



ROTC ALUMNI

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President's Remarks



Charles H. Buxton,
Chapter President

for 2015. We are looking forward to celebrating our 20th annual alumni banquet.

Greetings fellow Gamecock Battalion Alumni. On behalf of the ROTC alumni board of directors, I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well. Two pieces of good news, our Military Alumnus of the Year, Tim Daugherty ('88) was promoted to BG on 23 July 2015 and our alumni chapter was selected as the Alumni Chapter of the Year

Homecoming 2015

Our 20th annual alumni banquet will be held on Friday, October 30 at 6 p.m. (Central) on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. This year, we are going to try a different registration method. Rather than calling the ROTC department to register, we are going to use the JSU alumni website www.jsu.edu/giving, where registration will be open through October 22. On the website, we will have the option to purchase:

- Banquet tickets
- Discounted general admission homecoming football tickets
- ROTC shirts
- Short-sleeve PT shirts, long-sleeve PT shirts, and hooded sweatshirts

The alumni association has also agreed to provide a representative at the door the night of the banquet to process credit card purchases made that night. It is my hope that this helps to avoid the need to carry cash to the banquet and make the registration and payment process easier.

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED

As printing costs continue to rise, we plan to distribute information electronically in the future. Although we have good e-mail addresses for a large number of our members, we do not have e-mail addresses for everyone. For our members who are still serving and have provided a .mil e-mail address, we have experienced issues with spam filters and filters that strip e-mail attachments; if you have an alternate e-mail and are willing to share, please send your updated or alternate e-mail address to alumni@jsu.edu.



Front Ink:
White, Red, Gold,
Charcoal Gray Mix

Back Ink:
PMS 136, White

Right Sleeve Ink:
White

Shirt Color:
Black

Alumni Chapter of the Year

The Chapter has been selected as the JSU Alumni Association Chapter of the Year. Here is the nomination that we submitted for consideration.

Narrative:

The Jacksonville State University Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Alumni Chapter submits this nomination for consideration as the 2015 JSU Alumni Chapter of the Year. Our chapter represents over 1,500 JSU graduates who have completed the necessary coursework and rigorous training to receive commissions in the United States Army, the United States Army Reserve, or the Army National Guard. Since the ROTC program's creation in 1948, alumni chapter members have served with distinction in every conflict the United States has entered to include Korea, Vietnam, and most recently the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan and Iraq. Our members come from and represent every area alumni chapter and affinity chapter within the JSU alumni association. This is our second nomination for the alumni chapter of the year and we believe that our efforts and sustained support to both JSU and the ROTC program embody the desired characteristics of an exemplar alumni chapter.

Background:

The Jacksonville State University ROTC Chapter of the Jacksonville State University National Alumni Association was formed in 1996 for the following purposes:

- To promote the welfare of Jacksonville State University;
- To foster mutually beneficial relationships between the University and members of this alumni chapter;
- To inculcate in its members sentiments of loyalty to, and regard for, one another;
- To effectively use the talents, energies and contributions of members of this alumni chapter to improve the University;
- To support the President, Board of Trustees, staff, faculty and student body of the University in their efforts to improve the institution;
- To promote the interest of the ROTC program and the students enrolled in the program;
- To involve the university alumni, concerned citizens, faculty, students, agencies and corporations in strengthening the ROTC program; and
- To provide a channel by which all alumni may actively lend social and financial support to the Jacksonville State University ROTC program and its Corps of Cadets

Accomplishments to date (2014)

In 2014, the JSU ROTC Alumni Chapter accomplished the following:

- In conjunction with the JSU Alumni Association, community, group, and individual sponsors, awarded 21 scholarships in 2014, representing over \$21,000. This brings the total amount of scholarships presented to over \$209,000, since the ROTC Alumni Chapter initiated its scholarship program in 2003.
- Increased the ROTC Alumni Chapter's endowment, through member donations, to over \$60,000 (two endowed scholarships).
- Began working with scholarship sponsors whose scholarships were due for renewal to increase the donation from \$500 per year to \$750 per year in order to increase the total value of matched scholarships to \$1,500 per year.
- Maintained a mentorship program in which ROTC Alumni Chapter members at both early and later stages of their careers volunteer to serve as mentors to cadets preparing to graduate. This provides the newly commissioned JSU second lieutenants with experienced mentors who not only share the same career path and goals, but also have a link to JSU. Our chapter may have limited opportunities to influence students and their decision to enroll at JSU, but we have a career-long bond with our graduates, which may influence their children and other young community leaders to attend JSU.
- Conducted our nineteenth annual alumni banquet.
- Created a "Chapter Champions" recognition program and commissioned the development of a limited number of challenge coins for the selectees.
- Distributed multiple updates via newsletters and e-mails sent in close coordination with the Alumni Relations Office to our membership, which now exceeds 1,500 members, many of whom are serving overseas.
- Participated in the JSU ROTC program's spring and fall commissioning ceremonies as well as the fall awards ceremony.
- Actively participated in the National JSU Alumni Association meetings.
- The Elite Letterman's Club (ELC) comprised of JSU ROTC alumni chapter members commissioned in the 1980s, marched in the homecoming parade, marking the tenth year since the formation of the club. The ELC also led the Gamecocks onto the field during the homecoming game; this is their fourth year of their on-field efforts in support of our football team.

Planned activities for 2015

- Work closely with the JSU Alumni Association and scholarship sponsors to increase the value of every scholarship due for renewal from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year.
- Grow the ROTC Alumni Chapter's endowment to \$70,000.
- Increase the available balance of the ROTC Alumni Chapter's operating fund balance from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to better support future JSU ROTC program requests.
- Host two discussion panels (one comprised of officers who are serving at the rank of Captain and below and one comprised of officers who have achieved the rank of Major or higher) to provide the JSU ROTC Cadets with an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from fellow graduates who have found success in their service to the Army and their nation.
- Provide frequent updates to alumni chapter members in an effort to inspire a greater turnout for our annual JSU ROTC alumni banquet and increase chapter homecoming representation.
- Obtain correct e-mail addresses for all members in an effort to move away from hard copy updates to e-mail, website, and Facebook in an effort to save the Alumni Relations Office printing and distribution costs.
- Aid the Assistant Director of Student Financial Services with the development of a veteran's organization at JSU by influencing the recruitment of veterans and service members to become JSU students.



Chapter officers

We are looking for members who would be interested in serving as either the 1st Vice President (succeeding me at the end of next year) or the 2nd Vice President. We have a dedicated core group of long-time chapter officers who have carried the alumni chapter since its inception and are looking to bring in new officers to learn and carry on the tradition and efforts of the chapter. If you are interested in being considered for one of these roles, please e-mail me at cbuxton@cdc.gov or Charles.h.buxton2.mil@mail.mil.



Mentors Still Needed

Company grade officers willing to serve as mentors should send their contact information, branch (or branches) that they can mentor and their component (active, guard, or reserve) to Sandy Hunter '04 at sandy.wilson12@gmail.com.

Field grade officers willing to serve as mentors should send their contact information, branch (or branches) that they can mentor and their component (active, guard, or reserve) to David Crenshaw '91 at david.e.crenshaw.mil@mail.mil.

New Alumni (Commissioned Since Last Newsletter)

MAY 2015

2LT Chad Boyer	MP Corps	Active Duty
2LT Vandera Britton	AG Corps	Reserve
2LT Michael Dobbs	MP Corps	National Guard
2LT Emerald Padgett	AG Corps	Active Duty
2LT Evan Prince	FA	Active Duty
2LT Dominique Stewart	CM Corps	Active Duty

AUGUST 2015

2LT Isiah Burgin	SC Corps	Reserve
2LT Russell Dean	ADA	Active Duty
2LT Christopher Hobbs	AV	Active Duty

Congratulations



Update from the PMS, LTC David Wood

LTC Wood attended a ROTC program meeting in Ft. Knox in early September. While at the conference, LTC Wood provided the following:

- JSU remains in a “viably challenged” status
 - * This language will change in the coming months, with no plan on closing programs
- Our annual commissioning requirement remains at 15 lieutenants per year
- We have the following projected:
 - * AY 16 – 6 (known issue since this class was MS III)
 - * AY 17 – 12 (will be 13 by the end of the month, but have 4 science, technology, engineering and math students, which may offset the deficit)
 - * AY 18 – 4 (but have 12 in the MS 201 class and expect more in the spring; there are 2 STEM majors in this group)
 - * AY 19 – 1 (cadre has 14 hand selected cadets enrolled and another 3-4 projected to join in the spring)
 - * AY 20 – 0 (currently interviewing for this year’s ROTC scholarship boards)
- Scholarship money available from Army sources now stands at over \$130K (up from \$12K last year)
- A request went out through the AL Army National Guard to:
 - * Re-engage units for SMP candidates
 - * Fill the last five contract slots available for AY 17



The ROTC Alumni Chapter has made arrangements with Get Personalized, an embroidery company in Jacksonville, to provide soft collar polo shirts with JSU ROTC Alumni logos. Get Personalized is located at 213 Pelham Road S. They are located just north of the square between the Gamecock Pawn Shop and Armstrong Florists. You can also find them on Facebook at Get Personalized (www.facebook.com/getpersonalized1) or you can call them at 256-782-1122.

Two styles of shirts are available, a 100% Polyester Willow Pointe with WillowTec Moisture Management technology, and a 100% Preshrunk Cotton Pique fabric shirt. Additional information is listed below.

100% Polyester Willow Point (Short Sleeve)

Available in both men’s and ladies (men’s have three buttons and ladies have no buttons)

Colors: Red, White, Black, & Grey

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, & XXL

Price: \$40.00

Postage: \$5.00

100% Preshrunk Cotton Pique fabric (Short Sleeve)

Only available in men’s sizes

Colors: Red, White, & Black

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, & XXL

Price: \$30.00

Postage: \$5.00

Thank you for your continued support to the chapter. I am excited by the successes of the cadets and all of the efforts of our chapter has made and will continue to make to support them. If I can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for all that you do to support our cadets!

Chuck

Military Alumnus of the Year

Brigadier General Daugherty was commissioned active duty as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery Branch from Jacksonville State University ROTC in 1989. His military education includes Field Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses, Infantry Advanced Course. He is a 2000 graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and is a 2011 graduate of the United States Air Force War College with a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Studies. In addition, he earned a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University.

During more than 25 years of service, BG Daugherty has commanded units at every echelon from battery to brigade, which included duty in Afghanistan, Iraq, Germany, Bosnia and Kuwait. Brigadier General Daugherty commanded Bravo Battery 5th Battalion, 41st Field Artillery based out of Kirchgoens Germany, the 89th Military Police Brigade, out of Fort Hood Texas, the 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment out of Ft Hood Texas, as well as the 214th Fires Brigade out of Ft Sill Oklahoma.

Brigadier General Daugherty has held many significant command, fire support and staff assignments to include: Brigade Security Force Assistance Team Leader in Afghanistan; Aide-de-Camp, III Corps Commander, Fort Hood, Texas and later Iraq, Fire Support Officer and Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas and later Kuwait and Deputy Commander 41st Fires Brigade Fort Hood Texas and later Iraq. BG Daugherty assumed the duties as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Headquarters Department of the Army, on 30 July 2013. Daugherty has six combat tours in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

BG Daugherty's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (with one oak leaf cluster) the Bronze Star Medal

(with four oak leaf clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), and the Air Force Achievement Medal. He is also authorized to wear the Combat Action Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

Brigadier General Daugherty is currently serving as the Deputy Commanding General for 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson Colorado. He and his wife, Becky, have been married for 25 years and are the proud parents of three children: Madeleine, Katherine and Jacob.



Brigadier General Daugherty



ROTC ENDOWMENT FUND

The endowment fund has grown from \$34,242 to \$35,209. If you are interested in making a donation to the fund which will be used to fund scholarships in the future, please make your check payable to the JSU Foundation with "for ROTC Endowment" written at the bottom of the check. Please send checks to:

JSU Foundation, Rock House
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, AL 36265

