



President's Remarks



Charles H. Buxton,
Chapter President

Greetings fellow Gamecock Battalion alumni, as I prepare to close out my term as the ROTC Alumni Chapter President, I wanted to thank those who served on my board of directors: CW2 Ed Friar ('81), LTC (R) Dave Bowles ('80), LTC (R) Richard White ('89), LTC (R) John Hopson ('88), LTC David Crenshaw ('91), CPT Anthony Whitley ('92), and MAJ Sandy Hunter

('04). They provided great support and wise counsel.

Of course, none of the successes that our alumni chapter recognized during my term would have been possible without LTC (R) Joe Serviss ('69), LTC (R) Bruce Pickette ('68), LTC (R) Cliff Lanham ('62), and COL (R) Therman Greene ('59). Their ongoing efforts and dedication to our chapter are unmatched. Each of these individuals has invested a great deal of time to make our chapter the success that it is today.

I would also like to thank LTC Dave Wood for his tireless efforts to get our program back to meeting mission again and doing all that he could to avert a program shutdown. There is no doubt that when LTC Wood departs JSU, our ROTC program will be in better shape than when he arrived. Much of this with a significantly smaller cadre than JSU was allotted under previous Professors of Military Science.

As I review those things that I wanted to accomplish during my tenure, we were successful in some areas and were not able to achieve as much as I had hoped in others.

- We grew our endowment to nearly \$40,000
- We raised the amount of the chapter operating fund to \$9,000
- We increased the number of alumni who attended our annual homecoming banquet, but did not reach 150 attendees
- We made some company- and field-grade mentorship matches
- We won the alumni chapter of the year award in 2015
- We continue to work towards garnering more participation in the alumni chapter

It has truly been my honor and privilege to serve you and our cadets.

ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

LTC (R) Richard White ('89) will assume the Scholarship Coordinator duties now performed by LTC (R) Bruce Pickette ('68). Many, many thanks to Bruce for his efforts in making sure that we maximized the use of every dollar donated in support of our cadets.

We are still looking for a President, 1st and 2nd Vice President to take over leadership of our association beginning after this Homecoming.

If you are interested, please e-mail **Chuck Buxton** at Charles.h.buxton2.mil@mail.mil or cbuxton@cdc.gov.



Front Ink:
White, Red, Gold,
Charcoal Gray Mix.
Back Ink:
PMS 136, White
Right Sleeve Ink:
White
Shirt Color:
Black

MILITARY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR: COL TODD E. KEY ('87)



COL Todd E. Key has been selected as our Military Alumnus of the Year for 2016 and will be recognized at our ROTC banquet on 28 October and at Homecoming game halftime on 29 October. He was commissioned as an active duty second lieutenant in the field artillery branch in 1987. COL Key holds a Bachelor of Arts in History.

Additionally, he has a Master's Degree in International Relations from the US Army Special Operations Center and School through Troy State and a Master's Degree in National Security and Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort McNair, Washington DC. COL Key is a Functional Area 59, Strategist.

During his twenty-six year career, COL Key has served as a Fire Direction Officer, BN Liaison Officer to the German Army, Platoon Leader, Assistant BN Operations Officer, BN Fire Support Officer, and Battery Commander. Following his command, COL Key was assigned to the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center then posted as the Host National Liaison Officer for Eastern Province of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Command Executive Officer for ARCENT- Saudi Arabia. He has completed a number of tours in the HQDA G-35, serving as the Chief, Strategy Branch; Chief, Force Planning Integration Branch in the Army War Plans Division; and Chief, War Plans Division. Todd is currently the Chairman of the Strategic Research and Analysis Department at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

COL Key has completed three combat tours in Afghanistan. COL Key's awards and decorations include: The Legion of Merit (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Italian and Polish Campaign Medals, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

He and his wife, Kelly Boucher are the proud parents of Emilyann Key, a recent graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

ELLEN HARTSAW – RETIRED FROM JSU ON SEPTEMBER 1

For those of us who participated in the ROTC program at some point over the past 35 years benefitted from the knowledge and expertise of Ms. Ellen Hartsaw. She made sure that our records were kept up to date and that our packets were correct and submitted on time. Ellen was not only dedicated to the program; she was interested in the success of each cadet. There is little doubt that Ellen's professionalism and warm personality will be missed at Rowe Hall!

2016 ROTC ALUMNI HOMECOMING BANQUET

We will convene our Homecoming Banquet on October 28 on the 11th Floor of the Houston Cole Library. Our Social begins at 6:00 p.m. with our program beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25/each and registration made on the JSU Alumni Affairs internet page under www.JSU.edu/giving. Online registration will close on October 19. We hope that you will join us as we recognize COL Key and celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the commissioning of the Class of 1966.

OFFICERS COMMISSIONED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

2LT Eric McIntyre, QM, AC

2LT Wesley Carter, IN, AC

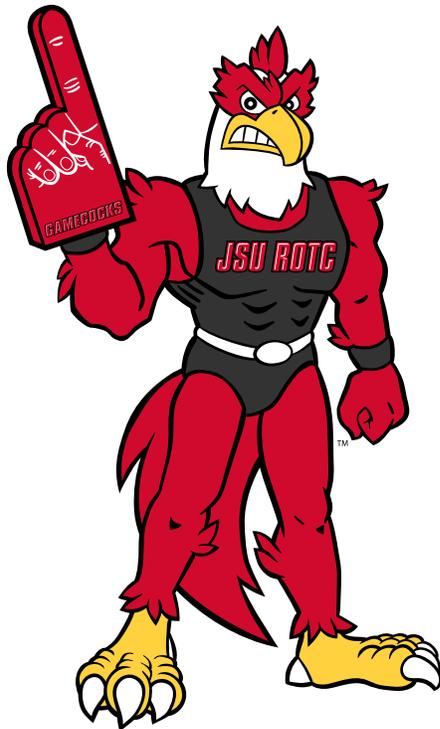
2LT KayLynn Russell, QM, USAR

2LT Jacob Wilson, OD, USAR

2LT Robert Warren, SC, USAR

2LT Amanda Wells, TC, ALARNG

Congratulations



**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE
– LTC DAVE WOOD**

We are on track to commission 14 of our required 15 commissionees this next academic year.

JSU ROTC Department received Army ROTC scholarship awards for totaling over \$400K being awarded to these deserving students. We expect to bring in to JSU a total of \$560K for Fall 17 with our 11 incoming freshmen.

As part of the Cadet Summer Training, we deployed three Cadets as part of the Cultural Understanding & Language Proficiency (CULP) program with destinations to Madagascar, Gabon, and Montenegro. This year's selected group is our first in the last four years.

As part of the Cadet Summer Training, we sent nine MS IIIs to the Cadet Advanced Camp, three MS IIIs/IVs to support Cadet Basic Camp Training as Cadet Leader Trainers, and sent five new recruits to Cadet Basic Camp Training. We also had a successful completion of the Army's Airborne School. Additionally, we had two Cadets participate in Cadet Troop Leader Training; one served with an Explosives Ordnance Detachment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and the other served with a Military Police unit in South Korea. For the Cadre, we had three support Advanced Camp operations and two participated in Cadet Command's new Cadre Faculty Development Course, a joint venture between Cadet Command and Louisville University.

Through the summer, we conducted recruiting events resulting in five new students enrolling for the fall. We supported the Football Team's High School Football week by conducting Army PT with the high school students. We also conducted the Military History Course and the Military Science 402 course. We participated in the Gamecock Orientations for incoming freshmen.

For September, we will conduct our Fall Field Training Exercise at Pelham Range. We will bid a farewell to Ms. Ellen Hartsaw, our Human Resource Assistant. Ms. Ellen has been with the program for over 35 years.

For the fall, our top goals and events are as follows:

- 1) Recruit leaders of character to join the ROTC program and develop future commissioned officers that excel in the classroom and in their future pursuits.
- 2) Complete Accessions requirements for our 14 Cadets seeking a commission in AY16-17.
- 3) Complete repairs to the Rappel Tower. Seeking to be complete NLT 28 October 2016.

We expect this year's Annual Program Review finally to be released in late September 16. The new Commanding General of the United States Army Cadet Command has reviewed each of the letters being mailed to the 239 Army ROTC programs in the Nation. The Professor of Military Science will submit a Program Review with the draft Joint Program Improvement Plan to the President's office NLT 21 October 2016.

2016 CALENDAR

KEY DATES:

- September 9-11 Jacksonville Ceremony support
- September 15-17 FTX
- September 17 Football Game Support
- September 29 Blood Drive
- October 28-29 Homecoming Activities
- November 3-4 TF Alabama Ranger Challenge
- November 10 JSU Veterans Day Celebration
- December 1 Fall Awards Ceremony

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