

## President's Remarks

**S**ummer Greetings. It's been a long year for our military with many deployments and new or continuing engagements. Whether we agree or disagree with our nation's policies, we can be proud of all our men and women in uniform and especially our JSU grads in active service or in the Reserves and National Guard. I am. During Operation Iraq Freedom, a newspaper reporter asked the question as he described and marveled at the professionalism of those he had observed: "Where **do** they get these soldiers?"



Well, you and I know that one answer is that the caliber of officers and leaders that have been turned out by our alma mater is second to none.

Typically, the Chapter sends out a Spring and Winter "newscard" and a Summer newsletter. This year, because of the amount of information we had to share with you, we sent newsletters in February and April, in addition to this (normal) Summer edition. You will also receive a Fall newscard to remind you of the Annual Banquet.

We believe we also have a lot to share with you in this issue. Inspired by Therman Greene, the scholarship program got off to an excellent start and the update on it informs you of the award recipients. The ROTC program boosts seven graduates who obtained the rank of General Officer, two of whom are still on active duty. I asked Major Generals Dave Bryan, '70, and Carlos "Butch" Pair, '70, for an update on their current assignments and they readily agreed to that and to share their thoughts about JSU. The university and ROTC Department received a great letter from Joe Ennis, '91. General Lee began our "Civilian Excellence" recognition last year, honoring and recognizing ROTC alumni who have excelled in a civilian occupation after their military service. This year we profile four selectees. The "thread" for three articles weaves *from* the Army Knowledge Online, *to* the research and results of determining active duty Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels alumni, and *ends* with the alumni in the Greater Washington DC area making contact through email. LTC "Doc" May, the Professor of Military Science (PMS), updates us on recent activities and accomplishments of the cadets and cadre of the Department. The hosting and support of the JSU Army Ten-Miler Team by alumni in the Washington DC area is described in another article. On a sad note, this year we lost retired Major Dale Henry, a former Administrative Officer for the ROTC Department, and several alumni acknowledge what he meant to them.

In addition to the Scholarship and the Civilian Excellence recognition programs, the other new, major initiative undertaken was the appointment in February of "Year Group Coordinators" or Class POCs for years 1951-2002, a total of some 52 individuals. I encourage the Coordinators to contact their class members and, importantly, ensure up-to-date address and telephone information is provided to the National Alumni Association. If you are a Coordinator and have not contacted me, please do so.

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### Calendar of Events

*September 11*  
National Day of Remembrance

*September 19*  
National POW/MIA Recognition Day

*Early October*  
Next Newscard mailing

*October 5*  
Army Ten-Miler Run  
Washington DC

*October 24*  
Chapter Annual Meeting and Banquet

*October 25*  
JSU Homecoming Football Game

*November 13*  
Fall Awards Ceremony

*Mid-December*  
Fall Commissioning Ceremony

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My special thanks to Gordon Sumner '75, who has become the Chapter's "lead" in the Greater Washington DC area. Gordon was also Military Alumnus of the Year in 1993. He organized the support for the JSU Army Ten-Miler Team last year and has started this year's efforts. He has contacted many of our alumni and is maintaining a growing email listing. Gordon is also Vice Chairman of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Association's DC Chapter (and past Chairman) and is in his fourth (and final) year as National Director of the Association – all in addition to a full-time job working with retired Lieutenant General Jay Garner. A busy man but always willing to help when it comes to JSU – Gordon, we appreciate all you've done!

Also, my appreciation goes to the officers and directors of the Chapter. We covered a lot of ground (and emails!) but I believe that together we have achieved some significant coordination and resolutions. Please email or write any of these individuals at any time, or to the Chapter Officers collectively at [rotcalum@jsucc.jsu.edu](mailto:rotcalum@jsucc.jsu.edu). When emailing the ROTC Department, use the address [rotc@jsucc.jsu.edu](mailto:rotc@jsucc.jsu.edu). We need to hear from you.

The Annual Banquet this year will be held on Friday night, October 24<sup>th</sup>, in the Gamecock Center. We'll be changing the format some, conducting a silent auction only instead of an open auction, and allowing more time to get to know one another again and reminisce. Mark your calendar now, put a note on the fridge, and make plans to attend. See you there!

*Bruce Pickette, '68*

## Army Knowledge Online

**A** rmy Knowledge Online (AKO), found at [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil), is the Army "portal" site and is changing the way the Army does business. Portal users gain quick access to Army installation and travel information, the latest Army news, and numerous links to other Army sites. Users can also search for organizations and documents. Serving as an Army-wide personnel locator, its White Pages allow you to instantly locate anyone with an AKO account, providing, at a minimum, an email address. The Web-based AKO email provides a lifetime email address/capability and allows all those to whom AKO is available to easily stay in touch with each other.

AKO is available to Active Duty Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, and Department of the Army Civilians, Retired Army, and, of interest to alumni who are not in one of those categories, sponsored Guest Accounts. AKO guest accounts require sponsorship from an individual who currently has an ACTIVE and FULL AKO account. Retired Army accounts are such accounts and thus those individuals may establish the AKO guest accounts for other alumni. If registering for a guest account you will need to enter the AKO email address of the individual sponsoring you for your guest account. After you have completed the registration process your guest account will be pending. Your account will not be active until your Sponsor has approved your AKO guest account within the "Sponsor Management Console" on the web site. Register now or find someone to sponsor you and then register. Find your friends and stay in touch! And don't forget that you can also register with the JSU Online Community at [www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/JSU](http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/JSU).

### Join the JSU National Alumni Association and the ROTC Alumni Chapter

*(Membership in the National Association conveys membership in the Chapter)*

Dues are: Annual: \$25 Single, \$40 Husband & Wife

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Send your dues to: JSU Alumni Affairs Office, 700 Pelham Rd. N., Jacksonville, AL 36265-1602

Make checks payable to **JSU Alumni Association**

(to pay by credit card, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office by dialing 1-800-231-5291, ext. 0, ask for Alumni Office)

## Active Duty Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels

With apologies to all the Majors, Captains, and Lieutenants out there but we're lucky we've obtained as much of the following information as we have! We'll be glad to report on other categories — Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, and ARNG, Reserve, SES — if we ever find a central source.

We currently have 70 Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels on active duty who are graduates of JSU. Of these, 31 are non-JSU ROTC commissioned (e.g., got a degree while assigned to Fort McClellan or as an ROTC cadre member). Of the remaining 39 who were commissioned through the JSU ROTC program, eight are Colonels and 31 are Lieutenant Colonels. Our Colonels (and LTC promotables) include: Stephen Keeling '75, Rex Forney '76, Calvin Russell '76, Ron Andrews '77, Luke Green '78, Jack McClanahan '80, George Coffelt '81, and Tony Swain '82. If we've overlooked anyone, let us know and congratulations to you all on reaching this significant accomplishment! Let us hear from those currently serving as NG or Reserve LTC or COL.

### ROTC Alumni Initiate Email Contact in the Greater Washington DC Area

Based on the research done to locate the active duty JSU Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels, accomplished partially using the Army Knowledge Online website, Chapter President Bruce Pickette initiated contact with several active duty grads in the DC area to clarify ranks, locations, etc. Those emails generated the idea to communicate collectively with as many of the active duty alum group as possible since many are assigned in the area. Retired Colonel Gordon Sumner, '75, and a resident in Northern Virginia, quickly took the lead as coordinator when pointed out by Bruce to the others. Through several iterations, with known individuals adding in others, the addressed list quickly grew. Gordon later tied the new list in with an earlier email address list of mostly non-active duty/retirees used in conjunction with the "area" support given to the JSU Ten Miler team. Those of

active duty in contact in the area include Tracy Bryant '82 (Deputy Cdr of 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf, The Old Guard), Michael Lentz '83 (Program Office for the CIO), Michael Richardson '86 (Staff Officer at DIA; being re-assigned to USDEL NATO), Tony Swain '82 (J4 office, Pentagon), Pat Sharon '83 (G-8 office, HQDA), Bobby Lipscomb '82 (XO to MDW Cdr), Harvey Robinson '86 (Asst XO to G4, HQDA), Calvin Russell '76, (office of DCSLOG), and Dave Bryan '70 (Vice Dir DISA). Others not on active duty include Jerry Duncan '75, Harry Hixon '68, Bobby Johnson '64, Richard Helms '70 (now relocated to Norfolk area), Todd Key '86, Richard Allen '70, "Bud" Patty '59, Harold Riggins '91, Randall Thrash '92, and Michael Richardson '86.

Sorry if we overlooked contacting anyone in the Greater DC area; we know there are many more. Aren't listed and want to join in? Contact Gordon at [Gordon.Sumner@SYColeman.com](mailto:Gordon.Sumner@SYColeman.com) or call him at his office: 703-769-1427 or home: 703-455-4527. There will be a get-together one day and you won't want to miss it!

### Spotlight on the ...President

Bruce Pickette, '68, was elected President of the Chapter at the banquet in November 2002. He is a 1964 graduate of Jacksonville High School. While in the JSU ROTC program he was a ROTC merit scholarship cadet, a member of the Scabbard and Blade, and held various positions in the Pershing Rifles, including unit commander. He has master's degrees from the New York Institute of Technology and Catholic University of America. He is a graduate of the Signal Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. Bruce served in a variety of tactical and fixed-station communications assignments in the Canal Zone, Vietnam, Hawaii, and Fort Bragg. Returning to the United States in 1986 after a tour with NATO, he concluded his military career in the Washington, D.C. area as a communications staff officer in joint agencies and as an Army Staff Officer in Headquarters, Department of the Army. He retired from the military in 1992 after 24 years of service. Upon military retirement, he joined a private information technology firm and continues to be employed in that field. Bruce and his wife, Rita, moved to Montgomery, Alabama in 1997. They have one daughter, Laura, who attended Jacksonville State University and is now a teacher in Montana, and a son, Gregory, who is an F-15 pilot in the Air Force.



## Professor of Military Science Remarks

JSU ROTC continues to strive to recruit the very best students available for Jacksonville State ROTC; to retain those students through a challenging

curriculum, quality mentoring, and a positive program that encourages leadership, scholarship, individual responsibility and Battalion camaraderie; and to train and develop our cadets to ensure they are fully prepared to accept the responsibilities of a commissioned officer and to effectively lead America's sons and daughters.

The Battalion hosted our annual joint field training exercise, Viking Pelham, for seven Alabama universities at Fort McClellan on March 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the exercise was to prepare junior cadets for attendance at the National Advanced Leadership Camp (NALC) at Fort Lewis, Washington this summer. Events included the Army Physical Fitness Test, day and night land navigation, a leadership reaction course, and squad movement techniques and battle drills. Over 130 cadets participated in the training, and an additional 60 cadets and cadre provided support for the exercise. Each event was evaluated, and JSU cadets finished second overall among the seven schools that included Auburn, Auburn-Montgomery, North Alabama, Alabama A&M, Tuskegee, and Alabama-Birmingham. Captains Ronnie Preston and John Nolan did a superb job in planning for and executing operations and logistics resulting in a top-notch experience for the cadets.

The Department participated in a volleyball marathon in February to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. Twenty-five cadets and cadre raised almost \$1000 for the June building effort, which former President Carter attended.

The Military Honor Society of Scabbard and Blade held its annual initiation in April. Eight outstanding cadets met all requirements for induction. Membership in Scabbard and Blade was down to four last year, but we are making strides in reinvigorating the chapter and adding our best cadets to the rolls.

The Gamecock Battalion conducted its annual Spring Awards Ceremony in April, where 25 patriotic and civic organizations presented awards to cadets who excelled in leadership, athletics and academics. In addition to these recognitions, our cadets earned over 150 Battalion and Cadet Command awards. LTC(R) Joe Serviss delivered remarks during the ceremony. Five new lieutenants were added to the brotherhood of arms during our Spring Commissioning Ceremony, bringing our total to ten new officers so far this year. MG(R) Larry Lee was our keynote speaker for the event. We anticipate commissioning four additional lieutenants in August, enabling us to meet our commissioning goal for the year of fifteen.

The Battalion awarded 17 scholarships to deserving students for the upcoming year, and we are hopeful of additional funding from Cadet Command for more scholarships. Four incoming freshman won four-year scholarships, seven prospective juniors won two-year scholarships, and our six Alumni Scholarships were awarded to outstanding prospective juniors and seniors in the Battalion.

The Department recruited and sent thirteen students to the Leaders Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox, Kentucky this summer, exceeding our Cadet Command mission by six. Two of our cadets were selected to serve in leadership positions during graduation of the first class because of their outstanding performance. We anticipate the remainder of our students will excel as well. Twenty of our advanced course cadets are currently undergoing training at the National Advanced Leadership Camp (NALC) at Fort Lewis. Thus far, Gamecock cadets are exceeding the Camp averages for physical fitness, land navigation and marksmanship. Five cadets are slated to attend Basic Airborne Training at Fort Benning, Georgia later this summer. One cadet will attend Air Assault Training at Fort Campbell, and two cadets will train for three weeks with active Army

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units in Germany and Korea as part of the Cadet Troop Leadership Training Program.

Gamecock Cadre are involved in student development and cadet training locally and across the nation throughout the summer. Major Greg Pass is working in operations at LTC for the duration of the Camp. Major John Nolan and Captain Ronnie Preston are supporting NALC and will return in August. Master Sergeant Gerald Walker was the NCO in charge of rappelling operations at LTC and recently returned. Sergeant Joe Pyland is supporting NALC and returns in July. Lieutenant Colonel Doc May and Second Lieutenant Eric Watley supported Alabama Boys State as staff members in June, and Lieutenant Colonel May will serve as a faculty mentor during freshman orientation. 2LT Teatric Thomas served as a tactical officer during the two week Junior ROTC summer camp at McClellan.

The Gamecock Battalion continues to recruit prospective students for our fall classes and looks forward to another year of outstanding training and leader preparation.

## ★ ★ General Officer Update

**M**ajor General Dave Bryan, '70, was the Military Alumnus of the Year for 1996. He is serving as Vice Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency where he manages a 8,200 person organization with a \$5.2B annual budget providing global communications and computer support to the President and the military world-wide. He has a vital second job as Commander of the Joint Task Force - Computer Network Operations which is a US Strategic Command organization. JTF-CNO's mission is to conduct operations to defend DoD's networks against all cyber threats, and to conduct offensive cyber operations when so authorized by the President. Dave has not had a chance to get back to JSU in about 4 years as both jobs kept him incredibly busy but he hopes to get back for a visit soon. He and his wife Cheri live in Northern Virginia. Dave writes: "I bet no one in the ROTC Dept. back in 1970 thought that Dave Bryan was going to make the Army a career and rise to the rank of General Officer! There's a lesson in that for the current faculty - they shouldn't jump too quickly to negative conclusions about cadets - there could be a diamond under that college student exterior!" Dave enjoys the Gem of the Hills alumni magazine and his Marching Southerners music. Dave writes further: "Like everyone else, I have a love for JSU that's hard to put into words. My years there were life changing. I am very, very proud to be a graduate of JSU."



Major General Carlos "Butch" Pair, '70, and our Military Alumnus of the Year for 2000, continues to serve as Chief of Staff, US Transportation Command. The position is a Chairman's Ten one. In 2000, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs authorized a program whereby each Unified Command, EUCOM, PACOM, SOCOM, TRANSCOM, etc., was given one Senior Reserve or NG slot to use anyway they wished to support each command. Each Reserve Component Service then nominated a person for each of the 10 positions. After an interview process in which the Air Reserve, Air Guard, Navy Reserve, Marine Reserve candidates, and Butch as the Army Reserve nominee, competed, he was selected as the first Chief of Staff for USTRANSCOM in June 2000. He was promoted to Major General in April 2001 after being selected as a BG in that position. He was recently asked to extend on active duty for two more years and now will serve until June 2005. Butch and his wife, Jeannie, live on base and enjoy serving at Scott Air Force Base. In a recent email, Butch stated that "...things have been very busy here at USTRANSCOM since the command was responsible for moving everything overseas, and now back home, during Operation Iraqi Freedom." He added: "Most of all, many thanks to the support I know we received from the great JSU alumni and friends to the military services."



## Albert H. Hethcox, Jr. You Can Bank on Al



Albert H. Hethcox, Jr., a/k/a Al, Class of 1967, served three years active duty and eighteen years reserve duty with the 87<sup>th</sup> USA MAC in Birmingham, Alabama, retiring as a USAR Major. After graduation, Al's military duty took him and his wife, Marianne, to Mannheim, Germany, where he served with the 56<sup>th</sup> S&S Battalion, and then to Vietnam in 1969-1970 where he served as S4 with the 124<sup>th</sup> Transportation Command where he received the Bronze Star medal. While serving with the 87<sup>th</sup> USA MAC, Al served in various logistic and team leader positions and earned the Army Commendation medal.

Al began his career in mortgage banking in Birmingham in 1972 with The Jackson Company, now known as SouthTrust Mortgage Company. From SouthTrust Mortgage, Al moved across town to serve as Vice President with BancBoston Mortgage Corporation, and then as Senior Vice President with AmSouth Mortgage Company where he grew professionally and personally for twelve years. Additionally, while working at AmSouth, Al continued his education in the evenings and weekends and received a JD from the Birmingham School of Law, completed the Command and General Staff College via the correspondence program, and received the Certified Mortgage Banker (CMB) designation from the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

While growing and working in Alabama in a large corporate environment was exciting and rewarding, Al made a bold move and joined one of the largest independent mortgage bankers in the United States, The Kislak Companies, which was located in Miami, Florida, as Senior Vice President. Miami was a huge change for Al and his family; however, it provided substantial professional growth, and with perfect weather all the time, it gave Al a chance to obtain a single digit handicap in golf, one of his passions. One of the memorable events was Hurricane Andrew. Al's home was not damaged; however, his place of business received substantial damage. Al and his team worked in tough conditions for months, using his military training as a guide.

Subsequent to The Kislak Companies, Al joined Loan America Financial Corporation where he served as Senior Executive Vice President responsible for loan administration and compliance. When Loan America consolidated with Barnett Banks in Jacksonville, Florida, Al and his family were ready to move back to the home state of Alabama where Al joined Regions Mortgage as Executive Vice President and where he continues to work today.

Additionally, Al serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Alabama and is active in Montgomery in the Boy Scouts of America. He is currently President of the Central Alabama Chapter of the JSU Alumni Association.

## Judge William A. Jackson

### A Man of Well-Earned Retirement

William (Bill) A. Jackson was born in Tremont, Mississippi and graduated from JSU with a degree in Political Science in 1956. He was an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate and received his commission in Infantry, USAR. Completing the Basic Infantry Officer Course, he remained at Fort Benning and on active duty until 1958. Transferring from the USAR to the Alabama National Guard, within a short period of time he volunteered for assignment to the 119<sup>th</sup> Special Forces (SF) Operational Detachment, now the 20<sup>th</sup> SF Group (Abn). He served in a succession of positions in the 20<sup>th</sup>, eventually becoming Group Commander in 1977. In late 1979, he was reassigned to the Headquarters of the AL ARNG, becoming Deputy Adjutant General in 1981. After a brief period as Commander, 31<sup>st</sup> Armored Brigade, in 1983 he was promoted to Major General and assigned as the Commander of Troop Command.

Paralleling his military career, Bill received a JD Degree from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1961 and entered the private practice in Birmingham. In 1972, he accepted a cabinet position in state government as Legal Adviser to Governor George Wallace. He left that position in 1978 and resumed his private law practice as a partner in the firm of Jackson and Arnold. In 1985, Bill resumed, on a part-time, his duties as Legal Adviser to Governor Wallace and served in that capacity until August 1986 at which time he assumed the position of a Circuit Judge in Birmingham.



As a Circuit Judge, he served in the Civil Division of the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. During the course of this, his third career, he tried numerous cases, many dealing with complex issues and some with issues of “first impression” for which there was no prior guidance for a judge to follow. Known for his no nonsense courtroom demeanor, he was respected by those who appeared and practiced in his court. His reputation for balance was universal. Bill retired from the bench in January 2001.

Bill and his wife, Lynn, remain in Birmingham, enjoying his well-earned retirement from serving the National Guard, the State of Alabama and the people of Jefferson County over his professional and military careers.

Judge/General Jackson stands as an example of service to others and exemplifies the best qualities of a JSU alumnus.

### ROTC Alumni Polo Shirts to be Available



The Chapter is currently arranging for ROTC Alumni logo polo shirts. These shirts will be available for ordering at the Banquet in October, for delivery at a later date. They will be sold at cost; be sure and order yours.

## Dr. John C. Reynolds, Jr. A Distinguished Educational Career *Starts at JSU*



John C. Reynolds, Jr., Class of 1957, served two years active duty and twenty-eight years reserve duty with the USA MACs in Birmingham and Atlanta, retiring as a USAR Colonel. John's active military duty was spent at Fort Knox and Fort Hood where he served as Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in Companies of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Divisions. While serving with the Reserves, John served in various Combat Exercise positions within the MACs. He retired in 1987 after serving as a member of an evaluation team that tested troop readiness in National Guard, Reserve, and active duty units at approximately 50 bases from Puerto Rico to Washington.

John enjoyed a varied and productive civilian career with service as an instructor at both the high school and college levels. After obtaining his M.A. and Ed.D. from the University of Alabama, he joined the University of Georgia's College of Education faculty in 1967. For 30 years, until his retirement in 1997, he taught both graduate and undergraduate students and conducted important research on teacher education. John states: "There was a positive relationship between my civilian profession and military service during this 30 year timeframe." For example, as a graduate of the Combat Intelligence Staff Officer School and the National Security Management Program, for some years ('73-'80) he served on the faculty of the Area Intelligence Schools at Fort Bragg. His interest in curriculum trends led him to collaborate with colleagues, eventually authoring or co-authoring six textbooks and 31 articles in professional journals. For many years, John had responsibility for supervising teacher education centers in the University of Georgia area, placing hundreds of student teachers in Georgia school districts each year. In addition to his work in teaching and administration, he served as consultant to those working with disadvantaged students, to administrators and beginning teachers learning to use the Teacher Performance Assessment Instrument, and to state educational associations.

In reflecting on his active contributions to civilian and military education, John said that his military career supplemented what he did at the University by allowing practical application of his research in a service-oriented activity outside the campus setting. "It helped me maintain my enthusiasm for education with a variety of challenging activities," he said. John recently wrote, "JSU provided me with the two keys for future success: a strong B.S. degree and a USAR commission. I owe a great debt to JSU both professionally and militarily."





## Dr. William P. Dunaway A Return to the Alma Mater

William (Bill) P. Dunaway, Class of 1959, served for four years in the National Guard and Reserves prior to completing ROTC. After attending Ordnance basic schools, he returned to serve in various positions in the Alabama National Guard in Ashland. Completing his final year of military service in the Reserves, he was honorably discharged in 1968 as a Captain after 13 years of military service.

After graduation from JSU, Bill was a Mathematics teacher and later an administrator in various positions around the state, including serving as Principal of Anniston High School for a period in the early '70s. He earned his M.Ed. from Auburn in 1966 and later his Ed.D. in 1974 at the University of Mississippi and joined the faculty of Education Administration at JSU in 1974. In 1983 he also assumed the duties as Director of JSU Computer Education and Laboratory, having designed the laboratory and developed the computer education program. He also served as a consultant and conducted workshops. His many professional activities include being a member or serving as chair of accrediting organizations at colleges and schools and membership in numerous educational associations. He retired as a Full Professor in 1991 after 31 years of educational service, 15 in public/private service and 16 years in higher education. In 1993, he received the honor of being named Professor Emeritus from his colleagues for his years of distinguished service.



Bill has also served in many civic capacities and is a member of several civic clubs. He has been the Vice Chair of the Jacksonville Housing Authority, receiving the Authority's Outstanding Leadership Award on two occasions. He is a member of the board of directors for the Choccolocco Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a contributor to a national publication regarding handicapped Scouting.

Bill is presently enjoying retirement in Jacksonville with his wife, Carolyn, who is also a JSU Professor Emeritus.

## Taps



Retired Major Dale Henry passed away on June 13, 2003, at the age of 79. Dale was the ROTC Department's Administrative Officer from 1966 to March 1979. He retired in 1965 from the Army with 20 years of service. He served in WWII and the Korean conflict and was awarded the Bronze Star. Burial with military honors was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville and Chapter members Bruce Pickette, Joe Serviss and David Lamb were in attendance. Dale was an Honorary Member of the ROTC Alumni Chapter and Bruce presented Dale's son, Steve, with the notes and letters sent by Chapter members upon learning of Dale's death. Some of the tributes received include: "Dale Henry was a guiding force for all of us who went through ROTC during his tenure there." (Sam Monk, '69); "We have all lost a friend whose impact on us individually and collectively can never be truly assessed or replaced." (Jerry Duncan, '75); and,

"He had a huge influence on me and my very life today. We have lost a mentor and friend." (MG "Butch" Pair, '70). All the notes and letters received may be viewed at the Alumni Banquet in October.

# alumni *Scholarship* Update

Our ROTC Alumni Scholarships this year, both Chapter and Annual/Memorial types, totaled \$5500, including the matching funds contributed by the JSU Alumni Association. Plaques are being purchased for those scholarships sponsored for five years or more and will be displayed in Rowe Hall. The scholarships have recently been awarded by the Professor of Military Science for the forthcoming school year. Scholarship recipients are:

**Jerry W. McNabb Memorial Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet James Lawhorn, MS IV, is a prior service NCO and former Drill Sergeant in the Army. He is a current member of the 2025<sup>th</sup> Alabama Army National Guard in Jacksonville. His college major is Nursing.

**Jerry Savage Memorial Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Marcus Bartlette, MS IV, is a prior service NCO in the Army and a current member of the 2025<sup>th</sup> Alabama Army National Guard. His college major is Political Science.

**Loy Scott Lee Memorial Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Michael Digby, MS IV, is a prior service NCO in the Army Reserves and a current member of the 110th Chaplain Detachment in Birmingham. His college major is Biology.

**Alumni Chapter Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Evan Jamieson is attending the Leader Training Course (LTC) this Summer and will be an MS III in the Fall. He attended MSC 102 in the Spring in preparation for LTC. His college major is History.

**Alumni Chapter Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Anthony Dabbs is attending LTC this Summer and will be an MS III in the fall. He attended the Ranger class in the Spring. His college major is Economics.

**Alumni Chapter Scholarship (\$500):** Cadet Daniel Groghan, MS IV, has prior service in the Marine Corps Reserves and is a current member of the 2025<sup>th</sup> Alabama Army National Guard. His college major is Chemistry.

All the Cadets have expressed their appreciation of the scholarships. Cadet Michael Digby writes: "I would like to thank you and your organization for your generosity in providing scholarship funds to the JSU ROTC Department. My scholarship is greatly appreciated, as it will be a valuable asset toward my college education. I assure you that this scholarship will be put to good use as I am committed to serving the United States Army and this great nation." The Chapter joins in congratulating these Cadets and wishes them continued success in the ROTC program.

Anyone wishing to support *Chapter Scholarships or other chapter programs* should make their check payable to the JSU Foundation. Donations should be mailed to JSU Foundation, 700 Pelham Road N, Jacksonville, AL 36265. Contributors should indicate "ROTC Alumni Chapter" in the "For" section of the check. If you are sending a check to contribute to an *Annual Scholarship*, be sure and indicate the specific Scholarship in the "For" section; for example, "ROTC'67/Savage Scholarship". Members may also designate the ROTC Alumni Chapter when making their annual fund pledge/ donation to the University. If you have any questions about the Scholarship Program contact Therman Greene at 256-835-1252 (home) (email to [trgreene@aol.com](mailto:trgreene@aol.com)) or Larry Lee at 256-892-0993 (home) (email to [lelee77883@aol.com](mailto:lelee77883@aol.com)).

## ROTC Alum Now an FBI Special Agent for Counter-Terrorism

The University and ROTC Department recently received a letter from Joe Ennis, '91, expressing how proud he was to be a graduate of JSU and outlining how his education and military training has helped him throughout his varied career. After graduating from Albertville High School in 1984, Joe served three years on active duty in the Army. Later, he completed Snead State Junior College and transferred to JSU in 1989. Commissioned in the Army Reserve, he was hired by the Montgomery Police Department and remained there for six years before moving to the FBI. After being hired by the FBI, his Reserve status was changed to Standby but he still maintains status as an officer with the rank of Captain. Joe has been assigned to the FBI's New York office for approximately five years, primarily to the Counter-Terrorism Division. Joe writes, "My duties within the Division have taken me to a variety of countries, sometimes under less than hospitable conditions. It is during these times I look back on what I have learned from both my military career and education. I believe the training I received from JSU's ROTC Department has enabled me to better control myself under stressful situations and to seek solutions to problems which may arise." He goes on to tell how "I was deployed to a location overseas for an extended period of time, while supporting the United States War on Terror, and happened to cross paths with another JSU alumni, who was also a fellow ROTC graduate. I am pleased to say JSU and its ROTC program are being represented proudly around the world and goes to show what kind of character JSU has instilled in its graduates." Joe concludes, "Thank you JSU and the ROTC program for all you have provided me in the search for my future. The time and effort taken by the faculty and staff of JSU has made me who I am today."

Thanks for the letter, Joe, and thanks for all you're doing for our nation.

## Alumni Speak at Ceremonies

The Chapter's theme of "Share the Experience" reflects the opportunity for alumni to relive the experiences shared as cadets and to share them with the cadets of today. Within the past year, ROTC alumni have "shared their experience" and been guest speakers at the Department's Military Ball and Awards and Commissioning Ceremonies.

Retired Colonel Joe Creel, '65, our Military Alumnus of the Year for 1975 and former Alumni Chapter President, spoke at the Fall Commissioning Ceremony on December 13, 2002. Joe spoke of the "C's" that would be needed by the newly commissioned officers as character, consistency, caring, creativity, and confidence.

Retired Colonel Mark Pentecost, '75, our Military Alumnus of the Year for 1997, was the guest speaker at the Military Ball held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark was pictured in the April newsletter. Mark talked about the major differences in the Corps of Cadets in the last 30 years, and the differences in wars and threats but the constants of service, sacrifice and duty to the nation.

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Joe Serviss, '69, spoke at the Spring Awards Ceremony on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Joe talked about leadership and what would be expected of a young Lieutenant. As he phrased it, his best advice was that "new 2LT's should keep their eyes open and their mouths shut for the first several weeks and to not make a major decision during this time without first talking to their Platoon Sergeant."

Retired Major General Larry Lee, '57, our Military Alumnus of the Year for 1992 and immediate past Alumni Chapter President, spoke at the Spring Commissioning Ceremony on April 25<sup>th</sup>. He described the attributes he looked for in soldiers and encouraged the new 2LTs to instill those same attributes in the soldiers they would lead. He further described principles to always keep in mind: know your people, know the principles of leadership, and understand your superiors and subordinates and respect them.

Thanks for all the opportunities, Doc! If you'd like to also contribute as a speaker, please let LTC "Doc" May know.

## Washington DC Area Alumni Hosts JSU Army Ten-Miler Team

Last October, our "Gamecock Battalion" sent a 4-person team to compete in the 18th Annual Army Ten-Miler, staged by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington on October 20, 2002. Recognized as the Army's premiere running event, the Army Ten-Miler serves to build esprit de corps, encourage Army fitness goals, celebrate the American Spirit, and promote the United States Army. The JSU team members included MSIV Cadet Joe Guthrie, MSIII Cadet Jonathan St. John, and MSII Cadet James Nifong and MSI Cadet Jonathan Greene. Cadre members Major John Nolan and SGT Joseph Pyland accompanied the team, and Major Nolan also competed. The team members raised funds through various means and the team also obtained sponsorship from the Student Government Association and the ROTC Alumni Chapter. The Chapter Board voted to provide \$500 to help the team defray expenses and Chapter officers suggested to the cadre that additional alumni assistance could be provided. This eventually evolved into initially arranging billeting at Fort Myer for the team. The offered assistance further evolved into hosting and housing the team in alumni homes when Gordon Sumner, '75, willingly took on the role of coordinator and suggested an itinerary and organized alumni in the area to serve as hosts. The team



*Alumni and Ten Miler team members enjoying the evening's BBQ dinner are, from left, Barbara and Jerry ('75) Duncan; Joe Guthrie, Team Cadet Captain; Jonathan St. John; Gordon ('75) and Vicki Sumner; Jonathan Greene; SGT Pyland; MAJ Nolan; James Nifong; and Joan and Bill ('58) McCarty. Since the time this picture was taken in October 2002, Joe Guthrie has been commissioned and is presently on active duty.*

arrived at Gordon and "Miss Vicki's" house on the Friday morning before Sunday's race and Gordon and other alumni (see photo) had a BBQ dinner for them that evening. Alumni were surprised and pleased with the presentation to them of Gamecock Battalion coins by MAJ Nolan on behalf of the PMS, LTC May. Team members were billeted with the alumni that night and the next night and then participated in the race on Sunday, departing directly to JSU after the race. The team did very well on the run, placing above any other team from Alabama. Hopefully, that will help make a case to Cadet Command for funding, especially since the Command paid cadets/cadre from South Alabama, and no funds for JSU's team! The team and ROTC cadre staff has expressed their appreciation to the Chapter for its financial support and for the opportunity to spend time with fellow Gamecocks. According to LTC May, "We hope to make this an annual event to motivate the Battalion's better runners and those who strive to improve, and the support and encouragement we've gotten from graduates certainly shows that it is possible for us to return to the 10-miler in the future."

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