

## Denver Centennial Chapter AUSA



60 Years AUSA 1960-2010

Centennial  
Salute

1st Quarter  
2010



### Denver Centennial Chapter AUSA in Pictures

This year's 7th Region Annual Meeting, Association of the United States Army, hosted by the National Training Center-High Desert Chapter, 11-13 March, Barstow, California, was attended by COL (R) Sam Thiessen and COL (R) Morton B. Blager.



COL (R) Sam  
Thiessen (left  
in picture)



COL (R) Mort  
Blager (left in  
picture)



Send Off for the Colorado National Guard,  
193rd Military Police Battalion as they  
prepare to Deploy to Afghanistan.



The Event took place on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at the Events Center of the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock. CSM Bill Woods (Den Cen VP Membership) and SGM Joe Thill (DenCen Secretary) were among the departees.



### Denver Recruiting Battalion Future Soldier Swear in and Community Covenant Signing

The Denver Recruiting Battalion in conjunction with the American Legion's Mid Winter conference conducted a Future Soldier Swear in and a Community Covenant signing.



Photo: MG Abt  
(Deputy CDR  
United States  
Army Accessions  
Command)  
administering oath  
of enlistment to  
Future Soldiers  
from across the  
state.

Over 100 Future Soldiers took the oath of enlistment. Mr. David Foy, President of the Colorado County Commissioners, signed an Army Community Covenant declaring the support for the troops and their families on behalf of 64 counties of Colorado. Entertainment was provided by the American Legion's Philip Sousa Band and country music star Michael Peterson.

MG Steve Best (AUSA Board member) was among the VIPs in attendance.



Annual UVC Banquet  
The United Veterans Committee of Colorado  
38th Annual Awards Banquet  
April 25, 2010  
Red Lion Hotel – Denver Southeast  
I-225 & Parker Rd, Aurora

[http://unitedveteranscommittee.com/thirty\\_sevent  
h\\_uvc\\_banquet.htm](http://unitedveteranscommittee.com/thirty_seventh_uvc_banquet.htm)



## AUSA Working for you on Capitol Hill

### House Approves Legislation to Protect TRICARE

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Ike Skelton, D-Mo., introduced legislation on March 19 which explicitly states that TRICARE and nonappropriated fund (NAF) health plans meet all of the health care requirements for individual health insurance. This technical correction will ensure TRICARE beneficiaries don't suffer any inadvertent penalties under the language of national health care reform legislation passed by the House March 21.

Read more at: <http://www.ausa.org/>



### Q & As: TRICARE and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Q1. Will the new legislation transfer TRICARE into another government health care program?

A1. No. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act leaves TRICARE under sole authority of the Defense Department and the Secretary of Defense, and we are governed by an independent set of statutes. "For the Department of Defense, and specifically for our 9.6 million TRICARE beneficiaries, this law will not affect the TRICARE benefit. Eligibility, covered benefits, copayments and all other features of our TRICARE program remain in place." – Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Dr. Charles Rice

Q2. What does deeming TRICARE as "qualifying coverage" mean?

A2. It ensures that TRICARE beneficiaries will not be impacted by the new legislation's requirement that people without qualifying coverage will have to pay a financial penalty.

Q3. Is TRICARE For Life considered "qualifying coverage" under the new law?

A3. Yes, TFL is deemed qualifying coverage under the legislation already passed by both the House and Senate.

Q4. Can I expect my TRICARE enrollment fee, premiums, deductibles or co-pays to go up because of this legislation?

A4. There is nothing in the legislation that would change any TRICARE fees.

Q5. The new health care bill allows adult children to stay on their parent's healthcare plan until age 26 if their employers don't offer insurance. Will TRICARE adopt this policy?

A5. Many beneficiaries with dependent children are very interested on how the Act will impact their children age 26 and younger. Our current age limits – 21, or age 23, if the dependent is in a full-time school program – are set by statute, so separate legislation would be required to change them. If changes are made to the statutes governing TRICARE, then, like any other legislative initiative, time will be required for us to implement the changes. Until that time, the benefit remains unaffected by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Q6. How can I find out about updates to the TRICARE benefit in the future?

A6. New information will be available on the Tricare website, at their call centers, and via educational materials as soon as we have more to share.



The Chamber, the City of Aurora  
Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon

Crowne Plaza Hotel DIA  
Denver, CO

Friday, May 14, 2010  
11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Lt. Colonel Barry Bridger, an F-4 pilot who was shot down over North Vietnam.

Contact: Janice Cooper @ 303 344-1500



University of Colorado Sub-Chapter

The University of Colorado Army ROTC Sub-chapter recently elected new officers for 2010. Cadet Bradley Enget was elected president with Cadet Woo as his vice president. Cadets Martin and Ortnier were elected secretary and treasurer respectively and Cadet Gittens will act as the sub-chapter public affairs officer. The group is planning several charity events this semester to include: the Annual Buffalo Can Challenge to Fight Hunger in Boulder County and CU's Relay for Life in support of the American Cancer Foundation's fight against cancer. Cadets are also planning to put together a golf team to compete in the Centennial Chapter's tournament this summer. The sub-chapter will also hold a membership interest meeting on 18 March. Planning is underway to raise funds for membership dues and organize fall semester event. It's going to be a great year!



Outback  
Steakhouse –  
Supporting our  
Troops

Outback Steakhouse has been supporting our troops for 20 years. Outback employees have traveled to Iraq, Afganistan, Turkey, Kuwait and aboard naval vessels to serve great Outback food to our troops. Visit Outback Steakhouse during the month of March, and order off the “Red, White and Bloomin” menu, and help Outback donate \$1 Million to Operation Homefront. This money will provide assistance for our troops, their families, and wounded warriors when they return home.



#### Army Launches Software Contest

The Army has announced its first internal applications-development challenge. The program, called “Apps for the Army,” or A4A, gives Army personnel the opportunity to demonstrate their software-development skills. Open to all Soldiers and Army civilians, the challenge’s top submissions will be recognized at the LandWarNet Conference in August. Winners will receive monetary awards from a cash pool totaling \$30,000. Forge.mil will serve as the collaborative software repository for competitors. The registration form, rules and instructions are located at: <http://armylive.dodlive.mil/index.php/2009/09/apps-for-the-army-competition/>.



#### Apply to become a Tillman Military Scholar

Our nation was built on the sacrifices made by the young men and women in the military who demonstrate the very kind of leadership we seek to inspire in all young people. Yet, even with the GI Bill, many servicemembers and their dependents (children and spouses) still lack the financial means to pursue their greater educational goals. In 2009 the Pat Tillman Foundation established Tillman Military Scholarships to close this gap and help more servicemembers and their dependents access educational opportunities and encourage their life long commitment to service.

The Tillman Military Scholarships are intended to cover direct study-related expenses such as tuition, fees, and books, as well as other needs such as room and board and child care. The Pat Tillman Foundation allocates scholarships to individual applicants through the Foundation and through select university partners with existing servicemember support programs and enrollment.

Application and all supporting materials must be submitted online no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, April 30, 2010. To access the Tillman Military Scholars application, please go to: <http://www.patillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars.aspx>.



New TRICARE  
Standard Handbook -  
Get e-Version Now

Falls Church, Va. -

Hot off the press and filled with helpful tips and information, the newest TRICARE Standard and Extra handbook is now available to all TRICARE Standard beneficiaries.

The 68-page handbook includes information on accessing routine, urgent and emergency care, as well as TRICARE's prior authorization and referral requirements. Also provided are sections on what's covered by TRICARE Standard's health and pharmacy benefits, and how to coordinate TRICARE with other health insurance. Information on claims, appeals, grievances, reporting fraud and abuse and much more can also be found in the new TRICARE Standard handbook.

The "TRICARE Standard Handbook: Your Guide to Using TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra" is available now on the TRICARE Smart Site: [http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/Download/Forms/Standard\\_Handbook\\_LoRes.pdf](http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/Download/Forms/Standard_Handbook_LoRes.pdf).



Checks Go  
High-Tech  
at AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is converting to a paper check conversion (PCC) system this year. PCC scans and instantly converts paper checks into electronic debits. This technology has been operational in contingency locations for roughly ten years now and commercial industry for about five; it's an extremely efficient system. Rollout of the PCC program began in AAFES CONUS locations on March 7, 2010 and will be totally implemented in all facilities by June 6, 2010. To find out more: please go to: <http://www.aafes.com>.





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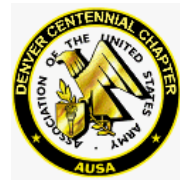
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DENVER CENTENNIAL CHAPTER  
AUSA GOLF TOURNAMENT  
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE



Buffalo Run Golf Course  
15700 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Ave, Commerce City, CO 80022  
June 14, 2010  
0700 Registration - 0800 Tee Off  
ENTRY FEE \$125 per PERSON  
(Includes Lunch, Prizes and Cart)

- Individual Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, Longest Putt and other
- Charity Auction for Great Prizes After Golf (golf trips, golf outings, hotel resort packages, etc)
- Mulligans @ \$5.00 each. (Maximum of 4 Mulligans per player)
- Registration deadline - 31 May 2010
- Full payment must accompany entry.
- Sponsorships are available. Call any person below for information.

MAKE PAYMENT TO "DENVER CENTENNIAL CHAPTER, AUSA" AND MAIL TOGETHER WITH THIS ENTRY FORM TO: Kevin M Morrissey, 5456 S. Laredo St, Centennial, CO 80015

If you have any questions call Kevin Morrissey 303-617-1136 ([kmmandmjm@comcast.net](mailto:kmmandmjm@comcast.net)) , MAJ Alan Smith, USAR, 720-628-2135 ([Alan.W.Smith@us.army.mil](mailto:Alan.W.Smith@us.army.mil)), Sam Thiessen 303-669-4785 ([Sam\\_Thiessen@msn.com](mailto:Sam_Thiessen@msn.com)) or Paul Baldwin 303-972-3546 ([Baldwins@comcast.net](mailto:Baldwins@comcast.net))

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	PLAYER'S NAME	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

AUSA is an IRS registered Non-Profit Organization. Proceeds of this tournament are used to promote the welfare of Active Duty, Reserve/National Guard and Retired military personnel and veterans; and the United Services Organization (USO).

Please provide Team Captain/POC with mailing address, e-mail address and phone number below.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

  
Denver Centennial Chapter  
Annual Golf Tournament Fund Raiser



Buffalo Run Golf Course  
15700 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Ave, Commerce City, CO 80022

Monday, 14 June 2010  
0700 Registration - 0800 Tee Off

ENTRY FEE \$125 per PERSON  
(Includes Lunch, Prizes and Cart)

Individual Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to Pin,  
Longest Putt and More

Charity Auction for Great Prizes after Tournament  
(Golf trips, golf outings, hotel resort packages, etc)

This is our annual tournament fund raiser. Last year's  
tournament allowed us to donate to worthy causes  
supporting soldiers and their families.



Jim Kumpost, CSM, US Army, Retired  
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DENVER CENTENNIAL CHAPTER AUSA

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- Family Programs
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- Star chapter
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- Support to Recruiting Command
- Army History
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EVENTS

- 25 Apr 10 ... 38th Annual UVC Awards Banquet
- 14 May 10... Aurora Chamber Armed Forces  
Recognition Luncheon
- 11 Jun 10 ... 743d MI Bn 235th Army Birthday Ball
- 14 Jun 10 ... Denver Centennial Golf Tournament
- 9 Jul 10 ..... 743d MI Bn Change of Command



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