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AUSA SIXTH REGION AWARDS PROGRAM

PART I. GENERAL. The Sixth Region Awards program recognizes service, achievement, and other contributions above and beyond that normally expected. It is separate from the AUSA National awards covered in the AUSA Chapter Operations Manual (COM), § IX.B.

Also, it is separate from and is not a substitute for chapter level awards. Each Chapter should have its own awards program in accordance with COM § IX.D. In general, Sixth Region awards are intended to recognize contributions with impact beyond the chapter level. Sixth Region awards are listed below by category with criteria and other information contained in the attachments.

PART II. SIXTH REGION INDIVIDUAL AWARDS.

General of the Armies John J. Pershing Distinguished Service Award. For selfless public service within the Sixth Region of AUSA. Military service may be considered as part of the nominee's overall public service record but in itself will not ordinarily be sufficient justification. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Executive Committee. Formal nominations for the Pershing Award are not desired and will not be accepted; however, informal input and counsel is more than welcome. Not more than one award is made per calendar year. AUSA membership is preferred but not required.

The General of the Armies John J. Pershing Distinguished Service Award honors the exceptional service of this most distinguished general officer that 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.

Still a first lieutenant in 1900, he began the first of three Philippine tours with an assignment in the most southern Island of Mindanao where he learned the ways the fierce, warlike Moro people. This would prove valuable experience in future years. After promotion to captain and serving in Washington, D.C., to include the Army War College, General Pershing was the Military Attaché to Japan and an observer of the Russo-Japanese War. In 1906, General Pershing was promoted from captain to brigadier general over 862 officers' senior to him. Such promotion was recommended by all except one of the Army's serving general officers.

From 1907 to 1908, General Pershing commanded Fort McKinley in the Philippines and then was sent to be the Governor of Mindanao Province. Also, he commanded the Philippine Division. The next four years were spent defeating the fierce Moro warrior clans and bringing peace to the Province. For the most difficult campaign, General Pershing was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor for his front line leadership. He refused the medal stating the battle was won by the Philippine Division soldiers.

In 1914, General Pershing was assigned to command the 8th 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. Tragedy struck on the night of August 27, 1915, when fire engulfed the family's quarters at the Presidio. Mrs. Helen Francis (Warren) and three daughters perished. Only their 6-year-old son Warren survived. General Pershing was deployed to Fort Bliss at this time.

The family tragedy was followed by General Pershing leading the 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 September 13, 1924. This finest United States Army general officer of his generation died in Walter Reed Army Hospital at 87 years of age, on July 15, 1948. His casket was displayed in the Rotunda of the Nation's Capitol Building followed by a funeral procession, generally given for a President, and burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Major General John A. Hemphill Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Region.

For distinguished service, awarded to that member who has contributed most significantly to the advancement and mission of the Sixth Region. Not more than one award is made per calendar year. Awarded by the Region President at his/her sole discretion; nominations will not be accepted. At least two years' AUSA membership is required.

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.

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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.

His revamped and expanded regional awards program was recognized as AUSA's most comprehensive and became a model for other regions' programs. In particular, his creation of the President's Medal as the Sixth Region's "knight hood" has become an inspiration to all. Among the officers he tirelessly mentored and coached have been three future Region presidents and countless current and future chapter officers. It is for these reasons, and others too numerous for this brief sketch, that a successor President and Executive Committee renamed the former "President's Award" in John Hemphill's honor.

Upon expiration of his term in 2000, General Hemphill became a Fort Lewis Chapter vice president. He chaired the Committee for the 50th Korean War Anniversary Commemoration that held events for POWs and other veterans and raised funds to purchase the newly authorized Republic of Korea Service Medal for presentation to 1200 Korean War veterans. Also, he chaired the Committee for the 200th Anniversary of the epic Lewis and Clark Expedition. His committee bears the primary credit for Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Captain Meriwether Lewis Memorial Park with its sculptured bronze monumental statues honoring Captain Lewis and the Corps of Discovery. He also sparked a highly successful program to expand the Chapter and increase public support by creating subchapters in local municipalities. In addition, he was the prime instigator and organizer of the regional Pacific Northwest National Security Defense Forum in Tacoma.

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.

Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge Award for Excellence. To a retired or former Army non-commissioned officer who has gained distinction through selfless service to the Army and AUSA. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Ordinarily, not more than one award is made per calendar year. At least one year's AUSA membership is required.

The Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge Award for Excellence honors the fifth Sergeant Major of the Army for his lasting effect on soldiers and on noncommissioned officer education.

Sergeant Major Bainbridge was a native of Galesburg, Illinois. Drafted in 1943, his first unit of assignment was the 423d Infantry Regiment of the 106 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 1st 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 November 29, 2008 at age 83 and was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on January 29, 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.

Sergeant Patrick Gass Award for Excellence. To a currently serving Army non-commissioned officer who has gained distinction through selfless service to the Army and AUSA. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Ordinarily, not more than one award is made per calendar year. Except for posthumous awards, at least one year's AUSA membership is required.

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 June 12, 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 fought 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 June 10, 1815. In 1831, at the age of fifty-nine, 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 April 2, 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 and includes his account book detailing living expenses.

The Sergeant Patrick Gass memorabilia are 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.

Sixth Region Exceptional Civilian Service Award. The Sixth Region Exceptional Civilian Service Award will utilize the same criteria as the AUSA National Joseph P. Cribbins Army Civilian Exceptional Service Award. Selected by the Region President upon recommendation of the appropriate installation commander or equivalent with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. The Region President will forward one and only one approved nomination to National per calendar year for recognition at the Annual Meeting. Multiple recognition at the Region level is, however, possible. AUSA membership is highly desirable but not required. Presentation of the primary award takes place in Washington D.C. at the Annual Meeting. Every reasonable effort should be made to assure that the award recipient is willing and able to attend the ceremony, but it will be a requirement to attend if the Sixth Region award recipient is selected for the Cribbins Award. Chapters should not pass up an opportunity to nominate a deserving individual for fear they will be expected to fund a trip to the Annual Meeting they can not afford.

Eligibility: We define Army Civilians as appropriated or non-appropriated fund federal or state National Guard employees who directly or indirectly support any component of the Army. They include military technicians in the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. DoD employees in Joint or Defense Agencies or other services who support the Army are also eligible.

Criteria:

- Exemplary service to the US Army and the local community. (Exemplary performance of normal duties alone will not justify award.)
- Current or recently retired DA Civilian of any component (Active, Army National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve) or a regular civilian employee of another service within the Department of Defense provided that such employee has directly supported the Army and/or Army community.
- May be from SES, GS, WG, NAF or any pay system applicable to state-funded Army National Guard employees. No grade restrictions. Outstanding nominees should not automatically be assumed to be those with the highest grade and most responsibility.
- Currently contributing significantly to AUSA, the community or both. Region President will determine whether membership in AUSA is a criterion for nomination.
- Must receive the endorsement of the local commander or equivalent at a level high enough to appreciate the contributions of all civilians assigned to the post, installation or activity.
- Volunteers and contractor employees are not eligible for this award and should be recognized by other means.

Reminder: Over 40% of the Army civilian workforces are women and/or minorities. Our goal is to recognize deserving individuals who truly represent the cross section of high quality people in our workforce.

Nominee: Supporting Rationale and justification must include: a short biography, and the endorsement of the local commander or equivalent. Please ensure accuracy regarding name and position title. In order to prepare the narrative, which will be read during the presentation, please provide the following as a minimum: description of responsibilities and noteworthy accomplishments of the job, number of years of government civilian service, community/civic contributions and involvement with AUSA, and an e-mail or phone number to contact the winner.

First Lieutenant Erik S. McCrae Memorial Award. To a serving or recently separated Army company grade officer (2LT-CPT) who has gained distinction through selfless service to the Army and AUSA. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Ordinarily, not more than one award is made per calendar year. Except for posthumous awards, at least one year's AUSA membership is required.

The First Lieutenant Erik S. McCrae Memorial Award is named for this platoon leader of Troop E, 82nd Cavalry Regiment, and assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Oregon Army National Guard. He was killed in action on June 4, 2004 in Baghdad, Iraq at 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 February 27, 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.

Warrant Officer 1 Adrian B. Stump Memorial Award. To a serving or recently separated Army warrant officer (WO1-CW5) who has gained distinction through selfless service to the Army and AUSA. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Ordinarily, not more than one award is made per calendar year. Except for posthumous awards, at least one year's AUSA membership is required.

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

Warrant Officer Stump was born on July 9, 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, 113th 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.

Sixth Region President's Medal. For distinguished service to the AUSA Sixth Region, the Army, its soldiers and family members. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. This award ordinarily requires extended service in AUSA; active membership alone does not suffice. Multiple awards may be made; however, as a guideline, not more than six awards will be made in any one calendar year, exclusive of posthumous and "lifetime achievement" awards. At least two years' AUSA membership is required and service in or on behalf of Sixth Region are required, unless waived in exceptional circumstances by the Region President.

Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation. For meritorious service to the Army and/or Sixth Region not of such a nature as to warrant award of the President's Medal. Awarded by the Region President upon recommendation of the respective Chapter President; consideration by the Awards Board is not required. Multiple awards may be made. At least one year's AUSA membership is required.

PART III. SIXTH REGION TEAM AND/OR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS.

Major General (CA) Ronald H. Markarian Award for Outstanding Cooperative Success. To a team or individual exhibiting outstanding success in collaboration with other groups or organizations in support of service members and their families or other AUSA goals and objectives.

"Teams" may be chapters, satellite or sub-chapters, or any other identifiable AUSA group, standing or *ad hoc*, whose members may or may not all be members of the same chapter. "Other groups" may be other AUSA chapters, sister organizations, veterans service organizations, military units, and in general any recognized organization supporting the national defense, military members and families, and stakeholders such as veterans and retirees.

The intent of this award is to recognize specific, identifiable results achieved by joint effort across traditional organizational boundaries, both within AUSA and in concert with others.

Region Officers, State Presidents, and Chapters may submit one nomination each, which may be for a chapter, team, or individual member. There is no maximum number of awards to be presented, but the intent is to set and maintain high standards via the Awards Board selection process.

Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Awards Board. For individual nominees, one year of AUSA membership is required. Where AUSA membership is a criterion, the stated membership tenure is as of projected date of award. The Region President may waive tenure requirements with the counsel of the Awards Board.

The Outstanding Cooperative Success Award is named in honor of Major General 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.

Colonel David A. Appling Award for Outstanding Recruiting Support. To a team or individual exhibiting outstanding performance in support of Army recruiting (all components). For purposes of this award, "recruiting" is construed to include ROTC and OCS. "Teams" may be chapters, satellite or sub-chapters, or any other identifiable AUSA group, standing or *ad hoc*, whose members may or may not all be members of the same chapter.

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The intent of this award is to recognize specific, identifiable AUSA achievements in support of recruiting in any of the Army's components. It is not intended to recognize "recruiters of the year," nor Army recruiting units. These may be honored at the chapter level and by other Region or National awards.

Region Officers, State Presidents and Chapters may submit one nomination each, which may be for a chapter, team, or individual member. There is no maximum number of awards to be presented, but the intent is to set and maintain high standards via the Awards Board selection process.

Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Awards Board. For individual nominees, one year of AUSA membership is required. Where AUSA membership is a criterion, the stated membership tenure is as of projected date of award. The Region President may waive tenure requirements with the counsel of the Awards Board.

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, Vietnam, 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 terms as chapter president. He became Sixth Region's secretary-treasurer in 2000, and was elected Region President in 2004. Upon completing his term of office, 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 with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, 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.

NOTE: The above two awards may not be awarded in respect of the same service.

PART IV. SIXTH REGION CHAPTER AWARDS.

Brigadier General Alex R. Cunningham Memorial Award. The BG Alex R. Cunningham Memorial Award will be selected from the chapters awarded in the following categories as judged by the Region President with input from the Awards Board to have exhibited the best performance and achievement for the preceding calendar year:

Category 1: Chapters with a membership goal greater than 1501 members

Category 2: Chapters with a membership goal of 900-1500 members

Category 3: Chapters with a membership goal of 500-899 members

Category 4: Chapters with a membership goal of 250-499 members

Category 5: Chapters with a membership goal less than 250 members

All categories may not have a chapter selected for recognition; i.e., Sixth Region may not have a chapter within each membership category or there may not be a chapter worthy of recognition in a given category. Nominations will not be accepted.

The Awards Board and the Region President shall give due consideration to the statistical performance of the chapters, as recorded by National's Regional Activities Operations Officer. However, such statistics clearly cannot be a perfect measure of chapters' merit, and especially not of their performance and mission effectiveness at the regional, state, and local levels. The Board and/or President shall therefore apply their best collective judgment in making this selection, based on all the facts available to them. Only one BG Cunningham Award Recipient will be selected from the chapters in each of the categories selected in accordance with the established criteria.

Brigadier General Alexander Raphael Cunningham was born September 1, 1936 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He began his military service November 23, 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 July 21, 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 October 1, 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. Colonel Cunningham retired from the California National Guard on October 1, 1989. BG Cunningham served as the Sixth Region President from 1988 until his death on May 7, 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.

Sixth Region President's Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement. To a Sixth Region chapter in recognition of outstanding achievement or outstanding in support of the chapter's community; AUSA and/or Sixth Region goals and missions; or the Army's Soldiers, units, and families. Ordinarily, not more than one award is made per calendar year. Awarded by the Region President at his/her sole discretion; nominations will not be accepted.

PART V. SIXTH REGION ORGANIZATIONAL AND COMMUNITY AWARDS.

Sixth Region Distinguished Unit Commendation. Awarded to Army organizations at any level located or stationed in the Sixth Region area, for distinguished service in furthering the national defense of the United States. Ordinarily, ROTC units will not qualify for this level of award owing to lack of opportunity for service at the level envisioned. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Multiple awards may be made; however, as a guideline, not more than three awards will be made in any calendar year. May be conferred upon military organizations of other services on an exception basis.

Sixth Region Meritorious Unit Commendation. Awarded to Sixth Region Army or ROTC units for meritorious service in furthering the national defense of the United States and/or the aims and objectives of AUSA. For ROTC and JROTC units, the award is also for distinguished public and/or patriotic service to the unit's school and/or community. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Multiple awards may be made. May be conferred upon military organizations of other services on an exception basis.

Sixth Region Exceptional Contributions Award. To organizations other than military (including ROTC) for exceptionally meritorious contributions to furthering the national defense of the United States, the aims and objectives of AUSA, and/or the local community. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Multiple awards may be made. This award is intended for firms and organizations but may be awarded to individuals. Current sustaining, corporate or individual membership in AUSA is required.

Sixth Region Public Service Award. Awarded to nonmilitary individuals and teams for exceptional service in furthering the National Defense, capability of Army organizations, and/or the aims and objectives of AUSA. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Multiple awards may be made. Current sustaining, corporate, or individual membership in AUSA is required, as applicable; however, exceptions may be made in the case of public officials or comparable nominees.

Sixth Region Certificate of Appreciation. For meritorious service not of such a nature as to warrant any of the other awards in this Part IV. Awarded by the Region President upon recommendation of the respective Chapter President; consideration by the Awards Board is not required. Multiple awards may be made. Current sustaining, corporate, or individual membership in AUSA is required, as applicable; however, exceptions may be made in the case of public officials or comparable nominees.

PART VI. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS.

- a. Except as otherwise specified herein for certain awards, any Sixth Region AUSA member in good standing may submit award nominations. Chapter members should submit via their respective Chapter Presidents. Members at large should submit to the Sixth Region Executive Vice-President.
- b. Nominations for awards, whether or not they require Awards Board consideration, will be submitted using the format in Attachment 1. Nominations should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word, or if necessary in another common editable application.

- c. All nominations are to be submitted to the Sixth Region Executive Vice-President in electronically editable format not later than a suspense date to be established by him/her, so as to allow time for processing, proper consideration, acquisition of any additional information, procurement/engraving of awards, and preparation of the Awards Banquet program. Incomplete or non-compliant nominations will be returned to the originator for completion. Late nominations will be returned without action, except in the event of acts of God or other *force majeure*.
- d. Where AUSA membership is required for the award, the nominee's AUSA Number must be provided so that the Sixth Region Executive Vice-President can check status.
- e. Justifications should be concise, but must be in sufficient detail so that the Awards Board (where applicable) and approving authority are given a "word picture" of why the award is merited. The level of detail needed will vary with the level of the award.
- f. Photographs and other attachments are strongly discouraged. They may be used only when a "word picture" of the nominee's accomplishments is clearly inadequate.
- g. Citations. No nomination will be accepted without a proposed citation, which will be published in the Awards Banquet program and (for major awards only) read aloud at the time of presentation. Citations should ordinarily range from 200-225 words for the Pershing Award, through 100-125 words for the President's Medal, to 60-70 for a Certificate of Achievement/Appreciation. These word counts are *inclusive* of the traditional first ("...is awarded to...in recognition of...") and last ("...reflects great credit upon...") sentences. Abbreviations and acronyms should be avoided.
- h. Guidelines for Writing Citations. Remember that the Justification portion of the nomination may be as long as necessary. It should contain the entire basis for the nomination. The Citation, on the other hand, is a brief paragraph which summarizes the reasons for the award, and will be printed in the dinner program. The basic format of the Citation is as follows:

"The [name of the medal/award/citation] is [awarded/presented] to [rank/title and name of nominee] for [abbreviated reasons for award, and if appropriate the time period involved]."

Language such as "His/her/its exceptional performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself/herself/its soldiers, his/her unit, and [his/her chapter *or* AUSA *or* the United States Army]" may be added if appropriate.

This ending should not be used simply to fill space. If you use it, be judicious. Work done for a chapter does not necessarily reflect credit upon the Army, and work done within a particular unit does not necessarily reflect credit upon a chapter.

Examples of meaningful Citations might be:

"The Sixth Region President's Medal is awarded to Colonel John Jones for his exceptional service to the Georgetown Chapter and the soldiers, veterans and family members whom it serves. As chapter president for the past five years, he has doubled the chapter membership and initiated a number of new programs – most notably the "Host an Army Family" project which involved over 100 soldiers and family members. His enthusiastic leadership and dedication to duty reflect great credit upon himself, his chapter and the Association of the United States Army."

"The Sixth Region Distinguished Unit Commendation is presented to the 5th Battalion, 999th Repair Regiment for its extraordinary support of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan during the period January 1 through December 31, 2010. The unit successfully repaired and returned to duty over 1000 major items of equipment, enabling the soldiers of the over twenty major units it served to safely accomplish their missions."

“The Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge Award is presented to Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Sam Smith, in recognition of his outstanding service in a series of responsible and demanding positions including four years as Command Sergeant Major of the 999th Division. In each of those assignments, and especially while serving in combat theaters of operations, Sergeant Major Smith demonstrated leadership, initiative and constant concern for the welfare of his soldiers and their families. Following his retirement Sergeant Major Smith continued his efforts in support of soldiers as an active member and then officer of the Camp Swampy Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, where he has been instrumental in raising over \$10,000 for the Wounded Warrior project and helped find jobs for dozens of retired soldiers. By his dedication, leadership and example, he has exemplified the highest traditions of the United States Army.”

PART VII. PRESENTATION. Except for impact awards, Sixth Region awards are ordinarily announced at the Region’s Annual Awards Banquet.

Formal presentations are made at the time of announcement provided that the awardees are present. In the interests of time, proxy recipients are not authorized except in the case of family members, commanders, and the like. In the same interests, minor awards (e.g., certificates of appreciation) are normally not presented at the banquet, but the corresponding citations will be included in the printed program.

When for any reason awards cannot be presented at the Awards Banquet, they will be presented formally during an assembly such as an AUSA general membership meeting, a public gathering, a military formation, or a commander’s call. Posthumous awards will be presented in a setting appropriate to the situation. Region awards will normally be presented by the Region President, State President, or other Region officer; however, it is recognized that this may not always be logistically practicable.

PART VIII. SIXTH REGION AWARDS BOARD. The Sixth Region Awards Board consists of the Region Executive Vice President as Chair; State Presidents, the Region Vice President for Reserve Components, the Region Vice President for NCO/Soldier Programs, and the Region Secretary/Treasurer as recorder without vote. The Chair will vote only as necessary to resolve ties.

AUSA SIXTH REGION AWARDS PROGRAM

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Total Number of Pages:

To be submitted to the Region Executive Vice-President and Region President with a copy to the respective State President not later than the established suspense date. Please submit form and attachments electronically.

AWARD:

Nominee:

Title/affiliation, where relevant:

Chapter/AUSA ROTC Company:

AUSA Number:

Date Joined AUSA:

I certify that the nominee has held AUSA membership for the number of years required by the criteria for this award, OR I recommend waiver of this criterion for the reasons described in the Supporting Rationale.

Supporting Rationale. This is a concise "word picture" briefly describing why the nominee merits this award to reviewers who may not know him/her. Please insure that all criteria for the award are covered. The space provided below should generally be adequate, but one (1) continuation sheet may be used if needed. Do not attach photographs and the like unless it is impossible to describe the nominee's achievements in any other way.

Proposed Citation. Attach a proposed formal citation for publication in the Awards Banquet program and other media. This is a mandatory requirement for all awards except the Certificate of Achievement. Please comply with the word count guidelines and other instructions in the Awards Program guidelines. Excessively long citations will be edited to size before publication.

Nominator:

Chapter/AUSA ROTC Company:

Contact Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

AUSA Number:

Signature:

Date: