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President's Corner

Recently, I spoke to a young soldier who said there were three ways to describe an enlisted soldier: overworked, underpaid and underappreciated. We expect so much from our young men and women and need to make it a point to support their needs in exchange for their sacrifices in the name of freedom. I would like to take a moment to thank each of you for your support this year in being part of this great organization. A special welcome to our new members. Together, we are the "voice of the Army" and together we can make a difference for those that uphold the call to duty. --- Margaret

Keep Your Eyes On The Mission!

From the President
A Message from Gordon R. Sullivan



My previous article discussed changes and challenges ahead in the New Year. Well, those changes and challenges are occurring with great speed in our Army and in actions and decisions affecting our Army, its Soldiers and families and the rest of the AUSA family.

The White House announcement of a new strategy of "Surging the Forces" has been largely met negatively by members on both sides of the aisle on the Hill. The new Democratic majority in the House has concluded its "100 Hours" agenda and it, along with the Senate, is turning its focus to the President's revised Iraqi policy. Announcements that prominent Army generals are retiring or being reassigned have been met with media speculation of "a housecleaning." All this, AND a new Defense Secretary who is still in the exploration phase of his newly assumed duties.

Folks, I believe we need to take all of this rhetoric in and digest it properly before we "shoot first and aim later."

Many of the issues coming to the fore in this New Year are not new but simply replayed for political agenda purposes. As I see it, the movement of the Army generals mentioned in the news: Schoomaker, Abizaid, Casey, Petraeus, and others are logical moves that one would expect to occur in the spring and summer 2007, when one looks at their tenure in their present jobs. I personally am very supportive of the quick confirmation of both

General Casey as Chief of Staff and of General Petraeus as well as for General Abizaid for his well-earned retirement. The Army is always on the move and changing. Those retiring have served well and nobly and deserve a “well done” from the nation. Those being reassigned are stepping up to new leadership roles because of proven performance and potential.

The upcoming weeks will give the Secretary and the Chief of Staff the opportunity to present the Army’s report to Congress when they testify on the 2007 Army Posture Statement. The President will deliver his fiscal 2008 budget to the Hill at the same time. While there might be party posturing on issues in the testimony and in the budget, the new Democratic leadership of the Senate and House defense oversight committees are as keen and positive for a strong Army as were their Republican predecessors on critical issues such as end strength; readiness; modernization; well-being for soldiers and families; training; and health care.

While still serving on active duty, I told my troops, “Steady troops, Steady – keep your eyes on the mission.” Our mission remains to support the Army and its Soldiers.

During this time of political and media hubris, we must continue to make our 2007 resolutions a reality. As a reminder, they are available in the Government Affairs section of our website and in print in our annual publication, 2007 AUSA Resolutions.

We need to continue to work at our grassroots level and in our communities telling the Army story and articulating its needs to the political leadership across the Hill and media. Our message: We must support our troops and their families as they deploy and return home. We must support Army recruiting efforts and the recruiting force. We must support Army readiness and modernization. We must ensure our message for a strong and well-resourced Army is heard.

Again this year, we must ensure that proper health care is available to all eligible: active, Guard, Reserve, retirees, families and veterans.

I am troubled about the latest signals coming from the Pentagon, signals that indicate that their legislative and budget efforts for fiscal 2008 will be to again ask for TRICARE increases in co-pays, increase in pharmacy participation costs and increase for those retired, but not yet 65 years old. It is clear to me that the potential of “broken promises” looms on the horizon unless Congress acts in a bipartisan effort to stop this. If fixing TRICARE was a good enough election campaign issue eight years ago, there is no reason to forget that promise now.

Your Association will be just as vigorous in working to reverse this budget agenda item as we were last year. It is imperative that you add your voice to ours. On the [AUSA home page](#), click on “[Contact Congress](#)” then after “Elected Officials” type your Zip Code and scroll down to “Stop Erosion of Military Health Care Benefits”. I cannot imagine with the force being asked “to surge” that such an issue would even be brought up with our nation engaged in a long war on terrorism.

We have a great Army, one that is engaged in a vicious long war on global terrorism, one that is transforming while it fights, and one that must maintain well-being and readiness at better than adequate levels to remain successful as a volunteer manned force.

Our mission at AUSA is to ensure that happens in 2007 and in the future years. Steady troops, Steady - keep your eyes on the mission.

Welcome CSM Curry

AUSA welcomes CSM Ronnie D. Curry and family to White Sands Missile Range. Command Sergeant Major Curry was born in Portsmouth , Virginia , on 23 August 1960, and calls Greensburg , Kentucky , home. He enlisted in the United States Army on 18 April 1980.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3 rd OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4th OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 rd OLC), Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal (w/Bronze Star), NCO Professional Development Ribbon (w/Numeral 4), Overseas Service Ribbon (w/Numeral 5), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

Bataan Death March Survivor Dinner

The dinner was hosted by the WSMR Command Group on February 22 and honored the surviving prisoners of the Bataan Death March. Survivors in attendance were Weldon Hamilton, Clifford “Smoky” Martinez, and David Johns. Veterans of the European theater were also recognized including Harry Cane, and Don Black. AUSA made its presence in honoring the survivors along with sponsoring dessert for the attendees.

Bataan Death March March 25, 2007

“Since its inception, the memorial march has grown from about 100 to some 4,000 marchers from across the United States and several foreign countries. While still primarily a military event, many civilians choose to take the challenge.

Marchers come to this memorial event for many reasons — personal challenge, the spirit of competition or to foster esprit de corps in their unit. Some march in honor of a family member or a particular veteran who was in the Bataan Death March or was taken a prisoner of war by the Japanese in the Philippines.

The 26.2 mile memorial march route starts on the White Sands main post, crosses dusty and hilly desert terrain circles a small mountain and returns to the main post through sandy desert trails and washes. The elevation ranges from about 4,100 to 5,300 feet.” (MWR site)

The Bataan Memorial Death March is a challenging march through the high desert terrain of White Sands Missile Range, N.M., conducted in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their very lives.

The **GREEN** route is the full 26.2-mile Bataan Memorial Death March. Awards are presented to the top two finishers in each category. Those marching the 26.2 miles will be able to experience, in part, what Soldiers endured during their long forced trek through the Philippines.

The **BLUE** route is 15.2 miles in length. This shorter march is designed for participants who would like to memorialize Bataan but do not wish to march the full 26.2-mile route. There are **NO** awards given for this shorter march.

Randy Wuerz, AUSA WSMR Chapter Vice-President, will be representing our Chapter in the Bataan Death March this year.

Be sure and stop by the AUSA booth located in front of the Frontier Club on Sunday, March 25. We'd love to hear any suggestions you have for the chapter.

Army Family Action Plan Conference

Army family members addressed important community issues at the AFAP Conference held on February 22 in the Professional Development Center.

- Local TRICARE office doesn't provide support to patients.
- Information about community events is not getting out.
- WSMR needs a veterinarian
- Lack of Blue Star and Gold Star chapters at WSMR.
- NM Lottery Success Scholarship should be available to non-resident military dependents stationed in NM.
- There is no post phone book available.
- Lack of job opportunities for high school students.
- Lack of timely communication of road and post closings to the WSMR workforce during inclement weather.
- Government Military Housing assignments

AUSA provided refreshments during the event. For additional information on the discussions and recommendations, contact Pat Grace at 678-2306 or gracepj@wsmr.army.mil.

NCOs of the Year Experience Pure Strait

The NCO's of 2006 and family members had a fun-filled musical evening when they were treated to country music superstar, George Strait's, concert. Ronnie Milsap and newcomer, Taylor Swift also gave command performances. Our chapter contacted the Erv Woolsey agency and they were kind enough to honor these servicemembers with tickets to the Feb 22 concert in Las Cruces. Mr. Strait was a former Army Veteran. Special thanks to those who helped it come to fruition including NMSU Events Coordinator (R), Barbara Hubbard. One of the recipients, Y1 Charles Dirks was particularly enthusiastic about the opportunity to attend the concert. When Charles and his wife were married, they had George Strait music at their wedding. The concert brought up special memories for them and was a wonderful Valentine's Day treat.

Children's Miracle Network

AUSA donated funds in support of the Children's Miracle Network. The 900th Quartermaster Company AKA Desert Foxes was helping to raise funds at the Las Cruces Golden Corral restaurant.



Sergeant Mazzola and Specialist Quickel stand with AUSA Treasurer, Allen Tyree after receiving the \$200 donation.

AUSA 7th Region Annual Meeting 11-14 April, Broomfield, Colorado

Our 7th Region Annual Meeting is being hosted by the Denver Chapter this year. They have a great agenda lined up with some special extracurricular activities. I hope you'll join me at this wonderful event! It's a great way to find out the latest Army initiatives in supporting our soldiers and their families. They have a group rate set up at the Omni Interlocken Resort, Broomfield, Colorado. Should you have any questions feel free to contact me at c7502@ausa.org or (505) 678-8990. The Denver Chapter direct POCs are COL Charles Rodgers at 303-652-2219 or COL Paul Baldwin at 303-972-3546, email baldwinps@msn.com. Additional details may be found at <http://chapters.ausa.org/whitesands>.

*****Army Ten-Miler Advance Notice*****

Army Ten-Miler Cap Set at 26,000

Online Registration Opens April 2

Army Ten-Miler officials have announced that this year's running field has been increased to 26,000 runners – 2,000 more than the cap established in 2006.

As a premier event on the Mid-Atlantic running calendar, the Army Ten-Miler – now in its 23rd year -- has increased its runner cap to allow more athletes to take part in the annual event that is produced by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. The running field includes members of the armed forces as well as civilians, and features individual and team competitions.

Registration

Registration will open on Monday, April 2, and can be done online at www.armytenmiler.com.

Notwithstanding the cap increase to 26,000, race officials predicted that the cap will be reached and registration will end by mid-June – or earlier.

“Once the cap is reached,” Jim Vandak, the race director said, “registration will be closed. So, we encourage all runners to sign up early to ensure entry into America’s largest 10-mile race.”

Ten-Miler officials will again this year use a wave start to accommodate the increased running field.

Officials successfully implemented a wave start – for the first time – last year when the race had 24,000 runners.

Also, military teams can now create a team (no less than four, no more than eight runners), pre-pay for up to eight team slots, then register team members by the pre-paid entry deadline – Aug. 16.

The pre-paid entry option for soldier teams was well received last year according to Vandak.

"Last year 97 percent of our runners gave the Ten-Miler a good or excellent rating, and 88 percent said our race is an event to experience," Vandak said.

Adding, "Our staff, military personnel and civilians from the Military District of Washington and other commands and agencies -- and hundreds of dedicated volunteers -- work hard to provide a world class running event.

“We look forward to another great edition of this Army classic in 2007.”

2007 Army Ten-Miler

The 23rd Army Ten-Miler takes place on Sunday, Oct. 7, the day before the opening of the Association of the United States Army’s Annual Meeting and Exposition at the Washington Convention Center.

AUSA and KBR are the race’s co-lead sponsors again this year.

The race – now an Army tradition -- annually attracts runners from all over the world to run a course that starts and finishes at the Pentagon and passes national landmarks to include the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the White House and the Capitol.

Race weekend activities include a free and open to the public two-day Race EXPO, clinics and a press conference all held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in Arlington, Va.

Race day features the Health Net Federal Services Youth Runs, the 94.7 Post Race Party -- featuring bands, entertainment and a live broadcast -- the HOOAH Tent Zone, and the Health Net Federal Services Youth Activity Zone, complete with Army

racing displays, inflatable characters and the GEICO Gecko.
For more Army Ten-Miler information, go to www.armytenmiler.com.

Memorial Day Golf Scramble, May 11

The chapter will host its Memorial Day Golf Scramble at the WSMR golf course. The scramble is our annual fundraiser which is used to support soldier and family activities within the local military community.

Participants include individual and corporate members as well as members of the White Sands surrounding communities. Prizes and trophies are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Date: May 12, 2007

Place: WSMR Golf Course

Cost: \$50/person

Time: 8:00 Registration

9:00 Shotgun start

Includes: green fees, cart, and lunch

To register, contact Allen Tyree at 678-4773 or c7502@ausa.org. Last day to register is COB May 7, 2007.

2007 Voting Slogan Contest

Submit Your Entries for the 2007 Voting Slogan Contest Today!

The 2008 primary and general elections promise to be very exciting, and we need a slogan to inspire interest and participation. The Voting Slogan Contest is a biennial contest sponsored by the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) in its efforts to promote interest in elections among citizens covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) -- members of the Uniformed Services, the Merchant Marine, their families, and all U.S. citizens residing outside the United States.

It is very easy to participate. Just create a simple slogan (or slogans) that expresses in your own words the importance of voting or something that may inspire someone to vote, and submit it to the FVAP.

Upon completion of the contest (April 9, 2007), a panel of independent judges will review slogan submissions and choose the winning slogan on its originality and motivational value. This winning slogan will be featured in the FVAP's 2008 information campaign which focuses on increasing voter awareness among U.S. citizens worldwide and encouraging them to participate. In addition, slogans will be posted on the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov in the 2008-2009 Voting Assistance Guide, on motivational posters, audiovisual materials and in other FVAP publications and manuals. The contest winner and runners-up will not only feel the satisfaction of knowing that their slogan is helping improve voter awareness, but they will also be given a certificate of recognition for their contribution to this important endeavor.

There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may submit, but all slogans must be submitted separately (only one slogan per entry). The deadline for submission is April 9, 2007.

All submissions must include your full name, (Service, if military), mailing address, daytime telephone number, fax number and email address so that we may contact you upon winning.

Send entries via one of the following methods:

Email:

slogan@fvap.ncr.gov. Text only, one slogan per email with contact information on each email. Enter "Voting Slogan Contest" on Subject line. Due to security concerns, email messages with attachments are subject to deletion.

Fax: (703) 696-1352 or DSN 426-1352. Visit the FVAP Website for toll-free fax numbers from 51 countries. Submit separate page for each slogan with contact information on each page. No cover sheet is necessary.

Mail:

Federal Voting Assistance Program
Department of Defense
Attn.: Voting Slogan Contest
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington DC 20301-1155

If submitting by mail, please type or print (legibly) on regular 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper one slogan per page with contact information on each page.

Please join the FVAP in helping to inspire others to vote by submitting your entry today. You could be one of this year's winners!

US Army Wounded Warrior Program

U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) (Formerly Disabled Soldier Support System (DS3))

What continued efforts does the Army have planned for the future? As severely-wounded or injured Soldiers progress through their care and rehabilitation, the AW2 staff remains with them to ensure that all their immediate non-clinical needs are met (securing financial assistance in the form of grants from a network of providers, resolving travel claims, and finding a place for family members to live).

The AW2 staff continues to take an active role in changing policy to resolve severely-wounded or injured Soldier indebtedness, allowing these Soldiers to remain on Active or Reserve duty, despite traumatic injuries (e.g., amputations, blindness), and works with public and private sector employers to provide meaningful employment.

AW2 continues to identify eligible severely-wounded or injured Soldiers and family members to ensure they have access to existing programs, new initiatives, and overall holistic support services.

AW2 is building a worldwide presence in a multi-faceted campaign to reach out to severely-wounded or injured Soldiers and their families, the Army Family, the Veterans Administration, the Department of Labor, the Social Security Administration, and Corporate America through visits to Army installations, Army and Veterans Affairs hospitals, exhibits at national conventions, media events, interagency meetings, and the media.

Additionally, AW2 is developing a robust interactive web site to further spread the word about the program and its personalized care for our Army's severely-wounded and injured

Soldiers and their families. AW2 is implementing a web-based Wounded Warrior Accountability System and a "real time" financial calculator.

AW2 is expanding its physical footprint by placing Soldier Family Management Specialists in major Army Medical Treatment Facilities and Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.

Why is this important to the Army? The AW2 takes to heart the Warrior Ethos. Always placing the mission first means the well-being of the wounded Soldier and family members is our primary concern. AW2 will never quit or accept defeat when dealing with issues affecting severely wounded or injured Soldiers or their families. The mission is not complete until each issue is resolved. The last line in the Warrior Ethos is extremely pertinent, "Never Leave a Fallen Comrade." This is more than a battlefield ethos. The returning severely-wounded or injured Warrior can rest assured the Army will be there and do whatever it takes to assist our severely-wounded or injured Soldiers and families during and after the recovery process.

Registry of the American Soldier

The Registry of the American Soldier is coming along very well! On 31 August 2006 we had 25,550 Army Veterans registered and on 31 December 2006 we had 37,405 registered! Please continue to pass the word to currently serving Soldiers and all other Army Veterans that you come in contact with to please go to www.armyhistory.org or call 1-800-506-2672 to register. Enrollment is free! Even if someone isn't a Soldier or Army Veteran, but has family members or friends who are, they can register for them on line or via the phone number provided.

Army Installations Symposium and Exhibition



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*AUSA Army Installations
Symposium & Exhibition
Installations as Flagships--Meeting
Today's Challenges*

Eligibility: The Installations Symposium and Exhibition welcomes all AUSA members, employees or consultants of AUSA Member companies, military and civilian government personnel, invited guests, and non-members that are interested or have an identifiable relationship with AUSA or the United States Army.

Registration: Registration fee per individual is \$400 for government personnel, \$700 for Sustaining Members and \$800 for all others. The fee will increase to \$450, \$750 and

\$850, respectively, after close of business 12 April 2007. Online registration is now available.

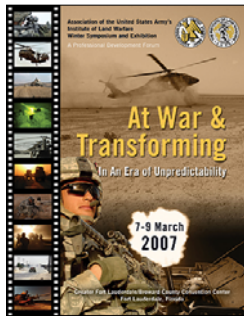
Exhibition: The Symposium and Exhibition will be held at the Kansas City Convention Center, 301 West 13th Street, Kansas City, MO, 64105. AUSA will offer extensive exhibiting opportunities for those Sustaining Members that wish to display their products and services. Exhibit materials were sent to all Sustaining Member points-of-contact, as well as other interested parties. Military exhibitors are also encouraged to participate. *For questions concerning exhibits, please contact Rand Meade at (703) 907-2678 or rmeade@ausa.org.*

Sponsorship Opportunities: AUSA is pleased to offer several new sponsorship opportunities for the 2007 AUSA Installations Symposium and Exhibition. This is an excellent way to highlight your company's participation at this important Army event. *For questions concerning sponsorship opportunities, please contact Marcello Palombi, AUSA Sponsorship Coordinator, at (703) 907-2672 desk, or (571) 331-4063 mobile, or e-mail mpalombi@ausa.org.*

Inquiries: Questions concerning this symposium should be addressed to the following:
AUSA, Industry Affairs, 2425 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201-3326
Phone: (703) 907-2661 or (800) 336-4570 Fax: (703) 243-2589

Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA): Registrants with special needs who participate in our symposium will be accommodated to the fullest extent possible. If you need special arrangements, please advise us at the time you register.

Notes from Winter Symposium and Exhibition



Technology advances making a difference in soldiers' lives now

The command sergeant major of the 4th Infantry Division said that increased emphasis on force protection, better optics and improved situational awareness down to the platoon level made a difference for his soldiers during their recent deployment to Iraq. CSM Ronald Riling said, "24 years ago, I received my steel pot," a vessel he could wash in, heat water and bathe, then he was issued a Kevlar helmet, "couldn't shave in it, heat water in it and bathe in it, but it could absorb a bullet." Adding, "The Army has made great strides

in protecting our soldiers" since the days of steel pots and flak jackets.

Citing the Rapid Fielding Initiative's quick fielding of the new Army combat unit as an example of protecting the force, "it was unique because it was designed by soldiers for soldiers." Riling also cited the new combat helmet as a step forward in protecting soldiers, as well as the better clotting bandages and tourniquets that are saving soldiers lives.

From improved sights in Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles to the sights on a soldier's weapon, the Army "is moving from iron sights to new optics" that allow them to operate day or night on the three-dimensional battlefield that is urban combat.

The division area of operations included Baghdad and four surrounding provinces.

Riling said the improved situational awareness came from installing Blue Force tracking

devices and Force XXI Battle Command and Control for Brigades and Below in almost all vehicles so soldiers knew where potential trouble spots were. When combined with better optics, soldiers had a better chance of eliminating snipers and returning safely to base.

He added that voice over Internet protocol technology has eliminated the need for couriers having to move from one forward operating base to another to report on changing conditions. "You have real-time reporting sent from the battalion down to the camp" and soldiers "can be out the gates in as little as 60 minutes" in response.

Maj. Gen. Richard Rowe, deputy director for the Training and Doctrine Command's Capabilities Integration Center, said to keep meeting soldiers' needs in the future there are two questions that should be asked continuously: "Who will we face" and where will we operate?"

Adding, "We believe a future adversary will counter us ... with low technology" so they will be "masters of their environment. They will be unpredictable."

He added, "Experimentation is central to what we do" and "red teaming is very important to us. The question is: have we portrayed the adversary accurately – technologically, culturally" and set that adversary "in the broader environment in which we will work."

"We must equip the man, not man the equipment," Riling said.

Army is in largest equipment building period in U.S. history

The Army is in the greatest equipment building period "our nation has ever seen," but there shouldn't be a bump as the Army continues down the road of modernization and transformation, according to the director of force development for the Army deputy chief of staff.

Brig. Gen. Charles A. Anderson told Army and industry leaders at the Association of the United States Army's Winter Symposium and Exhibition in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., that the equipment soldiers receive continues to be improved, but funding has to be on time and predictable if that is going to continue.

Factoring by current rates, a soldier in World War II had \$1,500 worth of equipment while today's soldier is being outfitted with more than \$17,000 worth of equipment, Anderson said.

"To get equipment into the hands of soldiers, your funding has to be on time," Anderson said. "Equipment today takes a long time" from the time a contract is awarded to when that new equipment actually reaches the field.

When money is not on time, it can have a ripple affect more than a year down the road, he said.

Procurement of high-demand items has increased drastically since 2001, Anderson said. For example, radio procurement has gone from 233 a month to 6,000; M-4 carbines from 717 to 6,700; up-armored Humvees from 30 to 1,000; and night vision goggles from 700 to 6,000.

While more equipment is needed to fill the needs of today's Army, not everything is new, Anderson said. The Army is moving equipment "to fill holes" as units inactivate.

The Army reserve components were short of equipment as the war started but is now on track to be properly equipped, Anderson said.

"They are receiving equipment at an unprecedented rate," he said.

As the Army transforms, the result will be a more capable force – one that can “stand alone,” Anderson said. It will see advancements in areas such as night vision goggles, trucks, weapons and thermal weapons sights, but that funding can’t be channeled to pay for equipment needed today.

“You can’t mortgage the future to pay for the current [force],” he said.

Institute of Land Warfare

The Institute of Land Warfare (ILW) extends the influence of AUSA by informing and educating its members; local, regional and national leaders; and the American public, on the critical nature of land forces and the importance of the United States Army. ILW carries out a broad program of activities including the publication of professional research papers, newsletters, background briefs, essays and special reports.

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The latest publications include:

- Time to Invest in Strategic Mobility
Torchbearer Alert, March 2007: Briefly describes U.S. strategic mobility capabilities—airlift, sealift and prepositioned sets of equipment—and offers examples of the importance of those assets to current operations around the globe. Then the paper recommends a new and credible mobility requirements study focused on the year 2015, when modernized Army formations will reach their initial operating capability. Strategic mobility platforms such as C-17s, fast sealift ships and prepositioned sets of equipment are strategic enablers.
- Sustaining the Mission, Preserving the Environment, Securing the Future
(Torchbearer National Security Report, February 2007, PDF) Briefly describes Army Sustainability, an effort to use our natural resources so that they are not depleted or permanently damaged. As part of this effort, the Army is developing and implementing initiatives that address the "triple bottom line" of mission, environment and community. A sustainable Army simultaneously meets current and future mission requirements worldwide, safeguards human health, improves quality of life, and enhances the natural environment. It is essential to ensuring the Army is able to protect America's people, land, values and way of life for the foreseeable future. (3/7/2007)
- U.S. Army North/5th Army: Building Relationships to Defend the Homeland and Meet Emerging Regional Challenges
(National Security Watch 07-1, 15 February 2007, PDF 709K) discusses U.S. Army North/5th Army (USARNORTH) and its area of operations, including the continental United States, Alaska, Canada and Mexico. The United States must protect and defend its citizens against disasters—whether manmade or natural—on its soil. In a globalized world, nations have been forced to redefine their

concept of security, looking beyond traditional military threats to the growing threats posed by unstable political, economic and social environments.

USARNORTH is charged with Army homeland defense and civil support operations and army-to-army theater security cooperation with Canada and Mexico in order to “protect the American people and their way of life.

- Constructive Engagement: A Proven Method for Conducting Stability and Support Operations

(Landpower Essay No. 07-1, February 2007, PDF 438K) analyzes the success of relatively new, nonlethal methods in ongoing operations in Iraq. Constructive engagement (CE) combines the full spectrum of military operations with diplomacy at the tactical level, a strategy described by top commanders in Iraq in a 2004 New York Times article as “a mix of military tactics, political maneuverings, media management and a generous dollop of cash for quickly rebuilding war-ravaged cities—a formula that, if it survives the test of time, could become a model for future fighting against the persistent insurrections plaguing Iraq.” Applications of CE in Iraq demonstrated that civil-military officers, information operations, public affairs officers, psychological operations and other nonlethal means had more of an effect than conventional military operations in an asymmetric insurgency.

- Fiscal Year 2007 Army Budget: An Analysis

(Special Report, October 2006) Details the resources required for the Army to accomplish its missions today and tomorrow. It examines the Army’s proposed budget in the context of the federal and Department of Defense budgets and breaks down requests according to funding authority and programs, from Soldiers’ pay to research and development. It explains budget terminology and procedures, including the supplemental funding process that is necessary for the Army to sustain the current level of operations and provide for Soldiers.

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POC: Jeff Iden ; desk 703.264.5118; fax 703.264.5157

AUSA Headline News: Army Seeks \$130.1 Billion

03/01/2007

The Army is seeking \$130.1 billion in its regular budget request for Fiscal Year 2008, an additional \$83.4 billion to pay for the global war on terrorism for the coming fiscal year, and \$45 billion to cover war costs in the current fiscal year. The \$45 billion includes adding 21,500 soldiers and marines to secure Baghdad and al Anbar province, but does not request money for the coming fiscal year in this effort.

The cost of the “plus-up,” in the words on a budget briefing slide, is estimated to be \$5.6 billion.

The supplemental for 2007 would also accelerate the fielding of two Army brigade combat teams and begin building the infrastructure the larger Army will need, as well as equipping them.

The request includes 3 percent pay raises for both soldiers and Department of the Army civilians, would increase military construction spending from \$2.7 billion to \$4.6 billion, would see spending drop slightly on Army family housing to \$1.2 billion and would provide \$500 million more for base realignment and closure (BRAC), bringing that total to \$4.1 billion.

The Army’s largest procurement and research, development, testing and evaluation program remains the Future Combat Systems, topping \$3.7 billion. The request is an increase of \$300 million over this year.

The request anticipates spinning out some of the technological advances in FCS to today’s Army in the next two fiscal years, Army budget officials said.

This is part of the Defense Department’s \$481.4 billion regular budget request and \$141.7 billion in the war on terrorism, both for FY 2008, and \$93.4 billion to cover war costs in the current fiscal year.

Defense Department spending from all sources in FY 2007 is estimated to be \$432.4 billion.

The request “will make the necessary and strategic investments” to modernize, recapitalize, sustain and reset the force, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said during a Pentagon Feb. 4 briefing.

“Since 1993, when I last served in government, the defense budget actually has taken a smaller relative share of our national wealth, while the world has gotten more complicated and arguably more dangerous,” Gates said.

The Senate Armed Services Committee began hearings on the request Feb. 5, and the House Armed Services Committee was to begin its hearings the next day.

Defense spending “should be at a level to adequately meet the challenges” now confronting the United States, he added. The budget includes a \$7.6 billion request to reorganize Army combat brigades into more modular and easily deployable units.

The request for the base budget represents an 8 percent increase in defense spending with figures adjusted for inflation. The Army’s share of the overall budget request is slightly more than 27 percent.

The requests were sent to Congress Feb. 4. FY 2008 begins Oct. 1. For this fiscal year, the Army’s budget, including supplemental spending bills, is \$110.1 billion.

Nelson Ford, who oversees the Army budget, said that including estimates and justification for expected expenses in the global war on terrorism, “responds to some of the criticism [in Congress] of not being able to understand the whole picture.”

In addition, in releasing the Army and defense requests for FY 2008, there were forecasts

for projected spending in FY 2009 where the Army will be requesting \$140.7 billion. One reason for doing that, Army and defense budget officials said, was to show the movement from emergency spending bills to the regular budget the costs of raising the end strength of the Army to 547,000 over the next five years.

Maj. Gen. Edgar Stanton, director of the Army budget, said budget themes included ensuring a right-sized force that also added special forces and civil affairs, sustaining the all-volunteer force with a decent quality of life in housing and facilities on post, building readiness for today and tomorrow by investing in ranges and providing funds to build and maintain facilities, accelerating modernization, incorporating lessons from Afghanistan and Iraq, making available the money to meet the requirements of the Base Realignment and Closure Act and moving soldiers and their families from Germany and Korea back to the United States.

The request “grows the active Army by 65,000 and the Army National Guard and Army Reserve by 9,000” by FY 2013, Lt. Gen. David Melcher, military deputy, said. He also said that spending plan would build a total of 76 combat brigades, 48 in the active force.

This is an increase of six brigades, all light infantry, and there will be combat support and combat service support units added over the same period of time to support the new brigades.

Tina Jonas, Defense Department comptroller, said the increased end strength should allow the Army and Marine Corps to increase the time soldiers and marines spend at home following a deployment.

Vice Adm. Steve Stanley, director of resources and assessments on the Joint Staff, said there were three issues driving the increase in end strength: the number of soldiers and marines available for a range of operations beyond Afghanistan and Iraq, equipping and training the whole force in the full spectrum of operations and the continued high operating tempo affecting the services to train their members for missions other than counterinsurgency, and allowing soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines to spend more time with their families.

The Army’s force generation model calls for a soldier to be available for deployment for one year and at home station for two.

“The budget continues to eliminate out-of-pocket housing expenses,” Stanton said and supports the Residential Communities Initiative, which uses basic allowance for housing (BAH) funds to entice developers to build and renovate Army family housing.

“We are manpower intensive,” Melcher said in explaining how 36 percent of the budget request of \$46.2 billion would go to military personnel.

That includes \$4.87 billion for retiree health care. Jonas said the department is requesting \$38.7 billion for health care and added the budget anticipates increases in enrollment fees and co-pays for retirees and their families who are under 65.

Operation and maintenance (O&M) spending would be set at \$37.7 billion for the active force and the guard and the reserve.

This account covers operating forces, mobilization, training and recruiting, and is an increase of \$5.7 billion over this fiscal year.

For example, the request would cover 10 brigade rotations for the active force at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.; eight active and two Army National Guard rotations at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., and eight brigade

rotations through the Multi-National Readiness Center.
The budget is available online at: <http://www.dod.mil/comptroller/defbudget>.

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