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Georgia Military College hosted a formal proclamation ceremony for Governor Sonny Perdue in recognition of Georgia Day, February 12, 2003. Participants included the eighth grade class, marching band, regimental staff of the 124th Corps of Cadets, junior college color guard, junior college drill team, and MG Peter J. Boylan, President of Georgia Military College. GMC has hosted this ceremony for 20 years. The governor graciously posed for photographs with GMC high school band students following the ceremony.

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Lauren Deen, HS1985
Coordinator of
Alumni Relations

If you have visited GMC lately you will have seen many changes to the campus. The baseball & softball fields are under construction (baseball will be completed by the time you receive this issue), a new athletic complex is started to go up, and Whitfield Hall has been torn down in preparation for a new academic building.

A lot of changes are taking place and that is wonderful for the school and for our students, but one thing that is not changing is the percent of alumni giving to help support the school's programs and goals. It has remained the same over the years. One of the most frequently asked questions we get when we solicit grants and donations from foundations, corporations and businesses is "What percent of your alumni give?" When we respond that 1% of our alumni give, they seriously wonder why they should support our school when alumni do not. We know this percentage is not a true picture of how our alumni feel about GMC. We believe our alumni care, and we want to show this as we go and ask for really large donations and grants to help with much needed projects. Your donation will help raise our percentage and will help us tremendously as we plan for

the continued growth of GMC.

So what can you do and how can you help? It is simple enough. In the center of this magazine is a return envelope. Put a donation in the envelope and mail it to us. It is that easy. How much should you give? Give from your heart and according to your financial ability. The size of your donation does not matter, but what does matter is that you give. It would also be wonderful if you mark your calendar to give each and every year. Not only will that help us with the priority needs of the school but it will also prove to these foundations, corporations, and businesses that you do care. Put your money where your heart is --- in GMC.

As always, please remember to stay in touch and keep us updated with your new address when you move. Share your news with us and let us include it in the class notes section of The Cadence. We want to know when you get married, have a baby, make a career change, or about any of your life's other significant accomplishments. We want to pass your news on to your classmates and keep them informed. I hope to hear from you soon.

P. S. And on a personal note...I want to share my news with you. In May, my husband, Jeff, and I will be having our first baby. We are excited and look forward to sharing our joy with you.

We invite your nominations for the 2003 GMC Alumni Awards presented by the GMC Alumni Association. Alumni, friends of the school, and non-alumni supporters of GMC and its ancillary organizations may qualify. The deadline for nominations is August 15, 2003. If you have any questions, please call the Alumni Office at (478) 445-2695.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Awarded to a Georgia Military College alumnus whose life has embodied the ideals of GMC: discipline, leadership, moral character, and learning, and whose accomplishments have made a significant impact or fundamental change within a specific profession, career, or endeavor, or whose accomplishments have made a conspicuous and positive impression on those who will follow the award recipient's lead in the field or endeavor, and whose life is an example of extraordinary accomplishment.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

Awarded to a Georgia Military College alumnus who has attained notable success in his or her chosen field or profession at the local, state, or national level, and whose achievement might serve as an inspiration to anyone considering entering that chosen field or profession, or might serve as inspiration to anyone to excel in his or her chosen field or profession because of the example set by the recipient of this award.

GMC SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to an alumnus, or friend of Georgia Military College, who has rendered special or exceptional service to the school or to any of its ancillary organizations, including, but not limited to the GMC Alumni Association, GMC Bulldog Club, GMC Booster Club, or The GMC Foundation, Inc.

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS

Awarded to a Georgia Military College alumnus who, having finished his or her studies at GMC within the past fifteen years, has demonstrated excellence in academics or in his or her chosen career or profession, or who has made great strides in his or her personal life, and who shows promise of continuing excellence.

HONORARY ALUMNUS

Awarded to an individual who is not an alumnus of Georgia Military College, but who has rendered special or exceptional service to the school or to its Alumni Association, and who, by virtue of his or her service, is worthy of the designation of GMC Alumnus and all that that designation entails.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to a Georgia Military College alumnus who through leadership, inspiration, teamwork, or hard work in the spirit of volunteerism or in his or her professional activities, has taken the lessons of GMC's character education beyond the classroom and whose actions are characterized by a history of exemplary service resulting in unquestionable improvements within his or her community.

Submit your nominations to Lauren Benson Deen at the GMC Alumni Office, 201 E. Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061, email to ldeen@gmc.cc.ga.us, or fax to 478-445-2867.

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____ GMC Graduate HS _____ and/or JC _____
Nominee's Address: _____ Nominee's Phone #: _____

AWARD NOMINATION CATEGORY (Circle One)

Distinguished Alumnus Alumni Achievement GMC Service Award
Outstanding Recent Alumnus Honorary Alumnus Community Service Award

Supporting documentation for nomination may include: Career highlights, achievements, community service, letters of recommendation, newspaper or magazine articles. If necessary, use additional pages to complete this form, but please limit your narration to 500 words.

Nominator _____ Address _____
Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____
GMC Graduate HS _____ and/or JC _____ Friend _____
May we reveal your name? Yes ___ No ___ Is the nominee aware of this nomination? Yes ___ No ___

Saturday, June 14, 2003 • CORDELL EVENTS CENTER • 6:00 p.m.

Alumni Auction



Support this alumni event by attending the auction or donating an item to be auctioned. Proceeds benefit the middle school, high school, and junior college Alumni Scholarship Fund and student activities.

Dinner Entertainment by "Tales from the Back Stoop" **\$20 per person**
Cash Bar

Fantastic items to bid on, including artwork, vacation getaways, golf packages, theatre & symphony tickets, sporting event tickets, and many more!

Tickets are available at the GMC Alumni & Development Office by calling (478)445-2695 or email ldeen@gmc.cc.ga.us.

Dear Alumni,

Last year just flew by; I can't believe we are already in the year 2003. It is exciting to look ahead and see what is planned for this year. First, I would like to mention a few things about the past year. As I looked over the campus, I saw the soccer field looking really great, the new tennis courts added so much to your growing campus, and the new baseball field was really taking shape. Old Whitfield Hall was retired and is being replaced with a very impressive, well-designed new academic building.

It is really amazing to see those dreams turn into plans and then actually become reality. You have been very supportive, and you can also be very proud of your Alma Mater and the way it is developing. Major General Peter Boylan and his staff truly strive to be all that they can be. The General's planning and leadership has really made things happen. Your help has been greatly appreciated, and I would like for you to consider your Alma Mater again this year as you provide support to worthwhile projects. As grants and funding are sought, one question always comes up and that is "How Supportive is the Alumni?" Their main interest is the percentage of alumni who actually support their school. The staff at GMC had 100% participation in their giving last year. So, I would ask you to keep your Alma Mater in mind as you enjoy the fruits of her teaching and training.

"It is exciting to look ahead and see what is planned for this year... to see those dreams turn into plans and then actually become reality."

We also had a great time at our Alumni Weekend this past fall. We tried a two-day weekend this time in an effort to be more accommodating to our alumni who have to travel so far. The barbecue at the lake lot was very enjoyable, and the stories were even more so. We recognized six of your fellow alumni and friends in the Old Capitol Legislature Chamber for their outstanding achievements. It is always a great honor to recognize these recipients and also a matter of great pride as we review candidates for these awards. GMC has always produced quality people, and it is evident each year as we receive these nominations. I encourage you to continue to provide us again this year with your nominations for the awards to our outstanding alumni and friends by completing the form on page 3.

Charlotte Bearden again did a magnificent job with GMC's choral ensemble. She is able to take our students' and teachers' talents and create a production that is outstanding. It was great to have Bob Bevelacqua, JC1985, take time away from the FOX News Channel to speak at our parade. As a matter of fact, it was great for all of you who came to alumni weekend and took time out of your busy lives to visit your old campus and add to the fellowship and camaraderie throughout the weekend. You made it a success. We ended up Saturday night dancing to the music of "Reunion." The band was so well-enjoyed, there was a great effort made to keep them playing longer than planned.

It was an outstanding weekend, and you who were there made it turn out that way. For those who were not able to come, we really did miss you. However, to everyone, I would like to invite you this year for another great Alumni Weekend October 24 & 25, 2003.

I would also like to invite you to another special event on June 14th- your Alumni Auction. We elected not to have it this past alumni weekend, but to make it a special event during the time of Milledgeville's Bicentennial. The proceeds from this auction will go towards funding alumni scholarships for middle school, high school, and college students.

Thank you again for being such a big part of GMC, and I encourage you to become even more involved. Please come by and visit anytime. Give us your input and ideas. Support your school not only monetarily, but also feel free to volunteer. Above all, stay in touch: let us know where you are, what you're doing, and how you are doing. I am very proud to be a part of such an outstanding group.



Bruce Dempster
HS1971
President, 2001-2003



Russell Walden, HS1959, Ferrell Thompson, JC1976, and Doug Underwood, HS1985, analyze their next shot during the alumni golf tournament.



Dr. Jack Anderson, Academic Dean, provides an update about the junior college during the Alumni Association's annual meeting.



Diego Diaz, HS1972 & JC1975, and Sonny Harmon, GMC junior college faculty & coach, enjoy a laugh during the barbeque and storytelling contest.

Members of the junior college class of 1977, Larry Johnson, Timothy Lawing, Kevin Stafford, Helen Scott (Buddy Scott's wife), and Marian Stafford, celebrate their 25th reunion.



Bill Mitchell, HS1960&JC1962, Tom Cadenhead, HS1960&JC1962, Russell Walden, HS1959, Bobby Alford, HS1958&JC1960, Calvin Battle, JC1960, Jim Abbott, HS1960&JC1962, and Herb Meyer, HS1959, gather together at the barbeque and annual storytelling contest, held at the GMC lake lot.



Alumni and friends enjoy delicious food and prepare to listen to alumni storytelling during the Friday night social at the GMC lake lot.



Herb Meyer, HS1959, shares a memory of his days at GMC during the storytelling contest, where he won first place.



Bill Yoast, JC1948, and Carolyn Langford dance at the Friday night social.



Charlotte Bearden, Director of high school/middle school chorus and drama, directs the GMC choral ensemble, made up of middle school & high school students, faculty, and staff, as they perform at the awards ceremony.



The newest members of the Gold Brigade, the high school and junior college class of 1952, celebrating their 50th class reunion pose for a picture in the legislative chamber in the Old Capitol: Bobby Bonner, JC1952, Morris Wood, JC1952, Foster Wurst, HS1950&JC1952, Frank Beckum, HS1952, and Charles Garrison, HS1952 & JC1953.



Michael Murrah, JC1989, Lesley Murrah, Paul Scott Drury, JC1988, and Karen Drury at the alumni dance.



Terry Hillman Baird, HS1977, Beth Forehand Green, HS1977, and Beth Lawrence Gamble, HS1977, visit after the parade.



Desiree Dugger, JC2001, entertains the crowd during the alumni dance.



The newest members of the Oak Leaf Society, Mrs. James E. Baugh, Mr. & Mrs. Winston Sibley, and Mr. & Mrs. James T. Paul, Jr., were recognized during the alumni awards ceremony.



The newest members of the Silver Brigade, the high school and junior college class of 1977, celebrating their 25th class reunion, pose for a picture in the legislative chamber in the Old Capitol: Buddy Scott, JC1977, Larry Johnson, JC1977, Cliff Scott, HS1977, Kevin Stafford, JC1977, Ed Gandy, HS1977, Tim Lawing, JC1977, Mike Bosch, HS1977, and Beth Lawrence Gamble, HS1977.



Nancy Rawls, Bert Rawls, JC1949, Charles Garrison, HS1952 & JC1953, Foster Wurst, HS1950 & JC1952, George Echols, HS1948 & JC1950, and Betty Garrison visit before Saturday's luncheon.



The alumni platoon shows they still have what it takes during the alumni parade.



Nell Harrington and Bobby Bonner, JC1952, share a dance while listening to the sounds of "Reunion."



During the alumni dance on Saturday night, prizes were given to our most recent and earliest graduates in attendance, Brad Cooper, JC2001 and Lovett Briggs, HS1949 & JC 1951.



Claire Duke Garrett, HS1979 and Sally Chandler Thrower, HS1976, celebrate and reminisce at the alumni dance.



The nationally-ranked GMC junior college Old Capitol Guard drill team performs on Davenport Field before the parade.



Alumni and friends reunite during the dance. First row - Billy Brack, Jeanette Crawford, HS1973, Tara Paschal Peters, HS1976, Rick Peters. Second row - Dan Tomlin, Suzanne Martin, HS1989, Cynthia Patrick Chipman, HS1975, Bill Kennedy, HS1989, Susan Bloodworth Bentley, HS1982, Richard Bentley, HS1981. Third row - Mary Hall Stanley, HS1975, Donnie Broome, JC1975, Kayre Evans Donnelly, HS1975. Fourth row - Jack Rector, JC1975, Earlene Smith, Shannon New, HS1975 & JC1976, Diego Diaz, HS1972 & JC1975, Coley Paschal, HS1975.



MAJ Tom Hall, JC1981, and GMC Professor of Military Science, presents the winner's trophy to Nathan Brown, JC2000, following the alumni knock-out drill competition.



Robert "Bob" Bevelacqua, JC1985, was the guest speaker during the alumni parade.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Shelby I. Highsmith, HS 1946 & JC 1948, is a GMC alumnus whose name and rulings are regularly cited in testimony before the U.S. Senate, on the Internet by various national and international organizations, and in newspapers and magazines. He has had his name submitted by the 41st President of the United States of America to the U.S. Senate for an appointment, and is a man whose opinions are routinely examined in classrooms across the nation.

Shelby Highsmith is the GMC alumnus who has experienced all of these things - and more - as a result of his commitment to his chosen profession, the Law. A member of numerous Federal and State Bar Associations and other professional law organizations, he has been recognized by some of the most prestigious groups in the nation for his contributions to the practice of law and to our society.

As the Chief United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, the Honorable Shelby I. Highsmith has heard high-profile cases involving the War on Drugs, Elian Gonzales, and the War on Terrorism, just to name a few. An unpretentious man of immanent common sense, his rulings show compassion for the good of the land combined with strict adherence to the law - even when his personal views are in disagreement with the law as written. His contemplative commitment to the Law is a beacon of what dedication to an ideal clearly means. Judge Highsmith is married to Mary Jane Zimmerman Highsmith, and he is the father of Holly Law and Shelby Jr.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

William "Bill" R. Yoast, JC 1948, was a coach of a successful football team when his school system underwent dramatic changes. Even though Coach Yoast had seniority, the head coaching position for which everyone thought he was a shoe-in, was assigned to someone else. A lesser man would have shirked any responsibility for making the best of a difficult situation, but not Coach Yoast. With his every action under a microscope, he became half of a dynamic duo that allowed for a real-time example of racial harmony to the players and the community. The admiration for individual qualities and the authentic respect that was displayed between Coach Yoast and the man who had accepted the position of head coach were the inspiration for "Remember the Titans."

Through his awareness of the unity needed to instill the tools of teamwork in the young men he coached, Bill Yoast motivated and inspired others to incorporate understanding and acceptance into their lives. The lessons in life that Bill taught, and still teaches, have made a world of difference - and a huge difference in our world.

GMC SERVICE AWARD

Terry L. Schubert, HS 1970, through his many deeds of caring, kindness, and growth, the lessons he has imparted to each of us about service to a program in which one believes and in which one takes pride, have been beyond measure. His actions have unceasingly spoken, and continue to plainly speak, volumes about service.

A life-long resident of Milledgeville, Terry is married to Bonnie Rice Schubert (GMC HS 1974), and they are the parents of Lynde and Brandon. As the owner of Terry Schubert Construction, he is a contractor who is always lending a hand to assist the junior college football Bulldogs in any way needed. As a GMC Foundation member, Mr. Terry Lee Schubert is undoubtedly one of the most active and supportive boosters of any of the school's programs.

Mr. Schubert is a builder by trade, and he builds in many senses of the word. Not only has he constructed many essential facilities for GMC's sport programs at little or no cost, he has also helped build young men and women of character by being a role model of consistently good actions. Being a day-to-day example of unselfish service for our students to emulate has strengthened the school's mission immeasurably.

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS

Thomas L. Wyatt, JC 1999, as a junior college student at GMC, was selected as the Regimental Commander for the 120th Corps of Cadets and earned top academic honors while leading the Corps as Cadet Colonel. In the 3 years since his graduation from our school, he has actively sought leadership roles, serving as an officer in the student government association at his new university and assisting in the political campaign of a candidate from his community.

At the University of Georgia, Thomas is a member of College Republicans (Student Coordinator), Phi Kappa Literary Society, Student Government Association (Internal Affairs Committee), and Advocating Safe Alternative for Peers. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity work efforts, Red Cross blood drives, Veteran's Day activities, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and March of Dimes.

Mr. Wyatt has strengthened his leadership skills with each new challenge he has accepted and, in ever-widening circles, is known as a very intelligent young man of reliability, dependability, and capability. Sustaining excellence in his academics, Thomas continues to succeed in every endeavor, and we are sure we will be hearing about him for many decades to come.

HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

Robert B. Wise has served Georgia Military College and the Georgia Military College Foundation, Inc. with distinction. He was an Advisory Board member from 1992-1993, and became an officer on the Board in 1993. He has served on the Executive Committee as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee since May 1993. As a Trustee, he has stewarded GMC's assets faithfully and well.

Mr. Wise has seen GMC through very tough financial straits; and even when GMC seemed perched on the edge of bankruptcy, his belief in the fundamentals and mission of the school never wavered. As the Chairman and CEO of Century Bank and Trust, and of the bank's parent company, Century Bancorp, Inc., the moral and financial support that Bob extends to the school has been, and is, invaluable.

Making their home in Milledgeville, he is married to Ann Smith Wise, and he is the father of daughters Kathy Segrest, Becky Roberson, and Debbie Cox. Bob Wise possesses the strength of character, determination of spirit, and the trustworthiness of the candid soul that we would hope all of our alumni would possess. Bob is the benchmark of the greatness in GMC alumni.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Shannon New, HS 1975 & JC 1976, as an untiring advocate for those whom society has too long shut away, brings activity, competition, exercise, therapy, and fun to her clients and friends. Working with families, coworkers, and athletes of all mental and physical abilities, Shannon has made the Special Olympics just one of the many vehicles she uses to bring the mentally challenged into the mainstream of our diverse community.

Her enjoyment in seeing the sense of accomplishment in those she mentors is contagious. She sees the abilities in everyone, and it is through this vision from the core of her huge heart that everyone begins to believe and see them too.

Shannon is employed at Central State Hospital in Milledgeville. Through numerous licensing agencies, she is certified to coach and to conduct sports training; but her true authentication is her undeniable manifestation of character, for there is no measure or test capable of quantifying (or qualifying) her dedication and devotion. When someone betters his or her community through volunteerism, it is noteworthy.

When someone betters his or her community through professional activities, it is also noteworthy. However, when someone betters their community by leaps and bounds through both their volunteerism and their professional activities, that person goes beyond noteworthy and becomes extraordinarily consequential. Shannon New is just such a person.



Terry Schubert

Bill Yoast

Shannon New

Shelby Highsmith

(not pictured: Bob Wise and Thomas Wyatt)

The recipients of the Georgia Military College Alumni Awards were recognized at the annual Alumni Awards Ceremony, which took place on Saturday, October 25th, during Alumni Weekend. The following recipients were honored:

The Honorable Shelby I. Highsmith, Distinguished Alumnus Award; Mr. William R. Yoast, Alumni Achievement Award; Mr. Terry Schubert, GMC Service Award; Mr. Thomas L. Wyatt, Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award; Mr. Robert B. Wise, Honorary Alumnus Award; and Mrs. Shannon New, Community Service Award.

We are proud of each of our alumni and are particularly honored to be able to present the recipients of the 2002 Alumni Awards. These six extraordinary people, selected from among a record number of nominations for the 2002 awards, are representative of the fine character and countless acts of excellence displayed by the alumni and friends of Georgia Military College.

It is not possible to list all that these recipients have done, or their many accomplishments and good deeds, but we hope that the following brief biographies will provide you with an idea of why they were selected for special recognition this year.

Upward Mobility: Sergeant Melvin M. Denson

By: Mr. Shannon N. Gilstrap • Assistant Professor of English • Georgia Military College, Union City Campus

I asked Sgt. Melvin M. Denson of the Atlanta Police Department (APD) what he thought about graduating Magna Cum Laude from Georgia Military College in January of 2002. He replied, matter-of-factly, "There's nowhere to go but up from this point." This confidence in upward mobility seems to have governed Sgt. Denson's attitude toward life for quite some time now.

Born in Fulton County, Georgia, Mr. Denson had the opportunity to attend college early in life; however, he says, "I didn't capitalize on it right out of high school." Instead, Sgt. Denson began a 22-year career with the APD. Police work afforded its own opportunities for education, and Sgt. Denson began by learning the basics of policing. He learned how to interact with the public, how to solve crimes, and how to prepare cases for prosecution. Denson says, "I worked some very big cases, some of which were for commanders at a very high level. But, as I continued in my career, it became evident to me that, in order to succeed, I had to strive for an education up and above a high school level." This, however, would not be an easy climb. Since joining the APD, Mr. Denson had married and fathered two children. He had also been assigned to oversee the Police Academy, a training center that all Atlanta Police Department recruits must attend and graduate before officially being declared police officers.

There was, however, something that was quite literally hanging in the air at the Atlanta Police Academy, prodding Sgt. Denson's upward drive.

"We have a motto which is posted on a banner in the main lobby and in many of the classrooms at the Academy," explains Sgt. Denson. "It is Training Towards Excellence. We tell our recruits that their training is never over, and I guess I realized what that meant for me as a professional as well as a citizen."

At the time that these thoughts were in Sgt. Denson's mind, Georgia Military College was in the second year of an educational outreach program for the APD.



Sgt. Melvin M. Denson, JC2002
GMC - Union City

"The program," says Denson, "was convenient and was structured for officers who were working, raising a family, and attending college. My decision to attend college was made very easy by GMC being in my department and actually at my worksite." This step up into college life was made even easier when Sgt. Denson received the Academy Scholarship, an award given to one APD employee or officer each year.

As he was working on his degree, "The school never forgot me or my fellow officers." Sgt. Denson remembers, "On the day of September 11, 2001, the day that changed the nation, the APD went on 12 hour shifts, making it impossible for me or any of the other students to attend class. The school never forgot the fact that we were officers as well as students. They accommodated me and the other employees and officers by shifting the program to direct studies, helping me complete my degree." Sgt. Denson pauses a moment and then declares, "There's no other school that would do that on a moment's notice, without any preparation."

Attending GMC allowed Sgt. Denson to

capitalize on those previous learning experiences he obtained early in his law enforcement career. He furthered his skills in appropriately preparing paperwork within the department, compiling data, completing research, and putting professional projects together for presentation to his superiors. "I believe," Sgt. Denson states, "that my present commander has commented on the improvement in the quality of my work. She notices the difference." Apparently, so does his family. Since graduating, Sgt. Denson says, the bond between himself and his family has grown stronger. "My daughter and I were completing similar course work while I was attending college. We actually sat down together and worked on subjects such as Algebra and Political Science together. This fostered a bond between us that continues to this day."

Sgt. Denson is not the only one reaping the rewards of his successes. He humbly appreciates and accepts the fact that he is inspiring others to have the same sort of upward drive. "My son," he states, "wanted my Phi Beta Kappa key after the graduation ceremony. He keeps the key on one wall in his room as a symbol of a goal he wants to shoot for." In addition, Sgt. Denson is the first person in his immediate family to graduate from college. "I have two brothers who have attended college," he explains, "but I am the first to finish a degree. I am the number five child out of seven. Everyone in my family looks up to me because of my accomplishment. This degree puts me in the position of a role model for my nieces and nephews. It serves as a testament to them and to me that it is never too late to begin something."

Sgt. Denson, true to form, hasn't quit thinking about higher education. He plans on attending a four-year college to continue his degree in Criminal Justice. "I want to become a professional student for the rest of my life," he states, laughingly. Far be it from anyone to get in his way.



Rosemary Hooper, JC2002
GMC - Union City

By: Mr. Shannon N. Gilstrap • Assistant Professor of English • Georgia Military College, Union City Campus

DETERMINATION: Rosemary Hooper

Rosemary Hooper, a Summer 2002 graduate of Georgia Military College, recalls the day she decided to enroll in college. She says, "I can remember Jim Price, the director of the Union City Distant Learning Center, speaking to a group of us and saying, 'You're never too old. Give it a shot and give it a try.' I figured I could handle that."

And why not? Rosemary definitely feels she can handle most anything. She moved to Georgia from Winchester, Massachusetts, in 1972, eventually settling in Peachtree City. She raised two sons (both graduates of the University of Georgia) and one daughter (a graduate of Georgia Southern) and watched her family grow with the addition of five grandchildren. She established herself as a paraprofessional at Oakgrove Elementary School in Peachtree City, and relaxed in the solidity of her life.

Life, however, has a way of throwing curve balls, and a family incident fractured some of the certainty that Rosemary worked hard to build. "I had just gone through a divorce," she said, "when Jim Price came to the school and spoke to the paraprofessionals about the Promise II scholarship. The news came at just the right time. I was 52 years old and divorced, but I could still cut my own grass and I knew I could do the work." Rosemary enrolled at GMC soon after and began working toward her AS in Education.

"I stuck with Georgia Military College," Ms. Hooper says, "mainly because of the personal concern and care that they give each student. The faculty and staff know people by name. Dean Condon and several of the advisors were very concerned about me and how I was doing. They all made it a point to ensure I was taking the right classes at the right time. It was nice to be a person again and not just a number."

Rosemary's confidence continued to build and she finished her two year degree in Education in only a year and a half. "The school had confidence in me," Rosemary says, "and that made me have confidence in myself."

Rosemary looks forward to her graduation. She will walk across the stage and graduate Cum Laude in front of family and friends. "My family," she reflects, "was one hundred percent supportive of my decision to go to college. They're so proud of me. My entire family will be there when I walk in January. This is something because my son is currently stationed in England with the US Air Force." She admits that her family gets a bit of inspiration from her recent graduation. Her children, even though they have already graduated from college, reap the following lesson from their mother's accomplishment: "You have to use your brain. The more you use it, the more you learn every day."

Perhaps the largest source of satisfaction for Rosemary Hooper came when PAGE - the Professional Association of Georgia Educators - recently sent a memo to all paraprofessionals in Georgia. "It stated," Ms. Hooper recalls, "that all Title I paraprofessionals were required to have an associate degree. If a paraprofessional didn't have an associate degree, they had to pay for and take an equivalency exam." Ms. Hooper pauses for a moment and then comfortably concludes, "I beat them to the punch, though. I could smile, sit back, and relax."

Congratulations, Ms. Hooper. You earned it.



Graduates from the Valdosta campus anxiously await their commencement ceremony.

THE GMC JUNIOR COLLEGE RIFLE TEAM

posted their top score at the final regular season South Eastern Air Rifle Conference match. The GMC Bulldogs were lead by impressive scores by both Sophomore Cadet Keef and Freshman Cadet Winn.

Competition included, Austin Peay (non-conference opponent), Birmingham Southern, Georgia Military College, Georgia Tech, Mercer University, North Carolina State, North Georgia, and Wofford University.

The team was lead by Cadet Keef, shooting a 350, followed by Cadets Winn and Clark, both posting 329, and finishing strong was cadet Griffin with a 327. These four athletes put together their strongest finish of the season with a team score of 1335, high enough to keep the GMC Bulldogs in the middle of the pack. This is an enormous feat due to the fact that the team has been without a shooting facility for the last three months and has been practicing at the National Guard Armory. Three of the four GMC shooters are currently enrolled with the school's Early Commissioning Program.



(back) MSG Crawford, Cadet Descoteaux, Cadet Griffin, Cadet Winn, (front) Cadet Keef, Cadet Clark

Renate Milner: German-born war historian's life began at GMC

Born in Germany, and internationally known for her research about WWII POWs, Renate Milner candidly says her life began at Georgia Military College. Milner came to the United States in 1991 with her husband, Tom Milner (whom she met while he was stationed in her German town) when he retired from the military to return "home" to South Georgia. Originally from Quitman, Georgia, Tom decided to pursue a master's degree from Valdosta State University, and also began teaching mathematics at Georgia Military College's Valdosta campus. At the time, Renate admits her English was pretty horrible,

and Tom encouraged her to take an English class in hopes that she would become more comfortable with the language of her new home. Very self-conscious about her language skills, Renate reluctantly enrolled at GMC-Valdosta for just one English class. She received an A. Milner said she was so proud, and she thought that if she could do so well in English, that certainly she could handle other classes. And that she did. She graduated from GMC in 1998 and, thanks to her GMC history professor, Dr. Chris Meyer, had developed a keen interest in history. She admired Dr. Meyer so much, she decided she wanted to "do what he did," and enrolled at Valdosta State University where she earned a bachelor's and master's degree. While at VSU, she was recognized for having the highest GPA in the history department. During her studies, she began an internship with the Lowndes County Historical Society and Museum. The historian learned that Milner was German, and shared with her that Moody Field had been a prison camp for German Prisoners of War during World War II. And so, in 1998, Milner's life's work began. She set out to research this era of

local history, which had become near and dear to her German-born heart, and by using newspaper reports, oral histories, and miniscule clues in military archives, she compiled her research about these little-known men. Of the 700 prison camps in the United States, 466 were in the South, and the 40 in Georgia held 11,800 prisoners. Through her interviews with local people who lived through WWII in the area, Renate learned that the Germans were known for their labor skills and hard work. With most of America's young men overseas, the POWs helped overcome a labor shortage by harvesting crops and doing other physical labor for 80 cents a day. News of her latest research and her website (www.germanpow.com) was picked up by the Associated Press in May 2002 and was published across the United States and internationally. Renate Milner's life has now come full-circle: she is the Lowndes County Museum Director by day, and by night, an adjunct history and German professor at Georgia Military College, the very institution where she candidly says her life began. She and her husband remain in Valdosta with their children, Tom Paul, age 15, and Elizabeth, age 12.



Kaila Jaworski (R) was named Milledgeville's Junior Miss and Katie Rackley (L) was named Baldwin County's Junior Miss during the scholarship program held November 2, 2002. Jaworski is a junior at GMC high school and is the daughter of Bob and Kelly Jaworski. Rackley, also a junior at GMC high school, is the daughter of Terry and Patricia Rackley. During the program, Jaworski also won the Scholastic Achievement Award and the Talent Award, while Rackley won the Be Your Best Self Essay contest and the Fitness Award. Contestants were judged on scholastics, achievement, interview skills, talent, physical fitness and poise. Kaila and Katie will represent Milledgeville and Baldwin County in the state Junior Miss Scholarship Program in July.

The Bruce Prosser Award was presented to Georgia Military College in sincere appreciation for the school's years of service, support and dedication to the Baldwin County Special Olympics. Pam Grant (L), GMC High School Faculty, accepted the award from Shannon New (R), HS1975 & JC1976. Grant organizes the high school participation in the program, and New is the organizer of the event through Central State Hospital.



Stacie Goggans, GMC Middle School Physical Education teacher, organized the largest-ever group of runners to participate in the 7th Annual Will Robinson Memorial Race. More than 150 GMC students, parents and staff ran in the 5K race, held to honor the memory of Baldwin County Sheriff Deputy Will Robinson, HS1987, who lost his life in the line of duty in 1995. Proceeds from the race benefit the Baldwin County D.A.R.E. Program, Baldwin County foster care programs, and the Will Robinson Scholarship Fund at GMC middle and high school. The event is organized each year by Mrs. Lauren (Benson) Deen, HS1985, and Sheriff Bill Massee, HS1967.



The Old Capitol Guard Drill Team of Georgia Military College recently participated in the 21st Annual Auburn University Invitational Drill Meet. GMC's junior college drill team earned first place in Platoon Exhibition and first place in Squad Exhibition, defeating drill teams from such schools as Auburn, Georgia Tech, West Point, Morehouse, Tulane, University of South Carolina, and North Georgia. SSG Jonathan Andrews, Drill Team Coach (L), Cadet CPT Jonathan Sellers, Drill Team Commander (C), are shown with MG Peter J. Boylan (R), President of Georgia Military College.

IN SEARCH OF ALL GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE ALUMNI

Have you ever tried to get in touch with an old classmate, but not known where to start? Soon an impressive directory of our alumni will be available to help you locate all your friends.

The 125th Anniversary Edition Georgia Military College Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in April 2004, will be the most up-to-date and complete reference of over 9,500 Georgia Military College alumni ever compiled. This comprehensive volume will include name, address, phone number, email address, academic data, plus business information bound into a classic, library-quality edition.

The Alumni Relations office has contracted the prestigious Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to produce our directory. This July, Harris will begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus.

Please be sure to fill it out and return it.

The new Georgia Military College Alumni Directory will soon make finding an old friend as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on the project in future issues.



MAJ Nancy Kennedy (R) was honored February 12, 2003, (Georgia Day) at the capitol with Senate Resolution 125 (sponsored by Senator Faye Smith), and House Resolution 153 (sponsored by Representatives Sistie Hudson and Bobby Parham, HS1959 & JC1960), for three decades of teaching. Representative Sistie Hudson (L) read the House Resolution immediately following the GMC's annual Georgia Day Proclamation Ceremony. Kennedy will retire at the end of this school year.

Dr. Paula Payne, PhD, was the first recipient of the Moore Family Fund for Teacher Enrichment at Georgia Military College. Payne was selected for the award by her peers in recognition of her leadership in establishing the college's writing center and serving as chair of the Humanities Department. The fund was established by Jere Moore, Jr., HS1949 & JC1951, Powell Moore, HS1955 & JC1957, and Floride Moore Gardner. The purpose of the fund is to honor the legacy of Jeremiah N. Moore, Robert Boling Moore and Jere N. Moore, who dedicated their lives to the betterment of Milledgeville.



GMC junior college faculty, cadets, and civilian students collected more than 2,000 cans of food for the Chard Wray, HS1984, Food Bank at St. Stephen's Church in Milledgeville.



Georgia Military College cadets recently visited Southside Elementary School to conduct a flag-raising ceremony for the students. The event was organized by GMC's branch of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, which is the largest service-based fraternity in the nation. Under the leadership of Cadet Captain Trey Dressler, the GMC branch of Alpha Phi Omega is planning future community service projects. The fraternity is open to all junior college students who would like to make a difference in their community.



Elizabeth Hines
Vice President for
Alumni & Development

GMC RECEIVES FIRST \$1,000,000 DONATION

It is my great pleasure to announce that Georgia Military College has received its first million-dollar contribution. This unprecedented gift, in the form of an unrestricted, irrevocable, charitable remainder trust, is from a loyal alumnus and his wife. The family has requested that the gift be given anonymously, and we respect their wish. *This is the largest gift by an individual in the 124-year history of this historic institution.* We are grateful for, and honored by, their extraordinary generosity and anticipate that others will follow their lead. We ask that you, also, consider adding GMC to your estate plans.

Seeking greater security for their future in these very uncertain times by furthering their education, more individuals are applying to GMC. We believe we must do everything in our power to provide the means for our students to realize their educational ambitions. We experienced a 21% increase in enrollment for Fall Quarter 2002 over the same period last year. We must neither turn students away for lack of space, nor attempt to teach them in cramped, make-shift spaces for any but the most brief of periods. To do either would be unworthy of the basic beliefs and ideals of education to which we have been dedicated for the past 124 years. We need your help to accomplish this.

Last year was a difficult year for non-profits and their donors. The stock market has been in decline since 1999, and the economy continues to suffer. Yet, with conditions such as this, our loyal donors have continued their support of this fine school. We experienced a 116% increase in the dollar amount of contributions, with an increase in the average gift of 158%. These figures are phenomenal, especially in the face of a 20% decline in the number of donors.

We still remain well below the average percentage for alumni giving. It is so important to provide support to the fine young men and women currently enrolled in school here. It is the generosity of our donors that makes the difference between our ability to provide needed programs and services and our ability to provide excellent programs and services. You are the one who can make it happen. Please fill out the enclosed envelope and send your contribution today. Our students thank you in advance for your generosity.

This will be my last issue of The Cadence as, after nine years at GMC, I have taken a position elsewhere. It has been a pleasure working with all of you, and I know you will continue your strong support of this wonderful school.

"Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will."

George Bernard Shaw

The cost of printing and mailing each issue of The Cadence to our alumni and friends is more than \$13,200.



FINALLY! BASEBALL AT GMC IS A REALITY!!!



(L) This is Bonner Park, where the GMC baseball teams have played for many years... **No more!** Two new fields, one of which is shown below, will enable our young men and women to finally have a place to call "home" and will allow us to truly have the *home field advantage* as we host other teams from schools and counties around the state and country in our interscholastic and championship play.

With your thoughtful and generous help, we will have a complex that is worthy of both Georgia Military College and of our players.

Your donation will make a difference!

HIT A

Single: \$75; Double: \$100; Triple: \$250

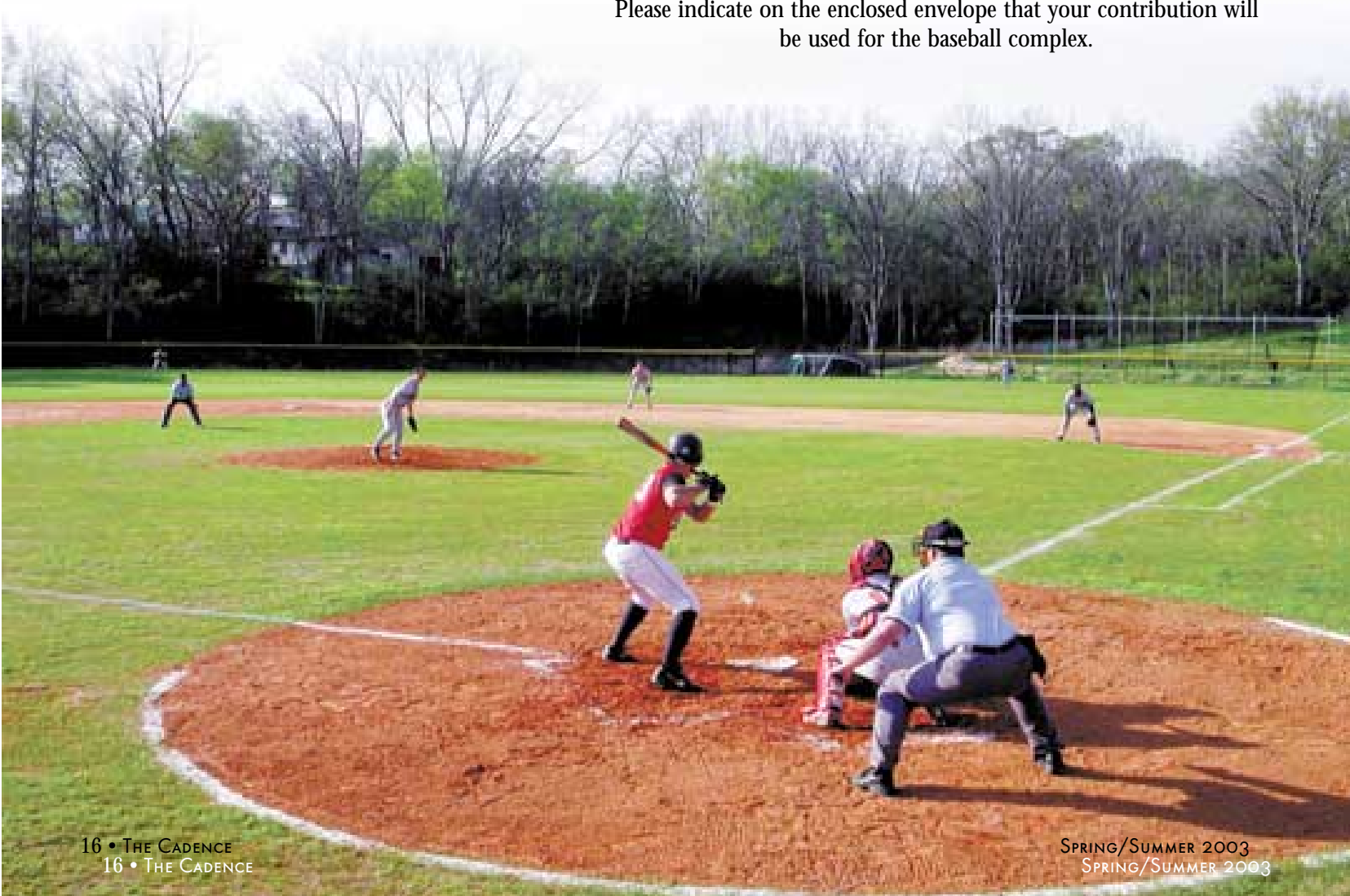
HOME RUN: \$1,000

DIAMOND: \$2,500

Home runs and diamonds may be paid over four years.

Please indicate on the enclosed envelope that your contribution will be used for the baseball complex.

Dedication of the new CRAIG FIELD took place April 17, 2003. The field is named for the Chairman of the GMC Foundation, Bill Craig, HS 1971. Located on 29 acres at a bend in the Oconee River, the baseball and softball complex will feature two fields, team locker rooms, dug-outs, stands for over 300 people, a lighted scoreboard, lights for night games, a comprehensive sprinkler watering system and a concession stand.



GMC HEAD FOOTBALL COACH BERT WILLIAMS NAMED 2002 SCHUTT SPORTS COACH OF THE YEAR



In January 2003, American Football Monthly magazine announced the winners of the annual 2002 Schutt Sports Coach of the Year awards. The Schutt Sports Coach of the Year award honors extraordinary achievement both on and off the field. It rewards not only excellence, but also character. It symbolizes everything that makes men into winners and winners into champions. GMC's Bert Williams was named the Junior College winner. In just his second year at the helm, Bert Williams, who is both athletic director and head football coach, guided the Georgia Military College football squad to a 10-0 overall regular season record and a No. 1 ranking after capturing the NJCAA national championship in 2001. He had served previously as the offensive coordinator and assistant head coach at GMC.

Schutt Sports is a privately owned group of companies dedicated to providing innovative protective equipment and services that enhance the performance and enjoyment of team sports.



(back) Andre Hall, Brian Staley, DeAdrian Coley, Ricky Grant, (front) Charles Silas, Clay Crisp.

In 2002, seven GMC junior college football players were named All-Americans by the NJCAA.

O F F E N S E

- Andre Hall** FIRST TEAM
- Joe Fowler** SECOND TEAM
- Clay Crisp** HONORABLE MENTION

D E F E N S E

- Brian Staley** FIRST TEAM
- DeAdrian Coley** SECOND TEAM
- Charles Silas** HONORABLE MENTION
- Ricky Grant** HONORABLE MENTION

2002 Season Results

GMC	vs	Dixie College	35-19	W
GMC	vs	Blinn College	29-9	W
GMC	vs	Navarro College	24-19	W
GMC	vs	Air Force Acad. JV	35-6	W
GMC	vs	Valdosta St. JV	49-0	W
GMC	vs	Uni. of AL JV	33-10	W
GMC	vs	Nassau CC	14-7	W
GMC	vs	Uni. of GA JV	Cancelled	
GMC	vs	W. GA JV	48-0	W
GMC	vs	Troy St. JV	35-6	W
GMC	vs	Valdosta St. JV	52-0	W

Golden Isles Bowl

GMC	vs	Joliet JC	24-14	L
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Help us find these classmates who will celebrate their 25th and 50th reunions in 2003. If you have an address or phone number of anyone listed below, please provide that information to the Alumni Office at (478) 445-2695.

HS 1953

Mr. Henry Quinn Bell
Mr. Andrew O. Casanas
Mr. Frank K. Curry
Mr. Thomas H. Ennis
Mr. Carl A. Garner
Ms. Blaine S. Hollimon
Mr. Robert Cecil Jones
Mr. Robert W. Moody
Mr. John W. Rogers
Mr. George E. Sanders

JC 1953

Mr. John Meticus Adams
Mr. Nick Armeda
Mr. Carl Wingate Deariso
Mr. William A. Gibson
Mr. Stan Johnson
Mr. Jack H. Parson
Mr. Edwin R. Russell
Mr. Donald Sims
Mr. William Terry
Mr. Sam Warren

HS 1978

Mr. George Martin Brillenbourg
Mr. Richard Wyatt Durden
Ms. Kim Headley
Ms. Sarah M. Kates
Mr. John P. Lyon
Ms. Tracey Stevenson

JC 1978

Mr. Carl D. Alpin
Mr. James E. Ashby
Ms. Eleanor Jean Austin
Mr. Richard L. Ballew
Mr. Charlie William Barksdale
Ms. Mary Francis Baryla
Mr. Marvin E. Bates
Mr. Ronald D. Baxter
Mr. Gerald L. Bell
Mr. William W. Biddle
Mr. Warren Bivins
Ms. Virginia Moore Bowers
Mr. Willie J. Brezjal
Ms. Annie Pearl Brooks
Mr. Patrick Anthony Calhoun
Mr. Robert A. Campbell
Mr. Ray Carr
Mr. Ronnie Castleberry
Mr. Ricky Chase
Mr. Paul Christie
Ms. Barbara H. Collins
Mr. Edmund F. Cook
Mr. Patrick E. Corrigan
Mr. Billy G. Cox
Mr. Michael Alan Criss
Ms. Florella Grace Crouch
Mr. Ruben Cruz
Mr. Bennie Cullens
Mr. Edgar Lee Davis Jr.
Mr. Christopher Davis
Ms. Lillian Jean Deal
Mr. Dwayne Ray Dickson
Mr. Jewel Dorsey
Ms. Annie D. Douglas
Ms. Sara Rebecca Eaton
Mr. Clyde Ellison Jr.
Mr. Michael Ray Etheridge

Mr. Steven Gary Evans
Mr. Don Steve Fallin
Mr. Micheal Lee Fields Sr.
Mr. Richard C. Fitzpatrick
Mr. Carnell Flourney
Mr. John D. Franklin
Mr. Ronald Gary Fuller
Mr. Randy S. Glasscock
Mr. James R. Gogges
Mr. Andre Gonzales Jr.
Ms. Glenda Ann Grace
Mr. John R. Grimsel
Mr. Jerry Mack Harris
Mr. Homer Randall Harris
Mr. Bobby D. Harville
Mr. Thomas E. Henderson
Mr. Arthur Hessler
CPT Earl Eugene Hooper
Ms. Yolanda M. Ikner
Mr. Wolney T. Jackson
Ms. Donna Colbert Johnson
CPT Robert T. Jones
Mr. Robbie Joe Jones
Mr. Raymond F. Keasler
Mr. James Herschel Killings
Mr. Leiner Krondorff
Mr. Carl F. LaFayette
Mr. Thomas Carlyle Landon
Mr. Luther E. Lash Jr.
Mr. John A. Lauhoff
Mr. Eric P. Leger
Mr. Russell W. Mace Jr.
Mr. Raymond Marcantel
Mr. Calvin D. May
Mr. Orville Douglas McDaniel
Mr. David G. McKinney
Mr. William Floyd McMillan

Mr. Robert Stanley Miller Jr.
Mr. James D. Morgan
MSGT Jack E. Murphy
Mr. Daryll Leonard Neal
Mr. Harry E. Noel Jr.
Mr. Michael L. Pease
Mr. Ernesto D. Peralto
Mr. Noel H. Pheiffer Jr.
Mr. Stephen W. Pleu
Mr. Ronald Nathan Price
Mr. Pablo C. Rabanal
CPT George D. Ray
Mr. John H. Reser
Mr. Randall F. Rogers
Mr. Wesley J. Schofield
Mr. Ron K. Schreck
Mr. Gerard F. Shaw
Mr. James K. Shrum
Mr. Sterling F. Singleton Jr.
Mr. James R. Skinner
Mr. Marlin B. Smith
Mr. Chester Earl Spurlock
Mr. Valmer C. Stigers Jr.
Mr. Bernard A. Sweigart
Mr. Lonnie Loyd Talbott
Mr. Harwell Pat Taylor
Ms. Deborah K. Texier
Mr. Ronald J. Thomas
Mr. Carl N. Turner
Mr. James F. Tyson
Mr. Michael Warren
Ms. Virginia Frances Weaver
Mr. Robert Williams
Mr. Jackie Wilson
Mr. Clarence F. Wolverton
Mr. Sylvester Rogers Wright Jr.
Mr. Michael D. Zeigler

1930's



Lonnie E. Martin, HS1934, was named July member of the month of the Montgomery Retired Officer's Association. He has been an inspiration to others. He still plays golf whenever he likes and still flies an airplane (see picture). Lonnie is 90-years old. He has a life long history of doing remarkable things. He grew up in Milledgeville, GA, where he rode a pony to school. After graduating from GMC, he went on to graduate from University of Georgia with a major in journalism. He went on active duty with the Army with the war in Europe and applied for flight school. His application was denied because he was married, and later, after the rules had changed, because he was six months too old. During his time in the military, Lonnie served as an infantry officer providing support for airborne training at Fort Benning, GA, where he also became their weather officer. He then became the squadron commander of a support group in Jackson, MS; and there he later received orders to sail from San Francisco to Australia, where he was involved in repairing aircraft. After three years in the Pacific, he was offered a regular commission in the Air Corps, and later an assignment in G1 (personnel) led him to the Pentagon. In 1953, he became the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel for the 3rd Air Force and was based in London. In total Lonnie worked ten and one half years at the Pentagon and seven and a half years at Maxwell as Deputy Chief for Personnel. In 1950 while in D.C., he accomplished something that he had tried to do 10 years earlier. He learned to fly with a private school and earned a commercial license in addition to his pilot's license. He started the Aero Club at Maxwell, was the Chief Pilot for several years, and was instrumental in procuring some of the aircraft for the club. Lonnie retired in September 1964. He says that his best military assignment was when he was in personnel planning at the Pentagon and used to go over to testify before Congress. As a young man, Lonnie had driven for one of the congressmen when he came home to Lonnie's hometown. After his military retirement, Lonnie became the director of a statewide real estate association and worked with that organization for 14 years. COL Martin saw and did things that he could never imagine when he was riding that pony to school in rural Georgia. He resides in Montgomery, AL.

Roy Hendrickson, HS1934, celebrated his 86th birthday, November 23, 2002, with family during Thanksgiving weekend.

1940's

James M. Teresi, Jr., HS1941, retired from the Aerospace Corporation, El Segundo, CA, in December 1989, after 26 years of service. He resides in Deerfield Beach, FL.

1950's

Ora Eugene "Gene" Tate, HS1951 & JC1955, is still singing with the Orlando Opera Company, and still doing modeling and commercials. He is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and resides in Winter Park, FL.

Jesse Wall, HS1955, and his wife, Chris, celebrated their 25th anniversary on May 22, 2002. They have one child, **Ed Wall, HS1981**, who is married to **Emily Ferguson Wall, HS1984**.

J. Thomas Bridges, JC1959, was elected to serve as Chair of the Industry Advisory Board for the Center for Integrated Pest Management (CIPM). The center is a National Science Foundation sponsored Industry/University Cooperative Research Center within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University. It is composed of faculty members from all academic departments in the college and involves all relevant disciplines impacting on IPM. The CIPM also involves scientists from other universities across the nation through grants, contracts, or other formal working relationships. Tom is the representative for Syngenta Crop Protection of Greensboro, NC, to the CIPM.

1960's

Charles W. Price, HS1961, and his wife, Judy, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 14, 2002. Charles is a consultant with US Foods. They have two daughters, Pamela Price Dodd and Suzanne Price Buttram, and two grandchildren, Charles Jackson Dodd and Sarah Meghan Pittman. Charles and Judy reside in Milledgeville, GA.

Eugene "Gene" M. Salet, JC1967, retired October 1, 2001, from First Union National Bank after 30-years of service. He has been married to the former Francis "Joy" House for 33-years. Gene and his wife reside in Augusta, GA.

Charles Wilcher, HS1969, organized a reunion on Thursday, November 14th, for the Georgia Military College Band Company alumni with graduation years of 1966-1970. They gathered at the Milledgeville Country Club and enjoyed fellowship, dinner, and discussed their days at Georgia Military College high school & junior college as former band members.



Sitting (L to R): **John Griffin, HS1966 & JC1968**, Milledgeville, GA; **MAJ James Farrow, Former GMC Band Director**. Standing (L to R): **Fred Giles, HS1968**, Milledgeville, GA; **Tim Milner, HS1966 & JC1968**, Canon, GA; **Bob Edes, HS1966 & JC1968**, Milton, FL; **Charles Wilcher, HS1969**, Milledgeville, GA; and **Karl Hieber, HS1968 & JC1970**, Eatonton, GA

Jack Crocker, JC1968, retired from the Savannah Police Department at the beginning of 2003. He has enjoyed working part-time for the past 11 years with Leisure Services in Savannah, coordinating the 5 & 6 and the 7 & 8 year old baseball programs.

Richard A. Massey, Jr., JC1969, is currently working for Old Dominion University serving as the Chief Financial Officer of the Foundations that support the University. He has two daughters in college and a third serving in the United States Army as an engineer officer in Hawaii. Richard and his wife, Gail, reside in Yorktown, VA.

1970's

Nona "Jenny" D. Roach, JC1972, was selected over all other national nominees to receive the prestigious VFW Outstanding Community Health Care Provider of the Year Award 2001-2002. The award was presented at the VFW & Ladies Auxiliary, National Community Service Conference held in Washington,

DC, on April 6, 2002. Jenny is married to **Len Roach, HS1971**, and they reside in Milledgeville, GA.

Edward Yancey Walker, III, HS1973, assumed command of the 59th Medical Support Group in a ceremony July 12 in the Wilford Hall Medical Center auditorium. This group is responsible for mobilizing information, technology, people and work environment to enhance wing readiness and enable work-class health-class delivery. COL Walker resides in San Antonio, TX.

Robert "Bob" K. Owens, JC1974, was recently promoted to Colonel in the United States Army. Bob is married to **Lynne Deason Owens, HS1973**, and they reside in Sharpsburg, GA.

Thomas G. Torrance, HS1974, assumed command June 27, 2002, of the 3rd Infantry Division Artillery in a change of command ceremony at Ft. Stewart. COL Torrance resides in Ft. Stewart, GA.

Monte C. Washburn, JC1975, CEO

and President of Heartland ITS recently acquired Wichita-based technology company A Little Biz. Founded in 1999, A Little Biz specializes in computer and communications applications for small businesses. The company's areas of expertise include website hosting and design and internet security and controls. Heartland ITS specializes in creating and maintaining information technologies such as websites, servers, custom applications, networking, e-commerce, infrastructure and strategic planning for business and government clientele. For more information on Heartland ITS visit www.heartlandits.com.



Jay C. Parham, JC1976, married Roberta Farrell, April 20, 2002. They reside in Lawton, OK.

Robert "Bob" W. Yingling, JC1976, retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of service at a lieutenant colonel. Currently a member of the Standing Joint Force Headquarters (SJFHQ) Prototype, he is employed with General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems and resides in Suffolk, VA, with his wife Cindy.

Julie Frazier Clayton, HS1977, recently wrote to us before her 25th class reunion that her, and her husband's, life has been full and a joy. Julie is married to **Philip B. Clayton, JC1979**, and they have three children, Anna (age 22), Lynn (age 20), and Bruce (age 18). The greatest joy for them has been raising their children and watching them become adults of integrity. Julie and her family reside in Toombsboro, GA.

Richard H. Parker, JC1978, attended the United States Army War College. He was promoted to colonel in January 2003. He currently resides in Carlisle, PA.

1980's

Mary Frances Baugh Stewart, HS1983, and her husband Jeff, announce the birth of their daughter, Macy Elizabeth, born February 20, 2002. They have two other children, Whitney and Ryan. Mary Frances is a mathematics teacher at Jones County High School. She and her family reside in Gray, GA.

Lacy Cary, HS1984, married Matt Bentley, February 16, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Milledgeville, GA. They recently celebrated their one-year anniversary. Lacy is an Audit & Compliance Officer at First National Bank of the South in Milledgeville, GA, where she and her husband reside.

Robert S. Brown, JC1984, has completed his assignment at 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry as both the S3 and Executive Officer. He has been assigned as the Aviation Brigade S3, 3rd Infantry Division (M), FSGA/HAAF. He resides in Hinesville, GA.

Mark Meadows, JC1984, a Major in the United States Army, transitions from his assignment to the 1st Battalion, 501st PIR, where he served as both the S3 and Executive Officer. He will be assigned to the Joint Readiness Center at Ft. Polk, LA.

Erin George Fulcher, HS1985, and her husband, Garry P. Fulcher, Jr., announce the birth of their son, Garry P. Fulcher, III, born May 17, 2002. Erin is employed with Cross Creek High School, and she and her family reside in Augusta, GA.

Franklin "Frank" Wyatt Baugh, HS1979, assumed the command of the 50th Civil Engineer Squadron, 50th Space Wing, Schriever Air Force Base, CO. Lieutenant Colonel Baugh also recently administered the oath to his brother, **Marvin "Marty" Turner Baugh, HS1986**, at his brother's promotion ceremony to major at the Los Angeles Air Force Base in California. They are the sons Dr. Rose Baugh Bacon (former captain, USAF) and the late **Marvin H. Baugh, HS1934**, (former lieutenant colonel, USAF). Frank is married to the former Patty Boyle of Los Gatos, CA.



Edwin Clark, JC1986, was appointed Manager of Operation for Kohler Mobile Plumbing Systems. Clark joined Kohler Company in 1997 and, most recently, served as Manager of Operations for Robern, a member of Kohler Co. family business, which specializes in high-end mirrored bath cabinetry. He has a Bachelors of Business Administration degree with a major in management from Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, GA.

Blair T. Dietrich, HS1987 & JC1989, and his wife, Kerri, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Rose, born August 10, 2002. Blair is an instructor of mathematics at Georgia College & State University and is also the director of the Milledgeville's Old Capitol Cloggers (a community clog dancing club that performs at various local and regional events). He and his wife have two other children, Evan (age7) and Meghan (age 4). Blair and his family reside in Milledgeville, GA.

Henry Hardee, HS1988, and his wife Mitzi, announce the birth of their twins, Anna Mabelle and Preston Glynn, born

November 7, 2002. Henry is employed by UBS Paine Weber and serves on the Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society, the University of Texas at Tyler Alumni Association, and the East Texas Crisis Center. He resides in Tyler, TX, with his family.

James "Jay" E. Lee, II, HS1988, and his wife, Paige, announce the birth of their son, James "Jay" E. Lee, III, born July 19, 2002. They also have daughter, Lucy (age 2). Jay and his family reside in Macon, GA, where he has his own law practice.

Paul Scott Drury, JC1988, participated in "A Ride to Remember," a bicycle ride from the World Trade Center site in New York City to the Pentagon in Arlington, VA. The ride was in honor of our fallen public safety and military brothers and sisters killed in the attack on America on September 11, 2001. The ride took place Sept. 8 - 11, 2002, and consisted of 200 riders representing law enforcement, military, fire and rescue, and health care professionals. Participants rode as a unit along the approximately 250-mile course over a four-day period, arriving at the Pentagon on Sept. 11th. He wore the GMC crest during the ride. MAJ Drury currently lives in Arlington, VA, with his

wife Karen (Sewell) and daughter Anna Elizabeth. He is assigned to INSCOM (United States Army Intelligence and Security Command), attends the Joint Military Intelligence College at the Defense Intelligence Agency, and plans to receive a master's in strategic intelligence in 2003.

1990's

Frederick J. Hughes, JC1990, was promoted to the rank of Major in April 2002 and is currently attending the Command and General Staff Officers Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He and his wife, Suzanne, announce the birth of their first child, James Julien, born February 2002. They reside in Platte City, MO.

Jodi Wommack Kent, HS1990, and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Marie, born June 18, 2002. They have one other child, Savannah (age 3). Jodi and family reside in Milledgeville, GA.

Rodney Mull, JC1990, has produced videos for missionaries in Spain, Morocco, and Honduras.

Terry O'Neill, JC1990, has been transferred to Taegu, Korea, where he will be a prosecutor for the Army. Terry is a Captain in the United States Army.

Otto Arlin Brown, JC1991, was named Teacher of the Year for Creekside Elementary and nominated for Baldwin County Teacher of the Year for the 2002 - 2003 school year. Brown is a special education teacher for fourth and fifth-grade students at Creekside Elementary School. He and his wife, Brenda, reside in Milledgeville, GA, with their two children, Joshua, age 9, and Caleb, age 6.

Julia Caldwell Baugh, HS1991, and her husband **Marvin "Marty" Turner Baugh, HS1986**, announce the birth of their third son, Caeden Daniel, born April 29, 2002. They have two other sons, Connor (age 6) and Cameron (age 4). Marty was promoted to Major, USAF May 31, 2002. The Baughs reside in Fallon, IL.

Patt Crockett, JC1996

Whoever said fantasy didn't have a vitally important role in shaping reality, hasn't spent a day with Mrs. Patt Crockett's second grade class. Influenced by a lifelong dream of what a teacher should be, and armed with a zoo full of puppets and a bank of creativity, Patt Crockett ensures every day that her students believe that they can fly.

Crockett's desire to become a teacher started in a makeshift classroom in the corner of her childhood bedroom with brothers and sisters as her first pupils. Throughout the years in elementary and high school, she says she had an image in her mind of a model teacher, one who would make her feel as if she could accomplish anything, as if she could fly. As an adult she was driven to become that model teacher. However, the road to obtaining her teaching certificate was littered with speed bumps. Her daughter was diagnosed with a rare form of Leukemia and needed a bone marrow transplant from an unrelated donor. Obviously, her daughter's health became her priority. Fortunately her daughter did have a successful transplant and recovered - and Patt was able to return to college. She worked during the day as a substitute teacher and took night classes at Georgia Military College's Valdosta campus. And after 20 years of a full schedule and a lot of hard work, she finally realized her dream of becoming a certified teacher.

Patt Crockett has named her philosophy of teaching, "The Peter Pan Principle." Declaring Peter Pan her mentor, she strives to inject into each child's mind the belief that he or she can fly! Sadly, Patt wasn't aware that she could fly until she was in her forties. Mrs. Cathy Holden, a Lowndes High teacher who taught history at Georgia Military College in the evenings, gave Crockett her first "flying lesson." Crockett said Mrs. Holden's style of teaching made her feel invincible, and her life was forever changed; she could fly.

Crockett admits that she will do anything to inspire a child to learn, and it has been said that she puts on a regular "dog and pony show" every day in her classroom. Students learn to regroup in "Crockettdile Land," a fantasyland where anything is possible. Puppets join the mix and role-play - teaching students songs, rhymes, dances, and games to make reading, writing, and mathematics fun. Patt says she is overwhelmed with emotion when she realizes that her "ridiculous" antics are the key that opened the door to learning for even one at-risk student, and the child realizes the ability to fly.

Crockett also wants her students to see that even the smallest individual effort can make a large difference in someone's life. At the start of each new year, she sets aside one or two dollars a day to be used as behavior bucks. The class earns a dollar a day, two dollars a day when behavior is exceptional, as a reward for exemplary behavior. Her class voted to give the money to the Ronald McDonald House, which uses it to provide food and housing for families with a child in a medical crisis. In addition, over the past two years, under Crockett's direction, the entire student body has collected over one and a half million can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

A certified teacher for only five years, Patt Crockett was honored with the 2001-2002 Teacher of the Year at Dewar Elementary School. Peter Pan would be proud.



This letter was sent by Dr. James S. Johnson, Ph.D., father of **Aaron J. Johnson, JC1999**:

Dear Elizabeth [Hines, GMC VP for Alumni & Development],

Please allow me to introduce myself to you. I am Dr. James S. Johnson Ph.D., father of Capt. Aaron J. Johnson, GMC class of 1998-99. The reason I am writing is to tell you what Aaron has accomplished since being commissioned and graduating from GMC. He came back to San Antonio, Texas, to complete his last two years of college (at Southwest Texas State University in nearby San Marcos, Texas) and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice while simultaneously, as a 2LT, served in the Texas National Guard in a Military Police Unit here in San Antonio. A few days after graduation, he was ordered to active duty and was sent to OBC to be trained as an Ordinance Officer at the Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, Maryland. While at OBC, he was promoted to 1LT. Upon successful completion of OBC, he was ordered to Ft. Bragg, NC, where he was an Ordinance Shop Officer for the 82nd Air Borne Division. He was promoted to Captain and moved to a Headquarters Support Unit which was recently deployed (December 5th) to take part in Operation Enduring Freedom. He is now with the HHC 46th CSG at Camp Stronghold Freedom in Uzbekistan. He can be reached by e-mail: aaron.j.johnson@us.army.mil.

As alumni of a school deep in rich, proud tradition, I am sure you and others are interested in hearing about successful graduates of GMC who are now serving our country in the fight against terrorism around the world. God bless you and your work with GMC. Please keep your thoughts and prayers with our GMC graduates as well as all our men and women in uniform around the world.

Dr. James S. Johnson



Cathy J. Carman, JC1991, was promoted to Captain at Gemini Bail Bonds & Investigations, and resides in Apopka, FL.

Leigh Ann Davis, HS1991, married Tommy Howell, June 22, 2002, at the Jefferson Street Baptist Church in Dublin, GA. Leigh currently works at Wilkinson County Primary School as a media specialist, and her husband is a physical education teacher and football coach at Dublin High School. They reside in Dublin.

Thomas J. White, JC1991, moved to Washington, DC, and has been assigned as the NCOIC, Preventive Medicine Service of Walter Reed Army Medical Center and as the Senior Preventive Medicine NCO for the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command. He has also been appointed as adjunct faculty with Potomac College teaching Economics and Health Services Management classes. Thomas resides in Rockville, MD.

Christopher L. Dominy, HS1992, and his wife, **Rhonda Hunter Dominy, HS1992**,

announce the birth of their son, Ethan Christopher, born April 4, 2002. Rhonda is employed by the Baldwin County School System as an Early Childhood Educator. Chris is also employed by the Baldwin County School System as the Systems Warehouse Floor Manager. They reside in Milledgeville, GA.

Patti Lynn Wright, HS1992, married **John Robert Sadosky, JC2000**, October 5, 2002, at the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Patti received a Bachelor of Science degree in political science (1996) and a Master of Science degree in biology (2000) from Georgia College & State University. She is currently pursuing a doctor of philosophy degree in basic medical science at the University of South Alabama. John is employed by McCoy Outdoors in Mobile, AL.

Joey B. Lail, JC1992, is a Captain in the United States Army, serving as an intelligence analyst at the Foreign Military Studies Office. He works for J2 of the Joint Forces Command.

MaLinda D. Williams, JC1992, has been promoted to Program Coordinator for the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech. MaLinda resides in Atlanta, GA.

Sean M. Nixon, JC1993, is currently a member of the 345th MI BN that had been ordered to active duty in December 2001. He currently serves as the Battalion S-2.

Gena Redd Wright, JC1995, and her husband **Lee A. Wright, JC1994**, announce the birth of their first child, Lee Andrew Wright, III, born February 26, 2002. Gena is employed by Howe Elementary School and resides in Detroit, MI, with her husband and son.



Eric Durham, JC1995, recently graduated from Military Intelligence (advanced course). His wife, Nia, is currently attending the University of Georgia law school.

Crystal Hollinshead, HS1996 & JC1998, married Matt Veal in 1999. Both are teachers, and Crystal is currently employed by Gordon Central High School and working on a master of arts in education. She and her husband reside in Calhoun, GA.

Nan M. Pugh, HS1996, married Stephen Hunter Ruffo, May 25, 2002, at Canoe in Atlanta, GA. She is currently employed as a Health Care Analyst at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Richard Hicks, JC1996, received his Bachelors of Science degree with a major in information systems & communications from Georgia College & State University, May 2002. He is currently an employee for the GMC Information Technology Department.

Jennifer Lea Chambers, HS1997, married Marty Brandon Claxton, June 29, 2002, at First Presbyterian Church in St. Mary's, GA. After graduating from GMC, Jennifer went on to earn a bachelor of arts in English literature and also a master of arts in teaching from Georgia College & State University. Jennifer and Marty reside in Barnesville, GA.

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Lauren Kyle Collins, HS1997, married Andrew Garner Hitchcock, June 22, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church of Milledgeville, GA. Members of the wedding party included GMC alumni, **Courtney Collins Cawley, HS1995, Chris Cawley, HS1993, Stacey Couey, HS1996, Hope Dillard Mullis, HS1996,** and **Donna McCullough, HS1997.**



Jodi Lyn Outler, HS1997, married Bradley Scott Sappe, July 20, 2002, at the Ingleside Baptist Church in Macon, GA.

Joey Brent Smith, JC1997, married Cathryn Anne McQuaig, September 28, 2002, in Milledgeville, GA. He is employed by Innovative Electrical Design.

Brandy Dee Stanford, JC1997, married Travis James Williamson, September 28, 2002, at the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church in Eatonton, GA.

Joseph H. Wicker, JC1998, is employed with the United States Army, 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Ft. Carson, CO. Prior to entering active duty, he was a licensed Financial Advisor with the NASD.

William Michael Rousseau, HS1999, married **Arin Christine Simpson, HS2001**, February 8, 2003.

Laurie Harrison, JC1999, graduated summa cum laude from Georgia College & State University with a Bachelors of Business Administration degree in accounting on August 9, 2002.

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Frank DeGennaro, JC2000, was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma in April 2002 at Georgia College & State University. Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honor society in the AACSB-accredited colleges and universities. Frank is one of the 42 new members inducted by the J. Whitney Bunting School of Business at GC&SU. He and his wife, **Ann Marie, JC1999**, reside in Milledgeville, GA.

Jerry Coffee, HS2002, walked on to the Georgia Tech football team in the fall of 2002. He held the position of defensive back.

Joel Griffin, HS2002, is currently attending Gordon College in Barnesville, GA. He is majoring in physical education and coaching. Joel walked on with the Gordon College baseball team and is pitching for them.

David "Mark" Smith, Jr., HS2002, left for army basic training at Ft. Knox, KY, in August 2002.

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

Thomas McComb "Buddy" Hines, HS1926, died Wednesday, June 26, 2002. He graduated from the University of Georgia, where he was a member of the SAE Fraternity. He was a retired vice president of Oconee Clay Products in Milledgeville, GA. Mr. Hines was a member of the Thomasville Rose Society and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Survivors include two sons, Frank Bone Hines, Sr., of Albany, GA, and Thomas McComb Hines, Jr., of Sandersville, GA; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

William Franklin Richards, HS1930, passed away December 29, 2002. He was born in Decatur, GA, in 1911. After he attended Georgia Military College, he joined the J.B. Richards Printing Company. He was a member of the Second Ponce De Leon Baptist Church, where he sang in the choir for a number of years. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a sister.

William C. Humphrey, Jr., HS1935 & JC1936, died Saturday, September 14, 2002. A native of Hancock County, he had lived most of his life in Milledgeville, GA. He retired from the United States Navy Naval Aviation Electronics Division and also worked with NASA on the Apollo space missions. He was a World War II veteran and a member of the First United Methodist Church. Survivors include his daughters, Lynise West of Nashville, TN, and Patricia Ann Johnson of Hendersonville, TN; a sister, Evelyn C. Humphrey of Milledgeville, GA; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Israel M. "Sonny" Goldstein, HS1936 & 1938, died November 16, 2001. He was born in Milledgeville, GA, and lived all his life there. Mr. Goldstein was a graduate of the University of Georgia. While in the Army Air Corps in World War II, he taught navigation and, upon discharge, joined the family business of C. Goldstein & Sons, Inc., of which he remained a partner until it closed in December 1987. He formed Gardner & Goldstein, which developed Scenic Memorial Gardens, Northwoods Estates and other subdivisions. Mr. Goldstein was a member of Temple Beth Israel in Macon, GA, and a Mason. Survivors include his wife, Hilda Goldman Goldstein; a daughter, **Julia Goldstein Sherrill, HS1978**; two granddaughters, Ashley Kathryn Sherrill and Allison Michelle Sherrill; and a brother, **J. L. "Jake" Goldstein, HS1940 & JC1942.**

E. L. Anderson, Jr., JC1939, died July 6, 2002. He lived in Statesboro, GA. A native of Bulloch County, Mr. Anderson lived most of his life there before moving to Jacksonville, FL, in 1999. He attended the University of Georgia before serving in the United States Army during World War II in South Pacific under General Douglas MacArthur. After three years of service, he returned to his hometown to follow in his father's footsteps as manager of Cotton Producer's Association, later known as Goldkist, Inc. He was a lifelong member of the Statesboro First Baptist Church, where he served as deacon and past treasurer, and also a member of the Harmony Sunday School class. He was a lifelong member of many civic organizations: Rotary International, past president of Jaycees, past president of Bulloch County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a member of the Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include his wife of 50-years, Wudie Gay Anderson; four daughters, Linda Nixon of Griffin, GA, JoAnne Hunt of Macon, GA, Karen Seals of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, and Lisa Cochran of Southlake, TX; two sons, E. L. "Andy" Anderson, III, of Anderson, SC, and Greg Anderson of Statesboro, GA; twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Homer Andrew Proctor, HS1939, died Thursday, August 1, 2002, in Macon, GA. He was a native of Milledgeville but had made his home in Macon for many years. He was a retired civil engineer with Robins Air Force Base, was a member of Battery D during World War II, served in the Army and Georgia National Guard, and was a graduate of Georgia Tech. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Macon, the Marshall A. Ware Masonic Lodge, the Southwest Optimisms Club, and the Grand Chorus at First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Minnie Lou Champion Proctor of Macon, GA; his daughter and son-in-law, Andgelia and Carl Kelly of Macon, GA; one granddaughter, Lori Leigh Wilson of Atlanta, GA.

Giles P. Lewis, HS1944 & JC1945, died August 29, 2002. A Jacksonville native, Lewis grew up in Riverside area and graduated from Georgia Military College before entering the Army Air Corps in World War II. He graduated from Wake Forest University in 1950 and from the University of Miami Law School in 1952. He later returned to Jacksonville and joined the law firm of his father, the late David J. Lewis. He served as an assistant county solicitor in 1955 and 1956 before opening his own practice. A 50-year member of the Florida Bar, Judge Lewis was appointed a Duval County Court judge in 1979 and was elected to the Circuit Court bench in 1985. He retired in 1992 but continued to serve as a senior judge. Lewis was a Mason and Shriner, a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, the President's Club of Wake Forest, a past commander of the American Legion Post 137, and a captain of the Captain's Club. He was also a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville Beach, FL. Survivors include his wife, Marty; two sons, Lester J. Walton of Jacksonville, FL., and J. Michael Walton of Chalfont, PA; three daughters, Susan Moore and Lauren W. Carlton, both of Jacksonville, FL, and Linda Underwood of Tallahassee, FL; two brothers, **Bland P. Lewis, HS1947**, of Jacksonville, FL, and Frederick S. Lewis of Atlanta, GA; a sister, Jane Harding of Tallahassee, FL; and nine grandchildren.

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Please return this form along with your photo to: Alumni Relations, Georgia Military College, 201 E. Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA. 31061. Fax to (478) 445-2867 or fill out on-line at www.gmc.cc.ga.us/alumni/census.html.



Walter "Leville" Richardson, HS1945, died March 25, 2002, in Jacksonville, FL. He graduated from University of Florida in 1949. Mr. Richardson was an active member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and a member of the American Institute of RealEstate Appraisers. He served 14-years with Gulf Life Insurance Company as an appraiser, five years as Vice President of Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association, and manager of the Mortgage Loan Department. From 1972 to 1996, he was President of the Walter L. Richardson Real Estate Appraisal Firm. He was a member of the Meninak Club, Timuquana Country Club, the Ponte Vedra Club, a volunteer with Memorial Hospital, and for 21-years a member of the First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of 51-years, Barbara Coleman Richardson; a son, Kevin Leville Richardson; a daughter, Lisa Richardson Deary; two grandsons, Ryan Coleman Deary and Kevin Leville Richardson, Jr.; and sister, Gloria Richardson Brady.

Linton Clarence Collins, Jr., JC1947, died Saturday, October 27, 2002. He was a native of Grady County. Mr. Collins was an active pecan and produce broker. He was a 1946 graduate of Cairo High School, and a member of the state championship football team. He attended GMC, Florida State University, and the University of Georgia before joining the United States Navy (where he served on the U.S.S. Paricutin ammunition ship during the Korean War. He was also a coach for YMCA midget and junior football. He was a member and trustee of Bold Springs United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Marcellie Collins of Ochlocknee; a son and daughter-in-law, Joey and Rita Collins of Ochlocknee; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dave Malcom of Thomasville, GA; grandchildren, Nikki Collins, Stephanie Collins, and Blake Malcom.

Stephens Linton Baumgardner, HS1947 & JC1949, died Tuesday, November 19, 2002. He graduated from Emory University in 1951 and enlisted in the United States Army and served his country for two years. He worked at St. Regis Paper Company in Pensacola, FL, for one year before enrolling in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received a Masters of Religious Education. He went on to serve as a staff member in churches in North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Virginia before being ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 1967. He moved his family to Champion, Ohio, where he founded Grace Baptist Church. He pastored in Georgia and upstate New York before being appointed as foreign missionary to Brazil. He was Director of Missions for the Bay Lakes Baptist Association in Green Bay, WI, for twelve years before retiring to Jacksonville, FL, where he served for three years as part-time liaison for bi-vocational pastors. Survivors include his wife, France Baumgardner; two sons, Stephen Baumgardner and Joshua Baumgardner; and a daughter, Stella Baumgardner Stout.

Roy W. Rutland, HS1947, died July 16, 2002. He was originally from Seville, GA. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Rutland, of Birmingham, AL.

Charles Lanier Wooten, HS1949, died Thursday, July 18, 2002. A native of Shelman, GA, he resided in LaGrange, GA, and had a summer home in Fernandina Beach, FL. He attended the University of Georgia and St. Leo's College in Florida. He served in the United States Army for 25 years and was a retired major. He saw action in both Korea and Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery while in Vietnam. He was an avid golfer and member of the Fernandina Beach Municipal Golf Course, Highland Country Club in LaGrange and the St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Marcia Griffin Wooten of LaGrange, GA; his sons, Lane Wooten and Bill Wooten of LaGrange, GA; and a daughter, Dr. Anne Prescott of Douglasville, GA.

Connie F. Branch, JC1950, died June 22, 2002. A native of Oconee County, he was a graduate of Watkinsville High School and the University of Georgia, where he received his Bachelors of Business Administration degree in 1952. Mr. Branch also completed the Institute of Insurance Marketing at Southern Methodist University. He was a member of the honor societies Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi and past president of Georgia Cattleman's Association. Mr. Branch was a State Farm Insurance Agent for over 50 years and was a recipient of the Crystal Excellence Award. Survivors include his wife, Mary Jon Johnston Branch; two daughters, Clara Elizabeth Branch Padgett of Athens, GA, and Mary Lane Branch Todd of Watkinsville, GA; and four grandchildren.

Cecil Malery Bone, HS1950, died June 25, 2002. A native of Baldwin County, he had made his home in Eatonton, GA, for a number of years before moving to Bonaire, GA. He was a veteran of the Korean War with the United States Air Force and retired mechanic with Hartsfield International Airport. Mr. Bone was a member of Riverdale Masonic Lodge and Byron United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Sue Price Bone of Bonaire, GA; a daughter, Robin Sheffield of Riverdale, GA; a son, Timothy Bone of Gordon, GA; and two grandsons, Matthew Sheffield and Samuel Sheffield, both of Colquitt.

Charles Wells Coleman, Jr., HS1950, passed away July 9, 2002. He was born and raised in Jacksonville, FL. He graduated from the University of Florida and retired from International Multi Foods. Survivors include his wife, Mary Dain Coleman of Jacksonville, FL; and his son, Charles W. Coleman, III.

Peyton Lott Youmans, HS1951, died Monday, September 30, 2002. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church and the Tom Edwards Sunday School Class. Mr. Youmans was a former member of the First Baptist Church of Swainsboro before moving to Savannah, GA. In Savannah, he was a former member of the Exchange Club of Chatham County, the Jaycees, and the German Country Club. He was retired

from the Georgia Department of Revenue, having served as Corporate Income Tax Officer for over 27 years. He went to work with the Citizens & Southern National Bank until 1960, when he went to Sun Finance and Loan Company in Savannah and worked for seven years with the company, and then went to Georgia Department of Revenue, where he worked until his retirement. Mr. Youmans was a former owner and operator of Youmans Swap Shop Antique Shop at Isle of Hope from 1984 to 1990. Survivors include his wife, Marie C. Youmans of Savannah, GA; his mother, Effie Louise Wilkes Youmans of Sylvania, GA; two sons, Jeffrey Alan Youmans of Brooks and Peyton Lee Youmans, II, of Prince George, VA; two daughters, Charlotte Y. Fortner of Dacula, GA, and Joy Denise Youmans of Savannah, GA; two sisters, Charlotte Y. Sowell of Savannah, GA, and Jackie Youmans Drake of Swainsboro, GA; and three grandchildren.

Jere Vaughn Brantley, HS1952, died January 9, 2002.

Henry Daniel Cantera, HS1954 & JC1956, died Friday, November 2, 2002. Survivors include his wife, Mary Cantera of Monticello, GA; a son, Rickey Cantera of Monticello, GA; a daughter, Sabrina Honeywell of Cochran, GA; grandchildren, Payden Edward Cantera, Brent Lee Honeywell and Carson Marshall Honeywell; his father, Enrique Daniel Cantera, Sr. of Manati, Cuba, and a sister, Theresa Cantera of Manati, Cuba.

Robert T. Drew, HS1959 & JC1961, died Saturday, August 24, 2002, in Hilton Head Island, SC. He was born in Millen, GA, and was a native of Midville, GA. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966, attaining rank of captain. After his service in the Army, he joined Merck and Co., and retired from there in 1997 and relocated to Hilton Head. Survivors include his wife, Gale K. Drew; a daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Tudor Gounev of Kansas City, MO; a son, Barry Robert Drew of Gainesville, FL; a daughter, Deborah Givens; and granddaughter, Nina Givens, both of Lansdale, PA.

Thomas Edwin Stephens, JC1960, died Sunday, December 1, 2002. He was a graduate of the University of Georgia in 1963. He served in the United States Navy on the USS Jallao submarine during the Korean conflict. He moved to Durham in June 1963 and began a career of 28 years as an accountant for GTE, retiring in 1991. He was a member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Frances Gray Stephens; his son, Thomas E. "Eddie" Stephens, Jr.; his daughter, Cynthia "Cindy" Stephens Davis of Rougemont, NC; and grandchildren Ryan, Taylor, Brandon, Lindsey, Meredith Stephens, Scott Stephens, and John Davis.

Robert "Bob" Joseph Rhea, JC1962, died Saturday, September 14, 2002. He graduated in 1964 from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. Bob was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as an officer in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967. He was a lifelong member of the Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Kerbel Temple in Knoxville, TN, and a member of Scottish Rite 32nd degree KCCCH, Greenville Lodge #3, F&AM, and East Tennessee Management Club. Bob served as past president of the Greene County Chapter of UT Alumni and a number of years had served as secretary-treasurer of Greenville Shrine Club and Greene County Scottish Rite Club. Survivors included his wife of 31 years, Judy Chestnut Rhea; and a son and daughter-in-law, **Robert "Rob" Joseph Rhea, III, JC1994**, and Jonna Shipley Rhea of Greenville, TN.

Claude "Guy" Johnston, III, HS1964, passed away on July 19, 2002, after a brave and lengthy battle with prostrate cancer. Mr. Johnston was born in Richland, GA. He attended Gordon Military School, Georgia Military College, and Georgia Southwestern State University, where he received a bachelor of arts in business administration and finance. He was a four-year Navy veteran of the Vietnam era. Guy and his wife, Terri Clark Johnston for 34 years, had their own business, Memories Unlimited and Gallery on the Square. Survivors include his wife, Terri, of LaGrange, GA; his son Claude Guy Johnston, IV; two grandchildren, Ben (age 7) and Sara (age 4); and a brother, Jim Johnston, of Richland, GA.

Joe Randall Curl, HS1977, died Thursday, September 13, 2002, in Milledgeville, GA. A native of Baldwin County, he was the son of the late **William W. Curl, Sr., HS1948 & JC1950**. He graduated from Georgia College in Milledgeville, where he earned his Bachelors of Business Administration degree. He built a career in both the retail and wholesale video distribution industry. Survivors include his sons, William Hunter Curl and Nicholas Newman Curl, both of Warner Robins, GA; his mother, Nell Curl of Milledgeville, GA; a brother, **William "Web" Curl, Jr., HS1972**, of Alexandria, VA; and grandmother, Ola Mae Curl, of Milledgeville, GA.

Mychiska Patterson, JC2002, died June 23, 2002.

Lucy Harding Holt, former faculty, died Friday, April 12, 2002.

Deana Burgess, former faculty, died April 25, 2002.

Gordon B. Ragan, former faculty, died January 28, 2002.



Region 7A Softball 2002 Champions

(L to R): Brooke Heindel, Lauren Lyautey, Whitney Davis, Amanda Hall, Haley Holloway, Kendall Castillo, Annie Cawthon, Jennifer Mixon, Rachel Harris, Allison Barker, Haley Hanson, Tina Purvis, Amanda Johnson. Not pictured: Coach Couch, Coach Moffit, Coach Hanson and Mr. Bulldog.



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