

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your service to our country. I would also like to thank the outgoing President, Mr. Nicholas Charles, his direction and dedication for the past year as President has served the organization well.

Having said that, I would like to inform you of the new executive committee of the AUSA Japan chapter: I am SGM(Ret) Michelle Clark, President; LTC Stacy Townsend, Vice President; SFC LaTarsha Livingston, Treasurer, VP of Membership is Sophie Reynolds, VP of Membership Retention is MSG Jorge Rivera, VP of Family Support is Barbara Wildy, and VP for Elections is CSM Franklin. We have more positions that need volunteers, Secretary, VP of Fund Raising, VP of Charities, VP of Information, VP for Scholarships. If you are interested in assisting, please let one of us know and we'll certainly find something for you to do.

We have a busy year ahead of us, starting with Bon Odori on 7 Aug. We need volunteers to help cook (there is a mandatory food handlers class on 14 July that you must attend in order to serve food); individuals to help sell food - this year we have turkey legs and ribs for sale. You can e-mail me at [michelle.clark@us.army.mil](mailto:michelle.clark@us.army.mil)/or [SGMClark@us.army.mil](mailto:SGMClark@us.army.mil) or SFC Livingston at [Latarsha.p.livingston@us.army.mil](mailto:Latarsha.p.livingston@us.army.mil) and we will let you know what hours are available, or if you can't spend an entire 4 hours, tell us what you can spend with us.

We have 2 upcoming Golf tournaments, will forward the dates as soon as they are available.

Our meetings are held monthly from 1130 to 1300; normally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month; here are the upcoming dates: 21 July, 18 Aug, 15 Sept, 20 Oct, 17 Nov and 15 Dec. If you can't make them all, then please plan on making the ones you can. For the remainder of the year, the room we are slated is the Garden Room / unless we outgrow it.

Please speak with your friends and co workers and encourage them to join, we have brochures that will help you explain what we stand for and our proceeds go back into the community, this year we've returned \$15,000.00 to different organizations that we sponsor; Boy Scouts of America, BOSS, NCO and Soldier of the Month Awards, just to name a few. We also gave 3 college scholarships to graduating seniors who are heading out this year. 95% of the money we make stays within the community, but your help is needed to make it happen.

Thanks for all you do for our great Nation and hope to speak with you soon.

Michelle Clark

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President