# OMAR N BRADLEY CHAPTER NEWS



Association of the United States Army, July 2021

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow members of the Association of the United States Army,

I wanted to take a moment and express my appreciation for the honor and opportunity to continue to serve our troops and working together with an outstanding team to support the AUSA goal of providing a "Voice for the Army, Support for the Soldier".

I want to extend a very special debt of gratitude Mr. Richard Dayoub whose service as president of the Bradley Chapter over the past three years provided critical leadership and a steady hand during possibly the most tumultuous and challenging period of service in the history of the Bradley Chapter locally, and AUSA nationally. The Chapter is in great standing without corporate sponsorship base largely intact due to Richard's personal efforts and leadership – thank you.

Along with the numerous challenges that COVID-19 presented, the pandemic in fact inspired many opportunities that we will take advantage of in the coming year. We will continue to exploit Virtual/Social media format opportunities as we seek to increase outreach initiatives and increase engagement and professional development opportunities linking the active and retiree military community, with local community partners and elected leaders in continuing to reinforce efforts to achieve a unified community and keep El Paso Strong.

El Paso has enjoyed a uniquely intimate relationship between the civilian community, the active and retired military community, local businesses and elected leaders...this is unique and unlike any other military community in the nation. I have married into this incredible community, and along with my wife Elma, and this outstanding Bradley Chapter team, I hope to contribute to continuing efforts to provide outstanding support to our soldiers, while reinforcing the close ties between the community leaders, corporate sponsors and the military community that makes this southwest border city so special and unique.

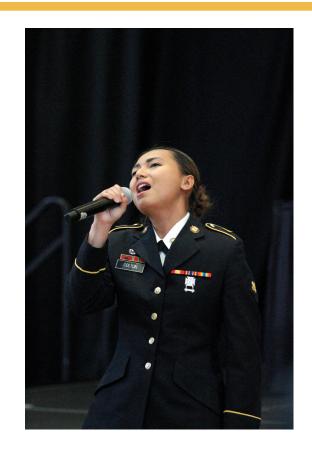
"A Voice for the Army, Support for the Soldier"

FORREST E. SMITH
President,
GEN Omar Bradley Chapter, AUSA



#### AUSA BRADLEY CHAPTER ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Specialist Pierre-Marie Colton of the 1st Armored Division Band performs an absolutely stunning rendition of the National Anthem at the beginning of the Bradley Chapter Annual Awards Ceremony on 14 June 2021.



**Outgoing Bradley Chapter** President Mr. Richard Dayoub passes the AUSA Bradley Chapter Colors to Incoming President Forrest Smith with a smile, during the change of responsibility ceremony as part of the Bradley Chapter Annual Awards Ceremony on 14 June 2021. Mr. Dayoub completed a three-year tenure as Bradley Chapter President and confidently led the Chapter through an unparalleled difficult period in the Chapter's history.



A special THANK YOU to all of the Annual Awards Banquet sponsors.

#### AUSA BRADLEY CHAPTER ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The 1st Armored Division Command Sergeant Major Mike Williams joins the new AUSA Bradley Chapter President Forrest Smith in cutting the Army Birthday Cake during the Bradley Chapter Annual Awards Ceremony on 14 June 2021, as members of the Bradley Chapter Executive Committee join in the celebration.





**AUSA Bradley Chapter Annual** Awards Ceremony, 14 June 2021. Outgoing Bradley Chapter President Richard Dayoub congratulates SFC Jael Landaverde of the 93rd Military Police Battalion on her selection as the winner of the **GEN Omar Bradley Leadership** Award for Active Component service members.

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#### AUSA BRADLEY CHAPTER ANNUAL AWARDS **CEREMONY**



1st Armored Division Deputy Commanding General Brigadier Andy Cox, 1AD Command Sergeant Major Mike Williams, and Bradley Chapter President Richard Dayoub present the Bradley Chapter nomination for the Joseph Cribbins Award to Mr Robert Means of Joint Task Force North during the 2021 Bradley Chapter Annual Awards Ceremony on 14 June 2021.

The Deputy Commanding General for 1st Armored Division, Brigadier Andy Cox and 1AD Command Sergeant Major Mike Williams join AUSA Bradley Chapter President Mr. Richard Dayoub in presenting the GEN Omar Bradley Leadership Award to SFC Jael Landaverde during the Bradley Chapter Annual Awards Ceremony on 14 June 2021 at Ft Bliss Texas.



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# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



25 June 2021, IV Region President Gus Rodriguez, El Paso Bradley Chapter President Forrest Smith and Chapter Treasurer Elma Smith, host Sergeant Major Academy Commandant, Command Sergeant Major Jason Schmidt and Joint Task Force North CSEL, Command Sergeant Major Kris Dyer, and their spouses, in a meeting with the General Manager of Triple A El Paso Chihuahuas during a home game.

The group discussed ways to introduce members of the incoming Sergeant's Major Academy class to the El Paso community and discussed possible LPD opportunities with the units on Fort Bliss and ROTC/JROTC programs in the El Paso community.



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To build bridges of friendship and communication between the Fort Bliss and El Paso community that will assure that Soldiers and families are taken care of as they make our region their home.

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