



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY  
**ALUMNI**  
ASSOCIATION

**ROTC Alumni Chapter  
August 2022 Newsletter**



## President's Corner

Greetings Gamecock  
Battalion Alumni!

I hope you have had a safe and relaxing Summer! The heat in Alabama and in much of the country has been unbearable, and I am looking forward to the Fall in earnest. I wanted to pass along a few things as we get ready to enter the Fall semester.



There were three Cadets commissioned during the summer commissioning ceremony held on 4 August 2022 at Rowe Hall. Pictured above with their ROTC Alumni Chapter coins include 2LT Bradley Turner (Engineer), 2LT Savannah Stevens (Nursing), me, and 2LT Grantlynn Montalto (Aviation). Please congratulate these new second lieutenants and welcome them to the Alumni ranks.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual Alumni Banquet takes place on 21 October 2022, beginning at 1800 hours at the MAC Room in the University Recreation Center. Please make plans to attend. There will be more information on the banquet to follow.

Lastly, we are always looking for volunteers to serve on the Alumni Board. If you are interested or even want to inquire, please call, text, or drop me an email. My contact information is below.

## ROTC Department Fundraising Effort

I received a request from Mr. Joseph Culver, the Recruiting Operations Officer (ROO) and Military Science Instructor at the ROTC department regarding a fundraising effort to take Cadets to White Sands Missile Range in Las Cruces, NM to participate in the Bataan Death March. Mr. Culver said,

*"We are hoping to take ten total cadets (two teams of five) and two cadre to the Bataan Death March on 18-20 March 2023. The Bataan Death March is an annual 26.2-mile ruck through the high deserts of New Mexico and is an excellent opportunity for our battalion to be represented on the national stage. We hope to travel early on 18 March, compete on 19 March and then return on 20 March. We are currently trying to allocate barracks on either Ft. Bliss or White Sands to avoid having to pay for hotels, making the primary expense airfare. The 10 cadets will do both group fundraising and solo fundraising but were wondering if the Alumni would be willing to assist in their efforts. If you would be willing to pass this on to the Alumni, it would be greatly appreciated. If you or any alumni members have any questions, they are more than welcome to contact me on my cell which is listed below. Thanks so much!"*

Mr. Culver can be reached at 256-782-8028 (Office) or 256-589-0742 (Cell) or email at [jculver1@jsu.edu](mailto:jculver1@jsu.edu).

## Scholarship Giving

As we continue to encourage donations to endow our Killed in Action (KIA) scholarships, please remember to consider giving throughout the year. Online donations can be made by visiting [www.jsu.edu/givejsu](http://www.jsu.edu/givejsu). Click on **"Make a Donation"** in the top right-hand corner and select the drop-down menu under **"Designate your Gift."** Scroll down until you find **"ROTC Alumni Chapter Scholarship."** If donating by check, please mail them to the JSU Foundation, 700 Pelham Road N, Jacksonville, AL 36265 and note on the check that it is for the **ROTC Alumni Chapter, fund #4510**. Money donated to this scholarship can be moved to help with endowing our KIA scholarships to ensure they live in perpetuity. Every little bit gets us closer to our goal!

## ROTC Alumni Banquet



Mark your calendars for the 27th Annual ROTC Alumni Banquet!

**Friday, October 21st**  
1800 hours | UREC MAC

## Military Alumnus of the Year



We are pleased to announce our Military Alumnus of the Year is COL Victor Satterlund. COL Victor Richard (Rich) Satterlund graduated from Jacksonville State University, Alabama, and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 2000. He served in various leadership and staff positions, from platoon through brigade levels, within both Light, Ranger, and Stryker Infantry formations.

Following the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, COL Satterlund was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3d Infantry Regiment (SBCT), 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as a Rifle and Scout Platoon Leader

from December 2001 to April 2002. From May of 2002 to September 2004, he was assigned to 2nd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer.

After graduating from the Maneuver Captains Career Course in February 2005, COL Satterlund was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington, this time with 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 4/2 SBCT. During this assignment he served as a Company Commander for 32 months, with one combat tour to Iraq. Following his service with 4/2 SBCT, he was assigned to Fort Benning, GA, 3rd BN, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as the Battalion S1 and Rifle Company Commander from February 2008 to December 2010, completing four combat tours; two to Iraq and two to Afghanistan.

In 2011, COL Satterlund was selected to attend ILE in Canberra, Australia, where he earned a Master's Degree in Strategy and Management from the University of New South Wales, Australia. With honorable service in the 75th Ranger Regiment, he attended the 75th Ranger Regiment's field grade assessment and selection, at which point he was selected for continued service with the Regiment. COL Satterlund returned to Fort Benning, 75th Ranger Regiment with the Special Troops Battalion, serving as a Battalion Operations and Executive Officer. While serving in the Special Troops Battalion, he deployed as a Joint Task Force Commander to Afghanistan. Following his tour in the Special Troops Battalion, he was selected to serve on the 75th Ranger Regiment Staff as the Senior LNO and Operations Officer. During his 23 months on the Regimental Staff, he deployed three times to Afghanistan, serving as a J3 for a Joint Special Operations Headquarters.

COL Satterlund recently served with the 10th Mountain Division as the Division G3 for 16 months prior to his PCS to attend War College, within the Advanced Strategic Leadership Studies Program; earning another Master's degree in Strategy and Policy. His awards and decorations highlights include 3 Bronze Star medals (1 for valor), 16 Army Commendation Medals (3 for Valor), the Purple Heart, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification Badge, and the National Infantry Association's Order of Saint Maurice.

COL Satterlund has three children: Arianna (16), Hunter (12) and Hoyt (6).

## Chapter Communications

Please remember our main sources of communication with fellow Alumni are through this newsletter, the **Jacksonville State University ROTC Alumni** Facebook page and on Instagram at **jsurotcalumni**. If you have not done so, please go out and “Like” our Facebook page and encourage your classmates to do the same. Once you do, you will receive information and communications posted on our page.

Go Gamecocks!

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