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**Visit our Chapter web-page at [www.AUSAcbcv.org](http://www.AUSAcbcv.org)**

### Message From the Chapter President

Fellow members,

We trust that all members enjoyed a blessed Christmas and offer our best wishes for the coming year. 2015 was another wonderful year for our chapter. Once again the annual "Get Acquainted Golf Outing" orchestrated by Sonny and Carol Sloan and this year with the support of Robert Byrne was an outstanding success. As our chapter's only fund raising event it underwrites all of our efforts to provide a voice for the Army and support for our Soldiers.

Our Newsletter will be mailed to all chapter member this year and combined with our updated web site will offer insight to our specific efforts as well as the opportunity for members to send us their thoughts and suggestions. That feedback is essential for the continuing success of our programs. Thank you to COL (Ret) Bob Hume for setting up and managing our Chapter's new web-page and to COL (Ret) Carolyn Kleiner for publishing the newsletters.

We are looking forward to a general membership meeting later this spring so watch our new web site for details. If you have any questions, contact me at [jcomello@comcast.net](mailto:jcomello@comcast.net) or via our Chapter web-page.

-Jerry Comello, Ph.D., COL, USA Ret.

### 2016 Great Decisions Program

Our AUSA Chapter supports the Great Decisions program. This venue provides the opportunity to listen and engage with Army War College experts on topics of interest to American citizens. The 2016 series continues on Friday afternoons, 1-3 p.m. through March 18, at the Army Heritage & Education Center. All lectures and parking is free. Members of the community are invited to attend any or all of the free lectures.

**March 11:** Shifting Alliances in the Middle East by Dr. Larry Goodson

**March 18:** The Koreas by COL David DeTata

### AUSA CB-CV Chapter Activities

On-going	Strategic Art Film Program
February 23	Monthly Board Meeting
February 26	CBks Black History Month Observance Awards Ceremony
March 4	<b>Board Planning Meeting</b>
March 21	Monthly Board Meeting
April 19	Monthly Board Meeting
May 2	<b>Scholarship Applications Due</b>
May 12-13	First Region Spring Meeting 1000 Island Harbor Hotel
May 16	Monthly Board Meeting
June 10	USAWC Resident Class Graduation

**\*See our web-page for additional events\***



**May 2, 2016**

### **CB/CV AUSA Scholarship Applications Due**

At least one \$1,000 scholarship award is presented annually. The past few years, multiple scholarships were awarded. The applicant must be:

- a member of **CB/CV AUSA Chapter**, or be a **dependent of a member of the Chapter**
- and **must be a high school senior or an undergraduate freshman** accepted to attend or attending a college or university leading to an undergraduate degree.

**Applications and additional information are available on our web page** at <http://ausacbcv.org/annual-scholarships/> or contact Prof. Ed Filiberti at (717) 245-3715 [edward.j.filiberti.civ@mail.mil](mailto:edward.j.filiberti.civ@mail.mil) or [ejfili@aol.com](mailto:ejfili@aol.com).

**Submit Applications no later than May 2<sup>nd</sup> to:**

Prof. Edward J. Filiberti (Root Hall, Box 536)

**Or mail to:**

Edward J. Filiberti  
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Carlisle, PA 17013

## **ROTC/JROTC Highlights**

Listed below are some activities and successes of the ROTC/JROTC battalions in our area. They were extracted from reports provided by each battalion and edited/paraphrased for brevity. The full reports are on our web-page: [www.AUSAcbcv.org](http://www.AUSAcbcv.org)

### [Dickinson College: 95 cadets](#)

In October, we took a team down to the Army 10-miler. We also sent a team of hard chargers via CH-47 to Ft Dix for 2d ROTC Brigade's Ranger Challenge. Our senior class performed well in the component selection process. All 16 received their component of choice, with 8 of 16 receiving Active Duty. Of note, 4 seniors placed amongst the top 10% of active duty cadets and 5 have earned the distinction of DMG.

### [Shippensburg College: 104 cadets](#)

Cadet Colin Brackin, a graduating senior, was selected as the Cadet of the Year by US Army Cadet Command. He was ranked number one from more than 5300 cadets nationwide. Several cadets completed a 30-day ROTC overseas tour: Cody Sullivan (Hungary), Hannah Strauch (Tailand), and Daniel Knney (Lithuania). These tours are part of Cadet Command's Cultural Learning and Language Proficiency Program. Cadet groups, under the leadership of a senior ROTC instructor, work with foreign military and non-governmental agencies in a variety of tasks.

### [Cedar Cliff High School: 125 cadets](#)

The dedication of our "Heroes Landing" which memorializes the five Cedar Cliff graduates who died in combat is one of the highlights of our 2015-2016 calendar. The unit continues to support many school and community events with the Color Guard. Another significant effort is support to the twice a year blood drive.

### [Carson Long Military Academy: 95 cadets](#)

Founded in 1836, Carson Long is the nation's oldest private boarding school providing military leadership training. The JROTC program here is mandatory for all 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. We are recognized as an "Honor Unit With Distinction" by the US Army Cadet Command. We had many successes over the past year: a 95% & 98% rating for the JROTC Program Assessment; ten cadets attended the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge at Camp Odyssey in Boswell, PA; Advancement to the Level II (Zero Hour Threat) phase of the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl Challenge and designation as the 2015 Regional Champions for the Central Pennsylvania Exhibition Drill Team Competition.

### [Cumberland Valley High School: 140 cadets](#)

Established in January 2011, our cadet battalion earned a perfect score of 400 on last year's Unit Report and retained our status as an Honor Unit with Distinction, the highest qualification a JROTC unit can earn. During the 2014-15 school year, the battalion completed over 2200 community service hours supporting veterans events, color guard presentations, blood drives, school activities, and more. The battalion's Raider Team is the undefeated, 4-time defending League 3 champions, and the Color Guard and Drill Team both placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league championship last January.

### [Gettysburg High School: 94 cadets](#)

Established in 2005-06, our current battalion enrolment was 10 percent of the high school enrollment. We achieved recognition as Honor Unit with Distinction during our first Formal Inspection in 2009, and have maintained that coveted status annually since then. Last year our Leadership team made it to the National Championships of JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB) competition by finishing in the top 40 of 1,320 teams that began the competition. Our cadets finished in 31st place nationwide in their first trip to the nationals. Annually our cadets perform several community service and service learning projects. The top two are a Big Round Top Trail clean-up as part of the Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP) Adopt-A-Position Program and the Sgt Mac Foundation National Wreath Project where they prepare and load wreaths for shipping to Quantico National Cemetery, and also place wreaths on graves at the Soldiers National Cemetery in Gettysburg.

### [Red Land High School: 129 cadets](#)

This year's battalion is engaged and active with Color Guard presentations, supporting Freshmen Orientation and Back to School nights, and supporting our local community's Four Diamond's Cancer Awareness fund-raising event. We've partnered with Fairview Elementary school providing mentorship to students and services to the school's Parent/Teacher Organization, are planning a Service Learning Project that focuses on Veterans, and also plan to send care packages to those currently serving our nation. Our Senior Army Instructor was asked to conduct a video message to the students talking about "respect." He also teaches leadership to the newly created West Shore Marching Band students and staff.

**Cedar Cliff High School JROTC**  
**Hero's Landing Dedication**  
**November 6, 2015**



**2015 AUSA Donations  
Supported Multiple Programs**

*During the 2015 calendar year, more than 100 individuals plus an additional 80 Corporate Members and businesses donated door prizes, auction items, or made cash donations to support the annual golf outing fund raiser. In turn, those funds were disbursed by the Chapter Board to support the following programs:*

- AUSA Chapter Scholarship Program*
- USAWC Graduating Class Writing Awards*
- USAWC Resident Class Events*
- ROTC & JROTC Award Programs*
- Healing Waters Wounded Veterans Event*
- Jim Thorpe Outdoor Film Event*
- St. Jude Charity*

*Cumberland County Historical Society*  
***Carlisle Barracks***

- Asia-Pacific Art Contest*
- Black History Essay Contest*
- Retiree Appreciation Day*

- US Army, Reserve, National Guard*
- Birthday Events*

***Carlisle Barracks & Letterkenny Army Depot***  
*Soldier, NCO, Civilian of the Quarter and Year*

**AUSA Carlisle Barracks-Cumberland Valley**

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