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Co-Founder Jim Steddum— Happy Birthday

As the Association (#AMLA) heads into its fourth year, the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps begins its **244th** year. As with any organization, both began small and with the purpose to serve our nation using the skills its members possessed to ensure the success of the client. #AMLA in its three years, has grown to over one hundred members. It has raised funds for disaster relief, to aid members of our profession, and for scholarships for Veterans. With the values of Teach, Coach, Mentor, and Lead through Service; I cannot be more proud of where we have been, and especially where we are going in the future. I am excited to be able to spend more time and effort as I transition from Active Duty to proud "retiree" status along with many that have Taught, Coached, Mentored, and Led me for my career.

Co-Founder Will Teeple—Far From Over

I summon the circumstance that led to the establishment of our Association. Countless hours researching, deliberating, calling and contacting others in hope of finding enough support to move forward were some solemn and anxious moments. That was a little over four years ago.

Today, I fondly recount this year's Alumni Dinner. The opportunity to meet with old friends, establish new contacts, and continue to strengthen our network was an opportunity I and my wife wholeheartedly welcomed and appreciated.

As we move forward, I'm confident the officials we have elected and the leadership we have appointed will continue to propel us forward.

My message this year is the continued call for FELLOWSHIP. Over the past year we have been able to reunite numerous former legal administrators into the fold of our network. They have heralded our efforts and have sought to reconnect with our cohort and the amazing people

who are a part of it. We have had an influx of active (still working) legal administrators who have shown their support and committed themselves to getting involved in varying ways that advance our cause. It is this momentum I hope to capture this year, and I hope will help further our campaign.

Our work is far from done. Ideally, we hope to someday to become a bona fide Veterans Service Organization, poised to help members and non-members from all branches of service in a caring and compassionate manner. Today, however, I ask for the guidance, assistance and effort needed to further us along in our journey. If we look inward, we will find the courage and conviction to move forward. If we look outward, we will find the expertise and experience needed to stay the course. Collectively, our efforts will someday be a beacon of hopeful passage for those who have come and those who have gone - the many who had the wherewithal to be a part of something greater than themselves and the conviction to see it through. I am hopeful, and I hope there are many of you among us who are hopeful too. Our work is far from done; but three years into this endeavor I'm certain we are headed in the right direction.

2019 AMLA Annual Golf Tourney at Meadow Creek Golf Course



2019 Freedom and Fellowship Tour of Monticello, Charlottesville, Virginia



AMLA: A Year-in-Review

By Out-Going Secretary/Chief Administrative Officer Jonnee' Carter

AMLA had quite the year in 2018-2019. It seems the year simply raced by, a blew by in many respects. We did make great progress this year as an organization. For our Association, new board members were elected by you, five new selectees and two re-elected. The 2019 Annual Meeting, held in Charlottesville, was a great one by any measure, highlighted by hosting our most senior retirees who traveled to join us as far as Dallas, Texas, Andy Perkins and Bluffton, South Carolina, Charlie Poulton and Mike Parker and their lovely spouses. And last, but certainly at the top of my list, our membership grew, ultimately exceeding our goal of 100! What a year. So, what is next?

Let's recap what we have accomplished:

#1—Our membership is now at 107.

#2—Resolutions were voted in place to direct fiscal transparency, to establish the AMLA Scholarship Program, amend the bylaws as it pertains to our Purpose Statement, rescinded the 2017 bylaws and re-establish the original bylaws that took effect on June 11, 2016, to establish a Campaign Plan for the way forward for AMLA, and lastly, the establishment of the annual campaign plan, which started in fiscal year 2019 and will subsequently be set in place each year within 60 days of the annual Election of Officers.

#3—Our first scholarship recipients were announced IN THIS EDITION of the AMLA Times! (See page 4)

#4—Speaking of Newsletters, our Newsletters were a big hit. If you missed some of them, go back and read about some of our great members and what they did after the Army.

- Art Gunderman: 1955 - 1976
- B. John Schreiber: 1954 - 1978
- Joe Egozcue: 1965 - 1990
- Christian Hurst: 1975 - 1996
- Luther (Brad) Runyon: 1970 - 1992
- Andy Perkins: 1970 - 1980

Also included in the newsletter were some awesome topics written by are most experienced and seasoned warrant officers as well as some great guest authors: October Teaching; November Digital Leadership; December Work-life Balance; January

Goal Setting; February Coaching; March Community Outreach, Giving Back; April Mentorship; May Membership Drive; June Setting Yourself Apart, Branding.

#5—We also some lost some good ones too this year -

CW4(Ret) Raymond Brochu was a great warrant officer and Soldier who was sought out to write appeals to the VA for Soldiers who were denied benefits. He was quite the character based on our interview with him with CW3 Matt Edmonds near Fort Bliss. His story is found in the JAWOC Vol. 1.

David Paul Welsch, retired warrant officer was good friends with our own.

CW4(Ret) Donnie Hughes offered some thoughts in reflections in the October edition.

#6—Finally, our peak season of fun this past year was June 28-29, 2019. I want to encourage everyone to **mark your calendar for next year—June 26-27, 2020**. Let us fill the room with 100 people. Bring your stories and share! Current warrant officers and retirees must attend the dinner. Saturday morning will be golfing or a local tour nearby for the non-golfers. Please spread the word. Non-members are welcome too!

At the dinner, I personally, established new friendships, rekindled old ones and gained a couple mentors who I feel very comfortable reaching out to at any time about transitioning, my resume, life “on the outside” and they are very willing to share experiences they had while in the Army and how their next job went when they got out. This is just one example of what AMLA has done for me personally.

Though our Association will see much change in the year ahead, we should never forget our enduring missions: Fellowship, Values, Teaching, Coaching, Mentoring and Leading and our vision: to preserves networks and friendships, supports and upholds the values of military service, and shares knowledge in the ongoing mission of teaching, coaching, mentoring and leading those that serve in the dual professions of law and arms. Fundamental is the fellowship between its members and the talent each individual brings with him/her into this endeavor. With your support, 2019-2020 will be even better as, together, do all we can each and every day for each other and for this organization.

AMLA Awards Program

by Jim Steddum, Executive Director

June festivities also mean another round of AMLA Awards are given to deserving legal administrators. The 2019 Robert Babinski Distinguished Honor Graduate Awards was presented to WO1 Blaise McPherson, 26th Judge Advocate Warrant Officer Basic Course. The award was presented by CW4(Ret) Joe Egozcue, former Chief Warrant Officer of the Corps and AMLA Life Member.

Blaise was selected for candidacy from the AGR Program on the Active Duty 270A selection list while deployed in support of operations in the middle east. He is currently assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas.

Blaise is the third recipient of the Robert Babinski Distinguished Leadership Award presented in honor of Robert “Bob” Babinski, 8th Judge Advocate Warrant Officer Basic Course, 2001. Bob was tragically killed in a vehicle accident in 200_. Bob’s can do, “No Problem” spirit is indicative of the talent required to obtain the academic rigor to achieve this award.

Also earning the prestigious award are: 2017-WO1 Monica Heuer; and 2018-WO1 Marquita Givens.



CW4(Retired) Joe Egozcue Presents the Babinski Award to WO1 McPherson, 2019.

The Charlie “Hooah” Poulton Leadership award was awarded to WO1 Quo’Vadis Parker. WO1 Parker was selected for the warrant officer program while serving as a drill sergeant at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Her leadership was quite evident as she was overwhelming selected by her peers for this honor.

Chief Warrant Officer Five (Retired) Charlie “Hooah” Poluton presented the award to WO1 Parker and delivered a few remarks. His bold, energetic leadership style will be carried forward in young officers like WO1 Parker. Who exemplify the why she received the award in his name.

Also earning this prestigious award are: 2017-WO1 Charles Martinez IV; and 2018-WO1 Marquita Givens.



CW4(Retired) Charlie Poulton presents the Poulton Leadership award to WO1 Quo’Vadis Parker, 2019.

Congratulations to all of the 26th Judge Advocate Warrant Officer Basic Course graduates!

See the graduation in whole, including the speech by CW5 (retired) William Keating, a former AMLA CEO: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JAGWarrant/> (Closed Group).

AMLA Scholarship Awards

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. ~Benjamin Franklin

AMLA Veteran Scholarship

The inaugural winner of the Association of Military Legal Administrators Veteran's Scholarship is awarded to Mashruf Ahmed, an Army combat veteran from Los Angeles, California. Mashruf served a little over three years in the Army as Human Intelligence Collector, Military Occupational Specialty, 35M, and he obtained the rank of Sergeant. He is a student of California State University where he is pursuing a degree in Public Administration.



In Mashruf's essay, he defined the pivotal moment in his life where he realized that advanced education was critical to his chosen career path was during the San Bernardino, California, shooting investigation for 2016. As a special agent with the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, he realized there was much he did not know about the intricacies of public administration outside of his own organization. It was that critical incident that he knew there is more that he could do, not only for himself but others inside his agency and partnering and local agencies as well—thereby benefiting the entire community.

For his efforts, Mashruf is awarded the first AMLA Veteran Scholarship. We hope that he is able to apply what he knows to Teach, Coach, Mentor, and Lead through Public Service.

AMLA Family Member Scholarship

The inaugural winner of the AMLA Family Member Scholarship is Frank Stuyvesant. Frank is the spouse of Life Member Rebekah Stuyvesant. Frank is an Army Reserve Warrant Officer working towards a Master's degree in security management at American Military University.

Frank's decision to further his education comes from a deep passion for military service. He realized he was disheartened by what he witnesses as declining discipline, and initiative of young Soldiers and a deterioration high standards of training from our noncommissioned officers. His call to action is to live by action, education, and reputation. He decided his education was what he needed to work on, and he is making it happen.



Frank states, "I must be consistently developing myself personally and professionally to set the example to the soldiers that not only work for me, but also those who work around me. It is my responsibility as a leader to use the knowledge gained through years of education and experience to teach, coach, mentor, and lead those within my sphere of influence, because it is through this that I will again have that direct influence on the future leaders of our military and our country."

Congratulation to all of the applicants this year. The Association of Military Legal Administrators (#AMLA) hopes to offer many more opportunities in the future to help veteran's meet their educational goals while inspiring a vision to Teach, Coach, Mentor, and Lead through public service (#TCML).

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The AMLA Website - <https://www.amla-tcml.org>

Recent changes to the official website have made the website and its functionality more secure and reliable. It's mobile friendly, but is best viewed from a tablet or PC. The logon feature is streamlined, and only required for voting and the member's list. From the member's list, you can update your account. The new AMLA Store is where membership can be purchased or updated. We have stopped using Paypal, and use a direct to the bank credit card service. All transactions are in SSL secure sockets and protected with intrusion prevention and detection protocols. We want you to know we will never transfer your personal information out of this organization for any reason.

Please take a good look at the Menu—These items have changed! See the Professional Reading List, Campaign Plan, Candidate Outreach Program, Veteran's Success Program, and More! Check back often!

The **Judge Advocate Warrant Officers Chronicles** Volumes 1 & 2 are on Sale at the Government Printing Office! See the AMLA Store Link!

www.AMLA-TCML.org

President Heuer's Statement

With great honor, I am given this opportunity to come to you as the elected President of the Association of Military Legal Administrators #AMLA. Now entering its fourth year, the association has grown on its principle values of teaching, coaching, mentoring, and leading. The members of this great organization are professionals who've crafted the true meaning of networking, bringing their expertise to AMLA as we focus on fellowship and friendships.

As we move forward over the next year, the board is determined and focused on continuing to grow – growing our organization through increased membership, growing our presence through social media and networking, and growing our influence through community influence and veterans' outreach. As a values-based organization, it is important to acknowledge where we've been, being mindful of where we both want and need to go. The Board of Directors in years past have done an excellent job of laying our foundation – it is now our time to expand our footprint and show the community where we can go.

I look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Monica Heuer, President of the Board



***2019 AMLA Annual Meeting of the Member and Fellowship Social
June 29, 2019—Charlottesville, Virginia***

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