, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, California (5 awards)  
 CDR Dean Woo, Royal Pacific Motor Inn, San Francisco, California  
 Mr. Marco Milanese, Legislative Assistant, 10th Congressional District, California  
 Headquarters, California State Military Reserve, Fresno, California  
 Legion of Valor Museum, Fresno, California  
 CPT Gregory C. Hall, Camp Parks, California  
 California Military Museum, Sacramento, California  
 MAJ Ray Walton, Modesto, California  
 509<sup>th</sup> Military Band, Central California Chapter  
 Fresno County National Guard Commission, Fresno, California  
 Hon. Guy S. Houston, Dublin, California  
 Kiwanis Club of Monterey, Monterey, California  
 PELCO, Inc., Fresno, California  
 CH (LTC) Robert W. Small, Central California Chapter (2 awards)  
 Veterans Affairs Central California Health System, Fresno, California  
 Athletes Helping Kids Foundation, Beverly Hills, California  
 City of Mountain View, California  
 City of Sunnyvale, California  
 CSM Kenneth E. Moats, Fresno, California  
 Mr. Sanjay Patel, Dublin, California  
 Ms. Laura Boggs, Columbia River Chapter  
 Ms. Darcy Woodke, Columbia River Chapter  
 Mr. Monte G. Gmur, Central California Chapter  
 Mr. Anthony J. Lallo, Central California Chapter  
 Ms. Kathy M. Mitchell, Central California Chapter  
 Portland General Electric, Inc., Columbia River Chapter  
 1042<sup>nd</sup> Medical Company, Columbia River Chapter  
 Ms. Carrie Fox, Columbia River Chapter  
 Ms. Jennifer Kotz, Columbia River Chapter  
 Ms. Jeannette Mayer, Columbia River Chapter  
 Ms. Susie Sheehy, Columbia River Chapter  
 CH (1LT) Marc L. Unger, Central California Chapter  
 LTC Douglas W. Kotrba, Fort Lewis Chapter  
 McChord AFB Center, Puget Sound Area, USO, Fort Lewis Chapter  
 Ms. Joanne Moss, Columbia River Chapter  
 COL Mike Valdez, Columbia River Chapter  
 Mr. Jim Willis, Columbia River Chapter  
 Ms. Christine A. Yriarte, Columbia River Chapter  
 Ms. Victoria J. Mohler, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
 MSG Alex Silva, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
 Mr. Chewon Han, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2009  
 Ms. Valeria Amadon, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2009  
 Mrs. Kerry Bivens, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010  
 California State Military Museum, Mother Lode Chapter, 2010  
 Mrs. Toni Lopez, Central California Chapter, 2010  
 Mr. Denver Mills, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2010  
 Skookum, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2010  
 Ranger Newspaper, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2011  
 Mrs. Mary Valderrama, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2011



CalPortland, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
Mrs. Leslie Mayne, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
Pierce Military and Business Alliance, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
Saint Catherine of Alexandria School, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, 2012  
555th Able Soldier and Family Fund, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
I Corps and JBLM Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
Pacific Lutheran University, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
Not awarded in 2016  
Washington State Veteran's Legislative Coalition, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAS), Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
Not awarded in 2019 or 2020.

### **SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES TO ARMY AND NATION**

SPC Daniel P. Unger (posthumous), Central California Chapter  
CalPortland Company, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
City of Lacey, Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
Denise Dhane, DuPont Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
Not awarded in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020.

### **SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES TO THE ASSOCIATION**

MG G. Walter Titus and Mrs. Lucie Marx Titus, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
CSM Kenneth E. Moats, Central California Chapter  
MG Ronald H. Markarian, Central California Chapter  
Linda Johnston, Columbia River Chapter, 2014  
Isabelle Slifer, AUSA National Headquarters, 2015  
Dave Edger, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2016  
Claudia Folzman, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2016  
Patrick Lewis, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
MAJ (Ret) Philip Barletto, SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2017  
MAJ (Ret) Jeffrey Battle, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
Mrs. Kelly Colter, Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
Walmart, Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
Mrs. Mary Jennifer Logan, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2019  
COL Robert L. Windus (USA Ret), Columbia River Chapter, 2020.

### **SIXTH REGION CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION**

COL James E. Enault, Silicon Valley Chapter  
CW4 Paul F. Gedling, Silicon Valley Chapter  
Golden Bear Battalion, University of California, Berkeley, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
US Army East Bay Recruiting Company, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
COL Gene H. Rafanelli, Silicon Valley Chapter  
Elks Lodge 336, Columbia River Chapter  
Mr. William H. Hawkins, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
CSM Mark B. Mickaelian, Central California Chapter  
Dr. Alexander Pronin, Central California Chapter (2 awards)  
TRM Corporation, Columbia River Chapter  
Welch Allyn, Inc., Columbia River Chapter  
MAJ Casimiro Barruga, Columbia River Chapter  
COL Elizabeth A. Doehring, Central California Chapter  
CPT Gervase A. Eckenrod, Central California  
LTC Matthew J. Hardy, Columbia River Chapter  
COL Kenneth E. Hayes, Central California Chapter  
CSM Russell E. Noble, Central California Chapter  
CH (LTC) Robert W. Small, Central California Chapter  
CPT Donald W. Smith, Central California Chapter  
MG (CA) G. Walter Titus, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
Headquarters, 91<sup>st</sup> Division (Training Support), MG William F. Dean Chapter  
COL Carol A. Brown, Columbia River Chapter  
MAJ Alisha Hamel, Columbia River Chapter  
Crockett Trophy and Awards, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
Pleasanton Crowne Plaza Hotel, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
SSG April Herinckx, Columbia River Chapter  
Ms. Rose R. Martinez, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
Mr. Dennis J. Peterson, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
LTC William J. Schutz, Columbia River Chapter  
LTC James A. Davel, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008

Fort Lewis Chapter (Region Meeting support planning group), 2008  
 Charlene Mitzimberg, Columbia River Chapter, 2009  
 LTC Nicole 'Nik' Balliet, Mission Trails Chapter, 2010  
 SFC Thomas 'Dave' Clanton, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, 2010  
 Crockett Award and Trophy Services, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2010  
 Captain Gervase (Gerry) Eckenrod, Central California Chapter, 2010  
 Fresno State Army ROTC Bulldog Battalion, Central California Chapter, 2010  
 COL Robert G. Fritz, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2010  
 Mrs. Sally Grundy, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2010  
 Mr. David Huddleston, Central California Chapter, 2010  
 SSG Russell Kojo, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2010  
 Mrs. Lynn Lindsey, Central California Chapter, 2010  
 Mrs. Mary Jennifer Logan, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2010  
 1SG David F. Magill, Central California Chapter, 2010  
 Specialist Third Class Harry R. Paul, Central California Chapter, 2010  
 Mrs. Dee Rahlf, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2010  
 Chaplain (Captain) Marc L. Unger, Central California Chapter, 2010  
 Mrs. Lynda Unger, Central California Chapter, 2010  
 CW3 Peter J.B. Lawrence, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura Chapter, 2011  
 CDR Don M. Morris, Mission Trail Chapter, 2011  
 CSM Bruce E. Proctor, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura Chapter, 2011  
 LTC Alexander A. Thole, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura Chapter, 2011  
 COL Robert L. Windus, Columbia River Chapter, 2011  
 CPT Brent L. Barnes, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2012  
 Mrs. Jaimie Garrett, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 1LT Carole N. House, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 CPT Katherine Jarmusz, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 SFC Hwan Kim, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 CSM Billy Ray King, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 LTC Richard G. La Hue, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2012  
 Mr. Kenneth Leonard, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 LTC Douglas A. LeVien, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 SSG Jeffrey L. McArthur, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 1LT Heninan T. Newsome, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 CPT Andrew D. Pepler, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 MAJ Jonathan Rittenberg, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 CSM Matthew Scott Shepardson, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 WO1 Hatsady Siriphokha, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2012  
 Sounds of Freedom Military Concert Band, Central California Chapter, 2012  
 Mr. Bernard N. Stolzman, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2012  
 CSM Gabriel Villasenor, Central California Chapter, 2012  
 SFC Jeffrey Wilson, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2012  
 Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Theodore Solonar, Steilacoom Subchapter CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2013  
 Command Sergeant Major Patrick M. McKie, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2013  
 Kirsten M. Kler, Bonneville Power Administration, Columbia River Chapter, 2014  
 SGM Daniel DeGeorge Family, SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2014  
 Mary Findlay, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2014  
 BG (R) Thomas A. Swidler, San Francisco Chapter, 2014  
 Silicon Valley Chapter, 2015  
 Staff Sergeant Omar A. Hamilton, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 CPT Kristen Berdahl, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 Brenna Johnson, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 MAJ Daniel Ferguson, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2015  
 Silicon Valley Chapter, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2016  
 Sandi Lewis, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
 Ms. Barbara Morgan, San Francisco Chapter, 2016  
 Stephanie Prosser, PKMM Incorporated, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2016  
 Captain Pearle Surface, SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2016  
 CSM (Ret) Tom Detchemendy, Treasurer, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura Chapter, 2017  
 Ms. Karen Getchell, President, DuPont Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
 Mr. John Guardia, President, Gig Harbor Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2017  
 Mr. Curtis Thompson, President, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura Chapter, 2017  
 MS. Holly Constantine. Dupont-Stellacoom Subchapter Vice President, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
 COL Kevin Dial (USA Ret), Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
 SFC Michael Farnum (USA Ret), President, Eastside Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2018  
 Mr. Harry Paul, President, Central California Chapter, 2018  
 COL Robert L. Windus (USA Ret), Vice President, Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
 Company G, 189<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Columbia River Chapter, 2019

Company C, 141<sup>st</sup> Brigade Support Battalion, Columbia River Chapter, 2019  
T-Mobile Salem Call Center, Columbia River Chapter, 2019  
Dawn R. Taylor, Columbia River Chapter, 2019  
Mount Hood Company, Portland Recruiting Battalion, Columbia River Chapter, 2019  
Beth Ellis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2019  
MAJ Guy Kent Troy (USA Ret), Chapter 2nd Vice President; Lakewood/University Place Subchapter Secretary, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2019  
COL Michael A. Fleetwood (USA Ret), President Puyallup/Sumner Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2019  
Karen Alexandrou, SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2019  
SSG Frank Goehringer (USA Ret), President - SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, **2019**  
Not awarded in 2020.

## **SIXTH REGION CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

LTC John M. Geddes, Jr., Silicon Valley Chapter  
Ms. Linda Forrester, Silicon Valley Chapter  
Tony Roma's, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
Chief Eric P. Whitehead, Parks RFTA Federal Police Force, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
COL George Taylor Jones, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
Mr. Joaquín Finona, Jr., Defense Language Institute, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
Mr. William Thomas, Defense Language Institute, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
Mr. Michael L. Conklin, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
Bulldog Battalion, California State University, Fresno, Central California Chapter (2 awards)  
Lao Veterans of America, Inc., Central California Chapter (2 awards)  
Allied Aerospace Flight Systems Division, Silicon Valley Chapter  
Big Sur International Marketing, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
MAJ Donald W. Canaday, Central California Chapter  
SSG Tommy L. Carson, Fort Lewis Chapter  
1SG Alan S. Doctor, Central California Chapter  
Ms. Sandra L. Fujioka, Central California Chapter  
MSG Robert L. Graves, MG William F. Dean Chapter  
CSM William A. Hansen, Central California Chapter  
Mr. Nick Lombardo and Rancho Canada Golf Club, GEN Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter  
Mr. Ronald M. Markarian, Central California Chapter  
LTC William A. Neal, Central California Chapter  
COL Gene H. Rafanelli, Silicon Valley Chapter  
Chevy's Fresh Mex Restaurant, Fresno, Central California Chapter  
Clawson Honda of Fresno, Central California Chapter  
Command Group, West Coast Garrison (Provisional), MG William F. Dean Chapter  
Legion of Valor Museum, Central California Chapter  
CPT Arthur J. Hill, Central California Chapter  
Patriots Landing, Fort Lewis Chapter  
LCDR Gordon D. Pickett, Central California Chapter  
MAJ John M. Terrizzi, Central California Chapter  
Toys "Я" Us #5802, Fresno, Central California Chapter  
LTC Thomas G. VaVerka, Central California Chapter  
Walmart Store #1815, Fresno, Central California Chapter  
Walmart Store #1826, Visalia, Central California Chapter  
Walmart Store #2001, Fresno, Central California Chapter  
Walmart Store #2277, Clovis, Central California Chapter  
Walmart Store #2985, Fresno, Central California Chapter  
Mr. Kevin Weiske, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter  
LTC Lester W. Zielinski, Central California Chapter  
MG Ronald H. Markarian, Central California Chapter  
Mr. Ivan McAfee, Shilo Inns, Columbia River Chapter  
Ms. Karen Monroe, Shilo Inns, Columbia River Chapter  
SFC Jesse A. Salas, 234<sup>th</sup> Army Band, Columbia River Chapter  
Mr. Shaun Wagner, Shilo Inns, Columbia River Chapter  
17<sup>th</sup> Fires Brigade, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
CH (MAJ) Michael Allen, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
Color Guard, 555<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
Great American Casino, Tacoma, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
Guest House Inn of DuPont, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
Liberty Inn of DuPont, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
Henry H. Lind NCO Academy, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
MSG Marvin Shields, McChord Air Force Base, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
Western Air Defense Sector (Col Paul Gruver), McChord Air Force Base, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008

Washington State Guard (COL Jerry Wilkins), Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
 Warrior Transition Battalion, Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis Chapter, 2008  
 Mount Eden High School Band, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2009  
 John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel Casino, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2009  
 Design Science High School Army Cadet Corps, Central California Chapter, 2009  
 Mount Diablo High School JROTC, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2009  
 Oakes Family Dentistry, Columbia River Chapter, 2011  
 Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition, Columbia River Chapter, 2011  
 Portland Recruiting Battalion, Columbia River Chapter, 2011  
 Sheron Dental, Columbia River Chapter, 2011  
 CPT Kevin Kahre, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2011  
 LTC Bart Tragemann, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2011  
 Governor Brian Sandoval, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2011  
 Mrs. Cora Estes, Central California Chapter, 2012  
 BG Robert E. Harpainter, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2012  
 Mrs. Linda Hill, Columbia River Chapter, 2012  
 COL Art Knopf, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2012  
 Bonneville Power Administration Veterans Resource Group, Columbia River Chapter, 2014  
 City Bible Church, Columbia River Chapter, 2014  
 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1267, SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2014  
 Nugget Casino Resort-Amanda Flangas, Gen William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2015  
 Van Woert Bigotti Architects-Charles R. Grundy, Gen William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2015  
 University of Nevada, Reno Army ROTC "Wolf Pack" Battalion, Gen William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2015  
 University of Nevada, Reno Cadet Band, Gen William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2015  
 Washoe County School District JROTC "Silver State" Brigade, Gen William C. Westmoreland Chapter, 2015  
 Faz Restaurant, Faz Poursohi, Owner, Faz Management, Inc., MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2016  
 Four Points by Sheraton, Tom Buckley, Hotel Manager, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2016  
 191st Army Band Jazz Combo, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2016  
 Mount Diablo High School Army JROTC "Red Devil" Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2016  
 Ms. Elizabeth Marquez, Region Secretary-Treasurer, AUSA – Sixth Region, Columbia River Chapter, 2017  
 MG (Ret) John Crowe, Executive Vice President, AUSA – Sixth Region, Central California Chapter, 2017  
 Dublin Trophy House, Jeff Allan, Owner, 2017  
 LaQuinta Hotel and Suites, Tacoma, Washington, Nathan Uffens, Coordinator, 2017  
 LeMay Auto Museum, Tacoma, Washington, Ann Sweeney, Coordinator, 2017  
 Clipper Vacations, Tacoma, Washington, Kirsten Ruddy, Coordinator, 2017  
 I Corp Honor Guard, NCOIC - SGT Paul Skillin, 2017  
 133d Army Band, Washington National Guard, 2017  
 AUSA – Sounds of Freedom Concert Band, Monte Gmur – Band Director, Central California Chapter, 2018  
 Hmong Cultural Dancers. 2018  
 Ms. Susan Tuttle – Secretary, Central California Chapter, 2018  
 Maykou Vang, Central California Chapter, 2018  
 CSM (Retired) Joseph R. Sweeney, MSG Leroy A. Petry Chapter, 2019  
 The Reverend Susan Plucker, MSG Leroy A. Petry Chapter, 2019  
 Garrison Command Group, Camp San Luis Obispo, 2019  
 COL Timothy Vincent, MSG Leroy A. Petry Chapter, 2019  
 LTC Angel Ortiz, MSG Leroy A. Petry Chapter, 2019  
 SFC Angela (Angie) Lindahl, MSG Leroy A. Petry Chapter, 2019  
 Ms. Annette Siebert, MSG Leroy A. Petry Chapter, 2019  
 Dr. Rebecca Gervasi, MSG Leroy A. Petry Chapter, 2019  
 Grizzly Youth Academy, 2019  
 LOVARC Industry, 2019  
 Veterans United Home Loans, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2019  
 Mrs. Cheryl Seby, SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter - Treasurer, 2019  
 CPT Charles Jamison (USA Ret), SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter – Secretary, 2019  
 MG Eldon P. Regua (USA Ret), MG William F. Dean Chapter, 2019  
 Singer Ricky Lee, 2019  
 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Band Ensemble – SFC James Emery – Lead, 2019  
 Gold Coast Recruiting Company – Color Guard, 2019  
 LTC (Retired) Marko Grgurich, Sergeant Major Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2020  
 CPT (Retired) Chuck Jamison, Sergeant Major Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter, 2020  
 Ms. Bali Sangha, Fairfield Inn – Woodland, CA, 2020

## **SIXTH REGION SPECIAL AWARD FOR SIXTH RECRUITING BRIGADE RECRUITING EXCELLENCE**

1SG Adam Snow – 6<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Brigade 1SG of the Year – FY19, Salt Lake City Battalion, 2020  
SFC Jeremy Turner – Station Commander of the Year – FY19, Los Angeles Battalion, 2020  
SFC Bryan Lowney – 6<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Brigade Regular Army NCO of the Year – FY19, Central California Battalion, 2020  
SFC Kevin Tran – 6<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Brigade Army Reserve NCO of the Year – FY19, Los Angeles Battalion, 2020  
SSG Fredrick Williams – 6<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Brigade Staff NCO of the Year – FY19, Sixth Brigade HQ – Las Vegas, 2020

## **AUSA NATIONAL – SPECIAL STREAMER AWARD**

Columbia River Chapter, 2018  
MSG Leroy A. Petry Chapter, 2019  
Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, 2020

## **SIXTH REGION HISTORY**

- The Sixth Region of the Association of the United States Army was organized 22 May 1963. Mr. Benjamin H. Swig served as the first Region President from 1963-1964.
- Sixth Region was deactivated on 25 September 1964.
- Sixth Region was reorganized on 18 May 1979.

Sixth Region Presidents and years of service are as follows:

1963-1964	Mr. Benjamin H. Swig
1964-1979	Deactivated
1979-1982	MG James T. Keltner
1982-1984	MG Charles D. Palmer
1984-1988	Mr. Kirby P. Low
1988-1991	BG Alexander R. Cunningham
1991-1996	MG (CA) Ronald H. Markarian
1996-2000	MG John A. Hemphill
2000-2004	CSM Joseph R. Sweeney
2004-2008	COL David A. Appling
2008-2012	COL George D. Lanning
2012-2016	LTC Sharlee "Charley" W. Smith (first female)
2016-2020	COL Richard P. "Phil" Stage
2020-Curr	SGM Jerry L. Glesmann