



Sixth Region Spring Meeting

12–14 April 2018

Clovis Veterans Memorial District
808 Fourth St., Clovis, CA 93612

Hosted by the Central California Chapter

Suggested Hotel: Homewood Suites, 835 Gettysburg, Clovis, CA

Themes: "Soldier Readiness" and "Recruiting"

AGENDA

As of 27 Feb 2018

Event Dress Code:

Awards Banquet: Black Tie with medals/Mess Dress/Class A Uniform w/Bow Tie

All other events: Military -- Class B w/o tie

Civilian -- Business (no jeans, shorts, tank tops); Jacket/tie optional - no exceptions

Thursday, 12 April 2018- Gathering Day

Homewood Suites: 835 Gettysburg, Clovis, CA (A Hilton property) Shuttle service from the Fresno Airport (559)-292-4004 (The hotel is appx 2.2 miles south of the Clovis Veterans building, on Clovis Blvd.) The shuttle can be used to move you from the hotel to the Clovis Veterans building (CVMD). Hotel Reservations are available as of now.

*Code is: " Association of the US Army", for the reserved block of rooms.

Rates: \$ 127 for King bed and \$132 for two queens. (559) 292-4004.

Breakfast is served daily and a Thursday dinner is served at no charge to guests of the hotel.

- 1500-1800** Hotel Check In – Homewood Suites Front Desk
Registration & packet pick-up – Homewood Suites Lobby
POC: Harry Paul, President – Central California Chapter
- 1800-2100** Hotel Check In – Homewood Suites Front Desk
Conference registration & packet pick-up – Clovis Veterans Memorial building
POC: Harry Paul, President – Central California Chapter
- 1800-2100** Opening Reception & Icebreaker in the Independence Room at Clovis Veterans Memorial building
Host Chapter will provide hot and cold hors d'oeuvres; local regional wine provided
- Welcome by COL Phil Stage (USA Ret), Sixth Region President
 - Welcome by GEN Carter Ham (USA Ret), AUSA President
 - Welcome by Harry Paul, Host Chapter President
 - Colors to be posted by the Clovis Company, Central California USAREC Battalion

Friday, 13 April 2018 - Host Chapter Event Day

- 0700-0900** Hotel Check In - Homewood Suites Front Desk
Conference registration & packet pick-up - Homewood Suites
POC: Harry Paul, President – Central California Chapter
- 0700-0800** Breakfast (on your own); available for hotel guests in the dining area
- 0815** Assemble on bus – Homewood Suites parking lot
- Welcome by COL Phil Stage (USA Ret), Sixth Region President
 - Welcome by GEN Carter Ham (USA Ret), AUSA President
 - Welcome by Harry Paul, Host Chapter President
- 0830-0900** Travel to the Fresno Legion of Valor Museum – downtown Fresno
- 0900-1130** Tour of the Legion of Valor Museum
- 1130-1200** Travel to Joe's Steak House
- 1200-1330** Luncheon at Joe's Steak House
- 1330-1400** Move by bus to 144th Fighter Wing – Fresno Air Base
- Welcome by Harry Paul, Host Chapter and 144th Air Wing Representative
- 1400-1530** Tour 144th Fighter Wing – Fresno Air Base
- 1530-1600** Travel to Clovis Veterans Memorial building
- 1600-1900** Presentation on the Hmong Secret War by Maykou Vang, followed by Hmong cultural dancers
- Special Asian buffet served and a concert by the Association of the US Army - Sounds of Freedom Military Concert Band – "AUSA – Central California's own band"
- 1900** Travel to hotel, shuttle van provided by Homewood Suites for their guests or chartered bus

Saturday, 14 April 2018 - Region/Business Meeting Day

- 0700-0800** Breakfast (on your own); available to hotel guests in the dining area
- 0700-1030** Hotel Check In - – Homewood Suites Front Desk
Conference registration & packet pick-up - Clovis Veterans Memorial building
POC: Harry Paul, President – Central California Chapter President
- 0800** Meeting at the Clovis Veterans Memorial building – Independence Room (Coffee and snacks provided)
- 0800-0810** Welcome by COL Phil Stage (USA Ret), Sixth Region President (RP)
- 0810** Intro by RP of GEN Carter Ham (USA Ret) - AUSA President's message
- 0810-0840** State of the Association - GEN Carter Ham (USA Ret), President, AUSA
- 0840-0950** Intro by RP - Keynote Speaker #1: Regional Activities: COL (Ret) Stan Crow, Director, Chapter and Region
- Support & National Guard Affairs and COL (Ret) Dan Roper, Director, National Security Studies
Topics: (Audio visual support required)
- The "ASK" Program - AUSA Skills Knowledge. Great program to help build and sustain your chapter.
 - Fillable files for chapter use - check it out !
 - * Renewal Rates - which is the focus for 2018.
 - * New AUSA Management System (AMS) - which allows us to do more on-line and systems talk with each other. (easier)

- * New Chapter Leader Portal (CLP) - you have to go in and look. Chapter Activity Reports (CARs) are now very easy under chapters in CLP.
- * AUSA App - available 365 days a year - great stuff - go to your app store under AUSA
- * National Awards
- * Annual plan and change in Fiscal Year
- * Annual meeting
- * National Army Museum and AUSA

0950-1000 Break (Coffee and snacks provided)

1000-1045 **National presentation continued**

1045-1100 Set up for **"Soldier Readiness" and "Recruiting"** Panel

1100-1200 The panel is featuring:

- LTC Matt Washburn, Commander, Central California Recruiting Battalion – Lemoore, CA
- MAJ David Miller – Professor of Military Science, Fresno State University – ARMY ROTC
- BG (Ret) – Jim Combs, State Chairman, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
- LTC Rylene Mardis – Soldier for Life - West

1200-1300 Working Lunch (Boxed lunch provided)

1215-1300 Intro by RP - Keynote (Lunch) Speaker: MG Haskins, CA ARNG Commander
Topic: Recruiting and Readiness in the National Guard

1300-1330 Intro by RP - Keynote Speaker: COL Barker, CSM Milsap – 6th Recruiting Bde Commander and CSM AUSA / USAREC presentation stressing the importance of connecting our Army with America and using AUSA chapters to help the recruiters shape the environment and help in reducing Future Soldier (DEP) drop outs. Mention - Operation Red, Tacoma and Seattle.

1330-1345 Break

1345-1530 Sixth Region Spring Business Meeting:

- ✓ Call to Order: COL (R) Phil Stage, Sixth Region President
- ✓ Quorum Call: Sixth Region Secretary
- ✓ Present Host Chapter Streamer to Central California Chapter
- ✓ Sixth Region Bylaws - Does require reaffirmation - comments, as necessary
- ✓ Sixth Region Awards Guidelines- Do not require reaffirmation - comments, as necessary.
- ✓ Info from National - per AUSA National
- ✓ CAR Reminder
 - Post everything your Chapter does
 - Ensure more than one person knows how to do them
- ✓ Annual Meeting - **7-10 October 2018**, Washington DC
- ✓ National Awards Program - **16 May 2018** – POC is COL (Ret) John Davies - discussion, as needed
- ✓ MG (Ret) Crowe - Nomination Committee Report for Region President – election
- ✓ Election Results
- ✓ 2019 Spring Meeting - **11-13 April 2019 – Need nominations for Host Chapter -**
- ✓ State and Chapter Reports
 - State Presidents brief their annual plan for support and chapter interaction
 - Chapter Presidents brief.
 - Inform, Inspire/Motivate, Entertain - Tell others about your successes
 - What is your Chapter's strategy? - Writing your Annual Plan for 2018-2019
 - Ensure you are in compliance with AUSA Chapter Operations Manual
 - Establish projects and teams for each project
 - Develop members by mentoring/training (particularly Young Professionals) to replace CP and EXCOM
 - Look for successes in other organizations
 - Have fun!
 - Items to share for the good of the order
- ✓ Adjournment

- 1530-1715** Break & travel to hotel - Prep for Black Tie Awards & Banquet
- 1715-1830** Hotel shuttle available for transport to the Clovis Veterans Memorial building or travel on your own
- 1715-1850** Registration & Check-in for Banquet Guests – Clovis Veterans Memorial building
POC: Susan Tuttle, Secretary – Central California Chapter
- 1730-1850** No Host Reception, Clovis Veterans Memorial building
Music provided by the Association of the US Army - Sounds of Freedom Military Concert Band
Dancing & comradery
- 1900-2200** Sixth Region Annual Awards Black Tie Banquet, Clovis Veterans Memorial building
- ✓ Welcome and announcements by: LTC (Ret) Lorenzo Rios
 - ✓ Invocation: MAJ Marc Unger, Gold Star Parent
 - ✓ Post the Colors: Clovis Recruiting Company, CPT Raidt, Commanding
 - ✓ National Anthem: Valerie Salcedo – Miss Fresno County (2011)
 - ✓ Missing Man Table Tribute: ?????
 - ✓ Awards Presentations - Presenters: COL Phil Stage (USA Ret) and GEN Carter Ham - AUSA President
 - ✓ Dinner Served
 - ✓ Introduction of Keynote Speaker by: COL Phil Stage (USA Ret)
 - ✓ Keynote Speaker: GEN Carter Ham – to be escorted to the podium by Miss Shoua Nha Victoria Moua
 - ✓ Closing: COL Phil Stage (USA Ret) and Lorenzo Rios
 - ✓ Benediction: MAJ Marc Unger
 - ✓ Thank you and Good Night: Lorenzo Rios

Sunday, 15 April 2018

- 0700-0800** Breakfast (on your own), available to hotel guests in the dining area
- 0900** Travel Day – Have a safe trip home and Thank You for attending!