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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

This newsletter and my comments are intended to bring all readers up to date on some of the ongoing programs within your chapter. Many of the accomplishments of the Gamecock Battalion are also included.

The next key event for chapter members and friends is the annual Alumni Banquet and business meeting. Please mark on your calendar the dates of October 28, 2005. Our banquet will be at the Gamecock Center beginning at 1800 hours [6:00 PM] on October 28. Come and share the fellowship and good memories with your friends. Reservations can be made by calling the ROTC Department at 256-782-5601 or by email at rotc@jsu.edu. The JSU Homecoming football game will be on October 29 with kickoff at 4:00 PM.

We welcome two new directors to the chapter. They are: Colonel [Ret] Mark Pentecost, Class of 1975 and Colonel [Ret] Stanley Clemons, Class of 1977. You may read their biographies within this newsletter. There are currently two vacant director positions. Please contact one of the Chapter Officers/Directors listed herein if you would be interested in volunteering. The rewarding salary is that of good fun, and the opportunity to provide leadership, good advice, and suggestions that are always welcomed.

New in this newsletter is a listing of all Professors of Military Science who have been honored by being assigned to that position. You will perhaps recognize some of the names, which may bring back many memories. A change of the guard occurred this summer with LTC Henry "Chip" Hester replacing LTC Herschel "Doc" May, who is now retired. The history of the Gamecock Battalion and more on the history of our alumni chapter is also included in this edition.

The scholarship program is one of which all of us can be proud. The number of awarded scholarships has

grown from two [2] to ten [10] in only four years. The list of scholarships and recipients for the 2005-2006 school year is included in this newsletter. The National Alumni Association and JSU President Dr. William A. Meehan have again matched the funds provided by our chapter and other sponsors this year [\$4750]. As a chapter, we greatly appreciate the scholarship match in support of our future military leaders for which we are so proud. For more information on the chapter's scholarship program, visit our ROTC alumni web site at www.jsu.edu/alumni/rotcalumni.

On behalf of the chapter, we would like to thank to President Meehan for his dedicated support of the Gamecock Battalion and our ROTC Alumni Chapter. The JSU Foundation and the National Alumni Association continue to provide outstanding support as well. If you have not done so, please go by the Alumni House and join the JSU National Alumni Association. While there, you may wish to purchase a personalized brick, apply for a JSU credit card, and receive instructions on how to obtain a JSU automobile tag. Proceeds go to the JSU National Alumni Association and alumni scholarships.



**COLONEL THERMAN R. GREENE
USA, RETIRED/CLASS OF 1959**

Finally, I want to thank all the officers and directors of our chapter who have admirably assisted me during this year.

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NEW PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE REMARKS

I am LTC Henry "Chip" Hester, the new Gamecock Professor of Military Science, replacing LTC Herschel "Doc" May, who departed JSU after four years of leading this great program. My personal best wishes to Doc and his wife Carla as he departs to serve in the JROTC program at Florence High School in Florence, AL.

I am a 1985 graduate of Wake Forest University, and have served the past 20 years as a Field Artilleryman. Previous assignments include the 2nd Infantry Division Artillery in Korea, 1st Cavalry Division Artillery at Fort Hood, TX, 3rd Infantry Division Artillery in Germany, and the 11th Armored Corps Artillery at Fort Sill, OK. I am joined in Jacksonville by my lovely wife Kelly, daughter Kathryn (11 years), and son Robbie (9 years), all of whom endured the past 3 years with me in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, at George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.

To say I am "impressed" with the ROTC facility, the support of the University, and the support of the ROTC alumni is an understatement. I feel exceptionally fortunate to be a part of such an absolutely wonderful program.

While cadets were away this summer at Fort Lewis, Fort Knox, and at other leader development opportunities in installations around the world, our cadre were completing a significant summer transition. We bid a temporary farewell to MAJ Greg Pass (Executive Officer), who deployed in July to Kuwait for 12-18 months. We also said goodbye to MAJ Greg Scott (MS I & II Instructor), who departed to Fort Leavenworth, KS to attend the Command & General Staff Officer Course, and MSG Gerald Walker (Senior Military Instructor), who retired this summer after 26 years of service. Joining me in the program this summer is MSG Arnett Dove, who comes from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, TX, and MSG James Beard, fresh from a First Sergeant position in the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and returning from duty in Iraq.

As I write this brief introduction, I am focused on a smooth cadre transition and still considering my goals, which I promise to share with you in the near future. If you are on campus, please feel free to stop by Rowe Hall for a visit, call me at (256) 782-5601, or email me at hhester@jsu.edu. I look forward to meeting you and working with you over the next few years!



Respectfully,

**HENRY "CHIP"
HESTER
LTC, FA**

ALUMNI CHAPTER WEB SITE

The ROTC Alumni Chapter web site is up and going well. During 2004, the site received 1136 hits or viewers. Subjects that may interest you on the site are:

Letter to Alumni
Latest Message from President
August 2004 Newsletter (PDF)
August 2005 Newsletter (PDF)
Year Group Coordinators
Help Us Find Lost Members
ROTC Alumni Chapter Officers/Directors
ROTC Alumni Chapter By-Laws
Military Alumni of the Year Information
Military Alumni of the Year Awardees
Honorary Membership List
Scholarship Program Information
Application for Chapter Membership

Check out the web site at:
www.jsu.edu/alumni/rotcalumni

NEW DIRECTORS



**COLONEL
STANLEY B. CLEMONS
USA, RETIRED**

Stan was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation from Jacksonville State University in May 1977. Following basic branch schooling, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry, 8th Infantry Division, Mainz, Germany. He served as a rifle, weapons, and scout platoon leader, and company executive officer, and he culminated his initial tour as commander of Company A. In January 1982, he attended the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and, in August of 1982, was posted to First Ranger Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. While with First Range Battalion, he served as a battalion staff officer and commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company A. In July 1986, he was assigned to USA First SOCOM at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a ranger plans officer. In June 1988, he attended the USA Command and General Staff Officer College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Clemons reported for duty to Second Ranger Battalion, S3, and XO. In June 1993, he was assigned to the US Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as an Army special operations staff officer. In June 1995, Clemons assumed command of 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Upon completion of battalion command, Clemons attended the USAF Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. In July 1998, he was assigned to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, as the Light Task Force Trainer. COL Clemons assumed duties as the Senior Regular Army Advisor-Alabama Army National Guard in July 2000.

Stan holds a Master's Degree in Management from Webster University. Awards and decorations include the Ranger Tab, CIB, EIB, and Master Parachutist Wings.

Stan was selected as the Jacksonville State University Military Alumni of the Year in 2001. He retired in July 2003.

He is married to the former Kerry Stewart of Albertville, Alabama, and they have one son, Casey, age 16. They currently reside at 2208 McVilleville Road, Boaz, ALAlabama.

Mark graduated from Glencoe High School, Etowah County, in 1971. He received his degree and was commissioned a 2nd Lt in the Infantry from Jacksonville State University in 1975.

Military units that he served with are: 82nd Airborne Division; 1st Armor Division; 1st Battalion; 50th Airborne [ABCT]; and 75th Ranger Training Brigade.

Military schools completed are: Infantry Officers Basic Course; Infantry Officers Advanced Course; Command and General Staff College; Air Force War College; Ranger School; and Airborne School.

Geographically, these assignments carried him to: Ft. Benning, Ft. Gillem, Savannah, Dahlgren, Hunter Army Air Field, all in Georgia; Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; Italy, and Germany. He retired after serving 26 years of military service.

Mark was selected as the Jacksonville State University Military Alumni of the Year in 1997.

He is married to the former Katherine Eddins of Demopolis, Alabama. They have three children: Lee (JSU-06), Erin (JSU-07), and Julia Anne [4 years old], and currently live in Cherokee County, Alabama



**COLONEL
MARK PENTECOST
USA, RETIRED**

1956 & 1957 YEAR BOOKS

The ROTC Battalion needs the 1956 and 1957 Year Books in order to complete their library collection. Anyone who has one of these and is willing to donate them to the Gamecock Battalion, please contact Therman Greene at 256-835-1252 or e-mail: TRGreene@aol.com



2005 MILITARILY ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Colonel Imelda Joan Weddington has been selected as the MAY for 2005. She is from Gadsden, Alabama, and graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1984 with a Baccalaureate of Science Nursing Degree. She was also commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Nurse Corps. She returned to JSU and earned a Master of Science Degree in Psychology in 1994. Col Weddington earned a BA Degree in Communications and a Master of Science in Nursing from Cameron University and Troy State University, respectively.

Her military education includes Army Medical Officer Base Course; Operating Room Nurse Specialty Course; AMEDD Officer Advanced Course; Combined Arms and Services Staff School; Army Command and General Staff College; Nurse Leadership Course; Defense Strategy Course; Medical Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties Course; Reserve Component Pre-Command Course; Army Management Staff College; Joint Operations Medical Manager's Course and she is currently enrolled in the U S Army War College (Distance Education).

Duty assignments have taken her to many locations in the United States and abroad. Geographical locations are Ft. Sam Houston, Texas (twice); Presido of San Francisco (twice); Ft. Sill, Oklahoma (three); Cairo, Egypt; and



COLONEL IMELDA WEDDINGTON USA

Bahrain (Desert Shield/Storm). Her military service has been with the Active Army, National Guard (AL and OK), and U S Army Reserves.

Currently, when performing her military service, she is assigned as Chief, Department of Nursing, Madigan Army Medical Center, Ft. Lewis, Washington. Col Weddington's civilian occupation is faculty member, Department of Nursing, Boise State University, Idaho. Duties include educating nursing students in the clinical and classroom setting. She is married to Steve Hahn who is employed by the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs in Boise, Idaho

CIVILIAN EXCELLENCE



DENNIS A. REAVES

After graduation from Jacksonville State University in 1970, I entered my Officers Basic Course in artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and completed my ROTC obligation in the Army Reserve.

Most of my professional civilian life has been involved with the education of handicapped children, beginning in South Carolina, and concluding in Alabama. I spent seven years at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind in various positions involving recreation and student affairs. I helped develop, and taught, an adaptive physical education program for multi-disabled children. I also completed my Master's of Education from the University of South Carolina during this time. I moved back to Alabama in the Fall of 1980 to teach high school students who are Deaf, at the Alabama School for the Deaf in Talladega. After two years,

I was given the opportunity to teach Special Education in the Calhoun County school system, which I accepted, and I continued in that capacity for the next 15 years. During this period, I taught Educable Mentally Retarded Students in grades 5 through 12 at Weaver and Alexandria High Schools, and served as an interpreter for Deaf parents in our school system, a voluntary job that I continue today with Faith Christian School.

After becoming a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, I created a Civil War presentation for elementary school students to help them understand their Southern history and appreciate their Southern heritage. I am very much involved with the preservation of Janney Furnace and the creation and growth of Janney Furnace Park in Ohatchee. I currently serve as the President of the Friends of Janney Furnace, which is a historical organization created for the purpose of preserving and honoring our local Civil War heritage. I am grateful for the sacrifices made by our military, and I strongly believe that all of our military veterans should be honored, including those who fought in the American Civil War, whether they wore the blue or the gray.

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GENERAL OFFICER UPDATE

Fred H. Casey was born 20 August 1935, in Jacksonville, Alabama. He graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1953. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 1957 and a Masters of Science Degree in Personnel Counseling in 1973 from Jacksonville State University.

General Casey's military education includes the Air Defense Officer Basic; Air Defense School (Nike-Hercules); Signal Officer Basic; Chemical Officer Familiarization Course; Engineer Officer Advance; Command and General Staff Officer Course and National Security Management Course.

He began his military career when he enlisted in the 158th Engineer Field Maintenance Company in Jacksonville, Alabama on 19 February 1954. He was reassigned to Company F, 167th Infantry Battalion in Gadsden, Alabama, on 9 February 1957. General Casey attained the rank of Sergeant First Class before accepting his ROTC Commission on 27 July 1957. He was ordered to activated duty on 30 August 1957 when he attended the Artillery Basic Course and served as an Artillery Platoon Leader until his release on 1 September 1960. He was assigned to the United States Army Reserve Control Group during the period 2 September 1960-15 June 1961. General Casey was appointed in the Alabama Army National Guard on 16 June 1961 as Air Defense Signal Equipment repair Officer and served until January 1968. In January 1968, he was assigned as an Engineer Unit Commander, until February 1972, when he became S-2 for HHC, 151st Engineer Battalion until October 1972. In October 1972, he was assigned to S-2 1169th Engineer Group where he remained until September 1974, at which time he was transferred to the S-3 of the 877th Engineer Battalion through July 1975. He transferred to the 1/152nd Armor where he served until January 1976. During the period January 1976-1978, he served as an instructor until 4 September 1979.

On 5 September 1979, he was assigned to the 167th Support Command (CORPS) where he had assignments as Counterintelligence Control Officer, Operations Training Officer, Logistics Report Officer, and Automotive Maintenance Officer.

On 22 November 1983, he was assigned as Commander of the 122nd Support Group in Selma, Alabama, through April 1987. On 1 May 1987, he returned to the 167th Support Command (CORPS) as Assistant Chief of Staff of Civil Affairs, serving until 4 November 1988. He was reassigned on 5 November 1988 to Assistant State Adjutant General, Headquarters, STARC, Montgomery, Alabama, and appointed to Brigadier General.

On 14 April 1989 he again returned to the 167th Support Command (CORPS), Birmingham, Alabama, as the Chief of Staff where he served until his appointment as Commander of the 167th Support Command (CORPS) on 9

November 1992. Subsequently he was promoted to Major General on 25 October 1993.

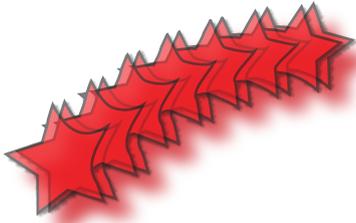
Major General Casey's military decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with four (4) oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two (2) 10-year devices, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon with second award, Veterans Service Medal of Alabama, Faithful Service Medal of Alabama, and Recruiting Ribbon of Alabama.

Major General Casey's civic affiliations include: National Guard Association of the United States; National Guard Association of Alabama; Boy Scouts of America; Troop Committee (Approx. 10 years); Past President of Toastmasters International, Fort McClellan Chapter; Jacksonville State University Alumni Association, Calhoun County Chapter.

In civilian life, Major General Casey is retired as Deputy Director, Directorate of Training Development, United States Army Military Police School, Fort McClellan, Alabama. Major General Casey and his wife, the former Ann C. Taylor, live in Jacksonville, Alabama. They have five children,-- three sons, Hugh, Fain, and Fredrick, and two daughters, Mary and Kim.



MAJOR GENERAL FRED H. CASEY
JSU ROTC CLASS OF 1957



MILITARY ALUMNI 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,	'69,	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, USA,	'72,	Weaver, AL
1992	Brigadier General Larry E. Lee, ARNG,	'57,	Ohatchee, AL
1993	Lieutenant Colonel Gordon L. Sumner, Jr., USA,	'74,	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
2004	Colonel Rex Forney, USA,	'76,	Prattville, AL
2005	Colonel Imelda J. Weddington, USA,	'84/'94,	Eagle, ID



CIVILIAN EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION

This program was established in 2002 and serves to recognize those who were commissioned into the military after completing the JSU ROTC program with an accompanying degree. These individuals completed their military obligation honorably and have been highly successful in the civilian sector. Listed below are those honored to date with graduation class and field of success.

Year 2002

Samuel Monk	Class 1969	Attorney/Judge
David R. Belcher	Class 1959	Auto Sales/Dealer
Dr. Ivan R. Smith	Class 1951	Denistry
Thomas Gilbreath	Class 1967	Poultry
Sidney L. Whitely	Class 1955	Sciene/Technology

Year 2003

Albert H. Hethcox, Jr.	Class 1967	Mortgage Banking
William A. Jackson	Class 1956	Attorney/Judge
Dr. John C. Reynolds, Jr.	Class 1957	Education
Dr. William P. Dunaway	Class 1959	Education

Year 2004

Jerry N. Cole	Class 1957	Athletics
Clarence W. Daugette	Class 1974	Life Insurance
Larry V. Payne	Class 1967	Life Insurance/ Underwriter

Year 2005

Dennis A. Reaves	Class 1970	Education
James E. Hanks	Class 1965	Real Estate
Joseph C. Jones	Class 1952	Ministry

GAMECOCK BATTALION HISTORY

On 1 July 1948, the Department of the Army activated a Field Artillery Senior Division, Reserve Officers' Training Corps Unit at Jacksonville State Teachers College in Jacksonville, Alabama. In March of 1954, the ROTC unit was re-designated as General Military Science (branch immaterial) effective at the beginning of the 1955 fall semester. Jacksonville State cadets attended the ROTC Summer Camp at Fort Benning, Georgia, then at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and then later at Fort Riley, Kansas. Since 1991, JSU cadets have attended advanced camp at Fort Lewis, Washington.

In 1971, the ROTC program became voluntary. In June of that year, the University established Military Science as a minor field of study. At the start of the school year in

1974-1975 a major of Military Science was added. Jacksonville State University was one of three civilian colleges that offered a major in Military Science. The major was dropped in 1989. In 1989 and 2001, the JSU ROTC program was the national winner in safety excellence, and the department ranked first nationally in the last three out of the last four years in intercollegiate marksmanship competition. In three of the past six years, the JSU ROTC program was ranked in the top 15% of all 270 ROTC programs in the nation.

Colonel Thomas B. Whitted, Jr. was the first Professor of Military Science at Jacksonville State. Initial enrollment numbered 176 cadets during the academic year 1948-49. The military staff at this time consisted of two officers and four non-commissioned officers (NCOs). Many in the initial classes were veterans of World War II and consequently pursued more than one Military Science course. Fourteen of those initial cadets were commissioned during the school year 1949-50. Because of the Korean War, a significant expansion took place during the academic year of 1950-51. At this time, the average enrollment was 349 cadets.

JSU PROFESSORS OF MILITARY SCIENCE

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure</u>	<u>Commissioned</u>
COL	Thomas B. Whitted	1949-1951	14
LTC	James Blodgett	1951-1954	41
LTC	Albert W. Harvey	1954-1957	95
LTC	David J. Coleman	1957-1961	116
LTC	John A. Brock	1961-1965	103
COL	George D. Haskins	1965-1969	87
COL	Forest O. Wells	1969-1971	119
COL	Seth Wiard Jr.	1971-1974	121
LTC	David O. Lamb	1974-1976	61
LTC	William Rickett Jr	1976-1980	123
COL	Archie Rider	1980-1984	112
COL	Allan R. Borstorff	1984-1989	140
LTC	William E. Stone	1989-1992	50
LTC	John R. Sudduth	1992-1995	51
LTC	John S. Pattis	1995-1997	27
LTC	Dave Merriss	1997-2001	65
LTC	Doc May	2001-2005	54
LTC	Henry "Chip" Hester	2005-	

Since the establishment of the JSU ROTC program in 1948, 1,379 students have received their degrees and commissions. In JSU's history, seven graduates have paid the ultimate sacrifice (as of July 31, 2005).

Eight graduates have achieved General Officer rank. Countless others have retired from Active, Reserve or National Guard service or honorably fulfilled their military obligation.

JSU ROTC ALUMNI CHAPTER HISTORY

Homecoming 2005 will mark the 9th anniversary of the JSU ROTC Alumni Chapter. The concept chapter began in 1995. "Share the Experience" remains the theme. The ROTC Alumni Chapter is a part of JSU's National Alumni Association, and the chapter president is a member of the Alumni Board of Governors. The purpose is as follows:

- promote Jacksonville State University
- assist the cadets while in college and after graduation
- support the staff and facility of the Department of Military Science

The first ROTC Alumni Banquet was held at Homecoming 1996, and the Memorial Wall was dedicated to honor all ROTC alumni who gave their lives in the service of our nation in Vietnam. The Memorial Wall was completed at Homecoming 1997 with the addition of a graduate who lost his life in Korea.

During Homecoming 1998, the Wall of Honor was established honoring all General Officers who are graduates of the ROTC program. Also, since 1998, the recipients of the Military Alumni of the Year Award (established in 1969) have been recognized at the banquet and during halftime of the Homecoming game. The "Military Alumni of the Year" award was initiated to recognize an officer who has distinguished him/herself while serving our nation. Honorary membership in our chapter began by recognizing those who provided notable support to the ROTC program. Associate membership recognizes ROTC cadre for their support while striving to insure that the cadets are the very best they can be.

The next major achievement was the establishment of the "Civilian Excellence" recognition program in 2002. This acknowledges those ROTC graduates who completed their military obligation honorably and, in turn had/have successful careers in the civilian sector. They are recognized at the annual banquet.

In 2003, the scholarship program was expanded to include sponsorship by individuals, corporations, and year groups. A total of ten [10] scholarships have been made available to the Professor of Military Science to award to deserving cadets for school year 2005-2006. These range from \$250-\$500 each and are being matched by the JSU National Alumni Association and JSU President Dr. William A. Meehan.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Colonel [Ret] Joe Creel

Class of 1965

Fall 1996–Nov 2000

Major General [Ret] Larry Lee

Class of 1957

Nov 2000–Nov 2002

Lieutenant Colonel [Ret] Bruce Pickett

Class of 1968

Nov 2002–Nov 2004

Colonel [Ret] Therman Greene

Class of 1959

Nov 2004–Present

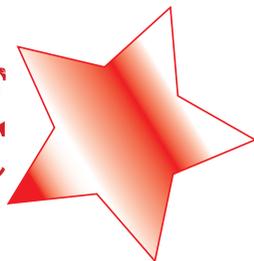
The dress code for the banquet has evolved over the years. In the beginning, it was dress blue or coat/tie. Now it is casual, with emphasis on wearing the ROTC Alumni shirt. Shorts and tennis shoes are strongly discouraged. This latest dress code makes it easier on travelers and sets the stage for a more relaxed evening.

This history shows the tremendous success of the ROTC Alumni Chapter. It has been accomplished by numerous volunteers who have served as officers and directors over the past nine (9) years. The list is too long to name all, but contains retired officers, judges, business persons, and others. One person who has served since the beginning, and is worthy of this space, is LTC [Ret] Joe Serviss, Class of 1969. He has been the Secretary/Treasurer since day one. His full time employment is Vice President for Institutional Advancement, JSU.

Author: COL [Ret] Joe Creel, Class of 1965, with input by other officers and directors



FRIENDS OF JSU ROTC



The purpose of the "Friends of JSU ROTC" award is to show appreciation to a graduating senior who is beginning a career of service to our country. This initiative is headed up by Karen Gregg, who works with the College of Arts and Sciences. The ROTC Alumni Chapter awarded her an Honorary Membership in 2003 based on her support and dedication to the Cadets and the ROTC program.

Since the award's inception in the Spring of 2004, four (4) Cadets have been honored: 2LTs Joseph White, Katherine Meadows, Adam Nickelson, and Kirby Rice. The \$250 award is funded by the membership of the "Friends of JSU ROTC" organization. Currently, the membership includes JSU faculty and staff who have visited Cadets attending the Leader's Training Course [LTC], and/or the Leadership Development Assessment Course [LDAC], former and present JSU cadre members, and local veterans

To join and/or make a tax-deductible contribution, contact Karen Gregg at 256-782-5231 or email her at kgregg@jsu.edu.

Author: Karen Gregg

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST LIUETENANTS

Commissioned on July 30, 2004 [Summer]

Hugh E. Bailey, Aviation, Reserves Forces Duty
Katherine M. Meadows, Transportation Corps, Active Duty

Joshua S. Hearn, Armor, Active Duty
Gavin D. West, Medical Service Corps, Active Duty
Sandy M. Wilson, Ordnance Corps, Active Duty

Commissioned on December 17, 2004 [Fall]

Petrisor Dragomir, Infantry, Active Duty
Antonio L. Johnson, Quartermaster Corps, National Guard
Frederick W. Waters III, Military Police Corps, National Guard

Commissioned on April 28, 2005 [Spring]

James Lawhorn, Jr., Nurse Corps, Active Duty
Brandon E. Maye, Military Police Corps, Reserve Forces Duty
Christol A. McFadden, Adjutant General's Corps, Reserve Forces Duty
Adam C. Nickelson, Quartermaster Corps, Active Duty
Kirby D. Rice, Quartermaster Corps, Active Duty

Commissioned in Summer 2005

Jonathan St. John, Infantry, Active Duty (July 29)
Lucas A. Osborn, Field Artillery, Active Duty (August 5)

ANNUAL GAMECOCK GALLOP

Once again JSU ROTC alumni are invited to join the cadets and cadre in the 5th Annual Gamecock Gallop Homecoming 5K. The Gallop was started as a way to promote fitness and health in the Jacksonville and JSU communities and as a fundraiser for students in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER). A separate competition within the departments at JSU was initiated three years ago, with the Department of Military Science winning the highest percentage of faculty and staff participating ALL THREE YEARS!!! Over 400 people have crossed the finish line and almost as many have been involved as volunteers in the last four years, raising nearly \$5,000 for students to use to attend conferences

and further their professional development. This year's event will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, 29 October 2005 at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Cost is \$5 if you pre-register or \$15 on race day. All participants will receive a long sleeve t-shirt, and the top three finishers in each age group will be presented awards. Everyone is invited to participate – feel free to walk if you like. The 2004 event attracted 126 participants, and this year the goal is 150, so please come and bring a friend!! For more information please contact Jim McLaughlin at 256-782-8014 or laughlin@jsu.edu. Author: Jim McLaughlin, Dept. of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, JSU.



ARMY TEN MILE RUN

Thinking about getting some exercise? How about running ten miles? That's exactly what nine ROTC cadets and two instructors did on 24 October 2004. Lieutenant Colonel Doc May, Major Greg Scott, and Mr. Jim McLaughlin from Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) accompanied the students to Washington, D.C., to participate in the annual Army 10-Miler. The race starts at the Pentagon and winds past many of the monuments in the District. "It's a beautiful run," said Scott, "the ten miles are a challenge, but the scenery is great." Twenty thousand runners participated in the race, and it draws teams from across the United States and around the world.

The JSU team spent three days in the nation's capitol and the schedule is packed. Shortly after arriving and settling in their hotel rooms, the cadets were welcomed at a dinner hosted by the JSU Greater Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter. Past president Gordon Sumner ('75) welcomed the team, the chapter members, and special guests University President Bill Meehan, Alumni Director Kaci Ogle, and Assistant Alumni Director Alan Renfroe. The Dinner was super, according to May. "Although I'm not a JSU graduate, I feel like family here, and it's always great to meet other members of the JSU family. The department and the students really appreciate the effort that goes into putting this dinner together; it makes the students feel special." Team captain Brad Majors agreed. "All the students really enjoy the dinner. We get to meet a lot of alums that are excited that we're in Washington, and they really make us feel welcome."

Dr. Meehan addressed the chapter and the students, and applauded the chapter's accomplishments. The chapter has grown to over 40 members since its inception two years ago.

Saturday morning, the cadets hopped the Metro, (the D.C. mass transit system), to the National Mall for a museum and monument tour that included the Supreme Court building, the Capitol, several of the Smithsonian Museums, and most of the national monuments, including the new World War II Memorial. For many, it was their first time into D.C. "It was great; I got to see things that I've read about and seen in pictures, but seeing it all in person was fantastic," said Josh Matthews, a sophomore member of the team. The team finished off Saturday by attending a pre-race pasta dinner that attracted over a thousand race participants who got together to carbo-load before the Sunday morning race and hear inspirational speeches by the Commander of the Military District of Washington, and the Sergeant Major of the Army, the highest ranking enlisted member of the Army.

After the weekend's activities, the Sunday morning race was almost anticlimactic for the cadets. The temperature was in the low 50's, and a steady drizzle greeted them as they made their way from the hotel to the starting line. "I was surprised at first by the weather-- I expected it to be warmer-- but once we started running, the rain stopped and the temperature was just about right for a long distance run," said junior team member Jonathan Greene. All JSU members finished the race.

The team spent some time at the ESPN Zone and had lunch in downtown Washington Sunday afternoon, before returning to Jacksonville. "It was a great weekend," said Derrick Rice, a senior member of the team. "From meeting the alumni, to seeing D.C., to competing in the race, these are the kind of things that you take with you and always remember. It was definitely a great weekend."

Article by: Gamecock Battalion

RANGER CHALLENGE

Despite facing adversity that included incorrect instructions on the rifle range, a significant injury to a team member, and being forced to complete an event normally accomplished during daylight at night, the JSU ROTC Ranger Challenge team managed to finish seventh out of a twenty six team field at the annual Ranger Challenge competition at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Teams from across the Southeast converged on southern Mississippi to compete in the 36-hour competition that included the Army physical fitness test, marksmanship with the M16 rifle, timed assembly and disassembly of the M16, tactics, orienteering, rope bridge building, a hand grenade assault course, and a ten kilometer road march carrying a weapon and a 35 pound pack. Competitors get very little sleep during the course of the competition, adding to the physical and mental stress of the event. "It's a constant challenge to keep moving forward and get up for each event," said team captain Derrick Rice. "We worked extremely hard to prepare for the competition, but once you get here, it's a challenge to stay motivated while you deal with the stress and the physical exertion."

Prospects for a strong finish appeared bleak when Cadet Erin Rice suffered a serious ankle sprain as the team began the orienteering course. Every team is required to have one female cadet, and the loss of Rice would have taken the JSU cadets out of trophy competition. The ankle immediately began to swell, and Rice was taken for evaluation by an Army doctor. Although the doctor recommended that Rice leave the competition for further evaluation and

x-rays, she chose to continue in the events even though she was experiencing significant pain. Rice participated in and finished the remainder of the events on Saturday, and, on Sunday morning, she finished the ten-kilometer road march ahead of many other students from other universities. Ranger Challenge Coach Major Ronnie Preston lauded Rice's performance. "She's tough...it would have been easy for her to quit, but she didn't want to hurt the team." "She represents what this competition is all about: great cadets giving their all, no matter what the circumstances, to show their pride in their team and their University."

Aside from the seventh place overall finish, JSU finished first on the hand grenade assault course, fourth in the ten kilometer road march, and fifth in the rope bridge building competition. The high finish in the rope bridge competition is even more impressive, considering the Rangers had to complete the event at night. All other competing teams built their rope bridges during the day.

"This is just a great group of young people who overcame a lot of adversity and refused to quit," said Lieutenant Colonel Doc May, the head of the ROTC Department. "They are among our very best cadets, and they worked extremely hard from the beginning of the semester to prepare for this event. I'm extremely proud of them and their performance."

The Ranger Challenge competition is held in the fall of every year, and any student on campus is eligible to try out for the team.

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HONORARY & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

2002

None

2003

Dr. Joseph Delap Associate V.P. for Academic Affairs, JSU
 Ms. Kaci Beatty Director of Alumni Affairs, JSU
 Ms. Karen Gregg Certification Advisor, College of Arts & Sciences, JSU

2004

LTC (Ret) Linda Buckner Reserve Officer, JSU ROTC
 LTC (Ret) Victor Vallo Reserve Officer, JSU ROTC
 Mr. Jim McLaughlin Instructor, Dept of Health, Physical Ed, & Rec., JSU
 Ms. Nancy Turner Administrative Assistant, JSU Alumni Affairs

2005

Alan Renfro Assistant Alumni Director, JSU

Associate Members

2003

MAJ Gregory Pass Assistant PMS, JSU ROTC
 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

2004

None

2005

None

ROTC MILITARY BALL

The Gamecock Battalion held their Military Ball on January 29, 2005, at “The “Barn”,” Old Henry Farm, in Jacksonville. Cadre, cadets, and guests enjoyed a nice evening, and the cadets performed a humorous skit for the attendees. Keynote speaker was Colonel Stuart M. Dyer, Commander, 9th Brigade [SROTC], 108th Division headquartered in Charlotte, NC. The Brigade provides support to active component ROTC battalions at 13 host schools and 37 satellite schools through the Southeast and Puerto Rico, including JSU. Noted guests attending were Dr. Joseph Delap, Associate VP for Academic Affairs, JSU; Melanie Delap, Director of Institutional Development, JSU; and ROTC Alumni Chapter President, Colonel [Ret] Therman Greene and date, Gail Glud.



MISSING ROTC ALUMNI

The following, who completed ROTC, are still missing. If you have any information about their location or status, please contact one of the Chapter Officers/ Directors listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. We are now missing 59 fellow commissionees.

Dec '95 Taylor, Travis O.
 Dec '93 Jennings, Charlotte A.
 Apr '75..... Ford, Ricky Wayne
 Dec '74 Brown, Michael Howard
 May '74 Hodge, David Stephen
 Aug '73 Knight, Johnny Carl
 1972..... Coleman, Gary Lynn
 Dec '72 Jolly, John William
 Jul '72 Murphy, Ralph Allen
 1972..... Mayfield, Walter Richard
 Jun '71..... Casey, John L.
 Jun '71..... Whitlock, James M.
 Dec '70 Carrington, John R.
 May '70 Campbell, Mickey J.
 Jul '68 Abercrombie, Robert
 May '68 Walker, David R.
 Jan '68..... Crowe, Harold W.
 Jan '68..... Moore, Tony
 Aug '67 Hampton, Thomas L.
 May '67 Henderson, Billy R.

May '67 Mills, William F.
 Jan '67 Henderson, Donald R.
 Jul '66 Street, Bernard L.
 May '66 Boyd, Jr., James T.
 Oct '64 Williamson, Wallace L.
 May '64 Davis, Larry J.
 May '64 Priest, James H.
 Jul '63 Gates, Eugene L.
 Jul '62 Hail, James H.
 Jul '61 Brooks, Joseph H.
 Jul '61 Rowe, Harry L.
 May '61 Pruitt, Robert P.
 Jan '61 Mulvanity, Thomas A.
 Jan '61 Sims III, George J.
 May '60 Leonard, Theodore J.
 May '60 Morris, Jimmy R.
 Jan '60 Davidson, James D.
 Jan '60 Hancock, Donald L.
 Jul '59 Shaw, Walter B.
 May '59 Jones, Jr., John C.

Missing Alumni Continued...

May '59	Nicholson, Thomas L.
Jan '59	Jones, Billy B.
May '58	Jones, Jr., Samuel F.
Jan '57	Barnett, Robert A.
Jan '57	Glenn, Jack B.
Jan '57	Howell, Jerry G.
May '56	Moore, James A.
May '56	Smith, Calvin L.
Jan '56	Vaughn, Arthur R.
Sep '55	Parson, Joe L.
May '55	Lowery, John A.
May '55	Roberts, Kenneth C.
Apr '55	Lee, Curtis B.
Jan '55	Royal, James R.
Jul '54.....	Smith, James J.
Jun '52	Hardy, Jr., George
Jun '52	Morris, James E.
May '51	Rice, Charles H.
1950	Heath, Jollie J.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The chapter and other sponsored annual scholarships continue to grow and are one of the most important programs initiated by the ROTC Alumni Chapter. For school year 2005-2006, ten [10] have been made available to the Professor of Military Science for award to deserving cadets-- nine [9] \$500 and one [1] \$250. The National Alumni Association and JSU President Dr. William A. Meehan have matched these funds, thereby doubling the value of each. For school year 2003-04, \$8500 was awarded; school year 2004-05, \$8000; and for school year 2005-06, \$9500 will be awarded. The following cadets will receive scholarships at the Fall 2005 Awards Ceremony.

Sponsored ROTC Alumni (school year 2005-2006) Scholarship Winners

Alumni Chapter ROTC Scholarship: (\$1000)
 Cadet Charles Wyatt is a MS IV in the ROTC program. He is a current member of the 2025th Alabama Army National Guard in Jacksonville. Wyatt has a physical fitness score of 327. Wyatt's college major is Management. He has a 3.11 GPA.

Alumni Chapter ROTC Scholarship: (\$1000)
 Cadet Reginald Stewart is an MS II in the ROTC program. He is a current member of the 2025th Alabama Army National Guard. He has a physical fitness score of 281. Stewart's college major is Criminal Justice. He has a 2.94 GPA.

Fort McClellan Credit Union JSU ROTC Scholarship: (\$1000)
 Cadet Lisa Allen is an MS III in the ROTC program. Allen is also a member of the Ranger Challenge Team. Allen has a physical fitness score of 246. Allen's college major is

Criminal Justice. She has a 3.19 GPA.
Grady E. McBride III JSU ROTC Memorial Scholarship: (\$500)
 Cadet Rusty Palmore is an MS III and a former NCO in the Army Reserve. He is an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran. Palmore's major is Finance. He has a physical fitness score of 278 and a 3.10 GPA.

Jerry L. Savage ROTC Memorial Scholarship: (\$1000)
 Cadet Joshua Matthews is an MS II in the ROTC program. He is a two-year member of the Ranger Challenge Team. He has a physical fitness score of 318. He has a 3.76 GPA.

Jerry W. McNabb ROTC Memorial Scholarship: (\$1000)
 Cadet Preston Burford is an MS III in the ROTC program. He has a physical fitness score of 286. Burford's college major is Criminal Justice. He has a 3.70 GPA.

Joseph C. Jones, Jr. JSU ROTC Memorial Scholarship: (\$1000)
 Cadet Erin Rice is an MS III in the ROTC program. Rice is also a member of the Ranger Challenge Team. Rice has a physical fitness score of 278. Rice's college major is Nursing. She has a 3.56 GPA.

Loy Scott Lee ROTC Memorial Scholarship: (\$1000)
 Cadet Crystal Lawhorn is an MS III in the ROTC program. Lawhorn is a prior service NCO in the Army. She is a current member of the 2025th Alabama Army National Guard in Jacksonville. She has a physical fitness score of 281. Lawhorn's college major is Computer Science. She has a 3.1 GPA.

Major James P. Rogan JSU ROTC Memorial Scholarship: (\$1000)
 Cadet William Tveten is an MS III in the ROTC program. He has a physical fitness score of 274. Tveten's major is Geography. He has a 3.1 GPA.

MOAA JSU ROTC Scholarship: (\$1000)
 Cadet Carl Warlick is an MS III in the ROTC program. Warlick has a physical fitness score of 272. Warlick is currently working on his Master's in Public Administration. He has a 3.30 GPA.

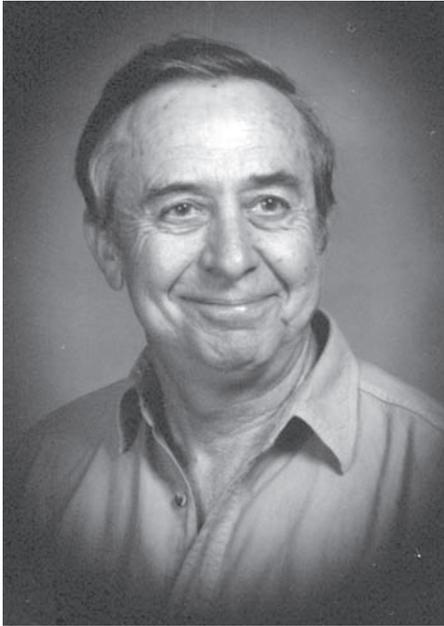
ROTC HOMECOMING BANQUET Friday, October 28, 2005

ROTC Alumni Chapter Homecoming Banquet
 Gamecock Center (west end of Stephenson Hall)-- for ROTC alumni, spouses, and guests

- 1800-1830** Social
- 1830-????** Welcome & Introductions
- Remarks by JSU President
- Dinner
- Program
- Chapter Meeting

Dress: Casual (no tie)
Reservations: (256) 782-5601 or email: rotc@jsu.edu (NLT Monday, October 24, 2005)
Cost: \$20.00 per person

CIVILIAN EXCELLENCE CONTINUED



JOSEPH C. JONES

an Air Observer and a Reconnaissance and Survey Officer during his tour. Subsequent assignments included Artillery Battery Commander, S-3, and Artillery Battalion Commander. After making a branch transfer to Military Intelligence, he served a tour in Germany and, later, as Division Chief, OACSI, Department of the Army, Pentagon. During the Vietnam War, he was assigned as an Intelligence Analyst and Briefer MACVJ2, and as S-3, 525th MI Group, Vietnam. Returning to the United States, he was assigned as Division Chief, DCSINTEL, 3rd US Army, Ft. McPherson, Georgia. He retired in 1970 as a Lieutenant Colonel after 22 years Service.

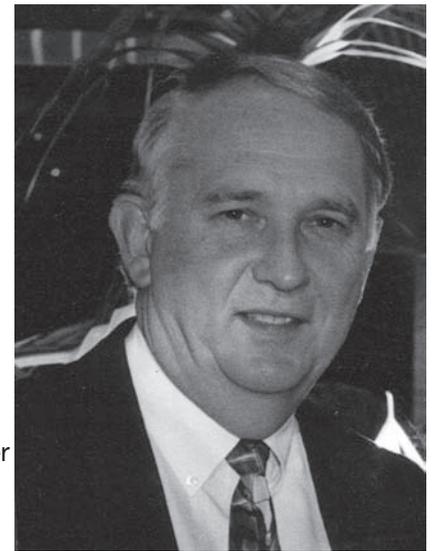
After retirement, Joe Jones accepted a position with the Federal Aviation Administration, Southern Region, as a Physical Security Specialist, a demanding position which involved the planning and supervision of aircraft security including the Sky Marshal program and boarding security. He resigned this position and returned to Alabama to be close to his aging parents. He worked in local United Methodist Churches as Chairperson of Trustees, Worship Leader, and Lay Leader, and he also was active in the Gideon Ministry and the Kairos Prison Ministry. These activities led him to realize that he was being called into full-time ministry. He was accepted into the United Methodist Ordained Ministry Program and graduated from the

Joseph C. Jones grew up on a farm near Childersburg, Alabama and graduated from Childersburg High School. He graduated from Jacksonville State in May, 1952, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in Artillery. He was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division Artillery, Korea, as Forward Observer. He also served as

Chandler School of Theology. He was pastor of different churches in Cleburne County, and in 1996, he was assigned as the pastor of the Ohatchee United Methodist Church, a position he holds today.

Pastor Jones serves as an inspiration and is an integral part of the Ohatchee community.

James E. Hanks, a native of Etowah County, graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1965 with a Bachelor's degree in Business and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in military Intelligence. After two (2) years of active duty, he served the remainder of his twenty-eight (28) years in the Reserve Forces. In the civilian



JAMES E. HANKS

sector, he excelled as an educator and real estate developer. For a period of twenty-five (25) years, James taught marketing and real estate at Jacksonville State University, the University of Alabama, and Gadsden State Community College. He owned and managed the Off Campus Bookstore for high school and college students in the Gadsden area for twenty-eight (28) years. As a real estate broker, he developed several projects in the Southeast. In Hokes Bluff, Alabama he developed a twelve (12) unit shopping center. Also, in Etowah County, he developed a thirty (30) unit housing complex for senior citizens and retirees. Still under construction are ten (10) beach homes in Destin, Florida. Four (4) are currently occupied. Currently in planning, is a \$12 million development of ninety-six (96) units of high scale condominiums in Gainesville, Florida. James is married to the former Jessie Lee Hill of Hokes Bluff, Alabama, where they reside. They are parents of three (3) sons, with three (3) daughters-in-law, and two (2) grandsons.

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