

American Warriors/ Transitioning Warriors



Special points of interest:

- **SAVE THE DATE for the Army Birthday Celebration! Saturday, June 9th at the Marriott-Downtown.**
- The Purple Connection's next event will be April 11. Contact me if you want to participate on the panel or with a table!
- KC AUSA's Young Professionals Leadership Transition Course completed its pilot! Are you interested in participating in a 2018 cohort or want to help support the program as an employer, sponsor, or transition mentor? Contact me!

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Welcome to 2018!

Hello, Everyone!

I hope everyone had a lovely holiday and that 2017 is starting off well for you in life and business!

The last couple weeks have flown by and I can't believe that January is already half over!

KC AUSA continues to grow and evolve and I am very pleased to be starting a second term as Chapter President. And, as if I wasn't busy enough, I am also a part-time teacher, providing tutoring to students.

It is quite refreshing to teach students! It's a few hours each day where my expertise is certainly more than theirs on the subject at hand! :-)

So, now that 2018 is starting to

become routine (maybe), how are you doing in your transition planning or execution?

Who are you meeting? What are you learning? What are you doing to step closer to your objectives? Are you stuck or need help?

It's absolutely okay to not know all the answers or steps. Frankly, it's expected as you are heading towards something new and different. But, it's not entirely foreign to folks who've already done it, so reach out to me and others for help.

Here are a few things you "must" do to help yourself:

- 1) Get on LinkedIn. HAVE A PROFESSIONAL PICTURE.
- 2) Start networking. On-line

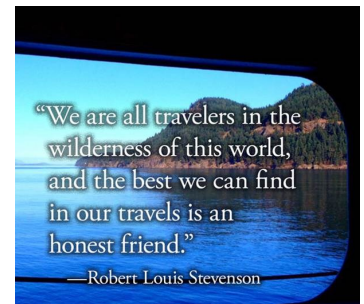
and in-person if you are where you are looking to stay after separation.

- 3) Get involved in the community—there are a lot of folks who can and want to help.
- 4) Take it one day at a time!

I hope to see you at an event soon!

Sincerely,

Emma



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Career Events

For more information:

[Veteran's Job Fair](#)

Wednesday, January 24

11:45 AM—5:00 PM

American Legion Post 153

410 E. Dennis Ave

Olathe, KS

This event is so MUCH more than a job fair!



- Get a professional photo
 - Ft Leavenworth Garrison Commander
 - Olathe Councilman
 - Chair, CGSC Foundation
 - panel of HR experts and hiring managers
 - AND raffles throughout the day!
- REGISTRATION IS FREE!**

Career Events, Continued



For more information:

JobNews Fair

Wed, January 31

10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Arrowhead Stadium

1 Arrowhead Dr, KC, MO

FREE PARKING & ADMISSION

Why attend?

- ◆ Build your professional network
- ◆ Meet recruiters and hiring managers
- ◆ Find out about jobs that may not be posted yet



For more information:

Sales Specific Interviews

Thurs, February 15

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Embassy Suites

10601 Metcalf Ave

Overland Park, KS

This fair focuses specifically on SALES: Outside Sales, Inside Sales, Entry, Mid- and Senior Level Sales!

Why attend?

- ◆ A variety of position and industries represented!
- ◆ Practice interviewing!
- ◆ You can't sell yourself on-line nearly as well as face-to-face.

Education Opportunities



All SFL-TAP classes are FREE and conducted at The Resiliency Center, 600 Thomas Ave, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Sign up for any workshop by calling (913) 684-2227 or email usar-my.sfl-tap.leavenworth@mail.mil

Thursday, Jan 25

Federal Application Seminar

11:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Learn to navigate the USAJOBS portal and how to prepare a federal resume for government jobs.

Contact SFL-TAP to reserve a seat.

Tues—Wed, Feb 6—7

Entrepreneur Workshop

8:30 AM — 4:00 PM

Learn the basics of a business plan, legal and financial concerns of business ownership, and other available resources for entrepreneurs.

Contact SFL-TAP to reserve a seat.



Knowledge Now—Fort Leavenworth

Fort Leavenworth Soldier for Life—Transition Assistance Program and the University of Kansas is sponsoring a series of transition seminars called Knowledge Now. Each seminar will be instructed by a KU professor. Different topics are presented each month.

Strategic Communications in the Workplace

Feb 9, 9—11 AM

Translate Military Project Management to Corporate Language

Feb 27, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM

No RSVP is required.

Networking Opportunities



KCAUSA provides a Voice for the Army and Support for the Soldier through programs focused on Transitioning Military, Young Professionals, and facilitating connections between military personnel and the KC Metro social and business communities.

I am the President for KC AUSA.

David is Communications Chair.

Monday, January 22

Officers Installation and Awards Reception

5:00 PM—7:00 PM

Kauffman Foundation Center

4801 Rockhill Rd, KC, MO

WHAT: Install the elected KC AUSA Chapter Leadership for the 2018 – 2020 term and Recognize all who contributed to KC AUSA's success in 2017

HOW: Business Attire, Light Appetizers, Open Bar, Awards and Recognition Program

PRE-PAID RSVP REQUIRED TO ATTEND

\$15 / person

Elected officers are Chapter President and Executive Vice President.

Join us to congratulate and thank them for taking on these important volunteer leadership roles for the next two years!

The program will also recognize the chapter leadership, chapter members, community partners, and the KC AUSA chapter for all contributions, support, and awards in 2017.



Mini-streamers of KC AUSA's Awards in the 2016–2017 operational year.

Saturday, January 20

Wreaths Across America Wreath Pick-up & Luncheon

Fort Leavenworth: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

395 Biddle Boulevard, Fort Leavenworth, KS

Come back out to Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery and help “pick-up” wreathes! There will be a short retirement ceremony at the base of the American flag pole at 9:00 AM.

All volunteers, please park in the Frontier Conference Center Parking lot, 350 Biddle Blvd. Fort Leavenworth, KS and walk across the street to the cemetery.

Afterwards, all are invited to attend a free luncheon at the Frontier Chapel, 650 Thomas Avenue Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Find out how you can be involved in the next wreath-laying on December 15, 2018!

For more information on the national program, go to [Wreaths Across America website](http://Wreaths-Across-America-website).

You can support the program at anytime through the year by sponsoring a wreath. A portion of sponsored wreathes made through the KC AUSA Wreaths Across America website help to support chapter programs.





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Learn more about us at our website!



Every Friday Morning

ACA Business Club Coffee Social

9:00 AM — 10:30 AM

6840 Barkley

Overland Park, KS

Come out to the Club's new location! It's still in the same area off Metcalf and 105th, but the space is MUCH larger, there's more parking, and there are new programs and people, as well!

The Club Ambassadors host the coffee social weekly! It's free to guests and is a great opportunity to see the facility, meet some great folks, and learn more about the Club!

No RSVP is required.

*The ACA Business Club
is a friendly environment
to build relationships and
celebrate life's journey with
fellow members committed
to your success.*

4th Thursday of the month

ACA Business Club Social

4:00 PM — 6:30 PM

The Club Social is similar to the Coffee Social but in the evening!

It's free for guests, too!

**ACA Business Club is a strategic
community partner with KC AUSA.**

**I am the Chair of the American
Warriors Club.**

Networking Opportunities, continued



Sat. January 27

Heart of America Chapter

Monthly Luncheon

Exec Mtg: 10:30 AM

Luncheon: 12:00 PM

Disabled American Veterans at
14605 E. Hwy 40, KC, MO

Our guest this month is Kevin Colyott, a Service Officer with the Missouri Veterans Commission in Jefferson City.

RSVP NLT January 22 to Judy Leonard at jlynn2@kc.rr.com or (816) 792-0744

Cost is \$12/person and will be

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<https://www.veteranscommunityproject.org/>