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## Spring Message From Your President



Who would have believed we're REALLY into spring this early? I've already mowed my yard for the 3rd time! As the weather is warming, our international officers have refocused their efforts for the "sprint to the finish" of their year and to choosing their final classes for a lighter load as they work toward heading home.

Some of our officers working toward their MMAS are also busy with completing a thesis and getting their final exams out of the way. Others are beginning to work out as they've found the food here has made their uniforms shrink!

Virtually all are looking forward to the upcoming Washington, D.C. trips that start very soon. They are busy, so be thoughtful as you ask them for some personal time to spend with you. Sometimes the best thing is to meet them in Leavenworth for quick supper if you live south or east in Greater Kansas City. This also may be the time to connect with the officer's spouse to see if there is anything you might be able to help them with as the officer will be gone for ten days!

Questions about shipping a car, furniture or other items will begin to surface in the next few weeks and don't be surprised if you are asked about resources for getting these things done.

If you've been caught in some of the recent DOD mandated changes with the Local Area Credential (LAC) situation, I apologize, however please submit your LAC paperwork through Sharon Valasek and Pat Burnett of our military committee. Circumvention of this process will only slow the process and create problems for your chapter at the Fort.

I'm always open to hear from any chapter member.

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Randy Pace  
Chapter President  
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## **Sponsor Recognition: Are you Entitled to an Award?**

The International Military Student Division (IMSD) at the



Command and General Staff College (CGSG) holds a sponsor recognition event for all sponsors just prior to each class graduation. At this event, sponsors receive recognition for years of service as sponsors. These awards recognize years of service in five-year increments, i.e., five, ten, fifteen, twenty, etc. Specifically:

- During the time period when there were two IMS classes per year (Winter and Summer), members sponsoring an officer in each class receive credit for two years (e.g., classes of 14-01 + 14-02).
- Members who sponsor two officers in a single class, such as 14-01, receive credit for one year.

If you think you are eligible for a service award at the June 3, 2016 ceremony, class 2016, please notify [Sharon Valasek](#) as soon as possible, and the information will be forwarded to IMSD for review. We need this information by Friday, April 15.

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## **Tentative Sponsor Award Recipients**

### **Ceremony on June 3**

Should your name be on this list? Please let us know.

Is your name on the list, but there is a mistake? Please let us know.

Contact [Sharon Valasek](#) or 816-213-5847.

5 Year Award	Org
<b>Mr. and Mrs. Stan Shipman (Linda)</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>
<b>Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson (Sharon)</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>
<b>Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barnett (Lori)</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>
<b>COL(R) and Mrs. Bruce Eveland (Susan)</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>
<b>Mr. and Mrs. Michael Newburger (Susan)</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>
<b>Mr. Eric Haberkorn</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>
<b>Mr. and Mrs. John McBride (Evelyn)</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>

10 Year Award	Org
<b>MG(R) and Mrs. Ray Barrett (Joan)</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>
<b>Mr. and Mrs. Wally Brawner (Vicki)</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>

15 Year Award	Org
<b>Mr. and Mrs. Dyrk Dugan (Kris)</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>

20 Year Award	Org
<b>Mr. Gary Lofstrom &amp; Mrs. Sharon Valasek</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>
<b>Mr. and Mrs. Allen Felton (Pamela)</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>

25 Year Award	Org
<b>Ms. Pamela Simmons</b>	<b>GKCPTP</b>

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## **New Local Access Card (LAC) Application Form & Quick Reference Guide**

Effective 3/9/2016, the Fort requested we begin using an updated version of the Local Access Control (LAC) application. The form is very similar to the one we've been using since January 2016, less some of the personal details (height, weight, eye and hair color). The Fort also created an LAC Quick Reference Guide. And we have created an instruction sheet to help you complete the LAC application. Be sure to follow the instructions, including those related to picking up the card at the base. Click below to download each item as a PDF:

- [Local Access Control \(LAC\) application](#)
- [Local Access Control \(LAC\) application instruction sheet](#)
- [LAC Quick Reference Guide](#)

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## Sponsor Briefing: June 1, 2016

**Save the Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

Members/sponsors, new and otherwise, as well as prospective members/ sponsors are invited to attend the next sponsor briefing, held at the Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, MO.

Please make every effort to attend as there will be important information about sponsoring presented by the Fort and the GKCTP chapter. We will provide sponsor packets (sponsor assignments from other organizations, sponsor guides, culture grams, etc.) at the briefing. Appetizers and beverages will be provided.

The session is intended not only for new and current sponsors, but is also for any chapter member and guest who has an interest in the program. We especially welcome more seasoned sponsors because we count on you to be a resource to help “show new sponsors the ropes,” so that they may become more quickly acclimated to the program.



### **SPONSOR BRIEFING**

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Kauffman Foundation

4801 Rockhill Road

Kansas City, Missouri 64110

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## Chapter Calendar

Date	Event	Place	Time
<b>4/7-15/16</b>	Gettysburg/D.C. Trip (Group 1)	IMSD only (FYI)	–
<b>5/12-20/16</b>	Gettysburg/D.C. Trip (Group 2)	IMSD only (FYI)	–
<b>6/1/16</b>	Sponsor Briefing	Kauffman Foundation, 4801 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO 64110	6:00 p.m.
<b>6/3/16</b>	Sponsor Appreciation Ceremony	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	7:00 p.m.
<b>6/9/16</b>	IMSD Badge Ceremony	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	TBD
<b>6/10/16</b>	CGSOC Graduation (FYI, sponsors are encouraged to attend badge ceremony only)	Fort Leavenworth	TBD
<b>Starting 6/13/16</b>	IMS Class 2017 Arrival Window	Watch your email for more information	

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