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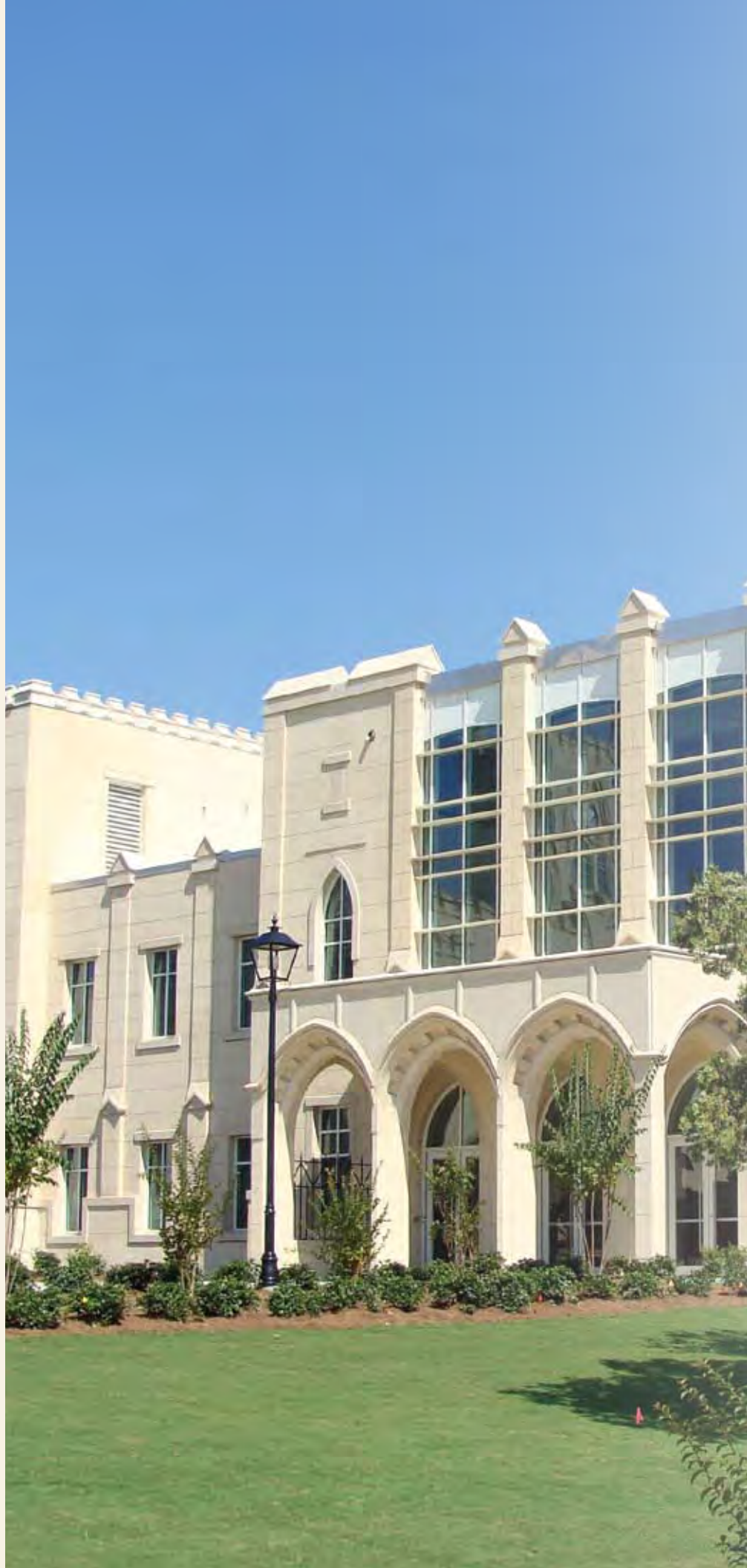
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MG Peter Boylan
President

The new preparatory school building—Usery Hall—is complete and a splendid, beautiful addition to the campus. Its architecture complements the other buildings on the capital square and, while it makes its own statement, it emphasizes the historic nature and beauty of the Old Capitol Building. It is a building that will uplift our students and give them reason to pause and consider the nature of our institution...that of developing the intellect while elevating character. The interior of the building provides ample evidence of how personal qualities of character can promote the accomplishments of a person over a lifetime of service. Each of you is invited to visit the building when you come to the campus in Milledgeville. I expect that you will find it as inspirational as I (and our students) do.

With the numbers of students on this campus continuing to increase, we find ourselves in the difficult position of trying to find sufficient space to provide for physical education classes. As you perhaps know, our country is trending toward obesity and Georgia leads the way in both adult and

childhood categories. Our physical education programs are strenuous and we have been quite successful in helping our students maintain appropriate fitness levels. The lack of adequate facilities is impeding our initiatives in this important area. We are initiating a plan to address this problem by constructing a new health and wellness center. It is a \$35 million undertaking that we will accomplish in two phases. Phase I includes a \$15 million building that will be attached to the present Cordell Center and will include health and wellness classrooms, a multi-purpose basketball court, shower rooms and lockers for each prep school cadet, a fitness center, and indoor running track. I am confident that, with your help, we can accomplish this first phase within four years. Phase II would follow on the heels of this initial effort. More on that later....

Again, I want to thank you for your continuing support of this great institution. We continue to focus on the development of our students into contributing citizens of our country. Your help is key to accomplishing this and is deeply appreciated.



The Georgia Military College Prep School senior class recently presented a check for \$5,000 to MG Peter J. Boylan, President of GMC, for sponsorship of a classroom in the new preparatory school, Usery Hall. The class of 2010 raised the money through several fundraisers, some of which include selling poinsettias, cake and cookie raffles, dress down days, and concession sales at sporting events.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. Boylan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter J. Boylan
Major General, USA (Ret.)
President

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GMC is ranked #12 on the 2010 List of America's Best Community Colleges!

(Washington Monthly, August 2010)

"I believe being ranked twelfth in the nation means that Georgia Military College is being recognized for the opportunity it provides students to earn a quality education in an environment that provides learner-centered teaching, and the development of character and critical thinking skills."



*Tony Mayo
Professor of Psychology*

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Georgia Military College's report card is in and the Junior College received top honors! *Washington Monthly's* 2010 America's Best Community Colleges ranks GMC #12 and top among all community colleges in the state of Georgia.

The ranking is based on two sources of information: the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), a nonprofit organization based at the University of Texas, Austin, and graduation rates published by the U.S. Department of Education. CCSSE gathers data through hundreds of thousands of surveys of community college students across the nation about which community colleges have the best institutional practices and encourage student behaviors that,

according to research, impact higher levels of learning. Key areas assessed include: active and collaborative learning; student effort; academic challenge; student faculty interaction; and support for learners.

"At GMC, the entire faculty and staff are dedicated to maintaining an ethos of academic integrity and intellectual growth. Our ranking amongst the top community colleges in the U.S. shows that our hard work and the hard work of our students are definitely paying off," said Mark Fairbrass, GMC Junior College professor of biology in Milledgeville.

Excellence in education and quality of instruction is a common asset among those ranked. Compared to many four-year research universities, teaching comes first at community colleges, and graduating high school students are taking

notice. According to Kevin Cary, policy director of Education Sector, an independent think tank in Washington, D.C., nearly half of all American students begin their college careers at two-year institutions.

As noted in his article in *Washington Monthly* ("America's Best Community Colleges," August 2010), Cary notes that "while all the schools on it are inexpensive, have open admissions, and are largely unknown outside their local communities, they stand out in teaching and helping students earn degrees. When it comes to quality of instruction they outperform not only their two-year peers, but many elite four-year research universities as well."

This honor acknowledges GMC's success in achieving its mission and purpose of providing junior college students with an environment

conducive to the holistic development of the intellect and character of its students.

"I think this award is a great thing for the entire GMC family," stated Robert Sherwood, assistant professor of history. "It is an award that was a cumulative effort of administration, faculty, staff, and especially the students."

For more information about the 2010 America's Best Community Colleges, visit http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/college_guide/rankings_2010/community_colleges.php.



"Wonderful news for GMC. While we always believe in ourselves and the quality of excellence that we provide our students, it is more than comforting to know that what we do—what we accomplish with our students—lay in the definition of excellence defined by others. I am proud of GMC, proud of who we are, and proud of the fact that we fall into a category of excellence that marks us as an academic leader in the nation."

MG Peter J. Boylan
President, GMC

"Splendid in its purpose, beautiful in its form, inviting in its grace."

– MG Peter J. Boylan



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promise
fulfilled*

GMC DEDICATES ITS NEW PREP SCHOOL, USERY HALL

W.J. "Bill" Usery remembers clearly standing on the parade field at GMC 70 years ago. He also remembers spending some time there after school on bullring.

"If someone had told me back then that my name would be on a building here one day, I would have told them I had a better chance of being King of England," laughed Usery.

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The building bears a name that, according to MG Peter J. Boylan, "is synonymous with the philosophy of service to nation that is contained in the values that define this institution."

While both proud and humbled, Usery does not want to be remembered as a man who gave money to help GMC construct a building. It is his hope that his life would tell a story of what is possible for graduates of GMC and serve as an inspiration for generations of students.

"I hope that students will understand what a tremendous opportunity they have been given and if they take what they learn from GMC, live by its watchwords, 'Duty, Honor, Country,' they can go anywhere in life," said Usery. "Even a boy from the 'asylum' side of town could make it to the White House."



W.J. "Bill" Usery addresses onlookers during the Aug. 6 dedication of Usery Hall.



Supporters of GMC's Promise Campaign fill the main lobby of Usery Hall during a private tour and reception. Above: **Fran Pardee-Usery** is recognized for her work during the unveiling of the bronze bust at the heart of the lobby; Faculty and students get an early glimpse of the more than 60 classrooms, labs, workrooms and offices; **Stacie Stevenson** helps a student find his classroom. Architects **Joe Greco** and **Tony Aeck** get a final inspection of their work during the private tour.

A SPECIAL PREVIEW:

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A private tour and reception to honor these contributors was held on the evening before the dedication of the building. These donors and their families were able to get the first look at the well-appointed rooms and stately furnishings, and walk the halls which would be flooded with cadets the following morning.

Each day, these cadets will pass between monumental display cases, topped with the words Knowledge, Leadership and Service. Their footsteps will fall across the words Duty, Honor and Country, etched into the paths before them - words that are a constant reminder of GMC's basic values and mission.

"As I have stated on various occasions, the repetition of values on a daily basis has the long term effect of being implanted in the hearts and minds of these young people," said Boylan during the tour. "But too, they will be uplifted by being exposed daily to the accomplishments of a great American - one of our own, Secretary Usery - who, over a lifetime, has contributed to this place we call home, the United States of America."

*"It is the mark of an educated mind
to be able to entertain a thought
without accepting it."*

— Aristotle



Examples of Usery's lifetime of contributions are displayed in the main lobby. Beginning with his childhood in Hardwick, Ga., students can trace his path from GMC to the Pacific during World War II; from Cape Canaveral at the height of the Space Race to the Nixon White House at the height of the Civil Rights Movement; from Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to Secretary of Labor; and from railroads to airlines and factories to coal mines around the world.

This chronicle of accomplishments surrounds a quote by the famous philosopher, Aristotle: "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

These words are a sum total of what made Usery such an effective negotiator, mediator and arbiter in some of the nation's most critical labor disputes. He found knowledge through an open mind – open to diverse opinions and open to incredible possibilities – all the while being able to hold true to his own convictions, strongly rooted in his experience at GMC.

A bronze bust of Bill Usery, lovingly crafted by his wife, Fran Pardee-Usery -- a gifted artist and sculptor -- was unveiled during the tour. The bust holds a permanent place in the building's main lobby.



DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE:



On the morning of Aug. 6, 2010, a special dedication ceremony was held to welcome students into their new classrooms on the first day of the school year. With cadets in formation and Grant Parade filled with onlookers, the ceremonial ribbon was cut, marking the formal opening of Userly Hall.

MG Peter J. Boylan was joined by W.J. “Bill” Userly who expressed what a profound honor it was to stand on these historic and hallowed grounds and take part in the dedication of GMC’s newest addition to its campus.

“I am truly humbled by this honor,” said Userly. “But it is important that we not just dedicate a building; we have to dedicate ourselves to what goes on inside that building. Anyone can build a nice building, but it’s what’s inside that determines greatness.

“In a larger sense, the most important ‘building’ at GMC doesn’t involve bricks and mortar, but rather the elements of character and integrity, infused with a rigorous education.





Above: **MG Peter J. Boylan** and **W.J. "Bill" Usery** cut the ceremonial ribbon before cadets march into Usery Hall on the first day of class; From left, **Ellen Goodrich, Jenny Rowe, Dudley Rowe, Anne Sanchez Culberson** and **Bob Culberson** admire the stately interior of the new prep school; Usery Hall's new state-of-the-art conference room, dedicated by Fran Pardee-Usery in honor of her husband.

"It is my fondest hope and expectation that the new Prep School building will provide the setting in which many more students will benefit from the GMC experience in the way that I have," said Usery. "I am proud to be able to pay back, in my own small way, my debt to GMC and to the many generations of builders and supporters of this school, who, through their courage and commitment, changed my life in so many ways for the better."

Prep School principal **COL John Thornton** welcomes the hundreds of supporters, parents and cadets who filled Grant Parade during the dedication ceremony.





A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH

To mark the end of the Dedication Celebration on Friday evening, former President George H.W. Bush sent a personal tribute to Bill Usery in honor of GMC's prep school dedication. In a video presented to those in attendance, President Bush remarked:

"I want to send my congratulations to General Boylan, to Georgia Military College, as you dedicate this new building, named for a very good man -- a man who served his country with honor.

Usery was an outstanding Secretary of Labor and friend of mine. I'm proud to be a tiny part of this, and just wanted to wish you all well.

Your wonderful slogan, 'Duty, Honor, Country,' that's what it's all about. That says a lot about Usery and says a lot about your college too."

GEORGE H.W. BUSH
41ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



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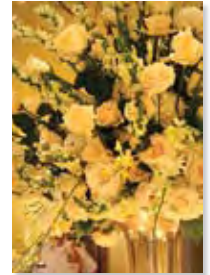
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Bill Craig, Chairman of the GMC Foundation, thanks the campaign committee and its major donors and recognizes the accomplishments and dedication of W.J. "Bill" Usery during the formal celebration dinner held following the building dedication.

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

The mission of Georgia Military College is based on a promise – a promise that focuses on serving students by providing a high-quality education that not only develops intellect but elevates character. The result is an educational experience that changes lives.

From our vantage point, we see thousands of alumni who have benefited from their time at GMC, many of whom are graduates of GMC High School, now GMC Prep. We see proud, accomplished men and women who possess the potential to make a difference in society and have learned the value of serving others.

For some time now we have been committed through the GMC's Promise Campaign to renewing GMC's promise of a top-quality education to its prep school students by providing an attractive, modern facility that will serve them well.

We are grateful to the many alumni and friends of Georgia Military College who, through their generosity, have played a significant role in helping us fulfill the promise for present and future students.



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HEALTH SERVICES CENTER

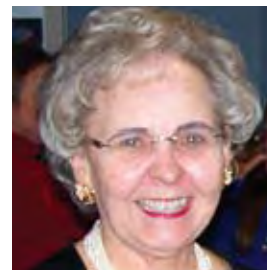
The new state-of-the-art Health Services Center provides a variety of services to all members of the GMC family including prep school students, junior college students, faculty and staff. Services include care for minor illnesses and injuries, referral to local health care providers, wellness education, counseling and other resources.

The Health Care Center was sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. John H. Ferguson and his sister, Mrs. Judith Ferguson Smith, of Jacksonville, Fla., in memory of their parents, Major and Mrs. John Luther Ferguson. Major Ferguson was a GMC faculty member for 25 years.

Dr. Ferguson is a graduate of both GMC high school and junior college and, subsequently, Emory University School of Dentistry. After distinguished service in the military, he returned to Milledgeville where he established a successful orthodontics practice.

The Fergusons have been actively involved with the Milledgeville community and with GMC for many years. Dr. Ferguson's service to the school includes being president of the Alumni Association, trustee of the GMC Foundation, and currently, advisor to the GMC Board of Trustees.

MUSIC SUITE



Mrs. James E. Baugh

At GMC Prep School, arts education is an important, integral part of the curriculum. And for Mrs. Betty "Beegee" Clark Baugh, art and music have been an equally essential part of her life. Therefore, she chose to dedicate the prep school's new Music Suite in honor of her husband of 60 years, James E. Baugh, GMC high school and junior college alumnus and former mayor of Milledgeville.

For more than 50 years, the Baughs have supported GMC in many ways, giving financial support, attending events, volunteering time and being ambassadors for the school and all for which it stands.

Mrs. Baugh, a graduate of Georgia State College for Women, had a successful career in teaching art. She is quite involved with the Milledgeville community, serving as GMC Steinway Society Chair, GCSU Foundation Board, First United Methodist Church Altar Guild and Georgia's Old Capital Museum.

The new Music Suite, a spacious room with a retractable divider in the middle, is used for both music classes and choral practices. It houses a Kawai RX-2 piano, along with risers for choral practices, and features JBL speakers throughout to offer quality surround sound.



*Ms. Leigh Scott
Dr. Shawn G. Scott
Ms. Edwina Clayton*

BIOLOGY LAB

The Biology Lab will enable prep school students to have access to dissecting, hands-on experiments, microscopes and other equipment. The lab will be accessible to all science teachers, but will primarily be used for biology and AP biology.

The lab has been dedicated to the students of GMC by Leigh Scott, her brother Dr. Shawn G. Scott and her mother, Ms. Edwina Clayton.

Leigh Scott ended her 34-year teaching career at GMC in 2009 where she primarily taught high school biology, anatomy and physiology, and environmental science for 11 years. During her teaching career, she has received numerous honors and awards including Star Teacher, Teacher of Promise and Georgia Marine Educator.

Since retiring, Ms. Scott has traveled to Costa Rica to tutor and teach biology for an extended period of time. She continues to support GMC through tutoring and substitute teaching.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE LAB



Dr. and Mrs. George L. Echols

The Middle School Science Lab will allow students to build a strong, solid foundation in the sciences, while engaging their young minds in inquiry and critical thinking to solve problems. It will help to foster the belief that there are no limitations on cadets who may have aspirations for a career that calls for a strong background in science.

The Middle School Science Lab was dedicated to the students and faculty of Georgia Military College by Dr. and Mrs. George L. Echols.

Dr. Echols, who graduated in 1948 from GMC high school and in 1950 from the junior college, served in the U.S. Army before attending Emory University and the Medical College of Georgia. He practiced pediatric medicine for 30 years in Augusta before moving back home with his wife Polly.

The Echols have very close ties to GMC – it was where they first met and where Polly's mother, Bettie Zachary Farr, taught Latin, English and history for over 40 years.

Dr. Echols, a member of the GMC Foundation and the GMC Alumni Association, served as chairman for the GMC Promise Campaign. Mrs. Echols serves on the GMC Steinway Committee.



Dr. John S. Robertson

CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS LAB

Usery Hall's Chemistry/Physics Lab will be accessible to all science teachers, but will be used primarily for chemistry, physics and physical science courses.

This lab is named in honor of Dr. John S. Robertson, former professor of mathematics at GMC. Originally from New York, Dr. Robertson graduated in 1975 with a degree in physics and served two tours in the U.S. Army before completing his Ph.D. in mathematics.

Dr. Robertson was then assigned to the U.S. Military Academy's Department of Mathematical Sciences.

After retiring, he moved to Georgia and took a post as the Chair of Mathematics at Georgia College & State University before assuming his position at GMC.

COMPUTER LAB

Mr. Steve Shealy and his wife, Judy, dedicated a computer lab in memory of his parents, Allen and Martha Shealy.

In 2008, shortly before he passed away, Allen Shealy, HS '38 and JC '40, established the Allen and Martha Shealy Scholarship Fund to honor the memory of his wife.

The computer lab will enable prep school students to have access to dissecting, hands-on experiments, microscopes and other equipment. The lab will be accessible to all science teachers, but will primarily be used for biology and AP biology.



Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shealy



Mr. and Mrs. William Asbury Stembriage

COMPUTER LAB

A computer lab was dedicated by Mr. William Asbury Stembriage in honor of his wife Charlotte Warren Stembriage, graduate of Georgia State College for Women and retired teacher who served Georgia students for over 30 years.

Mr. Stembriage graduated from GMC high school in 1948 and was a distinguished military graduate from the junior college in 1951. He later received his AB degree in political science from Mercer University.

Mr. Stembriage received the GMC Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1975 and has continued to demonstrate his commitment to the school over the years, including service as advisor to the GMC Board of Trustees.

CONFERENCE ROOM

Inspired by her husband's dedication to GMC, Fran Pardee-Usery named the new Conference Room in honor of Bill Usery, HS '40. Mrs. Usery said she was immediately struck by the caliber of cadets she encountered after visiting the GMC campus. She is proud to see how the legacy of character, lived out by her husband, continues to be the cornerstone of his alma mater.

The Conference Room contains a 52" HD TV and computerized projection system. It will provide a stunning setting for Board of Trustees meetings, Honor Council meetings and many other formal gatherings.



Mrs. Fran Pardee-Usery

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Georgia Military College Foundation Announces Outstanding Support for Year



Honorable Powell A. Moore
Annual Fund Chairman, 2009-2010

The Georgia Military College Foundation is pleased to announce annual giving results of over \$1.1 million for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

According to GMC Foundation Chairman Bill Craig, “Partners in GMC’s mission again have demonstrated exemplary support. We are profoundly grateful for the ongoing generosity of hundreds of alumni and friends, businesses and foundations who are committed enough to invest in the ideals for which GMC stands.”

Annual Fund Chairman Powell Moore, a GMC alumnus who has held numerous strategic leadership positions in the U.S. Department of Defense, stated, “A goal of a million dollars for the year 2009-2010 was thought by some to be ambitious in a sluggish economy. But the doubters underestimated the generosity and commitment of the alumni and friends of Georgia Military College. All of us are grateful for these results. General Boylan, Elizabeth Sheppard and the G.M.C. advancement staff deserve much credit for this exceptional outcome.”

The GMC Foundation was able this year to undergird the College with almost \$1 million in funding for scholarships, programs, and endowment, a direct result of the continuing generosity of its donors.



Bob and Sarah Stern of Orlando, Fla., presented the Foundation with a gift of \$150,000.00. The gift was made in memory of Sarah’s parents, Jere (HS’49, JC’51) and Kay Moore, for whom the Fitness Center in the new Health and Wellness Center will be named. The Health and Wellness Center is the next project on GMC’s master plan for campus development.

Sarah Stern is pictured with MG Peter J. Boylan, USA (Ret.), GMC President, at the semi-annual meeting of the GMC Foundation.

Baugh's Legacy Starts and Ends with the Family

James Baugh began life as a poor boy and always felt fortunate to attend Georgia Military College (HS 1937, JC 1939). He became a medical doctor with a 52-year practice in Milledgeville, served the city as mayor for 18 years and served on the GMC Board of Trustees for 28 years.

"Jimmy always thought GMC was the greatest influence on his life and the reason for his success," says Beegee Baugh, speaking for her husband, whose voice is diminished by Alzheimer's disease.

Beegee says that when they married, she "joined the ranks" of the extended GMC family her husband treasured. One time she and Jimmy sat down and counted up 28 relatives who attended GMC, and currently both their grandchildren are enrolled there.

The Baughs' commitments to their GMC family are considerable. Beegee chairs the Steinway Society, which helped purchase a nine-foot Steinway concert grand piano for the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. She also donated a Yamaha grand piano for the Historic Legislative Chamber and sponsored the Music Suite in the new Prep School building.

The art room in the new academic building is dedicated to Beegee, and she is the 2001 recipient of the GMC Honorary Alumni Award.

The Baughs have established a charitable trust that will benefit GMC beyond their lifetimes. In addition, the James E. Baugh Barracks reflect the couple's commitment for a legacy that enhances the college lives of GMC cadets well into the future.

"Jimmy has always just loved GMC, and he has always wanted our support to go to GMC," Beegee explains. "For that reason, I believe in giving as much as I can for everything needed."

The Baughs' commitment to GMC has spanned nearly a lifetime, and their impact on the school will continue for years to come.

"Jimmy always thought GMC was the greatest influence on his life and the reason for his success." Beegee Baugh



James and Beegee Baugh

Georgia Power Scholarship

The Georgia Power Scholarship fund is available for non-traditional students attending school at one of the Georgia Military College campuses. Applicants must be students who are twenty-one years of age or older and/or those students who have been out of high school for one or more years.



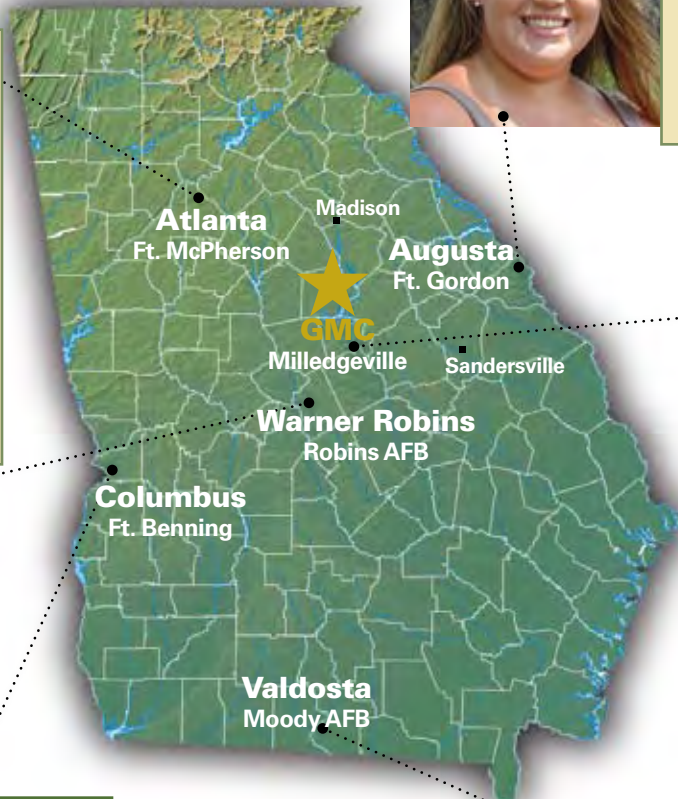
Hoang Luu
Atlanta Campus

"During these times of economic crisis, fund donors such as the Georgia Power Company are life-savers for students like me who study hard, but cannot afford college. I appreciate your support from the bottom of my heart."



Belinda Flanders
Augusta Campus

"I would like to express my gratitude for the scholarship I have been awarded. As a full-time student and married mother of two, this scholarship helps in many different ways."



Miranda Smith
Milledgeville Campus

"Because of companies such as Georgia Power, people like me can go to school, even at a late age, and become whoever or whatever they want to become."



Crystal Whitney
Warner Robins Campus

"This scholarship will help me to finish my degree and provide a financially stable future for my daughter."



Tangela Curry – Valdosta Campus

"This scholarship has given me hope, for it will aid me in pursuing my Associate's Degree in Business Administration at Georgia Military College. Upon completion of this program, my immediate goal is to be an asset to my current employer while furthering my education."



Antree Moore – Columbus Campus

"I am very grateful in receiving this scholarship to know that there is someone willing to support students with financial assistance. My future plans are to finish my degree at GMC and pursue a career in healthcare."

CHARACTER *above all*

elevating the character while developing the intellect

Noteworthy Investment News

Featured in the spring issue of *The Cadence* was an exceptional opportunity to invest in character education at GMC through gifts designated to the **Peter J. Boylan Endowment for Ethics**. We are pleased to report that many generous gifts, with the matching funds available through the Title III grant, increased the value of the fund substantially.

Again, GMC alumni and friends can *double their impact*, elevating "Character Above All" with each gift of \$100 or more, coupled with matching funds that are available for the current year.

Donations may be made online at www.gmcfoundation.org or mailed to the GMC Foundation at 201 E. Greene St., Milledgeville, GA 31061.

Live it...

These words are seen throughout campus. They are heard on the parade field. And they are embodied by the students, faculty and alumni of Georgia Military College.

These 'words to live by' are the lasting impression that remains with students long after they leave the gates of GMC. At a time when many schools are being forced to re-evaluate enrichment programs due to

budget restrictions, GMC remains committed to integrating ethics education among its everyday curriculum. Since its founding in 1879, GMC has placed equal importance on elevating the character while developing the intellect.

Charged with educating tomorrow's leaders, GMC understands that today, perhaps more than ever, students must enter the world with steadfast morals, unwavering ethics and character, above all.

Support it...

GMC's everyday character education training was further strengthened in 2007 with the establishment of The Peter J. Boylan Endowment for Ethics.

Named in honor of the exceptional leadership and guidance MG Boylan has provided GMC under his presidency, the Endowment for Ethics provides funding for extended programs that support GMC's mission of elevating the character while developing the intellect.

Initiatives include:

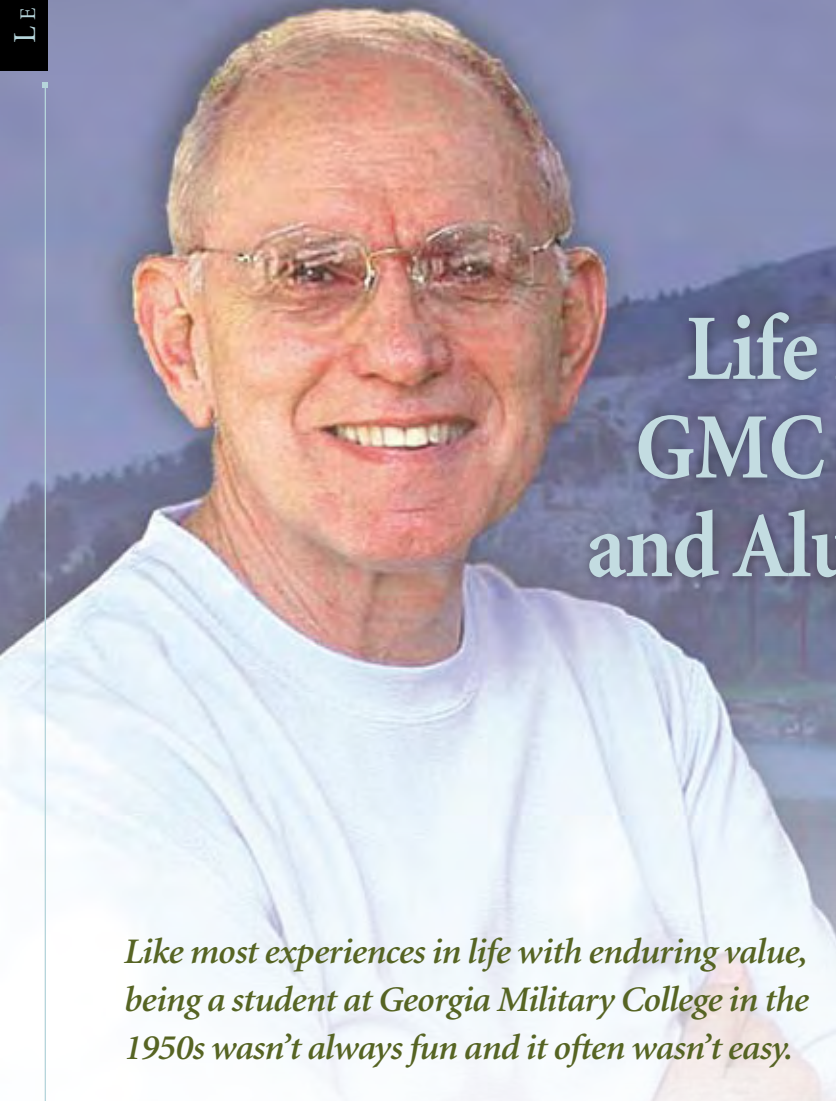
- Ethics Across the Curriculum
- Patriotic Ceremonies
- Ceremonies to recognize virtue in students and faculty
- Community Service
- Ethics Bowl Competitions

Double it...

Gifts of \$100 or more to the Peter J. Boylan Endowment for Ethics are eligible to be matched dollar-for-dollar by Title III grant funds.

This is a profound opportunity to double the impact of a gift to GMC

– one that will directly impact the student experience by allowing GMC to strengthen its ability to build the character, develop the morals and enrich the ethics of our future leaders.



Life Lessons Learned at GMC Connect Students and Alumni with Strong Ties

Like most experiences in life with enduring value, being a student at Georgia Military College in the 1950s wasn't always fun and it often wasn't easy.

Dr. George Coletti graduated from the GMC high school in 1957 and junior college in 1959 with the rank of cadet lieutenant colonel, with honors.

Coletti says he credits his student years at GMC for developing many of the life skills and values that have strengthened and enriched his life. He explains that the leadership skills developed at GMC are invaluable throughout student and adult lives. "Of course, at GMC these leadership skills are developed along with trustworthiness and academic achievement," Coletti adds.

But of all the positive experiences he received at GMC, Coletti is most appreciative of the strong personal connections that GMC encouraged. "GMC teaches a person to develop the skills that are needed for great interpersonal relationships," Coletti explains, adding: "If you were a boarding student as I was for seven years, you must learn these skills in order to survive a 'closed society' such as a military school. After all, you can't run home to mama and daddy after school if you get in trouble during the day!"

These days, Coletti, 70, is semiretired after working many years as an oral surgeon and dentist in the Stone Mountain and DeKalb

communities. He continues to stay very involved in his community as a volunteer with several local historical societies and is the recently published author of a Civil War era historical novel, *Stone Mountain: The Granite Sentinel*.

Coletti also believes in continuing to maintain strong ties with his old school. He serves as a GMC Foundation board member and recently notified GMC that the Foundation is named as a recipient of an unrestricted gift of cash in his will.

Coletti says he feels good knowing that his planned gift will be used by GMC to benefit students well beyond his lifetime, using the same funding principles that were in place when he was a student: to reduce barriers to higher education, make it easier for students with modest means to earn a college degree, and evolve the GMC curriculum to meet the personal, societal and economic needs of the future.

Planned gifts from generous alumni such as Dr. Coletti are invaluable as Georgia Military College positions itself to meet the future needs of the college and our students. Contact Elizabeth Sheppard at (478) 387-4840 to learn how a gift in your estate plans can benefit you, too.

HS Class of '53

Continues Building a Legacy of Excellence

For the fifth year, members of the HS Class of 1953 have met again in Milledgeville to remember their days at Georgia Military College and to honor the student and faculty recipients of the awards from the endowment the class has created. The class members make this a true family affair, and this year included a parent, a sister, children, and grandchildren. In so doing, there were four generations of GMC alumni in attendance.

Before attending the graduation ceremony and making the award presentations, the group began their “festivities” with dinner at the Milledgeville Country Club, during which they were able to meet this year’s student and faculty award recipients, respectively John Austin Vance, Senior Class Valedictorian, and MAJ Brent Gebel, Prep School Character Educator of the Year, as well as to catch up on the news with each other.



CDR William H. Curry and John Austin Vance



CDR William H. Curry and MAJ Brent Gebel

CDR William “Bill” Curry served as emcee for the dinner program as well as doing the honors for the class as this year’s award presenter at graduation. He later shared these comments about the afternoon:

“Highlights of the evening included a letter from Anne Martin Tredway announcing her bequest in Bob’s honor to the Class of ‘53 Fund. Anne continues Bob’s annual funding of the awards themselves, which has made possible the early granting of both student and faculty awards. Anne’s generosity goes a long way toward assuring the Fund’s independence in perpetuity.

A second announcement was made of a generous donation to the Fund from a member of Jim Patterson’s family – his sister, Anne Patterson, Ph.D. – in honor of his recent selection to the U.S. Army Artillery Order of Saint Barbara. Congratulations to Jim and thanks to his family supporter! These recent donations,

added to those some of us make each year, have in a few short years created a lasting memorial to the GMC High School Class of 1953.

I would encourage any classmates who haven’t attended to give it serious consideration for next year. I have been surprised and pleased at what our family members (kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids) take away from our annual gathering. It’s full of fun, laughs, and some emotional moments - a mix of the nostalgic past with a glimpse of an optimistic future!”



In order to ensure the HS Class of 1953 Award Fund’s stability and to account for inflation and allow future increases in the award amounts, currently \$500 each, the HS Class of ‘53 welcomes donations to the Fund. Gifts may be made to the GMC Foundation online at www.gmcfoundation.org, by phone at (478) 387-4880, or by mail at GMC Foundation, 201 E. Greene St., Milledgeville, GA 31061.



Pop Go The Classics

The Georgia Military College Steinway Concert Series presented *Pop Go The Classics*, starring Mac Frampton and The ThreePenny Symphony, on Thursday, April 29. The featured artists for the spring concert performed classical music with a twist of pop to an enthusiastic crowd in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. The group presented a variety of well known classics such as "William Tell Overture," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Rhapsody in Blue."

Following the concert, guests enjoyed an outdoor reception with light jazz music provided by the Monty Cole Jazz Quintet on Grant Parade.



Steinway

On behalf of the Georgia Military College Steinway Committee, thank you for your support of the 2009-2010 concert series.

Platinum

\$1000 or more

Dr. and Mrs. James E. Baugh
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Membership is available with a gift to the Steinway Concert Series.

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STEINWAY HOLIDAY CONCERT

Mark your calendar for

Thursday, December 2 - 7:00 P.M.*Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts**Jazz for the Holidays*with the Ted Howe Trio,
featuring vocalist Theresa Hightower*Society*

Your commitment to helping
bring the arts to our
community is sincerely
appreciated.

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Dudley and Jenny Rowe
Mr. James Madison Teresi, Jr.

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Peevy
Mrs. Ann Ragan
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Ms. Mary Barbara Tate
Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Thrower

Guests will be mesmerized as Ted, Theresa and the trio deliver what Howe's fans have learned to expect: the unexpected, the eloquent and the extraordinary, as they skillfully reinvent favorite holiday music in this entertaining, sophisticated and virtuostic presentation. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts, followed by a coffee and dessert reception with the artists. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students. For advance tickets, contact the Office of Advancement at (478) 387-4840. Tickets also will be available at the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts on the evening of the concert.



Ted Howe Summit recording artist Ted Howe has performed with jazz greats such as Buddy Rich, Joe Williams, Zoot Sims, John Patitucci and Herbie Mann along with stars such as Lainei Kazan, Henry Mancini, Mel Torme and Diahann Carroll. From instructor at Boston's famed Berklee College of Music to performing with legends, this pianist/arranger does it all.



Theresa Hightower Vocalist Theresa Hightower has opened for stars such as Michael Franks and Oleta Adams, The Manhattans, Archie Bell and the Drells, Lou Rawls, The Drifters, Bobby Blue Bland, The Stylistics and many more. She is regarded as one of the great jazz and blues vocalists of her generation.

GMC's "Centers of Influence" continue to grow, adding more contacts to the network of alumni and friends who advocate in their geographic area on behalf of the school, while maintaining contacts and relationships with those who were early members.

This year's round of "Networking and News" events began in **Tampa, Fla.**, with an event planning dinner held at a local favorite neighborhood restaurant overlooking Tampa Bay. Locals included the honorable Dorsey Yawn, who had just celebrated his 50th class reunion with many other class mates of the "Gold Brigade" the previous alumni weekend, as well as members of his family.

Traveling back to the "Sunshine State," the GMC crew next visited over a dinner at A La Provence, a true exemplar of fine dining in **Tallahassee**, with alumni and spouses from the area. We took the opportunity to have lunch going each way with other alumni in South Georgia.

coming this group's tradition, area alumni enjoyed a wonderful buffet meal and many "tall tales."

A well loved and carefully preserved GMC jacket made its second appearance as well, with the objective of seeing who maybe could still "fit" into it.



(below left) **Alan Ray and Inez Hawkins;**
 (below right) **Shelbie and Olin King,**
 (above right) **Fred Hughes;** (below right)
Maggie and Jim Kjer; (below, far right)
Rick and Maura McCabe, reception host
 and hostess.

With an eye turned back toward the northwest horizon, members of the crew returned to **Huntsville, Ala.**, this time to the home of hosts BG (Ret.) and Mrs. Rick McCabe, where, in what is fast be-





Locations of alumni receptions over the past three years:

- Huntsville, Ala.
- Jacksonville, Fla.
- Tallahassee, Fla.
- Tampa, Fla.
- Augusta, Ga.
- Columbus, Ga.
- Pine Mountain/Callaway Gardens, Ga.
- Savannah, Ga.
- Statesboro, Ga.
- St. Simons, Ga.
- Edgefield, S.C.
- Washington, D.C.

The crew would welcome the opportunity to travel to your area and host an alumni event to add to the widening circle of GMC alumni and friends who are helping Alumni Relations with implementation of its strategic plan to create centers of influence which assist GMC in fulfilling its mission. Please contact Earlene Hamilton at ehamilton@gmc.cc.ga.us or call 478-387-4881 if you would like to get involved as a local coordinator.

So far, this has proved to be the year for Florida visits, with May finding the crew once again in **Jacksonville** at the Beach Diner, where the food and fun were such a hit with last year’s attendees – and no one was disappointed this year! A lunch along the way with the local **Statesboro** alumni team got the planning for another larger event there underway.

The spring season of “*Networking and News*” events ended with a trip to **Savannah, Ga.** and dinner with another group of local alumni at one of the city’s long time favorites, Johnny Harris’ Restaurant. As a result of this trip, a larger event later this year is now on the horizon for this area.

(below left) *Jacques Thomas and Earlene Hamilton*; (below right) *Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Williams, Donna Findley and Elizabeth Sheppard*; (bottom left) *James Donovan, Jr. and Mike and Diana Witherspoon.*



Alumni Weekend

SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS

OCTOBER 22-23, 2010

Thursday, October 21

- 5:00 p.m. **Ribbon Cutting** (*Old Capital Museum*)
Opening of the fall museum exhibit ~ **"King Cotton - The Common Thread"** – Complimentary reception

Friday, October 22

- 9:30 a.m. **Golf Tournament** (*Milledgeville Country Club*) ~ Reservations to play must be made by contacting the GMC Alumni Office at 478-387-4840 no later than Monday, October 18. Players must sign in with Joe Mobley, alumni board host, at the MCC golf shop no later than 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 22, with tournament play to begin at 10:00 AM. The registration fee (\$35), which includes green fees, cart, and box lunch, must be paid by cash or check, no credit cards, to the MCC upon arrival. Format will be a four-person scramble (best shot). Make your own team, or we can place you on a team. All players will receive a prize at completion of play.
- 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. **Foundation Semi-annual Meeting** (*Usery Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 333*)
- 11:30 a.m. **Reception** (*Rotunda*) **and Luncheon** (*Legislative Chamber*) ~ Hosted by MG and Mrs. Peter J. Boylan, USA (Ret.) honoring current and new members of the GMC Oak Leaf Society (Guests include Oak Leaf Society, Foundation Board, GMC Board of Trustees, Alumni Executive Board) Catered by **Will Jarriel's Catering** of Milledgeville ~ Complimentary by invitation.
- 1:30 p.m. **Alumni Weekend Registration Opens** (*Information Technology Building at South Gate Entrance to Old Capitol Square*)
- 2:00 p.m. **Old Capital Museum** ~ Special gallery tour with the museum director
- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. **New Academic Building Tours** – Refreshments
- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. **Baugh Barracks and Ruark Athletic Complex Tours** – Refreshments
- 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. **Usery Hall Tours** – Refreshments
- 5:00 p.m. **Alumni Parade** ~ The 132nd Corps of Cadets invites you to attend and join in the parade as a member of the Alumni Platoon. (*Grant Parade*)
- 5:45 p.m. **Tailgate Party** (*Main Tent*) ~ All alumni are invited to gather and reminisce while enjoying BBQ and all the "fixins" from **Satterfield's** of Macon. Musical entertainment provided by **"Duke" Elton**.
- 7:00 p.m. **Mac Frampton and the ThreePenny Symphony in Concert** (*Goldstein Center*)
- 7:30 p.m. **Prep School Football Game** / *Lakeview Academy (Davenport Field)*
- 8:45 p.m. **"Coffee and Dessert Intermezzo"** (*Main Tent/South Gate*) ~ Concert attendees are invited following the performance. Catered by **The Loper Brothers** of Milledgeville.

Saturday, October 23

- 9:30 a.m. **Registration Opens** (*Information Technology Building at South Gate Entrance to Old Capitol Square*)
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. **Usery Hall Tours** – Refreshments
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. **New Academic Building Tours** – Refreshments
- 11:00 - 1:30 p.m. **Reception/Luncheon/Alumni Awards Ceremony** (*Main Tent/South Gate*) ~ All alumni and friends are encouraged to attend. Catered by **The Willis House** of Milledgeville. Musical entertainment provided by the **Monty Cole Quintet**.
- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. **Baugh Barracks Tours** – Refreshments
- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. **Usery Hall Tours** – Refreshments
- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. **New Academic Building Tours** – Refreshments
- 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. **Wine and Cheese Reception** (*Legislative Chamber/Rotunda*) ~ Catered by **Southern Affairs** of Milledgeville – Complimentary
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. **State of the School Address** (*Legislative Chamber*) ~ Presented by MG Peter J. Boylan, USA (Ret.)
- 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Social/Alumni Dinner/Dance** (*Main Tent*) ~ All alumni are invited to gather and reminisce. Dinner catered by **Will Jarriel's Catering** of Milledgeville. Bring your dancing shoes and enjoy live entertainment by **The Grapevine**. Cash bar

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For additional details, please call **Earlene Hamilton**, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at **478-387-4840**.

2010 Alumni Weekend Reunions

Early Commissioning Program Graduates

Contact: Earlene Hamilton
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ehamilto@gmc.cc.ga.us

10th - HS 2000

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Class Agent: Diana New
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15th - JC 1995

Class Agent: Jessica Smith
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20th - JC 1990

Class Agent: Thomas W. Hanley LTC, USA
(813) 827-8415 / 703-615-9504
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25th - HS - The Silver Brigade

Class Agent: Lauren Deen/
Lisa Chapman Young
478-251-2145 / 478-456-8842
deenjeff5850@yahoo.com
mcyoung@ft.newyorklife.com

25th - JC - The Silver Brigade

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31st - JC 1979

Class Agent: W. Duane Clayton
ClaytonClan@sc.rr.com

35th - JC 1975

Class Agent: Monte Washburn
Phone 256-301-5457 / 256-301-9719
monte.washburn@heartlandits.com

37th - HS 1973

Class Agent: Jim Kjer
256-232-7413

50th - HS - The Gold Brigade

Class Agent: Cal Battle
calbattle@computer.org

50th - JC - The Gold Brigade

Contact: Earlene Hamilton
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1960's Band Company Reunion

Class Agent: Terry "Falstaff" Johnson
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The place to be for

unforgettable memories & unprecedented futures



2010 '60's Era Class Reunion

Tim Milner shares about the reunion

"A group of 1960s' era GMC alumni and spouses gathered on May 1, 2010 for a picnic at the GMC lake lot and also at the Milledgeville Country Club that same evening. Attendance was estimated to be about 35 people including friends and spouses.

For the lake event Charles Wilcher served a delicious meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, slaw and cake. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and fun. Then General Boylan spoke to the group about past accomplishments during his tenure as president and about plans for the future of the campus and school. The group really seemed to appreciate his presentation, and it gave us some eye opening

ideas about the plans for the future. General Boylan is certainly a dynamic leader and has the best interest of GMC always in mind. His enthusiasm is contagious.

On the evening of May 1, 2010 the group met at the Milledgeville Country Club for a delicious meal and were entertained by Robert Rogers and his group serving as DJ's. Music from the '50's, '60's, '70's and '80's was played, and the group delighted in listening and dancing. It was apparent to all that everyone enjoyed the reunion and the celebration of memories from our era at GMC. Man, those were the days!"

Row 1 –
Robert Rogers, Karl Heibers, Woody Woodruff, Bill Deason, Ronnie Humphries, Steve Wiley, and Pat Dalton
Row 2 –
Martin Moses, Alan Tigner, Charles Wilcher, Bill Bailey, Tim Milner, Bob Edes, and Rick McMullen
Row 3 –
Roger Stenbridge, Jimmy Snellgrove, Joe Snellgrove, Jim Abbott, and John Hoffman



The GMC 60's Group had a reunion on May 1, 2010 that included a cookout at the GMC lake lot, follow by a round of golf, and then that night a dinner/dance at the Milledgeville Country Club. Lots of fun was had by all so watch for the 2011 date and plan to attend our next reunion. Let us know your current email address. Contact Charles Wilcher at bulldog90@windstream.net or call 478-454-6578.



(left)
Steve Wiley and the 'Willets,' Woody Woodruff, Martin Moses and Alan Tigner entertain by singing "Under the Boardwalk."
(right)
Bob Milford and his friend, **Ann Duane**



GIFTS TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S
1879 CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
SCHOLARSHIP FUND MAY BE MADE
IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:

- Cash or check, made payable to the GMC FOUNDATION and designated for the alumni scholarship
- Automatic checking account deduction, a convenient way to offer monthly support
- A gift online using MasterCard or Visa at www.gmcfoundation.org

The scholarship program offers a special way to recognize someone in memory or in honor while building the scholarship fund for the next generation of GMC alumni.

PLEASE JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN LIVES FOR YEARS TO COME.

For assistance with any of these methods of supporting the **Alumni Scholarship Fund**, contact the Foundation Office at (478) 387-4840 or by mail at **Georgia Military College Foundation**
201 E. Greene Street
Milledgeville, GA 31061

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Instituted in 2004 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Georgia Military College, the 1879 Circle of Friends provides scholarships to deserving prep school as well as junior college students.

One hundred percent of every donation goes to provide GMC scholarships for children and/or grandchildren of GMC alumni. The scholarships are awarded each year to students who have the potential for academic success and wish to attend GMC, but require financial assistance in order to do so.

Through the commitment of alumni and friends, the Alumni Scholarship Endowment has grown substantially since its establishment in 2004. Because the 1879 Circle of Friends appeals to a wide range of alumni and friends, members span the decades from the 1930's into the 21st century and reach across the country east to west from Georgia to California and south to north from Florida and Texas to Washington and Michigan. Donations that range from \$1.00 to \$3500.00 have helped the fund to reach its current level of \$50,048.19.

Both alumni and friends of GMC are invited to join the 1879 Circle of Friends. Every donation will help ensure continued growth of the fund, offering financial assistance to students for generations

to come. While gifts of any size are welcome, membership is awarded and maintained with a tax-deductible donation of \$18.79 or more during each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).

Alumni board president, Merel Harrison, shares these thoughts to lend emphasis to a cause that she indicates is very close to her heart, the 1879 Circle of Friends:

“As alumni, we know first-hand of the quality education that is received at Georgia Military College, as well as the development of ethical standards and moral character. I, among others, am, and have been, a loyal supporter and promoter of the 1879 Circle of Friends since its inception in 2004. By donating as little as \$18.79 a year, we are financially supporting children and grandchildren of alumni who would not otherwise be able to attend GMC. Any individual may donate to this fund; there are no restrictions. I am also proud to say that 100% of the money given is used to provide for these scholarships. The number of scholarships awarded each year is limited at this time; however, as the fund grows, so will the number of scholarships which can be awarded. If all of the alumni and friends of GMC were to individually donate \$18.79, just imagine how many more students could reap the benefits that only GMC can offer! It is my sincere hope that our alumni will consider the 1879 Circle of Friends a priority among the donations they make.”



The Story of the Ring

— as told by Patricia Blanks, Niece of Mary Farr Talkington

In 1928, Walter W. Woolfolk, Jr. came to GMC as a senior in high school. In his junior year in Lake Wales, Florida, he was an outstanding football star so the University of Florida sent him to GMC on a scholarship as preparation for playing for them as a freshman. He played well for GMC, but during the very last game of the season, his hip was broken. The University didn't want him anymore so he chose to continue his education at Florida Southern.

During the year he spent in Milledgeville, he met Mary Farr. He fell in love and presented her with two gifts that he treasured, his GMC senior class ring and a little football engraved with his name and the words, "Captain of Ridge Champs" from his Florida high school. When he left Milledgeville, he never saw Mary again, but all her life she kept the ring and football.

After Mary's death her daughter put them away in a safe deposit box and wondered who Walter Woolfolk was. She thought the family should try to find out. Maybe there would be children who would value them. I found several internet sites that told me Walter Woolfork played football for a Ridge team in Lake Wales, Florida. When he died in 1995, someone named Kay W. Elliott had made a donation in his memory. I typed in her name, and a genealogy page came up with her address. I got her phone number from the white pages, called, and asked several questions about her father. She thought I wanted to know family history and told me to call her sister, Deana Costner, in Florida, but after I was sure Kay was Walter's daughter, I told her about the ring and football. She was thrilled!

Deana said that her mother had always insisted that they return all gifts when they broke up with a boyfriend. Her mother had heard their father say that he had given something that meant a lot to him to a girl and had never gotten it back. It was something that he wished he could pass on to his daughters. When she heard the ring and football would be coming in the mail, she was excited. She would save them for her grandson, whose middle name was Woolfolk.

The rest of Walter's story: After two years at Florida Southern, Walter married. His wife taught, and he coached high school football. At first, only two years of college were required for a teacher's certificate; then the requirement was four years, and later Walter was told he would need a masters' degree to continue his career as a coach. He had always wanted to be lawyer so he decided that if he had to go back to school, he would get a law degree.

Walter went into the Navy when WWII broke out. He was beyond the age limit to be called but felt it was his duty to volunteer. He turned down a chance to be in the legal adjutant division in order to join a fighting unit and served most of his time at sea. After the war, he returned to Florida and served as Assistant State's Attorney, then State's Attorney, and prosecuted several well-known cases in Florida. He was also appointed by the governor to a three-year term on the Florida Citrus Commission.

All his life Walter loved football. He made one last trip to GMC in his old age. It was dogwood time in Milledgeville, and the trees were spectacular. If only my family had found him before 1995 - he could have seen his ring and football once more, and I'm sure he would have been thrilled!

Share Your Stories —

Mrs. Jane Simpson, Special Collections Librarian, is interested in hearing stories like the one above. Share your stories with her at jsimpson@gmc.cc.ga.us or 478-387-0231.



For the first time, GMC has a Special Collections Librarian whose job it is to collect, preserve and organize documents of historical significance to the school. To aid in this project, we need your help in gathering newspaper clippings and/or old pictures of significant events at the school and school documents of rules and regulations, such as student handbooks. These can be loaned for scanning and then will be returned or can be donated to Special Collections.

The library also needs copies of old Recalls/school annuals from the years prior to 1921 as well as specifically the years 1924, 1926, 1927, 1941 – 1944, 1947, 1948, and 1950. These

can also be loaned for scanning or donated. Work has already been done to create digitized copies of 1945, 1949, 1950 and 1960 – with the plan to ultimately digitize all years. Last year's Gold Brigade reunion group, the HS and JC classes of 1959 thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to "peruse" their class year of 1959, and 1960 has already been completed so that this year's Gold Brigade, the HS and JC classes of 1960, can enjoy the same fun.

For more information, please contact **Jane Simpson**, Special Collections Librarian, at jsimpson@gmc.cc.ga.us or **Glen Phillips**, Library Director at gphillip@gmc.cc.ga.us.

Do you remember...?

Old photos will be on display during Alumni Weekend at the Sibley-Cone Library.
Please come by to look and even take the photos that might be special to you.

Community Leadership Award Presented to MG Peter J. Boylan

GMC President MG Peter Boylan was honored with the J. Floyd Harrington Community Leadership Award during the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner in June 2010. The Harrington award is given to individuals who exemplify community leadership. Chamber President Tara Peters, who presented the award, said, "General Boylan's tenacity has served the community well since his arrival and involvement."

"A key to General Boylan's success is his extraordinary ability to build bridges of cooperation between diverse groups working toward the same goal," Peters said while introducing Boylan. "This award is primarily based on an individual's commitment and contributions made outside the realm of their chosen career; however, I would be strongly amiss if I did not recognize the exemplary accomplishments this man has achieved in the restoration and beautification of our most famous historic building — Georgia

Military College. He has proven himself an excellent steward and profound servant leader of this institution and in doing so has created a true showcase for the entire state of Georgia."

The J. Floyd Harrington Community Leadership Award is presented annually to a Chamber member for extraordinary leadership to the community and the Chamber of Commerce.

J. Floyd Harrington graduated from GMC HS in 1945 and from the JC in 1949.



Tara Peters, HS 1976, and
MG Peter J. Boylan

Elizabeth Dole

Delivers Commencement Address to the Georgia Military College Class of 2010



Recalling her own personal connections to Milledgeville and extolling the bravery and virtues of her husband, Elizabeth Dole delivered the 2010 commencement address to the graduates of the Georgia Military College.

Elizabeth Dole's career in public service has spanned nearly 50 years. She has held high-level positions in the administrations of Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Reagan and George H.W. Bush, including serving as Secretary of Transportation and Secretary of Labor. She was also President of the American Red Cross and a United States Senator representing North Carolina. She is married to Bob Dole, the former Senate Republican Leader and 1996 Republican Presidential nominee.

"She is an icon for service to country," said Georgia Military College President Peter J. Boylan. "Freedom and service to one's country are the responsibility of all of us, and no one exemplifies both more than Elizabeth Dole and her husband Bob," he added.

In the early 1960s, Elizabeth Hanford found herself working side-by-side with Tillie Kidd from Milledgeville, Georgia, in the White House Office of Consumer Affairs. Tillie's father, Culver Kidd, was well into what would become a 46-year career as a public servant in the Georgia Legislature.

Elizabeth and Tillie became fast friends, with Tillie eventually naming her youngest daughter, Elizabeth, after her friend who would also be her godmother. More than three decades later, in 1996, Tillie Kidd Fowler was a United States Representative from Florida and Elizabeth Hanford Dole was the wife of the Republican nominee for President. Rep. Fowler left Congress in 2000, keeping a campaign pledge from 1992 to serve just eight years. She passed away in 2005.

In her remarks to the Class of 2010, Elizabeth Dole talked of the integrity and values of both Rep. Tillie K. Fowler and W.J. "Bill" Usery, another friend of hers who had graduated from Georgia Military College in 1940.

"My visit to Milledgeville is one that I will long remember. I was tremendously impressed by the stately beauty of the campus and, more importantly, by the work that occurs in the classrooms of Georgia Military College. By emphasizing the importance of the timeless values of duty, honor, and country, Georgia Military College is more than an institution of higher learning. It is also an institution of higher yearning."

-- Elizabeth Dole



“Intelligence. Integrity. Love of family. Love of country. Keeping one’s word. Bringing people together. These are qualities that define the life and legacy of Tillie Kidd Fowler and Bill Usery, and they are qualities I commend to you today,” said Senator Dole.

Kathy Walker and Georgia state representative Rusty Kidd, the siblings of Rep. Tillie Fowler, attended the commencement ceremony. “Join me in a round of applause for all that the Kidd family has done for Milledgeville, for Georgia, and for America,” Senator Dole told the graduates.

Dole also referenced a set of two letters written by Dwight Eisenhower 66 years ago - on June 5, 1944 - the night before the D-Day invasion that would eventually lead to the victory in Europe. One was to be released if the invasion succeeded, the other if it failed. Dole quoted from the letter which was not released.

“If any blame or fault attaches to the attempt, it is mine and mine alone,” Dole read. “That, ladies and gentlemen, is leadership,” she added, going on to praise the bravery, dedication and sacrifices of the women and men who fought and won the war.



Elizabeth Dole and Rusty Kidd



W.J. “Bill” Usery, Jr., Elizabeth Dole, Powell A. Moore

Michell Kennedy, a GMC-Columbus graduate who attended the commencement ceremony, stated, “Graduation, for me, is one of the major milestones in my very young life. I was inspired by Senator Dole’s speech (about character, integrity, and service), which made me think that our generation can go as far as we want to go because there aren’t as many barriers as there were when Senator Dole was growing up.”



Prep School Class of 2010

Commencement Address by U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson

Graduation for the GMC Preparatory School Class of 2010 was held on Friday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. on Grant Parade. U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson presented an inspirational commencement address which highlighted his view of luck – when preparation meets opportunity.

Johnny Isakson is a businessman, a public servant and family man whose common-sense approach and conservative values have made him a leader in Georgia for over 30 years. Isakson entered politics in 1974 and served 17 years in the Georgia Legislature and three years as Chairman of the Georgia Board of Education. In 1999, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for the first of three terms before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 2004. He was an original author of the No Child Left Behind Act, the most significant improvement to our education system in a generation. He will be up for reelection to the Senate in November 2010.

The COL Joseph F. Muldrow Salutatorian Award was presented to Matthew Holmes Harrison, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark H. Harrison of Milledgeville, Ga. His awards and honors include: GMC Principal's List for all seven years, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, UGA Certificate of Merit, Presbyterian College Fellow, Order of the Arrow in Boy Scouts (Life Scout), Red Cross Certified Life Guard, First Team All-State Football (Class A Division), Baldwin County Football Player of the Year, All-County Baseball, GHSA State Qualifier in Swimming for four years, and River of Life volunteer since sixth grade. He plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall.



Matthew Harrison

The Bettie Z. Farr Valedictorian Award was presented to John Austin Vance, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Vance of Milledgeville, Ga. His awards and honors include: Vice Chairperson of the GMC Honor Council, Magnolia State Bank Junior Board, Junior Beta Club (2006 President), National Honor Society (Vice President), Spanish Honor Society (President), Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, GMC Principal's List for all seven years, UGA Certificate of Merit, Bausche & Lomb Honorary Science Award, Douglas MacArthur Award, Eagle Scout, Saber Company Award and Lance Armstrong Foundation volunteer. He plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall.



John Austin Vance

The GMC High School Class of 1953 Award is presented annually to one senior who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement and to one member of the GMC prep school faculty who has demonstrated teaching excellence. CDR William "Bill" H. Curry, USN (Ret.) presented the Class of 1953 Scholarship, a \$500 award, to Cadet Captain John Austin Vance, and the Class of 1953 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, a \$500 award, to Major Brent Gebel.



Taey Wright

Taey Wright was the 2010 recipient of the W. J. Usery, Jr. Award for Excellence, which is a \$500 cash award presented annually to the senior who exemplifies the ideals of the academic, military, and citizenship pursuits at Georgia Military College Prep School. Taey is the daughter of Ms. Cynthia Wright of Sandersville, Ga. She plans to attend Mercer University in the fall.



Immediately after the presentation of diplomas, Ms. Merel Harrison, GMC Prep School Class of 1973, Junior College Class of 1974 and President of the Georgia Military College Alumni Association, welcomed the members of the graduating class into the Alumni Association.



U.S. Senator **Johnny Isakson**, **Larry Thompson**, **Patricia Thompson**, **Pam Grant**, **Julianna Grant**



Bill Craig, U.S. Senator **Johnny Isakson**, **Randy New**



U.S. Senator **Johnny Isakson**, **Patricia Hogan**, State Senator **Johnny Grant**, **George Hogan, Jr.**, **MG Peter J. Boylan**

Commissioning

Seventeen GMC Junior College cadets received their commissioning into the U.S. Army as second lieutenants on Thursday, June 10, 3:00 p.m., in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts.

GMC's Early Commissioning Program, one of only five such programs in the nation, is a demanding program in which cadets develop the skills necessary to be leaders in the United States Army within a period of two years.



The speaker was **LTC Jim Lopez**, the new Professor of Military Science for GMC. Prior to coming to Georgia Military College, LTC Lopez most recently was selected to serve as a Division G/J6, Signal Staff Officer for Joint Task Force 134, Detainee Operations, and Multinational Forces Iraq. He deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, with the unit and planned, engineered and directed the establishment of tactical and strategic communications capabilities for U.S. Forces Detention Operations. Upon his return from Iraq, he was assigned to the Signal Regiment's Capabilities Development Integration Directorate as a Branch Chief charged with developing future Signal war-fighting support concepts and Signal operations doctrine.



Distinguished Graduating Students

Six *Distinguished Graduating Students* consistently distinguished themselves during their time as Georgia Military College students. During the Memorial Day Parade, President Boylan presented each student with a certificate and a check for \$100.

Atlanta-Fairburn campus:

Uchefuna Aisha Singleton — *Graduating with an AA in General Studies*

This seven-time President's List scholar entered Georgia Military College in August of 2008.

She serves as the President of her Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society chapter. She was recently recognized by Continental Societies, Inc. as a "2010 Non-traditional Student Service Award" recipient. As well, she was selected for inclusion in the *2010 Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges*, and in 2009, she received the "Georgia Power Non-traditional Student Scholarship."

This future history major will continue her studies at Spelman College this fall.

Augusta-Martinez campus:

Belinda Joan Flanders — *Graduating with an AS in General Studies*

Belinda Joan Flanders is the GMC-Augusta Distinguished Graduate for the 2010 academic year.

Belinda entered GMC in August 2008. Her inspiration to achieve a 3.92 cumulative grade point average has been her desire to be an example for her sons in the way her father, a GMC graduate 25 years ago but now deceased, was for her. Belinda is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She has been accepted to Augusta State University for the fall 2010 semester.

Columbus campus:

Kyle Sisco — *Graduating with an AS in General Studies*

Kyle Sisco is an invaluable student leader on the Columbus campus. His peers look to him for guidance, coaching, and inspiration. He does his best work when assisting students who struggle academically.

Kyle Sisco is a selfless student who enjoys helping others and is the perfect example of the true student peer leader.

Milledgeville campus:

Kasey Durden — *Graduating with an AS in General Studies*

Kasey Durden graduated with honors from the Georgia Military College Prep School in May, 2008.

Kasey enrolled in the junior college during her preparatory school senior year and participated in the dual enrollment program. She received a col-



Belinda Joan Flanders, Kasey Durden, Cathy Burks, Keith Socarras, and Uchefuna Aisha Singleton

lege athletic scholarship in softball, which enabled her to remain at Georgia Military College to complete her first two years of college.

As a HOPE scholar, Kasey has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while starting as pitcher and infielder for the junior college softball team.

Kasey plans to continue her education by pursuing a career in the medical field.

Valdosta campus:

Cathy Burks — *Graduating with an AS in Behavioral Science*

Cathy Burks entered GMC in the fall of 2007 and quickly became involved with several clubs. She has been an active member of Student Government Association and Student Service League.

Although she was not an official "Peer Leader," she is certainly an informal Peer Leader who takes the initiative in several classes to help struggling students. She was also a part of the Learning Community for Math 096 and GMC 105, and "Success in Algebra," and served as a member of the Student Honor Counsel.

Warner Robins campus:

Keith Socarras — *Graduating with an AS in General Studies*

Keith Socarras is a Iraq veteran who enrolled at GMC-Warner Robins after receiving an honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps in 2008. Mr. Socarras is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and will graduate Summa Cum Laude.

Mr. Socarras earned a place on the President's List in five of his six quarters at GMC and will graduate with a 3.81 GPA.

Mr. Socarras will continue his education at Macon State College this fall, pursuing a biology degree to complete his plan of becoming a physical therapist

GMC Prep Students Advance to World Finals for Odyssey of the Mind

Twenty-five Georgia Military College Prep School students competed in the Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament held on April 10 at Columbus State University. For the past four years, GMC has participated in regional competitions and this year all four GMC teams advanced to the state competition. Over 110 teams from across the state competed in this event. Two of GMC's teams were invited to represent Georgia at the 31st Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University on May 26-29, where they competed with teams from across the nation and around the world.



Alex Levendis, Sarah Poole, Eleni Constantinidis, Justin Grimes, Elliot Fairbrass and Seth Lowery

At the state level, GMC's Gift of Flight team placed first in the high school division (II). The Gift of Flight long-term problem was to make and operate a series of aircraft that completed a variety of flight plans.

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The flight plans included flying straight, making a target spin, traveling slowly, dropping something into a target, touching down and taking off, and a mass launch of multiple aircraft. The aircraft in the solution was to be made of a variety of materials and was to have a variety of power sources. The testing of the aircraft was presented in a team-created performance that included a character that served as a creative “air traffic controller.”

GMC’s Nature Trail’R Team qualified in the middle school Division II to participate in the World Finals. The Nature Trail’R team members are 7th grade students Alex White, Liam Fairbrass, Jeff Conner, Analese Bridges, and Bronte Joseph.



The Nature Trail’R long-term problem was to design, build and drive a human-powered vehicle and camper that would go on a camping trip. When the vehicle arrived at the Campground, the camper was to be disconnected and the vehicle travelled on a team-created Nature Trail. On the Nature Trail, the vehicle had to overcome an obstacle, clean up the environment, encounter wildlife, and undergo a repair. The performance included a character that was in or near the camper that explained the experience as part of its role. This problem was sponsored by NASA.



Odyssey of the Mind (www.odysseyofthemind.com) is an

international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Teams of students apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems – great and small – for a lifetime.

At the World Finals, GMC’s high school team, Gift of Flight, placed 7th, placing higher than several “world-known” teams such as Luthrop HS in Michigan. The middle school team, Nature Trail’R, placed 11th, holding the second highest long-term problem score and the third highest style score out of 65 competing teams.



GMC Employee of the Year - Dean Roy McClendon - GMC-Fairburn 2009-2010

Dean Roy McClendon was recognized as the GMC employee who contributed most to accomplishment of the GMC mission during the school year. He was presented with The President’s Award for Excellence medallion, an engraved crystal vase, a check for \$500, and an engraved watch presented by the GMC Foundation.

Those who nominated Dean McClendon cited many reasons: First, Dean McClendon is very active on the Fairburn campus. Not only is he the Fairburn campus academic dean; he also provides back up support for most key positions at the Fairburn campus.

He can apply financial aid, give placement exams, advise for ANY degree program, put together disciplinary and honor’s council hearings, discuss scheduling, and work with the campus’ budget. During the period the campus was without an assistant director and dean of students, Dean McClendon stepped up to handle the responsibilities of those positions as well as his own.

Second, Dean McClendon is very active in his community, which is a small miracle given the time he spends at his job. He is very active in his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, which is an organization that makes charitable and civic work a fundamental part of its mission.

Third, Dean McClendon is everywhere. Not only does he serve as an advisor, although he is not required to do so, he is always visiting the classrooms, walking up and down the halls greeting students, and standing out front in the afternoons welcoming students to the building and asking them about their day. He exemplifies the term “student-centered.”

Fourth, Dean McClendon loves GMC. Not only is he loyal to his campus and its people, but he shares that enthusiasm for the entire college. He frequently communicates with colleagues from other campuses, and when he attends GMC curriculum committee meetings and faculty assemblies, people from other campuses engage him in conversation and seek his advice.

Lastly, Dean McClendon is the consummate academic professional. He attends conferences to polish his skills as an academic administrator and professor of political science. He recently attended the Georgia Association of Political Scientists, the National Council of Academic Deans, and the National Association of Developmental Educators. In addition, he is furthering his education at Clark Atlanta University where he is seeking a Ph.D. in political science.

Dean Roy McClendon exemplifies the college values of Duty, Honor, and Country.



GMC Prep Varsity and Middle School Cheerleading Squads Rack up at NCA Cheer Camp at GCSU

It was an incredible week for the GMC Prep Varsity Football/ Competition Cheerleading Squad when they attended the NCA Cheer Camp at GCSU. Each day the girls worked and practiced for 13 hours alongside cheerleading squads from all over the state. Some of the things they learned included new cheers, dances, chants, jumps and stunting techniques.

The last day of camp required each squad to perform in front of the entire camp, and awards were given out for different categories. GMC Prep received many awards including: Superior Evaluation for cheers and chants, Varsity Motions Award for having the best cheer/chant/stunt motions, Varsity Game Day Cheer Champions which qualified the team to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving

Day Parade and an invitation to compete at Nationals. Perhaps the team's biggest accomplishment was earning the The Herkie Award, which is given to the one team at camp that is selected as the best overall.

On top of these accomplishments, several girls were nominated to try out for an All-American title: Meg Gray, Macie Lee, Leanna Harbor, Sarah Poole, Murphie Dunn, Kenley Jones, Brooke Waddell and Brittany McKleskey. Two of these girls were named All-Americans: Sarah Poole and Leanna Harbor.



Graduating seniors of Georgia Military College Prep were treated to a luncheon at the Milledgeville Country Club on May 11 hosted by the GMC Office of Advancement and GMC Alumni Association Board of Directors. This decade long tradition is meant to honor the soon to be alumni and encourage them to stay in touch with

the school. Mr. Joe Mobley (HS 1963, JC 1965), GMC Alumni Board Vice President, served as the emcee of the event, while MG Peter J. Boylan



USA (Ret.), GMC President, and Lt. Col. Edward Shelor, USMC (Ret.), GMC history professor, spoke to the group about the importance of integrity and teamwork.

GMC Fairburn Student Jarrel Brunn – An Amazing Paper Artist

Written by Susan Prosser, Library Associate and Phi Theta Kappa Advisor, Fairburn Campus

It started about four years ago. Jarrel began building houses from notebook paper, his first structure being a car garage. At some point, he figured out a way to construct it strong enough to hold toy cars. It was soon discovered that with notebook paper, the houses did not last long, so he changed to construction paper. This also allowed him to add color. He began to add design such as bricks, doors, and chimneys. He has constructed a city that includes power lines, stores, and water tower, among other structures and buildings.



Jarrel has also created paintings in water colors and acrylics, in charcoal, in addition to pencil and ink drawings. However, his favorite genre is his cityscapes.

He has always drawn roads and maps. One of his creations, that he drew from a road atlas book, was a U.S. map with all the details. It was displayed in the McDonough Public Library. At a local fair, he won first prize for one of his houses, which he later sold. At this same fair, he won for a charcoal still life.

This very talented young man hopes to work with architects in designing buildings.

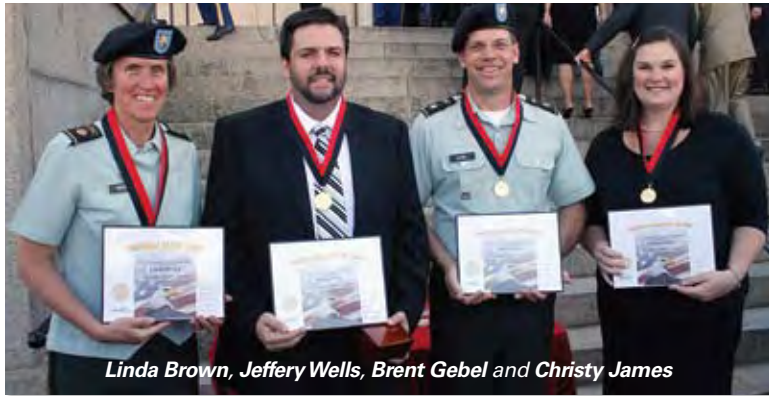
GMC HOLDS NINTH ANNUAL GRAND TATTOO

Major General Peter J. Boylan, President, and the Board of Trustees of Georgia Military College hosted the school's ninth annual Grand Tattoo on Friday, April 23.



A Military Grand Tattoo is an outdoor military exercise given by troops as evening entertainment, and is a program steeped with history and tradition. Georgia Military College's ninth annual Military Tattoo featured the John Mohr Mackintosh Pipes and Drums Band, the GMC Color Guard and the GMC Marching Band. In addition, MAJ Linda Brown was recognized as GMC's Prep Teacher of the Year, MAJ Brent Gebel was recognized as GMC's Prep Character Educator of the Year, Assistant Professor Jeffery Wells was recognized as GMC's Junior College Educator of the Year, and Assistant Professor Christy James was recognized as GMC's Junior College Character Educator of the Year.

The deeply moving ceremony concluded with the formal retirement of the Nation's Colors by a fourteen-member flag detail to mark the end of the day.



Linda Brown, Jeffery Wells, Brent Gebel and Christy James



The following speech was given by Cadet Command Sergeant Major Michael Drew Franklin, 131st Corps of Cadets during the Memorial Day Parade on May 21, 2010. Cadet CSM Franklin made a very meaningful impression on the audience.

“Good afternoon, General Boylan, Distinguished Guests and Dignitaries, 131st corps of cadets. Today we come together to celebrate Memorial Day. But what is Memorial Day truly about?

For many years as I grew up I honestly did not know what Memorial Day was really about. Like most kids of my generation, I merely viewed it as a day off from school. Likewise, a good number of adults simply took it for granted as a day off from work—and a paid one at that. It is only now, even at this early stage in my life that I truly have earned what Memorial Day is, and more importantly, what it means to me.

Contrary to how many people in this country interpret it, Memorial Day was originally referred to as ‘Decoration Day’ at its inception in 1868. Intended to be a day set aside for Americans to honor soldiers who fell in battle, it has somehow become socially transformed into a holiday better known for signifying the unofficial start of summer vacation and a bellwether call for ‘The Swimming Pool Is Now Open.’

They say that every generation has its war, and for me and my fellow comrades-in-arms, our current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan have presented us—as if a gift—both the brutality of mankind’s aggression and moments of deep-rooted and courageous loyalty that only a veteran can understand or appreciate fully.

Although I realize that this day typically calls for the solemn remembrance of our servicemen’s sacrifices, I argue that we as Americans should instead focus on our fallen’s lives—their actions, their dreams, and their unrealized life’s goals.

Personally, there have been three men in my life for whom I reserve a uniquely special place in my heart. These men—Corporal Gary Moore, Specialist James Wertish, and Specialist Jonathan O’Neill—were ‘battle buddies’, ‘misfits’, ‘pizo’s’, but above all, they were my brothers-in-arms and my friends.

Unlike many of you sitting here today, I did not have the luxury while I was in Iraq to remember them properly when their lives were suddenly cut short. Burdened with the ever-present demands of mission and survival, I, like so many others, was forced to continue

my job and tuck away my remembrances of them and how they affected my life during the few quiet moments alone in solitude.

While alone, I drove myself to recollect every moment I had of Jim, Gary, and Jon: the way they carried themselves, their talk of home, their laughter,

and what they did or said to make me laugh. Our interaction is what solidified our bonds of brotherhood—ties that will never be broken by their passing. It is my memory of them in life that helps give meaning and purpose to my good fortune of living to see another sunrise and doing my part in commemorating this very special day.

What I wish to impress upon everyone here today is that if we as a nation continue to idly sit by and reduce the importance of this day to something as mundane as calling the lifeguard to work or sounding the final bell of the school year, then we are as a nation indeed shamed. To forget and deny the sacrifice and effort of all who have brought America to this point in time is to let hubris and narcissism cloud our better judgment, something that I refuse to believe will become an unconscionable trend—IF we instead take this moment now, here in Milledgeville, Georgia, to purposefully and respectfully call out our nation’s past sons and daughters with, ‘We will remember you. We cherish what you have given. We will never forget you.’ I believe a quote from president Benjamin Harrison sums it up well:

‘I have never been able to think of the day as one of mourning. I have never quite been able to feel that half-masted flags were appropriate on Decoration Day. I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak; because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing it where their valor placed it. We honor them in a joyous, thankful, triumphant commemoration of what they did.’

Let us not forget... ever...ever....”



Sergeant Major Michael Drew Franklin

Will Robinson Memorial Run 2009

Capt. Christopher Spires and Mrs. Suzanne Ratliff, Co-Chairpersons of the Annual Will Robinson Memorial Run, recently presented the Georgia Military College Foundation with checks for \$4,376.25 for the Will Robinson Scholarship and the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Ratliff said, “We had 24 sponsors and 451 runners this year, making it the largest turnout we have had in the 14 years of the race!”

This special event has been held since 1996 to support several local charities and to honor a fallen hero, Deputy Will Robinson, who was killed in the line of duty, December 17, 1995. Will Robinson was a 1987 graduate of GMC Prep School.



Capt. **Christopher Spires**, Mrs. **Suzanne Ratliff**, Ms. **Earlene Hamilton**, GMC Alumni Relations Coordinator, and Baldwin County Sheriff **Bill Massee**

'55 **MAJ James Patterson** (HS 1953, JC 1955) and his wife **Fran** shared photos from their recent trip to South America where they had a "wonderful time!"



'78 **Hugh B. Long** (JC 1978) completed a Master of Business Administration program in March 2010 with TUI University, Cypress, Cal. with 3.917 final GPA and qualified for TUI University graduation honors designation as Summa Cum Laude.

'90 **LTC Frederick J. Hughes, IV** (JC 1990) was recently selected by a U.S. Army Command board to serve as the Product Manager, Field Artillery Launchers, at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Hughes is married to Suzanne Julien-Hughes and has two children, James (8) and Laura (5).

'92 **Melissa Jean Plyler** (JC 1992) has been with the Sarasota Sheriff's Office for 15 years. Her current assignment is in the training section as the armorer for the department. In this assignment, Plyler repairs

guns and instructs other deputies on the gun range. She holds instructor certificates in firearms, defensive tactics, and driving among others. Plyler was also part of the first women's firearms instructors' forum at ILEFI last year.

'00 **Rachel Leigh Goodrich** (HS 2000) graduated in May from the University of Georgia School of Law with her Juris Doctor degree. While attending law school, she was the chairperson for the Negotiations Competition Team and a member of both the Jewish Law Students Association and the Women's Law Students Association. Goodrich is also a cum laude graduate of the University of Georgia with an A.B. in history.

'02 **Robert W. "Bill" McLeroy** (JC 2002) graduated with an associate's degree from GMC and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army. In May 2005 he graduated from North Georgia College and State University with a Bachelor of Science in Pre-Law. McLeroy began his career in banking with People's Bank in Eatonton, Ga. as a compliance officer and has now joined the Exchange Bank management team as a loan compliance officer.

'03 **Bradley Lee Keef** (JC 2003) graduated from Jacksonville State University in August, 2005, and was commissioned in October, 2005. Keef returned from his second deployment on April 28, 2010 and was promoted to captain on May 8, 2010. He is now the full time training officer at the 151st Chemical Battalion located in Gadsden, Ala.

Staff Sgt. Alden Williams (JC 2003) received a Bronze Star Medal for outstanding service as a medic during his tour in Afghanistan. He had just completed his physical therapy degree at the time of his deployment last spring in 2009.

'06 **Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) Martinez** (HS 2006), GMC's 2006 Valedictorian and Star Student, graduated summa cum laude on May 10 from the University of Georgia with dual bachelor's degrees in English and Spanish. She graduated with highest honors from the UGA Honors Program and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most respected honor society. Martinez has been accepted to several high-ranking law schools for the fall.

'06 **Sam Gagliano** (JC 2006), Regimental Command Sergeant Major of the 127th GMC Corps of Cadets, earned a B.A. degree in public administration in May, 2010 from Auburn University. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and is currently a member of the Georgia Army National Guard. In 2007-2008 he served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. On July 31, 2010, Gagliano will be married to Leslee Ann Soileaux in a Nuptial Latin Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne, La. Following a Caribbean honeymoon cruise, the couple will reside in New Orleans where Gagliano will attend Loyola Law School this fall.

'08 **Clint S. Lasseter** (HS 2008) will be in his junior year, fall 2010, at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S. C. He has been selected as Sergeant Major for PC Highlander Battalion for 2010-2011.

Share Your News

The Cadence would like to keep your classmates up to date with your latest news. We want to hear if you have recently married, had a baby, received a promotion, retired, or accomplished some other noteworthy milestone. We also need to keep our records current, so if you have moved recently or are planning to move, please send in this form to: Alumni Relations, Georgia Military College, 201 East Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061.

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If you include a photograph(s), please be sure to identify all people pictured.

Golf — Reflecting on the 2010 Season

The Georgia Military College 2010 golf team shot its best round of the year at the National Tournament to finish sixth. Stephen Amerson and Patrick McBride led the way with 79 and 69 respectively on the final day, as the Bulldogs finished with a low round of 300. It was the culmination of an up and down year for the Dogs which saw freshmen Robert Herndon and Hayden Lewis struggling early on but coming on strong when it counted. Herndon shot 76 the last day to contribute to the 300 while Lewis had a 76, his personal low for the year. Both players, along with McBride, will be returning in the fall.

Stephen Emerson continues to do well in tournaments throughout the state, winning the Healy Point club champion-

ship (Macon, Ga.) in June as well as the 2010 Nature Valley Amateur in Alpharetta (Atlanta, Ga.). Winning the Amateur qualifies Amerson for the Nature Valley Tour Championship at TPC Sawgrass (Ponte Vedra, Fla.) in November. The 2010 edition of Bulldog golf was an exceptional group of young men - Amerson, McBride, Lewis, Herndon and Cameron Smith. Amerson is looking at several scholarship offers from Georgia colleges and universities, and Smith is heading for the University of Georgia.

Recruiting has gone well this spring, with the Bulldogs expecting to pick up several of the area's top golfers for next season.



Jordan Hale is shown with Mr. and Mrs. Mason.

GMC junior college student and golf team member Jordan Hale was presented the Mason Cup during the President's Parade

The Mason Cup is an annual award named for Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Mason, Sr., of Milledgeville, who established an endowment fund in 2001 to support the GMC junior college golf program. The inscription on the cup, which Mr. Mason authored, reads, "Golf and life will put your character to the test. Smile at the lie, have faith, achieve by effort, be determined and surpass the test."

Kerem Daser Accepts Soccer Head Coaching Position at Georgia Military College

The men's and women's soccer programs at Georgia Military College took a big stride forward with the hiring of Kerem Daser as their head coach. "Kerem Daser brings an unbelievable level of experience and success as a coach to Georgia Military College. We were excited to be able to bring him on board and we eagerly look forward to seeing where he can take our soccer program," commented GMC Athletic Director Bert Williams.

Kerem Daser brings a track record of success in division one soccer as well as a strong record of player development and community involvement. He comes to GMC from Georgia State University, where he was the head coach for the last ten years of the men's program. While head coach at Georgia State University, he developed 28 All-Conference players, 65 All-Academic honorees, and four players who



Kerem Daser

became professional soccer players while finishing in the top ten regionally in five of ten years. Prior to that, he was assistant coach for several years at GCSU and for one year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was also a senior staff coach of the North Carolina Olympic Development Program for five years and part of the Georgia Olympic Development Program since 1997. Coach Daser also brings very strong international ties to the GMC soccer program and a commitment to community involvement.

"Kerem will do a great job building a foundation of success in our soccer programs as well as being a positive influence on the development of the game in our community. I am looking forward to his joining the GMC family!" commented Coach Williams.

*Georgia Military College and the GMC Alumni Association
extend our deepest sympathies to the families of these alumni and friends.*

COL Michael Mosteller
(HS 1937)
February 6, 2010

COL John V. Wynn, USAR (Ret.)
(JC 1937)
January 4, 2010

Havis J. Wilkinson
(HS 1938)
November 4, 2008

William Orville "Bill" Wright
(HS 1938)
April 14, 2010

Dr. Frank Leslie Gibson
(JC 1939)
August 12, 2010

John Leslie Rhodes, Jr.
(HS 1939, JC 1941)
May 19, 2010

William James Lockwood
(HS 1941)
September 15, 2009

Robert "Bob" H. Green
(HS 1942)
May 28, 2010

LT William C. Peterson, USN (Ret.)
(HS 1942)
September 1, 2009

Joseph Carlman Morris
(HS 1946)
April 2, 2010

Dr. Quentin T. Lawson, Sr.
(HS 1947)
April 9, 2010

Dr. Harry Vaughan Smith, Jr.
(JC 1947)
January 1, 2010

Joe C. Stubbs
(JC 1947)
April 13, 2010

SGM Marion "Bill" Beck, USA (Ret.)
(HS 1950)
July 9, 2010

Celso Alamar
(JC 1950)
May 12, 2010

Robert "Bob" C. Wiley
(HS 1951, JC 1953)
May 1, 2010

Lamar Wood
(HS 1954)
July 11, 2010

George Melvin Charles
(JC 1954)
June 23, 2010

Johnny D. Cole
(JC 1962)
March 1, 1971

Enon B. Lamb, III
(JC 1962)
January 8, 2004

William Underwood
(HS 1962, JC 1964)
July 22, 2010

Jack Curry Best
(JC 1964)
August 16, 2010

William Thomas Sparks, Jr.
(HS 1966)
March 6, 2010

Kathryn Keel
(JC 1971)
April 3, 2010

Nancy Garrett Barker
(JC 1972)
March 16, 2010

Arthur "Spanky" Thomas Holt
(JC 1974)
July 8, 2010

Edward Joseph Harrelson
(JC 1979)
March 22, 2010

Wanda B. Vinson Rozar
(HS 1982)
April 9, 2010

R. C. Redish, Jr.
(JC 1984)
June 8, 2000

Bob Carr
(JC 1985)

Marion R. Beasley
(JC 1993)
July 31, 2008

Michael Sean Phillips
(JC 2004)

Ja'Quayvin J. Smalls
(JC 2009)

In Memory of Tillman Windall "T.W." Couch, Georgia Military College Supporter and Friend

On March 25, 2004, GMC's then new softball field was named in honor of Mr. Couch in recognition of his dedicated service in the construction and on-going maintenance of the GMC baseball and softball complex and in memory of his wife, Ouida A. Couch, for being such a devoted wife and mother. Mr. Couch's sons, Mike and Garry, his daughter-in-law, Marilu, and his grandsons, Ross and Chris, are all GMC alumni.



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