

Top Dozen AUSA Pikes Peak Chapter Significant Events/Actions (1 Jul 16 - 30 Sep 17)

1. During this reporting period: PPC Chapter officers represented AUSA at over 60 various Army and Air Force military ceremonies, events and functions in the Pikes Peak Region and Denver, including Active, Recruiting Command, Reserve, and National Guard Changes of Command/Responsibilities, Memorials, Dedications, Celebrations, Historical programs, Retirements, ROTC and JROTC graduations, and Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and EDC, Military Affairs Council-sponsored activities.
2. 16 Jul & 4 Aug 16; 14 Jun 17 Membership Drives: 1st Space Brigade Organization Day; as Special Guests of the 1-66 Armor Ball, 3rd Armor Brigade Combat Team, 4ID, and the NORAD/USNORTHCOM Army Birthday cake cutting (PPC cake donation); respectively.
3. 24 Aug 16: AUSA (National) Distinguished Service Award was presented to CPT Sean Will, Asst S-3, 2nd Bn, 12th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division the upon his return from Afghanistan for actions above and beyond the call of duty in securing the crash site and remains of seven deceased crew members of a downed AN-12 coalition aircraft. Presented by Chapter president with other Chapter officers present at a Fort Carson formation on post with over 250 Soldiers present.
4. 25/25 Sep 16: 2nd Annual Turkey Shoot Fundraiser attended by GEN (R) Carter Ham, AUSA National President and CEO. GEN Ham spoke at our General Membership Meeting at the event. Many photos from this event were used in the making of a membership video.
5. 3-7 Oct 16: Chapter officers, members and spouses attended the AUSA 2016 Annual Meeting and stayed to support the Army 10-Miler with a 4ID Hooah Tent.
6. 27 Mar 17: "State of the Chapter" Briefing to Corporate Members and Community Leaders.
7. 26-29 Apr 17: Chapter president attended the Region 7 Conference at Albuquerque, NM. Chuck Money Penny, Chapter treasurer was awarded the Soaring Eagle Award in absentia.
8. 15/16 May 17: Chapter president and treasurer participated in the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce & EDC, Military Affairs Council Armed Forces Week Luncheon and supporting USAFA Concert. Prior to the luncheon, they sat on the selection board to determine the winning Soldiers and Airmen from junior enlisted, mid-level NCO, and senior NCO categories. Competitors came from all of the five military installations and Guard and Reserves Centers in the Pikes Peak Region; winners received awards at the Luncheon.
9. 1 Jun 17: PPC submitted a request and subsequently met all requirements, and was on this date awarded 2-year authorization IAW AR 210-22 by the Garrison Commander to operate as an approved non-federal entity private organization (NFE-PO) on Fort Carson, CO.
10. 16 Jun 17: PPC hosted an AUSA information briefing at "The Hub" Community Club to senior officer and NCO leadership at Fort Carson. Free beer and soft drinks were provided by the Chapter.
11. 12 Aug 17: 3rd Annual Turkey Shoot Fundraiser attended by CSM (R) Troy Welch, Director, NCO & Soldier Programs, AUSA National. CSM Welch spoke at our General Membership Meeting at the event. Counting in-kind contributions, over \$10,000 was raised.
12. 13 Sep 17: By invitation from the Honorable Mr. Patrick J. Murphy, former undersecretary and acting secretary of the U.S. Army, the PPC president and four other corporate and individual Chapter members of diverse backgrounds attended a U.S. Chamber of Commerce "Hiring Our Heroes" Reception. Following the Reception, three of the invitees also attended a private dinner with about 20 special guests of the Honorable Mr. Murphy, who spoke and facilitated open, insightful discussions during the meal. Among his many titles and affiliations, Mr. Murphy is also an AUSA Senior Fellow. The events were held at Fort Carson and downtown Colorado Springs, respectively.