



# ROTC ALUMNI Chapter Newsletter

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## SIGN UP NOW!

### FURLOUGH IN PROGRESS!!

It affects the ROTC Department also, so Ellen needs your RSVP for the banquet ASAP! Email her at [ehartsaw@jsu.edu](mailto:ehartsaw@jsu.edu) or phone her at (256) 782-8029. She will also take your call at her home (256) 820-1213. We appreciate Ellen's willingness to do what she can despite the furlough. Of course, if you have any questions or need to register and you are unable to reach Ellen, you may call the Alumni Relations Office to make your reservation at (256) 782-5404 or email at [alumni@jsu.edu](mailto:alumni@jsu.edu).

Our annual banquet is Friday, 11 October at the Library. Social starts at 1800 hours. The cost is \$25.00 per person and dress is casual. If you haven't made it to a banquet or homecoming in a while, now is the time! You do not have to be a member of the JSU National Alumni Association to attend the banquet.

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OR  
CALL NOW**

## New Professor of Military Science

Major Paul J. Thiessen, JSU ROTC '02, is now the Professor of Military Science, replacing Lieutenant Colonel Sean Corey who has PCS'ed. Paul has been at the department since June 2012 when he was assigned as the Executive Officer and became PMS on 30 July 2013. He joined the Army in 1993 and completed military police training at Fort McClellan, followed by various assignments in MP units at the post. In 1999, he was awarded an Army "Green to Gold" scholarship, attended Jacksonville State University and graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and was commissioned Military Police Corps. His duty assignments included two deployments to Iraq. His numerous awards and decorations include two Bronze Star Medals. View Paul's complete biography at [Major Paul J. Thiessen](#). The ROTC Alumni Chapter is proud to have a PMS from its own ranks.



## Gamecock Battalion Update-PMS Remarks

Another amazing year has passed and the Gamecock Battalion is charging ahead. Since last October, we have seen large and impressive improvements in cadet enrollment and overall performance. Last year, we commissioned seven cadets to Second Lieutenant and this year we are on a glide path to commission nineteen. During our Brigade Field Training Exercise the Gamecock Battalion returned home with awards for the top male and top female cadets of the exercise. We sent five cadets abroad to Benin (West

**SEE THE CADETS IN ACTION!**

Lots of photos and good things the cadets are accomplishing are being posted on Facebook. Try it!!

Like us on Facebook at "[Gamecock Battalion](#)"

**FALL 2013 ROTC EVENT CALENDAR**

**11 Oct. Alumni Banquet**

**12 Oct. Homecoming**

**17-20 Oct. JFIX**

**21 Nov. Fall Awards Ceremony**

**25-29 Nov. Thanksgiving**

**2-7 Dec. Final Exams**

**13 Dec. Commissioning/ Graduation**

Africa), Lithuania, the Republic of Georgia and Thailand. Four cadets participated in CTLT, training with active duty units in Korea, Germany, Fort Bragg and Fort Jackson. We also sent one cadet to Airborne School and one to Air Assault. There were twenty MSIIIs completing LDAC this summer and the results were impressive. One cadet earned the coveted Recondo Badge, five of the twenty received "Excellent" ratings for overall leadership evaluations and returned with camp credit. Our Gamecock Cadets had a busy summer with positive impacts and built relationships across the globe!

This year we had to say goodbye to one of our HRA's, Mrs. Cathy Guerra, as well as our PMS, LTC Sean Corey. We wish both of them and their families nothing but the best. We have one addition to our team to announce, CPT John Carroll. He is an active duty field artillery office joining us from Fort Bliss, Texas and he has assumed battalion operations as well as MSII instructor duties at Talladega College.

Overall, the Gamecock Battalion has gained a lot of momentum. We are working hand in hand with the university while building solid relationships with all departments and organizations. Our cadets are extremely active in SGA and the support we receive from the community and our alumni is second to none. We are looking forward to seeing even more impressive achievements from all of our cadets this year. Please be sure to "friend" us on Facebook to get all of the latest updates and photos. From me and all of the Gamecock Battalion staff it is a privilege to develop our cadets into the future leaders of our Army. Thank you for your support!

GO GAMECOCKS!  
MAJ Paul Thiessen  
PMS