

## President's Remarks

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**IT'S** been my privilege to correspond with many of you this past year as the chapter officers and directors and I worked on Chapter projects. These have included updating of the Military Alumnus/a of the Year and Honorary Membership listings (previous awardees) for posting on the website, locating those who have been "lost" to JSU (and thus to the ROTC chapter) for any number of reasons, obtaining new mailing addresses for many on active duty (call Alumni Affairs and keep those addresses updated, people!), verifying and recording email address, obtaining photos and stories for our forthcoming banquet theme, and obtaining biographical information from you for this newsletter.



Once again we have a lot to share with you. This is the eighth year for the Chapter and we summarize our major activities in an article. Through the years we have awarded Honorary Memberships and the list of those have received this award is printed. If your component (USA, USAR, NG) is not reflected on the Military Alumnus/a of the Year list, let us know what it was at the time of award. Recipients for our ROTC Alumni

Scholarships have been selected. We profile three alumni for "Civilian Excellence". We also begin a new series entitled "Where Are They Now?" to provide an update about former Professors of Military Science or Military Alumnus/a of the Year. I wrote last year that the ROTC program boosts seven General Officer graduates. Nope, there are eight and has been for a while; can you imagine that I miscounted! We profile Lieutenant General (R) Ron Adams, '65, in this issue. We have some changes to the Chapter By-Laws for you to consider. A new group – Friends of JSU ROTC --- has been formed on campus; it is separate from the Alumni Chapter but we support it 100% percent. The Greater Washington DC Alumni Chapter again hosts the ROTC running team and invites us to attend their chapter meeting and discounted room rates at a Crystal City hotel are available. Jim McLaughlin invites us to participate in the Gamecock Gallop event on 6 November, the morning of Homecoming. Finally, we have three related articles: a detailed membership report, the need for email addresses, and the progress we have achieved in finding "lost" alumni. The enclosed list of "lost" alumni has been considerably narrowed.

The Annual Banquet this year will be held on Friday night, 5 November, in the Gamecock Center. Our theme this year is "Gamecock Graduates in the Global War on Terrorism." Make your reservations at any time with the ROTC Department and salute those who have served since 9/11.

*Bruce Pickett '68*

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## Calendar of Events

Summer Commissioning Ceremony	30 July
Army 10-Miler Run	23 October
Chapter Annual Banquet	5 November
JSU Homecoming Football Game	6 November
Fall Commissioning Ceremony	17 December

## Professor of Military Science Remarks



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. 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. We

anticipate commissioning five to six 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. Two incoming freshman won four-year scholarships, one incoming freshman won a three-year advance designee scholarship, six prospective juniors won two-year scholarships, and we awarded eight ROTC Alumni Scholarships to outstanding juniors and seniors in the Battalion.

The Department recruited and sent eleven students to the Leaders Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox this summer, exceeding our Cadet Command mission. Eighteen of our advanced course cadets are currently undergoing training at the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC, formerly Advanced Camp) at Fort Lewis, Washington. Five cadets are slated to attend Basic Airborne Training at Fort Benning, Georgia later this summer, and one cadet will train for three weeks with an active Army units at Fort Hood as part of the Cadet Troop Leadership Training Program. Two cadets will support Exercise Robin Sage, serving as OPFOR for the Special Operations Exercise at Fort Bragg.

Gamecock Cadre are involved in student development and cadet training locally and across the nation throughout the summer. Lieutenant Colonel May is the Western Region Liaison Officer at LDAC and will serve as a faculty mentor during freshman orientation when he returns. Major Greg Pass is also at LDAC as a Regimental XO, Captain Preston is there as a Platoon TAC, and Sergeant Pyland is serving at LDAC as an administrative NCO. Master Sergeant Walker is the NCOIC of the Rappelling and Rope Bridge Committee at Leaders Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox. CPT Shackelford supported JROTC Summer Camp at Fort McClellan and attended Alabama Boys State this summer to recruit these outstanding high schoolers for ROTC.

Major John Nolan and Sergeant First Class Harold Young are departing this summer. Major Nolan will move to the Army Material Command at Fort Belvoir, VA and SFC Young will retire to the Atlanta area. Both served the Battalion in an outstanding manor and we will miss them personally and professionally.

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

## THE NEW JSU ROTC FIGHTING GAMECOCKS PATCH!



## General Officer Update



Lieutenant General (Ret.) Ronald Adams, '65, was the Military Alumnus of the Year for 1980, awarded when he was a Lieutenant Colonel. He was also recognized by the Alumni Association in 1990 as being the first JSU graduate to become a Regular Officer General Officer (in 1989). Commissioned in Armor, Ron commanded both ground and air cavalry units during two tours of combat service in Vietnam.

He continued to serve in various cavalry units and subsequently commanded a battalion in Korea and a brigade in the Pacific. During the Persian Gulf War, he served as Assistant Division Commander of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Later, he was Commanding General of the Aviation Center and School and Fort Rucker. In 1999 and 2000, he was Commander, of the 35 nation, NATO-led Stabilization Force (SFOR) in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. Ron had several other key assignments along the way including service on the Army Secretariat, the Army Staff, the Joint Staff, on the staff of a regional Commander-in-Chief and the staff of a Combined Commander. At the time of his retirement in January 2002, Ron was serving concurrently as the Commanding General, U.S. Army NATO and the Deputy Commander, Joint Headquarters Centre, Allied Command Europe. After leaving active military service, he became a member of the Senior Executive Service in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He spent time in Washington, D.C., Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar and points between and upon leaving government service, received The Secretary of Defense Outstanding Public Service Award. Earlier this year he joined Science Applications International Corporation as a Corporate Vice President. Ron writes "I now spent part of my week in my office in McLean, Virginia, and what time I can at the old house my wife Ardee and I have been renovating in Pennsylvania. I continue to serve on a number of Boards of Trustees/Advisors and when I can get away, I still love to sail." He continues that he "...has the greatest respect for all those who are involved with JSU ROTC and ...thanks them for all they continue to do for our Nation!"

## ROTC Alumni Chapter Now in its 8th Year

The ROTC Alumni Chapter was chartered in 1996 with charter members designated as those who joined the National Alumni Association within the Chapter's first year of existence. Over 1300 students have completed the ROTC program since it began in 1948. Retired Colonel Joe Creel, '65, served as President for four years until 2001, followed by Retired Major General Larry Lee, '57, for the next two years. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Pickette, '68, a charter member, was re-elected as the latest President at the Chapter's Annual Meeting and Banquet in October 2003. When first elected, Bruce commented that "...the Chapter owes its success to the terrific efforts of Joe Creel and General Lee and the solid basis they established for both the Chapter's organization and activities. They've made it easy for me and I've had tremendous support from the other officers and directors of the Chapter. And fortunately, we've all had the benefit of having Joe Serviss as a mainstay as our long-time Secretary/Treasurer. He's always willing to do the work and his presence on campus over the years as a central point of contact for all of us has also made things a lot easier."

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. This and other ideas, including the ways in which members can help the Chapter, are reflected in the *Alumnus* letter posted on the ROTC Department's website at <http://www.jsu.edu/depart/rotc/alumni.html>. ROTC alumni have been guest speakers at the Department's Awards and Commissioning Ceremonies and at the Military Ball. The Chapter also assists the Department in maintaining a "Wall of Honor" upon which all the Military *Alumnus* of the Year and graduates who have become General Officers are pictured. The ROTC program boosts eight graduates who obtained the rank of General Officer, two of whom are still on active duty.

The Chapter has undertaken several major projects. A "Civilian Excellence" recognition was begun in 2002, honoring and recognizing ROTC alumni who have excelled in a civilian occupation after their military service. Five alumni were spotlighted in the Chapter's Summer 2002 newsletter and four in the Summer 2003 newsletter. More alumni are featured in this newsletter.

The Chapter has been responsible for many years to select the Military *Alumnus* of the Year. The selection process and revised criteria for selection of the *Alumnus* was laid out in 2003. New criteria includes that the fact that the selected individual must be an officer on active duty or an active Guardsman or Reservist.

Another major initiative undertaken was the appointment in February 2004 of "Year Group Coordinators" or Class POCs for years 1951-2002, a total of some 52 individuals. The responsibilities of the Coordinators are to contact and maintain mailing and email lists of the Year Group members; attempt to locate "missing" alumni; and, coordinate any class-sponsored Annual ROTC scholarship. Coordinators also provide up-to-date address and telephone information to the National Alumni Association, or encourage class members to do so directly.

The Chapter's scholarship program is designed to provide vital assistance to the PMS for recruiting and retention. When asked why a scholarship program for ROTC, Bruce replied that for many families, scholarships and financial aid programs truly make college dreams a reality and that without them, many students could not choose to attend college or to stay on to graduate. "Specifically, our program is needed to help fill a void in the Army's scholarship

system and will serve to mostly attract and retain the non-merit/non-national scholarship cadet. We are excited about the program as a mission we have undertaken and the opportunity to provide a means for alumni to furnish financial assistance to the cadets of today. Helping the cadets earn their college degrees pays immense dividends not only to the individual but also to the Army and our nation."

A recent project has been a concerted effort to locate "lost" alumni. Of 141 "lost" alumni who completed the ROTC program, approximately half have now been located or information has been obtained that they are deceased. An article in this newsletter details the results of the effort. An outgrowth of that effort has been the collection of email addresses for purposes of limited, future notices and mailings relating to the Chapter. As of early Summer, approximately 130 email addresses had been recorded.

Since 1996, the Chapter has held an Annual Banquet and Meeting in association with Homecoming. This year's banquet will again be on the Friday night (November 5) before Homecoming Day. A theme is generally established for each banquet; some previous themes have included recognizing those graduates who were killed in action and those who fought in the Korean War. This year's theme is "Gamecock Graduates Supporting the Global War on Terrorism." Bruce commented "We are collecting pictures of our JSU ROTC graduates (active, guard, reserve) to be included in a slide show at the banquet and if anyone has some, please send them to us. We'd like to recognize your contributions."

## ROTC CADRE



Pictured left to right, kneeling, are SGT Joseph Pyland, SFC Harold Young, CPT Ronnie Preston, MSG Gerald Walker, and CPT Dean Shackelford. Pictured left to right, standing, are: Mrs. Linda Bright, MAJ Gregory Pass, LTC Herschel May, Jr., MAJ John Nolan, and Mrs. Ellen Hartsaw. Since the time of this photograph in May 2004, MAJ Nolan has been re-assigned to Fort Belvoir, SFC Young has retired, CPT Shackelford has been promoted to Major, and MAJ Greg Scott has joined the Cadre.

## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



The Chapter's program consists of Chapter and Annual Scholarships. For each of the last two years, the board has authorized two "Chapter Scholarships" in the amount of \$500 each. "Annual Scholarships" are established by individuals, year groups, fraternal organizations, or companies in the amount of \$500 or above. If a donor makes a commitment to fund an Annual Scholarship for five or more years, the Chapter purchases a plaque to be displayed in Rowe Hall. There are now six established long-term Annual Scholarships. Under a matching amount program of the National Alumni Association, the Chapter's total amount of scholarship funds, for both Chapter and Annual Scholarships, provided for Academic Year 03/04 was \$8500. For the forthcoming Academic Year 04/05, the Chapter, with National matching, will provide \$8000 in scholarship funds. The scholarships will be awarded to the following recipients in early Fall and acknowledged during the Fall 04 Awards Ceremony.

**Jerry W. McNabb Memorial Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Daniel P. Burford is a Criminal Justice major and will be an MSIII cadet in the Fall. He currently has a 3.66 GPA.

**Jerry Savage Memorial Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Kirby D. Rice, MSIII, is a prior service NCO. He is a current member of the 2025th Alabama Army National Guard in Jacksonville. He is working on his master's degree in Criminal Justice and currently has a 4.0 GPA.

**Loy Scott Lee Memorial Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet James Lawhorn, Jr., MSIV, is a prior service NCO and former Drill Sergeant in the Army. He is also a member of the 2025th Alabama Army National Guard in Jacksonville. His college major is Nursing and he currently has a 4.0 GPA.

**Joseph C. Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Erin R. Rice is attending the Leader Training Course (LTC) this summer and will be an MS III in the fall. She is a member of the Ranger Challenge Team and has a physical fitness score of 235. Her college major is Nursing and she has a 3.56 GPA.

**Northeast Alabama Military Officers Association (MOAA) ROTC Annual Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Evan M. Jamieson, MSIII, is a Criminal Justice major. He has a current 2.66 GPA.

**Fort McClellan Credit Union ROTC Annual Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Lisa M. Allen is also a member of the Ranger Challenge Team. She will be an MSIII cadet in the Fall. Her college major is Criminal Justice. She has a current 3.19 college GPA.

**ROTC Alumni Chapter Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Brianna L. Bladen, is an MS III in the ROTC program. She has a physical fitness score of 268. Her college major is Accounting and she currently has a 2.85 GPA.

**ROTC Alumni Chapter Scholarship (\$1000):** Cadet Mitchell T. Hunt is attending the LTC this summer and will be an MS III in the fall. He is a current member of the 310th Chemical Company Army Reserve at Fort McClellan. Hunt is also a member of the Ranger Challenge Team. His college major is Political Science.

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") or Larry Lee at 256-892-0993 (home) (email to lelee77883@aol.com).

## "Friends of JSU ROTC" Organized

At the initiative of Karen Gregg, who serves as the Certification Advisor in the College of Arts & Sciences, a "Friends of JSU ROTC" group has been organized. Having attended several ROTC award and commissioning ceremonies over the years, Karen was always impressed with the honors our cadets earned. (Ed. Note: "our cadets" is Karen's phrase from her membership letter and shows you how she feels! FYI, Karen was awarded an Honorary Membership in the Chapter during 2003.) At the past Fall 2003 awards ceremony it occurred to her that, unlike other departments across campus, there was no award specifically for a graduating senior. That's how her idea for the Friends organization started --- its purpose is to show appreciation for the young men and women who have just begun careers of service to our country by awarding a monetary graduation gift to a deserving cadet during the Fall, Spring, and Summer commissioning ceremonies. Her idea was to reach out to those that are not ROTC alumni but are supportive of the program and our students. That would include, for example, those faculty/staff members that have attended LTC or NALC, or accompanied ROTC teams, former cadre members in the area, or those who generally desire to show their support the ROTC program and Department. Karen developed plans for the organization in concert with the ROTC Department and the JSU Foundation and made the inaugural presentation of a certificate and \$250 to 2LT Joseph White at the Spring 2004 commissioning ceremony.

Membership incentives have been established for levels of giving from \$25, \$50 (includes a pewter ROTC key chain), \$75 (includes an ROTC mug with pewter crest), and \$100 (includes dinner at the ROTC Alumni Banquet for one person). If you know of an individual interested in joining the Friends, or if you yourself wish to contribute a tax-deductible gift, contact Karen at 256-782-5231 or email her at kgregg@jsucc.jsu.edu.

We salute Karen's efforts with her own letter's word...HOOAH!

## By-Laws Changes Proposed

*The Chapter's current By-Laws were last revised in October 2002. The Chapter's Executive Board proposes the following revisions:*

### **Change Article IV, Officers, from:**

**Section 1.** The officers of the alumni chapter shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer and a minimum of six Directors. The Directors will be appointed by the newly elected President. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the alumni chapter.

**Section 2.** The President, First Vice-President, and the Second Vice-President shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

**Section 3.** No elected officer shall hold more than one office at a time, and no elected officer, with the exception of the Secretary/Treasurer, shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

**Section 4.** The Directors appointed by the newly elected President will serve for one year and may be appointed for no more than two consecutive terms.

**to:**

### **Article IV, Officers and Directors**

**Section 1.** The Officers of the alumni chapter shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. They shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. No elected officer shall hold more than one office at a time, and no elected officer, with the exception of the Secretary/Treasurer, shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

**Section 2.** A minimum of six Directors will be appointed by the newly elected President. They shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the alumni chapter. Directors appointed by the newly elected President will serve for one year and may be appointed for no more than two consecutive terms.

**Section 3.** All former Chapter Presidents shall also serve as Directors as voting, ex-officio members when meetings of the Officers and Directors are called.

**Section 4.** Delete.

### **Change Article VI, The Executive Board, from:**

**Section 1.** The Officers and Directors of the alumni chapter shall constitute the Executive Board. The President will chair the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The Executive Board shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the alumni chapter between the meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the alumni chapter and

## 2003 BANQUET SNAPSHOT



Pictured at the October 2003 Annual Banquet are, Colonel Luke Green, '78, left, recipient of the Military Alumnus of the Year award, and Colonel Terry Quarles, '78, Chapter 2nd Vice-President.

shall perform such other duties as specified in these bylaws.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of three members of the Board.

**Section 4.** That person who might be assigned as the Professor of Military Science will serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

**to:**

### **Article VI, The Executive Board**

**Section 1.** The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers and appointed Directors of the chapter, and the ex-officio member of the Professor of Military Science (PMS). The PMS shall be a non-voting member. The President will chair the Executive Board.

**Section 2-3.** No change.

**Section 4.** Delete.

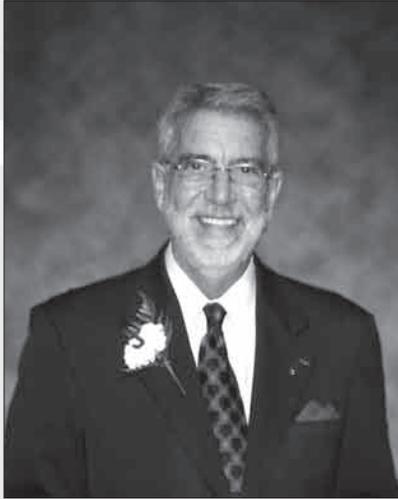
The effect of the proposed change to Article IV is to separate the Officer and Director descriptions, and designate former Chapter Presidents as (non-appointed) Directors. The effect of the proposed change to Article VI is that former Presidents are not members of Executive Board.

*The Chapter's By-Laws and this proposed revision are posted on the website. The revised By-Laws will be presented to the membership for approval at the annual meeting/banquet in November 2004.*

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## Jerry N. Cole

Born in Heflin, Alabama and raised in Weaver, Jerry Cole enrolled in JSU after finishing Jacksonville High School in the spring of 1953. He married Ellen Goins later that same year in November. Jerry and Ellen now have three children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild and reside in Weaver. Jerry played four years of football for Coach Don Salls. He and his 1955 teammates still celebrate the accomplishment of their Bowl



team that defeated the University of Rhode Island. Upon graduation, he received a regular Army commission and was assigned to Fort Benning to attend Infantry school. He served two years with the "Big Red One" at Fort Riley, Kansas and made a stop at Fort Lee, Virginia, before returning to Fort Benning. He completed his obligation to the military in 1960 and returned home to enter business with his father.

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Jerry joined the Alumni Association in the mid 60's. He was slated to become president of the Association in the spring of 1974 but before he could take office, Dr. Ernest Stone offered him the Athletic Director's job. Although couldn't accept the Alumni presidency, he held a seat on the alumni board of governors for over twenty years. Jerry became JSU's first full-time Athletic Director, serving from 1973 until his retirement in 1997. The Gamecock athletic programs accomplished more than any NCAA Division II school in history under his leadership. The Gamecocks became the only Division II program in NCAA history to be crowned national champions in the three major sports, with titles in football basketball and baseball. JSU also claimed a pair of National Championships in gymnastics under his leadership. The Gamecocks accumulated 37 Gulf South Conference

championships, including nine football titles, seven men's basketball championships, two volleyball titles and one women's basketball championship. The Gamecocks also won four consecutive Men's and Women's All-Conference Championships in the late 1980's and early 1990's. He led Jacksonville State to Division I in 1995 and aligned most of JSU's athletic programs with the Trans America Athletic Conference in January, 1995, and helped the Gamecocks become a charter member of the Southland Football League in July of 1995. He retired in 1997 following more than 24 years of service.

## Clarence William Daugette, III



After graduating from JSU in 1974, Clarence was commissioned in the United States Army Reserves in which he served 12 years. He also worked in banking until 1976. He then became an agent for Life Insurance Company of Alabama, which had been founded by his father in 1952. During this time he took courses from Purdue University's Insurance Marketing Institute. In 1979 Clarence became Vice President in charge of

Investments, a position he held until 1987 when he became President.

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Clarence is active in civic affairs as a member of Downtown Gadsden, Inc., the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and is an active member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter where he serves on the Vestry. Clarence serves on the Boards of the Greater Alabama Council Boy Scouts of America, and AmSouth Bank of Gadsden. He is on the Board and serves as President of the both the International House at JSU and the local Boys and Girls Club. Clarence was elected President of the National Alliance of Life Companies (NALC) for the 1998-1999 year. He is a life member of JSU Alumni Association and resides in Gadsden.



## Larry V. Payne



Larry V. Payne is a native of Etowah County and graduate of Gadsden High School. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, from JSU in January 1967. After attending the Quartermaster Basic and Commissary Management Courses, he was assigned as a Commissary Officer at Patch Barracks and Kelly Barracks in Germany. In addition to these duties, he was project officer for building a new commissary at EUCOM Headquarters

and remodeling two other commissaries in the North Wurttemberg District. After two years of active duty, Larry was assigned to the 310th Chemical Company, a U.S. Army Reserves unit in Gadsden. He served the unit in various capacities culminating as Company Commander and was then assigned as Commander of the 4961st Chemical Detachment in Anniston. After his command, he transferred to the 87th Maneuver Area Command where he served in various positions. He reached the rank of Colonel and ended his military career of 30 years as Commander, First Simulation Exercise Group, First Brigade, 87th Division (Exercise). In 1990, Larry was recognized as the Military Alumnus of the Year. He also holds a Masters of Management degree from Salve Regina University.

Larry started to work for Alfa Insurance in August 1970, and immediately became one of the company's top agents. In his first full year he was inducted into the Millionaire Club. After over 34 years of service with Alfa, Larry has received every award available, including the company's highest award for agents, Agent of the Year in 1996. He presently holds four of the six company records in life insurance sales. Larry was a member of the company's first Agents Advisory Council and was the Northern Region's Advanced Sales Leader in 2001. He is currently, and has been, one of the company's few agents to receive the distinguished Field Underwriter designation in auto, property and commercial sales. Larry consistently ranks as one of Alfa's top agents and is recognized as a leader in his field. He has been active in the Gadsden Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and is presently serving on their Board of Directors. He served as president of this association in 1976 and was honored by the membership as Life Underwriter of the Year in 1977. In addition to his local service to the association, he served as Area

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Vice-President of the Alabama Association of Life Underwriters in the 1970's. He has received national recognition as a recipient of the National Quality Award for 15 years, the National Sales Achievement Award for 9 years, and the Multi-line Sales Award for 5 years. He holds the 'Life Underwriter Training Council' designation and has been an instructor for the course on many occasions. As he approaches his retirement, Larry takes great pride in his 34 years of service to the Alfa Insurance Company and his clients.

Larry has also given unselfishly of his time in service to his church and his community. He is a former President of three prominent organizations: Gadsden Chamber of Commerce, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Gadsden Lion's Club where he is still an active member. He is a former member of the singing group, the Gadsden Ambassadors, and during the seventies and eighties he played reading roles in various musicals at the Gadsden Civic Theatre. Larry has a small cattle farm and is the incoming President of the Etowah County Cattlemen's Association. Larry has always maintained a keen interest in politics and was the chairman of the Etowah County Republican Party in 1999-2000. He is also an elected member to the Alabama State Republican Party's Executive Committee. Larry was recognized for his patriotism and his civic service when he received the Patriot of the Year Award for Etowah County in 1990. Larry is married to the former Greta Gunn and they have four children.

**BE SURE TO  
CHECK OUT OUR  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**(SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS)**

## Lots of “Lost” Alumni. . . Found!

We’ve recently had great success in finding lost alumni. In November 2002 there were 141 “lost” names listed of those who had completed the ROTC program but not located. In order for individuals to receive mailings from the Chapter they must be listed on the University’s Master Alumni Database and annotated as ROTC. To ease some individual privacy concerns, the National Alumni Association revised its policy so that a Social Security Number is not required in order for someone to be entered on the database. The database category of “Did Not Graduate” benefits the Chapter because, in addition to unique individual cases, several years ago there was a two-year program whereby an individual could be commissioned before graduating. But many did not graduate. There were also graduates of Talladega College who came to JSU to go through the ROTC program and obtain their commission.



By February of this year little progress had been made with only five names removed. After viewing our proposed updated listing, Nancy Turner of the Alumni Affairs staff, on her own initiative, searched all remaining 136 names using the Association’s “alumnifinder” program. Forty-eight on the list were located and their address and identity separately confirmed against school records and graduation programs! Another seven were deceased and no updating information was found for 50. For the remaining 31, most with only partial address information, or two or more possible phone numbers, Chapters officers and directors made a concerted effort to contact the individual. Fortunately, we were able to clarify the status of most.

Bottomline – of 136 on the list, there are now only 68 remaining and we welcome the 59 (does not count deceased) previously “lost” alumni to our mailings and activities. Thus, we’ve clarified or found approximately half of the beginning list. We also welcome approximately sixteen individuals – most on active duty - we located by obtaining their email address from the Army Knowledge Online website and sending them emails requesting new mailing addresses. Come on all you 75 “new” folks -- join us in becoming a member of the Alumni Association and in supporting the ROTC Department. Everyone remember to keep your addresses updated with Alumni Affairs!

The list of 68 “lost” is printed to the right. If you are in contact with anyone on the list, please urge that person to contact the University at 800-231-5291, ask for the Alumni Affairs office and request to be entered on the database. The individual should also inform the office that he or she is an ROTC graduate and the date of commissioning. If you know someone on the list is deceased, notify Alumni Affairs. Again, for record purposes, deceased members can be entered in the database with only a graduation or commission date, and persons who were commissioned but did not graduate may be entered as ROTC but “Did Not Graduate.” Thanks for your help!

## Report on Membership

Membership in the Chapter and Alumni Association is recorded by JSU in “Active” and “Inactive” Regular categories. “Active Regular” consists of Life Members, Annual Members, who have paid annual membership dues, and Complimentary members. Complimentary members are recent commissionees, given the membership for the year after their graduation. “Inactive Regular” consists of those who are not Life, Annual, or Complimentary members, and deceased members. In an early Spring ROTC database listing by the University, there are 1171 total records, including 81 deceased individuals and 195 Active Regular members. This results in a (paid) membership percentage of 18%.

Since 1948, 1347 JSU cadets have been commissioned in the United States Army. The recent “finding” of almost 85 alumni, as well as the knowledge there are another 68 known lost alumni names, helps narrow the difference between the numbers of 1171 in the JSU database and the ROTC Department list of 1347 cadets.

For the benefit of those “new” found alumni, did you know you will receive the Gem of the Hills, ROTC newsletters, and other JSU mailings, for free? You do, even if you are not a member of the Alumni Association. Contributions to the Chapter will help fund Chapter programs and scholarships. But it’s your separate Association dues that confer automatic membership in the ROTC Chapter and allow the Alumni Association to assist in JSU’s advancement. Annual single membership is \$25 and Life membership is \$250. Please send your check payable to “JSU Alumni” to Alumni Affairs or, to pay by credit card, email [alumni@jsu.edu](mailto:alumni@jsu.edu), or call 800-231-5291 or 256-782-5404. Go online to <http://www.jsu.edu/alumni/getinvolved.html>.

Dec 95	Taylor, Travis O.	Jul 63	Gates, Eugene L.
Dec 93	Jennings, Charlotte A.	May 63	Simpson, Gordon T.
Apr 75	Ford, William Michael	Jul 62	Hail, James H.
Apr 75	Ford, Ricky Wayne	Jul 61	Brooks, Joseph H.
Dec 74	Brown, Michael Howard	Jul 61	Rowe, Harry L.
May 74	Hodge, David Stephen	May 61	Pruitt, Robert P.
Aug 73	Knight, Johnny Carl	Jan 61	Mulvanity, Thomas A.
Aug 73	Gayle, Douglas Sams	Jan 61	Sims III, George J.
1972	Coleman, Gary Lynn	May 60	Leonard, Theodore J.
Dec 72	Jolly, John William	May 60	Morris, Jimmy R.
Jul 72	Murphy, Ralph Allen	Jan 60	Davidson, James D.
Jul 72	Turner, Kenneth C.	Jan 60	Hancock, Donald L.
1972	Mayfield, Walter Richard	Jul 59	Shaw, Walter B.
Jun 72	Owen, Terry Wayne	May 59	Jones, Jr., John C.
Jul 71	Butler, Ronald H.	May 59	Nicholson, Thomas L.
Jun 71	Casey, John L.	Jan 59	Jones, Billy B.
Jun 71	Johnson, Mark R.	May 58	Jones, Jr., Samuel F.
Jun 71	Whitlock, James M.	Jan 57	Barnett, Robert A.
Dec 70	Carrington, John R.	Jan 57	Glenn, Jack B.
May 70	Campbell, Mickey J.	Jan 57	Howell, Jerry G.
Jan 69	Bailey, Richard A.	May 56	Moore, James A.
Jul 68	Abercrombie, Robert	May 56	Smith, Calvin L.
May 68	Walker, David R.	Jan 56	Vaughn, Arthur R.
Jan 68	Crowe, Harold W.	Sep 55	Parson, Joe L.
Jan 68	Moore, Tony	May 55	Lowery, John A.
Aug 67	Hampton, Thomas L.	May 55	Roberts, Kenneth C.
May 67	Henderson, Billy R.	Apr 55	Lee, Curtis B.
May 67	Mills, William F.	Jan 55	Royal, James R.
Jan 67	Henderson, Donald R.	Jul 54	Smith, James J.
Jul 66	Street, Bernard L.	Jun 52	Hardy, Jr., George
May 66	Boyd, Jr., James T.	Jan 52	Morris, James E.
Oct 64	Williamson, Wallace L.	May 51	Rice, Charles H.
May 64	Davis, Larry J.	1950	Heath, Jollie J.
May 64	Priest, James H.		

## What's YOUR Email Address?

An outgrowth of the efforts to gather photos and stories for the presentation to be given at the annual banquet on 5 November, locate missing alumni, and correct bad mailing addresses, has been the collection of email addresses. As of the end of May 2004, approximately 130 email addresses had been recorded. Use of the email list will be limited and only for notices and items of interest relating to the Chapter. To be added to the list, please send a message to "rotcalum@jsu.edu".

New software has been installed in the Alumni Affairs office for greater efficiency in recording alumni information and for sending emails related to events at JSU. The office presently has about 9,500 who have registered (and provided email addresses) through the On-line Community function on the university's web site. In the future, the new system will allow the office to enter emails on the database itself rather than only on the Community. The email capability will also enable broadcast emails (again, limited in number and scope) specifically to ROTC addresses. The Chapter email list will continue to be maintained for a period of time but email addresses known to the Chapter will be shared with Alumni Affairs.

## CONGRATULATIONS to our newest Lieutenants. . .

Commissioned on 30 April 2004. Their branches and status are:

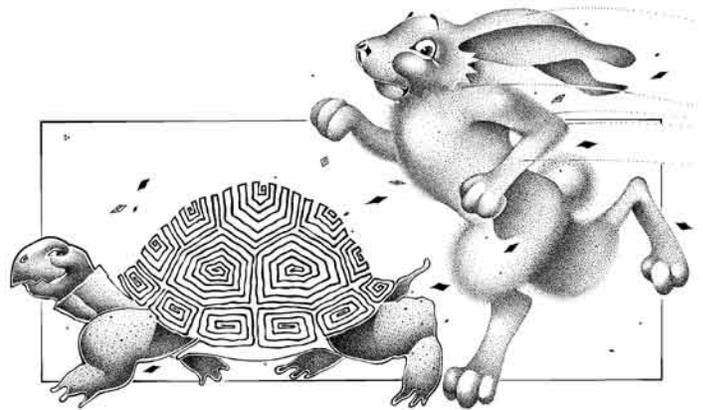
**Nathan P. Applebaum**, *Field Artillery, Active Duty*  
**Marcus J. Bartlette**, *Quartermaster Corps, Active Duty*  
**William R. Coulter, III**, *Military Police Corps, Active Duty*  
**Michael S. Digby**, *Medical Service Corps, Educational Delay*  
**Edris L. Staples**, *Army Nurse Corps, Active Duty*  
**Joseph F. White**, *Ordnance Corps, Active Duty*



Pictured from left are Lieutenants White, Staples, Bartlette, Applebaum, Digby, and Coulter.

## Let's Go Runnnning!

Long time friend and supporter of the ROTC Department, Jim McLaughlin of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, is once again organizing the Gamecock Gallop Homecoming 5K Event. This will be the fourth year for the event and several of the ROTC cadets and cadre have traditionally participated in the event. Jim invites the ROTC alumni to also participate. The fun begins at 8 am on Homecoming Day, Saturday, November 6, after the ROTC Annual Banquet the night before. Participants will gather at Pete Mathews Coliseum. The cost is \$5 if you pre-register or \$15 for on the day of the event. T-shirts and awards will be given to the top finishers. "This is not just a race," says McLaughlin. "We want everyone to participate -- feel free to walk if you like." For more information or to register, please contact Jim at 256-782-8014 or email him at mclaughlin@jsu.edu.



## GWDCA Chapter to Host the ROTC Army 10-Miler Team

In the last year, the Greater Washington DC Area Alumni (GWDCA) Chapter was formed and is up and going strong thanks to the efforts of alumni in that area, including ROTC alumni Jim Epik, '83, Mike Lentz, '83, and Gordon Sumner, '75. Gordon is currently the Chapter President. Last year, 55 JSU alumni attended a dinner at the Fort Belvoir Officer's Club to meet and greet the ROTC 10-Miler team and kick-off the chapter. This year the Chapter will again host the team at a "Welcome to the JSU ROTC Cadets and Cadre" dinner and Chapter meeting on Friday, 22 October at the Crystal Gateway Marriot in Crystal City, Virginia when they arrive for the Army 10-Miler Race. Besides hosting the dinner/meeting, the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel has reserved 25 rooms at a great discounted rate of \$109/night (plus tax) for the team and any member of the Association who wishes to join in the event as well as visit Washington DC that weekend. These rooms are on a first called, first served basis. To reserve a room, call 1-800-MARRIOT, and refer to the "JSU Alumni Event". Be sure to tell the receptionist if you're staying Friday night only (22 Oct) or both Friday and Saturday nights (22/23 Oct). If you're planning to attend the chapter dinner, email your name and numbers to Gordon at "Gordon.Sumner@SYColeman.com."

## Where Are They Now? Professors of Military Science



Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) M. David Merriss was PMS from July 1997 to August 2001. He graduated from the University of Tennessee and was commissioned in the Military Police Corps. In his almost 28 years of service prior to assuming duties as the PMS, Dave held a wide variety of positions at all levels of the Army that included Director of Public Safety, Fort Rucker, Alabama, CID Battalion Commander, Fort Riley, Kansas, and a

joint staff position in Europe where he served as the senior Defense Logistics Security Officer. He was a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and CGSC. Under his tenure sixty cadets were commissioned and the ROTC department consistently surpassed every enrollment, recruiting, retention, training and commissioning goal that resulted in at least a top 16% national program ranking each year. Out of 270 programs, the unit safety program was twice the national ROTC program winner. When Dave arrived at JSU, the Alumni Chapter was in its infancy. His support and encouragement were invaluable in assisting Colonel Joe Creel, '65, who founded the Chapter and who was the first Chapter President. Upon his retirement Dave was employed at JSU as the Coordinator of Academic Advisement. Almost a year later, Dave was offered a position at Northern Kentucky University as the Associate Director of Admissions. Dave hadn't applied for the position but he says the temptation to go home was an offer he couldn't refuse. Dave writes: "Since many of you know my children, Toni and Patrick, I also wanted to let you know how they are doing. Toni is happily married and living in Nashville, Tennessee where she is employed as an Assistant Manager of Walgreens. Along with her husband, Steve Shippey, a former JSU baseball player, she plans to return to JSU to finish her degree in January 2005. Patrick is a four-year ROTC scholarship recipient at UAB and he will be a junior this fall majoring in Special Education. Patrick was MS II of the Year at UAB and he is the Treasurer of Pi Kappa Phi. Please send my best regards to staff, faculty and ROTC alumni. I miss everyone and the JSU spirit that "we are all in this together" everyday. I am glad that I was able to make it to the banquet last year. I hope to return this year if I can get a military discount! I would love to hear from any alumni, cadet or staff/faculty member of JSU and can be reached at merrissd@nku.edu."

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(800) 231-5291**

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE...DIRECTOR



Colonel Rex Forney, '76, originally from Gadsden, was appointed a Chapter Director in 2003 after last year's banquet. While a member of JSU ROTC, Rex was a member of Scabbard and Blade and the 10th Alabama Volunteers (Ranger Company). He was commissioned in the Military Police Corps, graduating as a DMG. He holds a Master of Arts degree

from Webster College, Missouri, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the USAF Air University. Rex has served in a wide variety of assignments at all levels from Platoon Leader to Battalion Commander, having commanded two Battalions. He's held major staff assignments, including a tour as Executive Officer, United States Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights." Rex's operational deployments and combat tours include Operations Desert Shield and Storm, Saudi Arabia and Iraq; Intrinsic Action, Kuwait; Bright Star, Egypt; Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti. After graduating from the Air War College at Maxwell AFB in 2001, he stayed at the College as a Professor of Leadership and Ethics, assigned to the Army Advisory Group to the Air University. He assumed his current duties as the Chief of the Advisory Group in May, 2003. Rex and his wife Kay reside in Prattville, Alabama, and have four children; Steven, Stephanie, Nick and Jeff.

## WE NEED YOUR GWOT PHOTOS AND STORIES!

We are collecting pictures to put in a power-point centric show for the fall banquet entitled "Gamecock Graduates Supporting the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT)". We need pictures from any JSU ROTC graduate (Active, Reserve, Guard) on duty since 9-11 to add to this running slide show to be set to music. Do you have a picture of yourself at wherever you might have served since 9-11 that we can add to the string? Electronic versions (.jpg) will work better, but hard copy will do fine and will be scanned. Please add name/rank/JSU Class/location and/or description of the event. Please sent to Colonel Rex Forney, Chief, Army Advisory Group, Air War College, 325 Chennault Circle, Maxwell AFB, AL 36067, 334-953-2924 (DSN 493), or email him at rex.forney@maxwell.af.mil. Please spread the word we are collecting photos and share Rex's e-mail address. We are trying to get the word out by any and all means possible. We've heard from several of you but need to hear from more. Don't be shy...this is not tooting your own horn, this is so others can see the total effort by all!



## Honorary & Associate Membership

### Honorary Members

*Title/Position at time of Award*

#### 1996

Ms. Linda Bright, *Military Personnel Tech.*, JSU ROTC  
Ms. Ellen Hartsaw, *Military Personnel Tech.*, JSU ROTC  
All former/current Professor(s) of Military Science

#### 1997

Dr. Harold McGee, *President*, JSU  
Ms. Connie Edge, *Director of Alumni Affairs*, JSU

#### 1998

Mr. William Meehan, *Acting V.P. of Institutional Advancement*, JSU  
Mr. Dale Henry, *Former Administrative Specialist*, JSU ROTC  
Ms. Jan Hindman, *Former Military Personnel Clerk*, JSU ROTC

#### 1999

Dr. Rebecca Turner, *Associate V.P. for Academic and Student Affairs*, JSU

#### 2000

Dr. Theron Montgomery, *President Emeritus*, JSU

#### 2001

Dr. W. David Watts, *V.P. for Academic and Student Affairs*, JSU

#### 2002

(None)

#### 2003

Dr. Joseph Delap, *Associate V.P. for Academic Affairs*, JSU  
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MAJ John Nolan, *Assistant PMS*, JSU ROTC  
CPT Dean Shackelford, *Assistant PMS*, JSU ROTC  
MSG Gerald Walker, *Cadre Member*, JSU ROTC  
SFC Harold Young, *Cadre Member*, JSU ROTC

## Military Alumnus of the Year Awardees

*Year Awardee, Year of Graduation, Resides*

1969	Lieutenant Colonel Harvey E. Stewart, '51, Huntsville, AL
1970	Lieutenant Colonel Travis L. Walker, '54, Huntsville, AL
1971	Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gerald Cooper, '53, Huntsville, AL
1972	Colonel Ralph W. Rodgers, Jr., '52, Deceased
1973	Colonel Norman C. Propes, '56, Huntsville, AL
1974	Major James E. Roberts, USA, '59, Jacksonville, AL
1975	Major Joe C. Creel, USA, '65, Southside, AL Captain John Williams, USN, Unknown
1976	Colonel William C. Hammill, '55, Knoxville, TN
1977	None
1978	Brigadier General Ivan R. Smith, ARNG, '51, Lincoln, AL
1979	Colonel Buford "Pete" Brooks, USA, '54, Jacksonville, AL
1980	Lieutenant Colonel Ronald E. Adams, USA, '65, Carlisle, PA
1981	Lieutenant Colonel Cary D. Allen, USA, '65, Chester, VA
1982	Colonel James M. Cushman, '60, Deceased
1983	Colonel Arlie L. Gunter, '54, Foley, AL
1984	Colonel Ernest F. Estes, USA, '60, Ozark, AL
1985	Colonel Max S. Bowdoin, NGB, '53, Wetumpka, AL
1986	Colonel JW "Bud" Patty, III, '59, Springfield, VA
1987	Major General Ivan F. Smith, ARNG, '54, Clanton, AL
1988	Lieutenant Colonel James R. Grogan, USA, '74, Jacksonville, AL
1989	Colonel Larry V. Payne, ARNG, '67, Attalla, AL
1990	Colonel Peter A. Eschrig, USA, '67, Cullman, AL Brigadier General Ronald E. Adams, USA ( <i>Special Recognition as first Regular Officer General Officer</i> )
1991	Lieutenant Colonel Evis R. Thompson, USAR, '72, Weaver, AL
1992	Brigadier General Larry E. Lee, ARNG, '57, Obatchee, AL
1993	Lieutenant Colonel Gordon L. Sumner, Jr., USA, '75, Springfield, VA
1994	Major General Fred H. Casey, ARNG, '57, Jacksonville, AL
1995	Lieutenant Colonel (R) William E. Stone, USA, '69, Jacksonville, AL
1996	Brigadier General James D. "Dave" Bryan, USA, '70, Stafford, VA
1997	Colonel Brian Mark Pentecost, USA, '75, Piedmont, AL
1998	Colonel Charles F. "Butch" Herb, Jr., ARNG, '70, Southside, AL
1999	Colonel Jerre W. Wilson, '71, Stafford, VA
2000	Brigadier General Carlos D. "Butch" Pair, USAR, '70, Scott AFB, IL
2001	Colonel Stanley B. Clemons, USA, '77, Boaz, AL
2002	Colonel David A. McPherson, ARNG, '74, Jacksonville, AL
2003	Colonel Luke S. Green, USA, '78, Ft. Sam Houston, TX



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