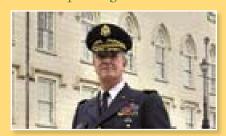
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MG Peter Boylar President

e remain focused on building character in our students and, to that end, we invited Dr. Kevin Ryan (Boston University) and several other ethicists from West Point to visit our campus for the purposes of evaluating our efforts in this area and, too, suggesting ways by which we might improve our programs and assessment tools. As you may know, most public

institutions across our country have abdicated their original mission of including the elevation of character as an integral part of education. We are not among that group. In many ways, this makes our task more difficult in that there is precious little thought devoted to this aspect of education that would promote discussion and, hence, serve to create new and better ways of accomplishing this task.

I considered that you might be interested in two of the initiatives we have created.

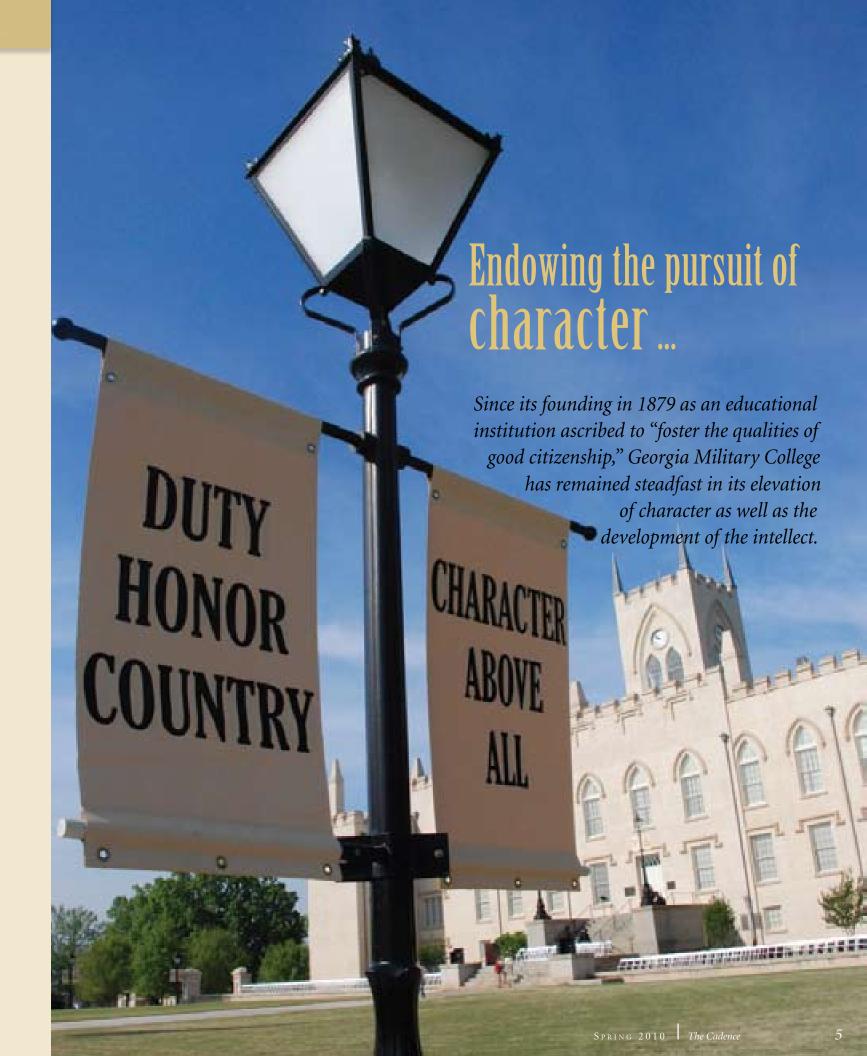
- Participation in Ethics Bowl Competitions: We have created teams at the college level (soon to be duplicated in the prep school) to compete across the nation in ethics bowl competitions. These are debate-like contests in which the participating teams are judged on their responses to posed ethics dilemmas. We recently competed at the University of Colorado as the only two year college in the U.S. with a team. We did place in the competition which made me very proud of our students and what we are doing in character education.
- Recognizing Virtue in Students and Faculty: We continue to conduct ceremonies throughout the academic year that recognize displays of good character in both the college and the prep school. It is heart-warming to watch the students who receive such recognition. There is none of "Aw Shucks" slouching across the stage; but rather we see students proudly striding forward to receive their merited recognition who are applauded by their peers. Extraordinary....

As we age, it seems that we come to recognize more acutely the role that our character has played in structuring our lives. Certainly, our intellects have influenced who it is that we have become and what we have accomplished. But it is our character that has, in most important ways, influenced how our intellects functioned. We have created an Ethics Endowment that aims at ensuring that our programs grow and become more influential in their impact on our students. I hope that you will consider helping us grow that endowment in its capability to continue and improve our character building initiatives.

Peter J. Boylan

Major General, USA (Ret.)

President





GMC's mission stands

apart, and in many cases, alone

among its counterparts in the

public education arena. As you

walk along the main campus

in Milledgeville, GMC's focus

stands tall and clear upon the

imprinted words "Character

achievements of its students,

faculty, staff and alumni.

light post banners featuring the

Above All," and in the exemplary

Development of character is woven

in the fabric of GMC; in its institution-

wide programs, curriculum, character

education training, and recognition of

character excellence. Forging into the

future, GMC continues to look for new

ways and opportunities to support its

It recently hosted a strategic meeting

holistic development of intellect and

with Kevin Ryan, PhD, founder and

director emeritus of the Center for the

Advancement of Ethics and Character

author, Dr. Ryan has received numerous

at Boston University. A teacher and

national awards for his efforts and

education. He was joined in the

contributions toward character and

discussion with several other ethicists

from West Point to evaluate GMC's

character.



Noteworthy Investment News

Gifts designated to the Peter J. Boylan Endowment for Ethics of \$100 or more are eligible to be matched by Title III funds (as long as funds remain available).

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suggest ways to expand and improve. "I have come to believe that the

efforts in character development and

essence of a successful program is that students come away, first, with a deep, lifelong commitment to the crafting of their own characters, and, second, with an understanding of how to craft their characters. In other words, they have a goal and know how to get to that goal," wrote Dr. Ryan in a follow-on report to GMC. "For most students, getting a good education is very hard work. It is filled with disappointments, continual bumping up against one's limitations and an occasional success. On the other hand, the very process of becoming disciplined students, if cast correctly, is the perfect ground or arena for ridding oneself of vices [i.e., laziness, lack of focus, excessive TV, texting, and other escapist diversions] and building up the habits of academic achievement [i.e., focused study time, assignments on time and well done, persistence till mastery]. I am convinced that this perspective of combining the forging of one's character and becoming a successful student is understandable and attractive to students."

GMC President Peter Boylan is development at GMC: "Dr. Kevin Ryan's visit was instructive in that he commented on the uniqueness of the breadth and depth of our programs. We are almost alone in what we do to and its relationship to creating citizen

One major development that came from the meeting is the renaming of the Peter J. Boylan Chair of Ethics to the Peter J. Boylan Endowment for Ethics. "Dr. Ryan discouraged us from finding a person to occupy the Chair of Ethics," explained MG Boylan. "He pointed out that we really didn't need someone to ethics to the good life. Rather, he noted require the leadership and involvement of the President of the college, which is the way we are presently functioning."

The renaming of this important endeavor will continue to provide funding for various purposes in support

and grant opportunities.

excited about the next phase of character strengthen the character of our students leaders."

write exhaustive treatises on the value of that the ethics programs we have created Milledgeville campus hosts numerous ceremonies (i.e., military parades, command retreats, the annual Grand Tattoo) in which the students participate.

 Participation in Ethics Bowl Competitions: An Ethics Bowl combines the excitement and fun of a competitive tournament with a valuable educational experience and models the best methods of reasoning in practical and professional ethics. Students at the college level compete across the nation in debate-like contests in which the participating teams are judged on their responses to posed ethics dilemmas. GMC recently competed at the University of Colorado as the only two-year college in the U.S. with a team. The team placed in the competition. In the future, each GMC junior college campus will field an Ethics Bowl team. Efforts are also underway to create a similar initiative in the Prep School.

 Recognizing Virtue in Students and Faculty: We continue to conduct ceremonies throughout the academic year that recognize displays of good character in both the college and the prep school. It is heart-warming to watch the recipients proudly striding forward to receive their merited recognition while being applauded by their peers.

of the ethics/character development program and still honor MG Boylan and his leadership at GMC. It may also open the door for additional sponsorship

If you are interested in supporting and strengthening the character of GMC students, and the future leaders of our nation, please contact the GMC Office of Advancement. Gifts designated to the Peter J. Boylan Endowment for Ethics of \$100 or more are eligible to be matched by Title III funds (as long as funds remain available). These donations must be made to the GMC Foundation before September 30, 2011. Call Elizabeth Sheppard, Vice President for Advancement at (478) 387-4882; mail your gift of any amount to the GMC Foundation at 201 E. Greene Street, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061; or give online at www.gmcfoundation.org.

supported through multiple character education components and programs:

Character in Action ... GMC's mission and over arching culture of character is

- Ethics Across the Curriculum: The program focuses on providing students with the tools and opportunities to study, discuss and think about and through ethical issues they will encounter personally and professionally. This includes the Character Above All Course – a prerequisite for graduation for junior college students that introduces the values and character development expectations of the college, the moral theories of philosophers such as Aristotle, Immanuel Kant and John Stuart
- Message to Garcia: The book by Elbert Hubbard is recommended reading for every member of the GMC family.
- Community Service: Students who participate in community service projects receive credit for their efforts on their transcript. The Distinguished Order of the Servant Leader Award is awarded to any student or employee who demonstrates outstanding, selfless service by completing 100 hours of volunteering during a calendar year. Since 1996, GMC has participated in the annual nation-wide community service project, Make A Difference Day, and received recognition in 1999 by USA Today Weekend as one of the two best projects in Georgia.
- Patriotic Ceremonies: Strengthening students' love for their country and the nation's founding principles, GMC's

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Faculty members MAJ Amy Lee, MAJ Patty Anderson, MAJ Christopher Graddick and MAJ Kim Leben give students a preview of one of the classrooms in Usery Hall.

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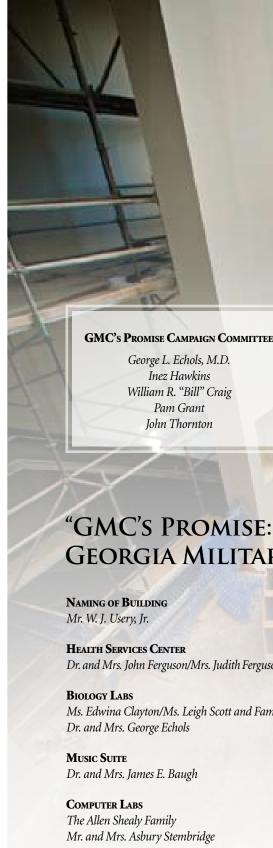
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GMC Prep Honor Council visits Usery Center

n September 23 the GMC Prep Honor Council visited the Usery Center for the Workplace, located on the campus of Georgia State University in Atlanta. The group was given a personal tour of the facility by Mr. W. J. Usery, Jr. with the assistance of his wife. Fran, his personal assistant, Jeff Gordon, and his administrative assistant, Judy Archer. The group viewed memorabilia from Mr. Usery's years as U.S. Secretary of Labor, the time he spent with NASA, and his close relationships with numerous politicians and former presidents. The highlight of the day was a question and answer session with Mr. Usery where he gave the group valuable insight in negotiating conflicts and finding

GMC Principal COL John Thornton said, "The advice Mr. Usery gave our kids was based on the same thought process that helped disputes involving the AFL-CIO, Teamsters, and the Major League Baseball strike of the mid 90's just to mention a few. The group was served lunch and during the meal Mr. Usery shared his memories of the Civil Rights Movement and how it is relevant today. The students enjoyed their visit and appreciated the fact Mr. Usery was willing to spend time at his prestigious center with our group."

Also during the luncheon, Mr. Usery presented each

student with hardback copies of the Declaration of Independence and the **United States** Constitution.



Mr. W. J. Usery, Jr. is a 1940 graduate of GMC.







Pictured, left to right: MAJ Karen Grimes. LT COL Scott Seagraves. Kaitlyn Whipple, Colby Pennington, Jostin Grimes, Audrev Bloodworth, Mr. W.J. Usery, Jr., Meg Gray, Taey Wright, Leanna Harbor, Rob Grimes, Timothy Seo, Elise Riggins, John Austin Vance, Chris Brown, and COL John Thornton

Zipperer Receives National Accolades

Congratulations to GMC Adjunct Instructor Eddie Zipperer whose one-act play, *The Zeus* Administration, was announced as the winner of the national McLaren Memorial One-Act Comedy Competition on August 15, 2009 in Midland, Texas.

Zipperer's recently published play, Don't Fear the Reaper (Dramatic Publishing Company) has upcoming and recent productions in Georgia,

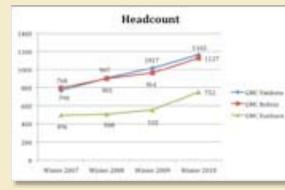


Connecticut, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Colorado, New York, California, Ontario, New Zealand, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. In addition, his play Jupiter Jones, will soon be published by Pioneer

Eddie Zipperer teaches English at Georgia Military College. He received his M.F.A. in creative writing from Georgia College & State University and is a member of The Dramatists of America.

Record Enrollment at Georgia Military College

inter Quarter 2010 enrollment set a new record with 6,055 students at campuses throughout the State of Georgia. Enrollment for Winter Quarter 2010 exceeded enrollment in Winter Quarter 2009 by 11.78% with an addition of 638 students. Additionally, students who enrolled at GMC for Winter 2010 took more credit hours than in Winter 2009. A total of 73,146 credit hours were pro-



The Robins Campus concluded Winter 2010 registration with 1127 students-a 16.91% increase over

reflecting an increase of 197

students or 35.5% over Winter

2009. Additionally, credit hour

credit hours) over Winter 2009.

hour each. Enrollment at the

51.61% since Winter 2007.

Fairburn Campus has increased

Students on the Fairburn campus

are taking an average of 12.38 credit

production was up by 40.36% (9307

duced reflecting 12.08 credit hours Winter 2009. More significantly, credit hour production was up 21.52% with 12.668 credit hours. With an increase in enrollment of 41.05% since 2007, the Robins campus has immediate plans to expand the existing facility.

> Enrollment for Winter Quarter 2010 at GMC Valdosta also set a new record with 1163 students. This reflects an increase of 146 students or 14.36% over Winter 2009. Credit hour production also increased from Winter 2009 with 13,848 credit hours that represents an increase of 13.15%. Although GMC Valdosta relocated to a new, larger facility just four years ago, the overall growth of 51.43% since 2007 has resulted in yet another expansion of the Valdosta Campus.

per student and an overall increase of 12.66%. Of special interest is the

continued growth at the Fairburn, Robins, and Valdosta campuses. After relocating to a new facility in October 2008, the Fairburn Campus has experienced unprecedented growth. Winter Quarter 2010 was no exception. Headcount for Winter 2010 was 752

Martin Luther King Parade 2010—Bruce Thomas, speaker

"Giving honor to my Lord and Savior Christ Jesus, to the president of Georgia Military College (Major General Boylan), my wife (Evelyn), faculty and staff, corps of cadets, students, family and friends.

It is indeed an honor to stand before you and behold the beauty



of a dream fulfilled. It is truly a day I will remember for the rest of my life. Seeing the faces of so many young people of diverse backgrounds, ethnicities and origins, opinionated and serene, short, tall, male and female all standing together on the same parade ground striving to achieve the same goals, separated only by their desire to excel.

And to be a part of a team of administrators and educators, and support personnel who really care about one

another, the school, the community, and most of all, the students.

This means a great deal to me, especially when you consider that my old playground area is now occupied by Baugh Barracks; the neighborhood store is now a tennis court; what used to be our swimming hole now has a river walk; and the gates which were once guarded now stand open wide to any and all that will come.

Too often when we celebrate this occasion we like to go back and bring up the struggles of the past. Though there may be occasions where we should talk about those struggles, today I choose to press on and leave them for another time and venue.

Instead let me implore you to use this opportunity to behold what the future can be when there is vision, strong leadership, professionalism, and dedication. Where 'Character Above All' is above all and not just a slogan. Where community involvement is not what we talk about; it's what we do.

Whether we choose to accept it or not, we are a beacon to which other institutions look, families depend, and individuals strive to be a part of. We are our nation's hope. This occasion should not be taken lightly because our future, the future of our families, the future of our communities and the future of our country is dependent upon what we do here with our lives.

As we go forth and engage in the politics of our society, let us do so with meaningful and purposeful debates, discussions, and discoveries to bring forth workable solutions to the problems that we face.

Let us always strive to seek truth. Learn to be good listeners. Continue to be proactive and doing our best.

Let us learn to apply the knowledge we gain. Continue to share

Let us walk in faith and integrity, keeping hope alive.

Let love rule our hearts and minds so that we can achieve a world of peace, prosperity, and unity.

If we can imagine it and believe it, then we can achieve it. Have a great Martin Luther King Day. May God continue to bless America and may America Bless God!"

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On Thursday, September 24, the GMC Middle School softball team traveled to Eagles Landing Christian Academy, whose varsity softball team has been state champions for three years, in hopes of completing an undefeated regular season. **Macy Watkins** pitched a complete game for the Lady Dawgs, striking out nine and walking two. The Lady Dawgs scored two runs early, led by **Kearah Rambo** at the plate, 2-3 with two singles and a run scored. Eagles Landing came back in the bottom of the fourth and tied the game 2-2, scoring on errors made by the Lady Dawgs. In the top of the fifth, GMC put another run on the board and held on to win the first game of the double-header, 3-2. Other Lady Dawgs successful at the plate with singles in the game were **Christina Crews**, 1-3, **Ashley Vinson**, 1-3, and **Karlie Harding**, 1-2.

With the Lady Dawgs highly spirited after winning game one, **Ashley Vinson** pitched a complete game in the final game of the double-header, striking out three and walking one. GMC took an early 6-0 lead in the first inning and never looked back, defeating Eagles Landing, 9-4. Leading hitters for the Lady Dawgs were **Kaylie Harding**, 2-2, three RBI's, **Kearah Rambo**, 2-3, RBI, **Ashley Vinson**, 1-3, RBI, **Sutton Long**, 1-2, RBI, **Sarah Margaret Mason**, 1-2, RBI, and **Montana Pippin**, 1-2, RBI.

Congratulations to the MS Softball Lady Dawgs on their UNDEFEATED regular season!

Not Just a Lot of Hot Air

MAJ Clay McElheny's physics class recently demonstrated Newton's Laws of Motion and the properties of air by building hovercrafts. This allowed the students to see the principles and laws in action. Hovercrafts are vehicles designed to travel close to but above the ground. One of the hovercrafts actually traveled the entire distance of the gymnasium!



Happily Never After

Over 200 patrons gathered in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday evening to watch the GMC Drama Club's production of *Happily Never After*, a collection of short plays written by Amy Zipperer, GMC Assistant Professor of English and Drama Club Advisor, and directed by Caitlin Pendley. The play featured a small ensemble cast of actors (Krystynna Ransom, Tony Bullard, Jessie Clement, Jennifer Bonner, Stefan Jones), all students at GMC.





Zipperer, said, "They kept the audience in hysterics as they portrayed characters as diverse as an intoxicated Snow White, a very sweet Wicked Queen, a divorced Cinderella, an overworked waitress, and a very 'toad-y' prince. It was truly a fairy-tale production!"

Her Students. Her Life. Her Legacy.

For some, teaching is a career. For Leigh Scott, teaching is a passion.

"I have never been married," Leigh explains. "Those students have been my life!" And Georgia Military College, she says, has been a "home away from home."

Leigh taught public school for more than 22 years before moving to GMC Prep School, where she primarily taught high school biology, anatomy and physiology, and environmental science. The change was amazing—the faculty and students felt like family; the parents were engaged and encouraging.



Leigh Scott

Taking Her Support to the Next Level

When reflecting on her past and planning her estate, Leigh chose to set up a bequest in her will for the school that's meant so much to her. Half her gift will fund the Leigh Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund for a Prep School senior planning on attending GMC Junior College and studying biology. The other half will endow an assistance fund to help students going through hardships.

"You get pretty tight," Leigh says of her relationships with students. And in the age of Facebook, she has been delighted to hear from countless past students who have noted how

Leigh has participated in fundraisers to help students who have gone through terrible hardships—from the loss of a parent to a house fire that took all belongings. "You hate to see a child hurt like that," she says.

Through her assistance fund, she hopes to lessen the burden of a student in times of need.

While not the least bit tired of teaching, Leigh decided to retire last year to pursue other interests. She just returned from a three-month trip to Costa Rica, where she tutored young students and marveled in the phenomenal nature of the region. In her spare time, she loves substituting at GMC. Leigh's roots run deep at GMC. Her brother Cliff Scott graduated in '77, and she took special pride in teaching her nephews Clay Scott '05 and Brett Scott '07.

much she touched their lives. "It has brought home something I didn't realize," she says, "that I did make a difference."

There's no doubt that Leigh Scott has enhanced the lives of those at GMC. Now, because of her generosity and foresight, she will continue to help students obtain a wonderful education for years to come

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GMC Junior College Football Prepares for Challenging 2010

The 2009 GMC JC Football season is in the record books and while 6-4 is a good record for many, it falls below the expectations of the JC Bulldogs. The season certainly had its challenges - opening with three Top 5 opponents and having the youngest team in recent memory among a few. The Bulldogs, however, have many promising things going their way for 2010.

Among the many positives are the returning players from last year's young team. Offensively, the Bulldogs returns several key players who will be needed to build a strong foundation for the Bulldogs. Up front, Darvel Nelson and Kaleb Broome look to anchor the line at the tackle positions, and they will be flanked by two very talented tight ends in Terrell Mitchell and Tyler Knight. Josh Harris returns as a likely starter at tailback after an injury plagued 2009 and Joseph Davis return as the most experienced wide receiver. Sophomore Tony Guidugli will have the opportunity to cement himself in the quarterback position but will need a good spring practice to establish himself. Defensively, the Bulldogs return a great amount of experience and depth this year and should be the driving force at least early on for GMC. The linebacking corp looks to a very strong group with Antonio Mitchum, Demery

Hawkins, Quantez Mallory, Bernard Dawson, and Jarvis Brice returning to the Dogs. The secondary also returns almost intact at all positions and should be a



strength in 2010. While the Bulldogs will miss Jakar Hamilton (now at UGA), Demazio Skelton shared time with him in 2009 and should do well in his stead. Up front, GMC returns sev-

> eral key contributors from 2009 - Leroy Vick, Kayvon Sherril, and Brandon Johnson.

Adding to the returning group, the Bulldogs had an excellent signing class,

- Bert Williams, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach

"The returning players have been hard at work in the off season

and are looking forward to getting into spring football practice

to begin working toward the challenges of 2010."

especially in the offensive skill positions. Wide receivers were an especially strong need, and GMC lured several widely recruited players in Lonnie Outlaw (6'7, 200), Corey Washington (6'4, 210), and tight end Brandon McKinney (6'5, 265) among others. Running backs RJ Robinson (6'2, 225) and Jarrett Neely (6'1, 200) and a couple others bring big play potential to the offense. Defensively, Jalen Fields (6'5, 260), Fra'Shard Hunter (6'5, 265), and several other highly regarded defensive linemen are heading to Milledgeville to join the Bulldogs. The coaching staff did an excellent job filling critical need areas for 2010, and the Bulldogs are looking to return to

The returning players have been hard at work in the off season and are looking forward to getting into spring football practice to begin working toward the challenges of 2010. The schedule will again be a tough one with the Bulldogs opening the season against Ellsworth CC in Milledgeville followed by a trip to Navarro College and another great home game the following week against Snow College. All three teams are expected to be in the Top Ten pre-season rankings as are other opponents Grand Rapids CC and Lackawana - both of which will be road games for the Bulldogs. The 2010 season will be a very exciting one for the Bulldogs and our fans alike!

GMC Softball Off to a Good Start for the Season

Almost halfway thru the season GMC softball is off to a good start with 13 wins and 7 losses thus far. Defensively, the team is very athletic and very quick. The outfielders have been tracking down many balls and making diving catches to save games. Even



homeruns this season and also provide consistency at the plate for the Bulldogs. Since the start of the season, Ray has led not only the Bulldog hitters but also all hitters in the conference with 42 hits and .582 batting average. Freshman Mallory Long leads the Bulldogs

though the infield is young, they too have been stepping up to play great defense this season. Offensively, the Bulldogs will be a tough team to beat with all 9 hitters in the lineup proving to be a tough out. GMC's three pitchers will combine to be a very strong pitching staff. Kasey Durden, Katie Maddox, and Sarah Ray are all unique pitchers, each dominating a different part of the plate. They complement each other very well and together they keep many hitters off-balance.

The 2010 team is very young overall, with only three returning players from last year's team. With the addition of transfers Katie Maddox and Sarah Ray, the Bulldogs have a total of five sophomores leading the young group. The freshmen are learning quickly and will continue to get stronger over the course of the season.

Returning for the Bulldogs is All-Region pitcher and infielder Kasey Durden who has already collected six of the Bulldog wins on the mound. Newcomers Kayla Cooper, Mallory Long, Sarah Ray, and Korie Wilson have all hit their first career

with 32 runs batted in just in front of Korie Wilson who has 23 RBI's of her own.

The Bulldogs move well on the bases and have outscored their opponents 129-84. Speedy Kayla Cooper has scored an impressive 30 runs with Sarah Ray close behind with 21 runs scored. GMC is also outhitting their opponents 197-135, maintaining a team batting average of .349 thus far.

The Bulldogs will dive into difficult conference play for the second half of the season. GMC needs to finish top 6 in the conference to earn a spot in the tournament at the end of the season for a chance to compete in the National Tournament. Four of GMC's wins are come-from-behind wins and two of those wins have been taken in extra innings, which proves the team is maturing fast and is ready to take on the tough competition they will soon be facing in conference play. The team is small but has great depth and when they play together they are a force to be reckoned with.

Georgia Military College began its spring season with the Ron Marshall Spring Fling at Goose Pond in Scottsboro, Alabama. The team, composed of six players, finished 15th in a very competitive field. Among those entering were former National Champions in all three NJCAA Divisions. Darton CC, John Logan, from Illinois, and GMC were among the field of twenty-one teams. The Bulldogs Steve Amerson, finished with rounds of 74, 71.76 (5 over) to lead the team and finish 19 in the field of 121 golfers. Georgia Military College will be playing at the ABAC Spring Invitational, the Meridian CC Invitational and the Division 17 Regional before entering the Nationals in

Chautauqua, N.Y. The Bulldogs expect to be very competitive in Division III for 2010, with the addition of Augusta's Patrick McBride. Players this season include Patrick, Steve

(Gray), Robert Herndon (Macon) Jeff O'Neil (Atlanta) Hayden Lewis (Atlanta) John Jackson (Milledgeville) and Staff Rogers (Milledgeville).



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ow do you best express thanks to a person who is continually willing to support and promote the mission of GMC?

For many years, GMC

has been finding new ways to thank Mrs. Betty "Beegee" Clark Baugh for her volunteer service, for her financial support and for being an effective ambassador for the institution and its ideals.

As a former art teacher at Georgia College and Baldwin High School, Baugh's love of the arts, coupled with her husband James Baugh's dedication to his alma mater, has ignited a passion for enhancing GMC's cultural curriculum.

It's the "cultural things," Baugh says, that make life interesting and fulfilling. She hopes her efforts will in some way give GMC students the opportunity to see a larger world.

Baugh currently serves on the GMC Steinway Committee. She has contributed \$30,000 to the "GMC's Promise Campaign" for the prep school's new music suite. And most recently, Baugh made

a generous gift to the GMC Foundation that enabled the school to purchase a Yamaha G3 grand piano for the Legislative Chamber of the Old Capitol Building.

For this gift, MG and Mrs. Peter J. Boylan, USA (Ret.) decided to send out a different kind of thank-you note. In October, music filled the Legislative Chamber during a special concert dedicated in honor of Mrs. Baugh and her commitment to making a better life for those around her.

For the piano's inaugural concert, Mrs. Moona Yu, GMC's

Assistant Professor of Music, played classics by Bach, Chopin and Lowry along with contemporary selections including a jazz ar-

rangement of Mozart's "Alla Turca." She chose a special dedication piece for the honoree, River Flows in You by Yiruma.

A wine and cheese reception was held following the concert.

More than 100 friends and family of GMC and the com-

munity attended the event to honor Mrs. Baugh and experience the sounds that will fill GMC's historic Legislative Chamber for many years to come.







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hey met on a dance floor some 63 years ago – the bright smile of a UGA co-ed catching the eye of a young soldier just home from the war. And over

the years, Jake and Maxine Goldstein have never stopped dancing. While enjoying a life that has afforded them the opportunity to travel, the Goldsteins have graced dance floors across the globe, whether jitterbugging in Russia, waltzing in Egypt, or two-stepping from island to island.

Music has always held a special place in their hearts, which is why, in 2005, GMC chose to name its new Center for the Performing Arts in honor of the Goldsteins and in recognition of their commitment of a legacy gift.

Since then, the Goldsteins have continued to do what they could to enhance the Center and ensure quality musical and theatrical performances are enjoyed by the students and the community for years to come. They have helped purchase additional stage curtains and microphone systems, and most recently, they saw the need for better accommodations backstage.

Upon touring the auditorium with MG Peter Boylan, the Goldsteins couldn't help noticing the stark contrast between the plush interior of the auditorium against the bare interior of the dressing rooms. "We were looking at how nice the auditorium was, yet in the back it was just block walls and concrete floors," said Jake Goldstein. "This is where our guest artists had to change clothes, rest or whatever and they needed something to match what we had out front."

So the Goldsteins made MG Boylan a proposition – they would handle the dressing rooms, if he would handle installing new restrooms so that the artists would no longer have to use the dining room's facilities.

With the help of Steve Rogers, the sterile dressing rooms were transformed into elegant "green rooms" for visiting artists to prepare for the stage. The concrete floors were covered with carpet, and the bare walls filled with lighted mirrors, cabinets and accent décor.

To showcase the refurbished rooms, while once again honoring the Goldsteins' commitment to the performing arts center, MG and Mrs. Boylan hosted a Backstage Champagne Reception in December. Guests were given a "backstage pass" to stroll through the rooms and enjoy an informal performance by Mrs. Moona Yu, GMC's Assistant Professor of Music.





In attendance that evening was Karen Berman, Artistic Director of Theatre Programs at Georgia College & State University, who told the Goldsteins she had been in many green rooms over the years, from New York to Los Angeles, and

GMC should definitely be proud of what they now have.

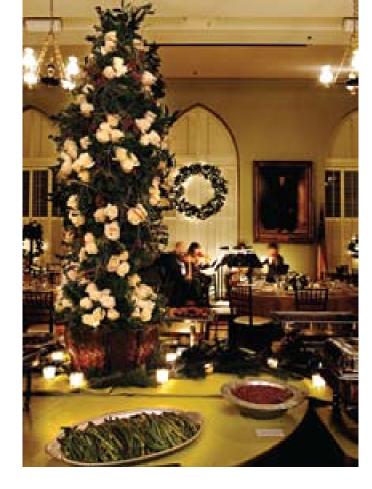
"We're just so glad GMC is able to utilize the auditorium for the school and for the community," said Maxine Goldstein. "There was a real need for it and we are happy to see it continue to serve such a good purpose."





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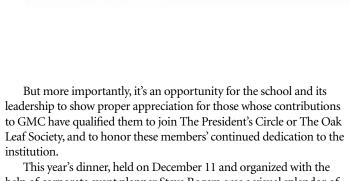
or every scholarship awarded to a GMC student, the recipient has a donor to thank. For every new building or enhancement to the campus, GMC has a donor to thank. And for opportunities to reach new heights in academic and athletic programs, the school and its foundation often have a donor to thank.

These donors have helped sustain the level of excellence at GMC for years, and they continue to provide ways for GMC to maintain its ideals and carry on its mission into a solid future.

Many of these supporters and visionaries choose to give unrestricted funds, enabling GMC to use their contributions where they are needed most. For this reason, they may not get specific recognition every time a new program is instituted, an old building is repaired or a computer gets a simple upgrade.

But their generosity never goes unnoticed. Each year, the president of GMC hosts a black-tie gala reception and dinner to formally recognize the school's leading donors. It's an opportunity for them to enjoy an elegant evening of good food, good company and good entertainment in a gloriously-decorated Legislative Chamber.





Leaf Society, and to honor these members' continued dedication to the

help of corporate event planner Steve Rogers, was a visual splendor of well-appointed décor integrated with subtle trappings of the holiday



season. Softly-lit garland draped along the Chamber's columns and mantelpiece, and oversized wreaths on its windows complimented the tables' natural centerpieces and floral arrangements, made of ivory roses, pine cones and green apples, interspersed with golden ornaments.

MG Peter J. Boylan, USA (Ret.) welcomed the more than 130 in attendance at this year's President's Dinner and thanked them for their generosity and commitment to GMC.



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Following a blessing given by Dr. George L. Echols, Trustee of the GMC Foundation, guests enjoyed an elaborate dinner buffet prepared by Loper Brothers Catering of Milledgeville.

Live music from an accomplished string quartet was provided through the Peter J. Boylan Concert Series by Mr. and Mrs. Winston H. Sibley.

Mr. William R. Craig, Chairman of the GMC Foundation, concluded the evening with several acknowledgements while guests sampled items from a dessert buffet and warmed up with a cup of coffee.









Membership

President's Circle:

The President's Circle is a special membership group that fosters annual unrestricted leadership gifts. Membership in the President's Circle also includes donors whose gifts of \$1,000 or more are targeted for endowment, scholarships, facilities and a wide range of programs and services at Georgia Military College.

The Oak Leaf Society:

The Oak Leaf Society recognizes alumni and friends who have included the Georgia Military College Foundation in their estate plans. Their gifts for the college's future are made through wills or trusts, or by naming the GMC Foundation as the beneficiary of life insurance policies, retirement fund accounts or other financial investments.

For more information regarding membership in either of these organizations, please contact Elizabeth Sheppard (esheppar@gmc.cc.ga.us) or Sally Thrower (sthrower@gmc.cc.ga.us) at (478) 387-4840.



"Smokin' 16-piece Big Band" to jazz up the holiday season with a sensational performance at GMC's Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts.

With a powerful voice, and trumpet to match, Gransden was backed by a seeming sea of saxophones, trombones and trumpets, a grand piano, bass and drums. He was able to showcase his vocal range with mellow favorites like "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "Silver Bells," and kept toes tapping with upbeat numbers like "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm" and "Let It Snow."

Originally from New York, Gransden has traveled and performed with musical legends Barry White, Aretha Franklin, The Moody Blues and Kenny Rogers. His new CD "Close to My Heart," produced by Kenny G, was released in October. He now lives in Atlanta and performs regularly at various venues throughout the city.

The Holiday Concert was part of GMC's Steinway Concert Series, and was presented in part by Allied Arts of Milledgeville.



Following the concert, a coffee and dessert reception offered guests the opportunity to meet the artists.



Membership Levels and Additional Benefits

PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$1,000 AND UP

- Premier reserved seating at Steinway Series concerts
- Four complimentary tickets to all Steinway Series concerts
- Listing on all Steinway Concert Series programs
- Invitation for two for the annual President's Dinner hosted by MG Peter J. Boylan

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- Two complimentary tickets for all Steinway Series concerts
- Listing on all Steinway Concert Series programs

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- Two complimentary tickets for a special performance
- Listing on all Steinway Concert Series programs

Bronze Sponsorship – up to \$249

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Expanding Educational Opportunities

Georgia Military College defines itself by its ability to provide students with the skills they need to succeed, all built on a foundation that emphasizes moral integrity, personal responsibility, and service to the community. The cost of attending should not hinder deserving young

people from accomplishing their life's goals. Scholarships are often the only means by which many of these future success stories can attain the high quality education they need and deserve.

Current Scholarship Recipients

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS:

John A. Sibley

Jeffery Duckworth Ryan Ransom Elmer Mills Janetta Slappy

Tobias Palmer

Olin B. King

Macie Lee **David Sanders**

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Frances Wood Wilson

Adam Autry Clinton Harvin Lydia Coley Ashley Holmes Khaynddiya Cosme Alexander Joslyn Thyjuana Martin Jai'vhionn Denson Grant Duffy Caroline Pruit Michael Eubanks Jessica Scarlett Miranda Smith Annalisa Grimes

Ophelia Moore Bell

Garrett Hall Tiana Kennedy

Al and Charlotte Gandy Annual Scholarship

Kalli Trapanier

Military Endowment Annual Scholarship

Cha Hyoshin

Fred and Peggy Tucker Annual Scholarship

William Peeler Holly Zant

John T. Moore Annual Scholarship

Kip Goss

James Woods Memorial Annual Scholarship

Hamilton Jakar

Michael Stokely Annual Scholarship

Chris Henry

Chad Mercer Annual Scholarship

Gavin Whitfield

Daniel Gomez Annual Scholarship

Demetrius Jackson

Georgia Civil War Commission Annual Scholarship

Gil Bolivar

Kevin Cruze Annual Memorial Fund

(Atlanta Campus) Jacob Byrd

Strickland/Leben Annual Scholarship

Shawn Humphrey

ESTABLISHING ENDOWMENTS FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Thousands of alumni have benefited from their time at GMC - proud, accomplished men and women who possess the potential to make a difference in society and have learned the value of serving others. We invite you as alumni and friends of GMC to leave a legacy by joining us in our commitment to building endowments that will benefit future generations through scholarships opportunities.

How to Establish a Scholarship Endowment:

- Make a contribution to the GMC Foundation in the form of cash, appreciated securities or other charitable gifts.
- Make a single gift of \$25,000 or a gift of at least \$5,000-\$10,000 and a pledge of the remaining amount over a period of up to five years.
- Select a name for your endowment your own or that of someone you wish to honor.
- Set up criteria for selection of recipients.

Funds intended for endowment are invested by the GMC Foundation, which serves as steward of the endowed funds. Once the fund reaches \$25,000, a portion of the earnings will fund the scholarship annually. Any additional earnings will be returned to the fund to ensure future growth. *The Foundation* is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, and contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

ESTABLISHING ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

It is simple to create an annual scholarship through the GMC Foundation.

- Notify the Office of Advancement of your intent.
- Determine the amount you wish to offer annually for student support – typically, \$500 to \$1,000 annually.
- If you wish, select a name for your scholarship.
- Set up criteria for selection of recipients.
- Send a check or make a gift online at www.gmcfoundation.org.

Contact Sally Thrower, Director of Development, at (478) 387-4885 for information on how you can assist deserving students through providing scholarships.

Georgia Civil War Commission Scholarship Check Presentation

Georgia Military College recently awarded the Georgia Civil War Commission Annual Scholarship to Cadet Bolivar Gil, of Milledgeville,

Ga. Mr. Gil, the first recipient of this scholarship, is a member of the 131st Corps of Cadets and a sophomore at GMC where he is studying criminal justice. "This scholarship gives me greater enthusiasm to continue with my studies because it lets me know others care about my future and the value of my education, said Gil." He plans to continue his education at Mercer University and pursue a career in the criminal justice field.

The Georgia Civil War Commission Annual Scholarship, estab-

lished in 2009, is available for GMC junior college cadets who are residents of the State of Georgia with a 2.5 grade point average or above. This scholarship provides an opportunity for students who may otherwise not have the chance to attend college. Pictured (left to right) Lt. Col. R. Edward Shelor, USMC (Ret.), Vice Chair of the Georgia Civil War Commission, Cadet Bolivar Gil, and MG Peter J. Boylan, President of Georgia Military College.

WILL ROBINSON MEMORIAL RUN

The 14th Annual Will Robinson Memorial Run was held on November 21, 2009. This race is a joint project between the Alumni Association and the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department to honor the memory of Will Robinson, an alumnus of GMC. Robinson lost his life while serving and protecting the Milledgeville community, and this event gives back to that community. The proceeds from the race go to the 1879 Circle of Friends GMC Alumni Scholarship Fund, the Will Robinson Scholarship Fund, also at GMC, and the C.H.A.M.P.S. (Choosing Healthy Activities & Methods Promoting Safety) Program.

Suzanne Ratliff, GMC Alumni Board Secretary and co-chairman of the race committee, shared some comments about the event: "I was very pleased with our race this past year. We had 24 sponsors for the event and 451 runners participated. This was the largest turnout that we have ever had in the 14 years of the race, which is great! A large number of participants were students, faculty/staff and alumni of GMC. It's a family event and a community event. I enjoy getting together with the deputies, fellow alumni, and friends who knew Will as we remember him each year."

The next Will Robinson Memorial Run is set for November 20, 2010.





1879 Circle of Friends Scholarship Fund nearing \$50,000 milestone

To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Georgia Military College, a unique scholarship opportunity was initiated to support deserving prep school and junior college students who are children and/or grandchildren of GMC alumni.

The 1879 Circle of Friends alumni scholarship endowment has grown substantially since 2004 and is nearing a \$50,000 milestone. Thanks to the commitment of alumni and friends, students who have the potential for academic success and wish to attend GMC are now able to receive the financial assistance to do so.

Membership in the 1879 Circle of Friends is awarded and maintained with a tax-deductible donation of \$18.79 or more during each fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Many donors choose to make this a monthly contribution or choose to make larger gifts of \$100, \$500 or \$1,000. While gifts of any size are welcome, these larger gifts will help accelerate the growth of the endowment toward its next milestone of \$100,000.

One hundred percent of every donation goes to provide scholarships for deserving students.

For more information on how to become part of the 1879 Circle of Friends, contact the Foundation office at (478) 387-4840 or visit www.GMCFoundation.org to make an online gift.





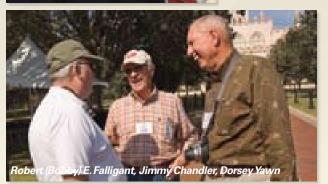
Jaleesa Barksdale, left, and **Donovan** Haslam, right, were the recipients of this year's 1879 Circle of Friends alumni scholarship award.

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Alumni Weekend

OCTOBER 23-24, 2009











Today, Georgia Military College encourages its incoming students to "Start here. Go anywhere." And each year, the school offers evidence of that truth as it welcomes former students home during Alumni Weekend.

Alumni Weekend provides an opportunity for graduates to return to their roots, reflect on how far they've come, and serve as an inspiration for today's cadets. It's a chance to introduce GMC to new generations and reconnect with older ones.

For many, the road back to GMC can evoke a sense of pride and play upon the senses - the familiar sights of the Old Capitol Building, the stone gates, Davenport field; the sounds of reveille, a sergeant major's command; the smells of a new classroom, basketball gym or library - even for those least expecting it. There's a certain comfort to be found amongst all things familiar – a part of human nature that seeks out constants in life.

This fall, Alumni Weekend 2009 brought close to 400 alumni back to GMC. A full schedule awaited, made up of campus tours, receptions, dinners and reunions.

Several alumni kicked off the weekend Friday morning with the annual Alumni Golf Tournament at the Milledgeville Country Club. The winning foursome included Ryan Stillman, Charles Wilcher, Royce Sanders and Louie Sanders.

On campus, a ribbon cutting ceremony and champagne punch reception was held at the Old Capital Museum to open the GMC exhibit "Duty, Honor, Country." Tours of the museum, along with the Old Capitol Building, New Academic Building, Baugh Barracks and Ruark Athletic Complex, were held throughout the remainder of the day Friday and on Saturday. In the Sibley-Cone Library, an historic slideshow chronicling the establishment and development of GMC was presented over the course of the weekend.

Once again, this year's Alumni Weekend coincided with the Deep Roots Festival, formerly known as Sweetwater, Milledgeville's annual cultural arts and music festival in downtown. Visiting alumni were able to get a sneak peek at the sanctioned BBQ cook-off contest that draws connoisseurs from around the Southeast.

Each evening, a social event was planned to allow alumni of all ages to catch up, reminisce and share a few laughs with family and friends.

Plans are already under way for next year's Alumni Weekend, to be held October 22 and October 23. For details, visit www.gmc.cc.ga.us., or contact the Office of Advancement at (478) 387-4881 or ehamilto@gmc.cc.ga.us.















To view additional photos, or order prints from Alumni Weekend 2009, visit www.dianekirklandphoto.com.

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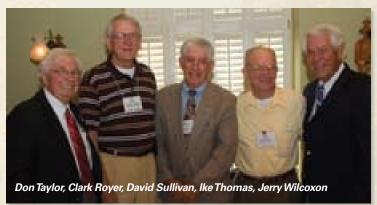






Following Friday afternoon's Alumni Awards Presentation and Oak Leaf Society Induction, alumni and friends were invited to join award recipients, inductees and Alumni Board and Foundation Board members under the tent at the South Gate for an Italian feast catered by The Willis House. Musical entertainment was provided by the Bob Huellemeier Orchestra.





Alumni found their way back







Oak Leaf Inductees

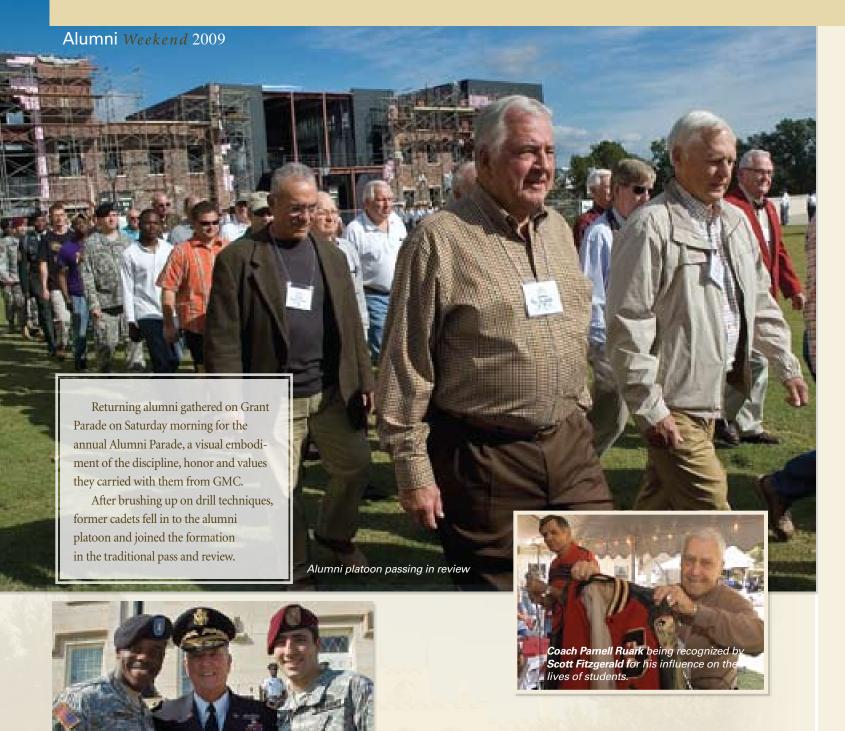




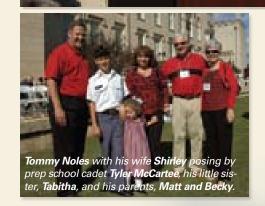


As a result of their planned gifts to GMC, **Leigh Scott** and **Terry Baggett** were inducted during the weekend into the Oak Leaf Society.

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Elizabeth Jarvis Fabian (HS 1978) served as guest speaker for the Alumni Parade. Liz has distinguished herself as a prominent journalist and currently anchors news on the Mix in the Morning radio/television talk show on Macon WPGA-TV and broadcasts on www.macon.com, the Internet home of *The Telegraph*, where she works as a reporter. The former hurricane chaser and news anchor for The Weather Channel began studying journalism at GMC where she wrote for *The Sabre* newspaper before graduating. Liz has also working in the Macon television newsrooms of WMAZ, WMGT and WGXA and anchored the evening news at WSB radio in Atlanta. Through her performance in these assignments, Fabian has carved a unique niche for herself as the newspaper's premiere video journalist and earned from her colleagues the moniker "the most trusted journalist in all of Middle Georgia."

In her speech, this distinguished alumna shared her reflections upon the strong foundation GMC provides its graduates and charged current cadets with seeking to build character that will serve them for a lifetime.

"There is no greater time to follow the path that you've taken to study here at Georgia Military College than these increasingly important and yet dangerous days ahead. The difficult decisions will lie ahead for all of you. For those of us who have already graduated, it is just as important for us to think back to those days of discipline. Shining shoes, polishing brass, following orders, living up to expectations and building character above all. . . .

For what is discipline but the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behaviors? But let us all rise above and take a step beyond and learn what is right and do what is right in the eyes of God, above all.

In this life, just about everything we have can be taken from us. Someone can steal our money, eliminate our job or take our life. The only thing we have that is truly ours to keep is our integrity – our ability to do the right thing. . . .

May the fires and trials of your life strengthen and refine your character. And may you never forget that the path that takes you away can lead you back (to GMC)."

Liz Fabian, guest speaker 2009 Alumni Parade SPRING 2010 | The Cadence

son, MG Peter Boylan, and Matt

Alumni Weekend 2009

The path that takes you away also brings you back









A GMC Alumni Weekend wouldn't be complete without a Bulldog tailgate party.

Football fans gathered before the game on Saturday to enjoy a BBQ lunch and all the "fixins" catered by Sticky Fingers of Macon and live music by the Monty Cole Quintet under the tent outside Davenport Field.

Then, following the Junior College Pre-Game Show, alumni and friends helped cheer the Bulldogs on to a 55-3 victory over Louisburg College.



Alumni Weekend 2009 provided an ideal opportunity to celebrate the literary successes of two alumni authors

Coletti

who were on-hand to sign copies of their recently-published books.

George D. N. Coletti (HS 1957, JC 1959) introduced his work of historical fiction, *Stone Mountain: The Granite Sentinel.* The novel, set in Stone Mountain, traces the lives of the fictitious Jernigan family from the days leading up to, during, and following

the Civil War. Milledgeville native and photographer **Bailey Davidson** (HS 1990) also debuted his compilation of historical photographic essays, *Milledgeville Then and Now.*

Through photographs, Davidson documents the evolution and transformation of the city of Milledgeville from a frontier capital to the modern, collegiate city that exists today. The book contains images dating as far back as the 19th Century, many of which Davidson re-photographed from the same point of view.



Davidson

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Alumni Weekend 2009

The path that takes you away also brings you back







The weekend's festivities culminated with the Annual Alumni Dinner and Dance held under the main tent Saturday evening.

Lavishly decorated with fresh flowers, the tables overflowed with heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Pig in a Pit of Milledgeville. Returning alumni didn't forget to pack their dancing shoes and took to the floor to enjoy live entertainment by The Grapevine from Macon.



Rosemary Baugh Warren, HS '80, Mike Blizzard, HS '79, Tammie Martin Greene, HS '83 and JC '86 and Gina Mills Kuehn, HS '79

save the date!!

Alumni Weekend

OCTOBER 22-23, 2010





The much-anticipated main event serves as one last chance for GMC alumni to reminisce, reconnect, share a memory and share a laugh. Many alumni return each year and others organize special reunions to coincide with the dinner and dance.

Next year's Alumni Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday, October 23 during GMC's Alumni Weekend 2010.



Betty Williams & Michael Cancio share a dance.



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A Golden Opportunity: Class of '59 reconnects after 50 years

There's a special bond that forms between people who spend some of their most formative years as not only classmates, but roommates. For cadets living in the barracks at GMC, their education continued long after the final bell rang, as they learned to work together for the greater good and learned to depend on one another for everyday survival. They shared in each other's successes, they shared in plenty of mischief, and they shared in the punishment.

It's a bond that returning cadets discovered hadn't diminished, even after 50 years, as GMC's "Golden Brigade" reassembled for a class reunion during this year's Alumni Weekend.

Former Company Commander, Larry Stafford, now of Pensa-









cola, Fla., "rallied the troops" earlier this year, sending out a letter encouraging classmates to make the trip to Milledgeville for the reunion. Discouraged at how many classmates were lost over the years, he understood the reality that, for some, this could very well be their final reunion -a golden opportunity that did not need to be missed.

His excitement was contagious, spurring several classmates including Ike Thomas, Jim Tillman and Ed Robinson to help reach out to fellow cadets. The class had a lot of catching up to do, and they all got a head start through a special blog set up by Robinson.

Robinson started out in July, scan-

ning old black and white photos from his yearbook – class portraits, football teams, the old campus theatre – and posted them, along with current news on GMC prep and junior college, at www.GMC1959reunion.blogspot.com.

He sent links to everyone he could locate and invited them to share personal updates, fond memories, funny stories and, most importantly, to RSVP for Alumni Weekend. People began posting on the blog immediately, sharing stories of their lives and recounting the days spent at GMC. Herb Meyer got everyone laughing with an exhaustive list of his own memories of GMC, Milledgeville and the colorful char-

acters therein. On a serious note, Dorsey Yawn wrote and posted the poem, "United We Stood," in honor of the strength and pride he found in the class of 1959. For those who were unable to make the reunion, the blog allowed them a way to share in the reunion festivities.

"It was a good way to find out a little something about everybody's lives since they left GMC," said Robinson. "People were glad to see their old photos, read about where people were now, and see if they would be at Alumni Weekend. I think it got a lot of people excited about coming back."

The reunion went from online to in-person during Alumni Weekend, with most of the class returning to GMC for the event. Over the weekend, the '59ers filled in the gaps of time, enjoying a good laugh or two along the way, and remembering those who could not be there to share in them

"I'm so glad I was a part of this reunion and lived long enough to go to it," said Stafford. "It was great to see people I hadn't seen in maybe 50 years. But what impressed me the most was, out of a group of doctors, lawyers, judges, legislators -- you name it, you never heard any chest-beating. We all met on a common level, just as we did when we were going to GMC, and I think that speaks volumes about the caliber of men we are."

In fact, one of the highlights of the weekend was being able to come out in support of their classmate Don Taylor who received this year's Alumni Award for outstanding Community Service. "The presentation of awards was a very nice part of Alumni Weekend," said Thomas, "and I was very proud that GMC makes it a point to honor past alumni."

With a core group that rarely misses an Alumni Weekend at GMC, many out-of-towners said they are planning to follow in their classmates' footsteps and return each year for an "on-going" reunion.

"Everybody I talked to said this was the best alumni reunion they had ever been to," said Thomas. "GMC does such a good job with organizing the weekend that it makes it easy for people to want to come back."

"A salute to students of fifty-nine,

A wonderful group — right down the line.

Cooperation, fair play was our theme,

Success and learning was our dream.

And a backward look will bring to mind,

Experiences that strong friendships bind.

And memories that will linger there,

Long after we have gone elsewhere."

Class of 1959 honors

COL Gordon "Bill" Ragan with annual scholarship

For several members of the Class of 1959, Alumni Weekend provided not only a time to return to a place that helped shape their future, but a time to reflect on the people who had made a difference in their lives along the way.

While planning a trip back for his 50th reunion, Larry Stafford spent some time recalling the people he felt made a significant contribution to his education in one way or another. He kept coming back to COL Gordon "Bill" Ragan, his senior English teacher, winner of many distinguished awards and one of the strictest teachers he had ever known.

"I remember Bill Ragan as a man who would hold your feet to the fire," said Stafford. "If you wrote a paper for him, there was no excuse for misspelled words. He certainly contributed to the fact that I didn't have to take freshman English in College."

Stafford had the idea of establishing an annual scholarship named in honor of Bill Ragan, much like other GMC classes have done through the GMC Foundation in the past. He ran the idea by COL Ragan's wife, Ann, then pitched it to some fellow classmates, finding much support from others who had survived Senior English.

"Bill dedicated his life to teaching and especially to GMC, and I was so pleased to hear how much he had influenced their lives," said Ann Ragan. "I am so grateful they chose to honor his teaching and, to express their appreciation through a scholarship, I think is very appropriate.

She remembered her husband saying at the end of the day that he didn't expect his students to appreciate him while they were in his class, but he wanted them to look back in a couple of years and realize that what he was teaching them was more than just English. "He was very strict," she said, "but he had a knack of seeing into the lives of each cadet and discovering what they needed, whether it was love and encouragement or discipline."

The Gordon "Bill" Ragan Annual Scholarship will be awarded this fall to a Junior College student with a 2.5 GPA or greater. Funds from the scholarship will be used to offset the cost of tuition and books. The recipient will be selected by the GMC Scholarship Committee.

"I hope this scholarship will be able to help students learn as much as they can from GMC," said Ragan. "That's what Bill would want."

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Gordon "Bill" Ragan Annual Scholarship may contact Sally Thrower, Director of Development, at (478) 387-4885 or sthrower@gmc.cc.ga.us.



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Visit www.GMC1959reunion.blogspot.com and find:

- Additional photos from Alumni Weekend 2009
- "Loyal Sons Are We" slideshow of the weekend's event
- A link to the recently digitized 1959 GMC "Recall" yearbook
- Old photos and recent updates on members of the High School and Junior College Class of 1959



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Getting the Band Back Together Alumni Weekend: the perfect venue for a reunion tour

When Terry
"Falstaff" Johnson left GMC in
1962, he swore
he would never
return. He's the
first to admit he
despised the
military and was
"never much on
taking orders."

But his friend Cliff Owdom was different. He welcomed the chance to get back to GMC and

had been coming to Alumni Weekend ever since the days his daughter Lily was small enough to still dance on his shoes.

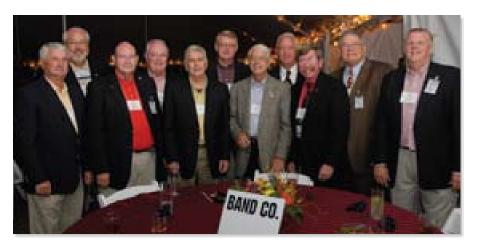
With so many stories to tell, he enjoyed sharing some of his greatest, and/or funniest, moments at GMC. But what he really wanted was to re-live those moments with the people who were there in Band Company along with him. If everybody could just get one person to come back, Owdom knew, it could be a weekend from which legends were made.

He went to work on Johnson, always being met with same response: "I didn't lose anything over there and don't have any reason to go back over there."

But 20 years later, Johnson caved.

Now Johnson is one of the most active promoters of GMC's Alumni Weekend – a man on a mission to gather as many former Band Company members as possible throughout the year.

"Once you get far enough away, you can look back on what you had," said Johnson. "And what we had was a brotherhood."



Band Company is definitely a close-knit group, and it's easy to see when they come together each year for Alumni Weekend. "We have so much fun, other people come up to us and ask if they could join our reunion," laughed Owdom.

Band Company always has a table reserved under

the main tent at Alumni Weekend for its returning members. It started out with a specific reunion group, but over the years it has expanded to include several class years. Now Johnson is working with various class agents to reach out to even more Band Company alumni.

"I would just encourage everyone to get in touch with their class agent and really make the effort to come back for Alumni Weekend. Things change so much and, over the years, you forget about all the petty differences between people, and you just get to relax with a bunch of friends and have fun," said Johnson.

"And if you can't have fun at this event, you can't have fun anywhere."





Band Company Class agents for Alumni Weekend 2010:

C/O 1959-60: **Tom Spann** (870) 672-2766 mtspann@gmail.com C/O 1961: **Dess Smith** (478) 237-2021 saussure@bellsouth.net

C/O 1962: **Terry"Falstaff" Johnson** (706) 465-1113

terry@rockycomfortplantation.com

C/O 1963: **Bob Seymour** (904) 251-9554 bobtmour@aol.com C/O 1964: **Bill Underwood** (229) 436-7951 wfulaw@bellsouth.net C/O 1965: **Joe Mobley** (478) 453-2033 mobleyjt@windstream.net

Going on Tour Former Band mates hit the road for GMC

It's not exactly how they imagined going on tour would be, but former Band Company members Cliff Owdom and Terry Johnson had plenty of excitement when they hit the road this summer, making stops at cities throughout South Georgia and down to Florida.



They left their cymbals and trumpet at home, fortunately, because on this tour, they were just roadies – out helping set up for the headliner, GMC's Alumni Weekend.

The two had decided to be more proactive in

reaching out to fellow Band Company members from the 1960s era. It was easy for people to make excuses over the phone not to come back for Alumni Weekend, but it might be harder if an old friend was standing on their front porch. So, this summer, they took a road trip.

Owdom left his home in South Carolina and picked Johnson up at his Rocky Comfort Plantation in Warrenton to begin their 1,150 mile journey. Johnson had a GPS and a list of addresses; Owdom had the tour bus – or at least a roomy SUV. "Cliff did all the driving," said Johnson, "and all the talking."

With no set itinerary, the two headed south. They had



warned a few people they might stop by, and surprised a few others, but behind every door, they were greeted with a smile. They had planned to stay at hotels along the way but were invited into the homes of their friends each night. "The hospitality was just unbelievable,"

said Johnson. Each stop was like a mini-reunion, affording old friends an opportunity to catch up and get

excited about Alumni Weekend.

Their first stop was in Columbus to visit Harry McRae. Then it was on to Albany to see if Bill Underwood would change his mind about coming to Alumni Weekend. "Bill had said he wasn't coming," said Owdom. "We stopped by his office anyway and he told us, 'If you think enough of me to drive all the way down here and ask me to come, then I'll go.'"

They passed Quitman, Ga., on the way to Jacksonville and decided to stop off and see Sherry Mathis whom they hadn't seen since 1962. He, too, was not planning on going back for Alumni Weekend. "He had all the excuses in the world, but now he says he'll never miss another one," said Owdom.

After hitting Jacksonville and having lunch



with Bob Seymour, the two turned back north toward Savannah, stopping for a little R&R in St. Simons. All in all, they spent five days and four nights on the road, and it paid off. Only one of the people they visited on the road trip didn't make it back for Alumni Weekend.

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For their next road trip, they're heading north to visit Band Company members in North Georgia and the surrounding area.

Even after spending hours in a car together, away from their families for five days, they both still recommend a road trip as the best way to get people excited about coming back to GMC for Alumni Weekend.

"You've got to do more than just send an e-mail or make a phone call," said Johnson. "You've got to make that personal contact. The best way to do that is get out on the road and knock on their door."

His only advice? "You better go with someone you like."

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2010 Alumni Weekend Reunions

Early Commissioning Program Graduates

Contact: Earlene Hamilton 478-387-4881/ehamilto@gmc.cc.ga.us

15th - JC 1995

Contact: Jessica Smith JessicaSmith0906@aol.com

25th - HS - The Silver Brigade

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

25th - JC - The Silver Brigade

Contact: Earlene Hamilton 478-387-4881/ehamilto@gmc.cc.ga.us

35th - JC 1975

Monte Washburn

Phone 256-301-5457/256-301-9719 monte.washburn@heartlandits.com

50th - HS & JC - The Gold Brigade

Class Agents: Earlene Hamilton 478-387-4881/ehamilto@gmc.cc.ga.us

1960's Band Company Reunion

Class Agent: Terry "Falstaff" Johnson terry@rockycomfortplantation.com

1960's Era Reunion - May 1, 2010 Class Agent: Tim Milner

706-436-3300 tmilner48@gmail.com

Class Contacts

JC 1999

Class Agent: Chad Rogers 865-660-2899 roamingchad@aol.com

JC 1994

Class Agent: Diana Ortega Nader 770-518-7188 SDNader@att.net

HS 1989

Class Agent: Suzanne Martin Ratliff 478-453-2504 ratliff20@windstream.net

HS 1979

Class Agent: Claire Duke Garrett 478-452-2149 Cgarrett1219@aim.com

HS 1959 & JC 1961

Class Agent: Ed Robinson 478-452-0811 wermmr@charter.net GMC Reunion Blogspot

HS 1957 & JC 1959

Class Agent: Ike Thomas 478-452-6009 ijthomas@windstream.net GMC Reunion Blogspot

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Class of 1979 reconnects after 30 years

Lindi Simmons, Claire Garrett and Marsha Jones strike a pose.





The gang's all here and smiling. Front row, from left, **Beth Mullis, Lindi Goggans Simmons, Claire Duke Garrett, Marsha McRee Jones, Lynn Hamilton Rutherford** and **Ginny Wray.** Back row, from left, **Mike Blizzard, Walter Green, Frank Baugh, Lori Lavender Riddle, Russell Harding** and **Glenda Brookins Chandler.**

Returning cadets meet at GMC's lake lot during alumni weekend to honor CSM Hill



CSM Calvin Hill accepts the Alumni Cadet Appreciation Award, presented by the group during the cookout.



Chad Rodgers, left, and Luis Caballero right, welcome returning cadets to the GMC lake lot.



On the back row, from left, Luis Caballero, Jimmy Williams, Marvie Dingle, Chad Rodgers and Donovian Duncan. On the middle row, from left, Patrice Nichols, Melissa Oquendo, Latoyia Alston, Michael Cuffee, Jennifer Sanders, CSM Calvin Hill, Joseph Henao and Tambia London Washburn. On the bottom row, from left, Kristopher Worthy, Damien Butler, Moses Gardner and Bradley Cooper.

Award Recipients 2009

Georgia Military College alumni and friends met on October 23 and 24 to celebrate Alumni Weekend 2009 and to recognize the year's alumni award recipients. A wine and cheese reception was held to honor the recipients prior to the award presentations, which were done in conjunction with a joint GMC Alumni Association and GMC Foundation Board meeting. The recipients of these prestigious awards are selected annually from submitted nominations.

Dr. William H. Prosser DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

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ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Jacob (Jake) L. Goldstein
GMC SERVICE AWARD

Don W. Taylor
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This select group of individuals is representative of the fine character and countless acts of excellence displayed by the alumni and friends of GMC.

GMC is fortunate to have been a part of the lives of each of these fine people.

Their contributions have, without a doubt, made the world a better place.

Distinguished Alumni Award DR. WILLIAM H. PROSSER HS 1980 Poquoson, Virginia

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni whose lives have embodied the ideals of Georgia Military College including discipline, moral character, and learning, whose accomplishments have made a conspicuous and positive impression on those who will follow their lead, and whose lives are examples of extraordinary accomplishment.

Dr. Prosser is a Milledgeville native who followed in the footsteps of his father, Brad Prosser (HS 1954) and older brother, Randy Prosser (HS 1976) in attending GMC. He subsequently received his B.S. degree in Math and Physics from the College of William and Mary and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Materials Science and Engineering from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Prosser then joined NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC) in 1987 as an Aerospace Technologist in the Nondestructive Evaluation Sciences Branch. In 2005, he joined the NASA Engineering and Safety Center as Discipline Expert for Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE) and in 2007 was named a NASA Technical Fellow.

He has served as technical lead and program manager for the research and application of NDE and Structural Health Management (SHM) systems for aerospace vehicles. Dr. Prosser's research has been in the field of ultrasonic and acoustic emission sensing techniques. His work contributed to the suc-

cessful development and implementation of a system to detect impacts on the Space Shuttle wing leading edge in response to the Shuttle Columbia accident. He has led NASA, industry, university and government agency teams to implement NDE and SHM systems for a variety of NASA

programs including the Space Shuttle, International Space Station, X-33, and Aerospace Vehicle Systems Technology Program.

Dr. Prosser was the 1997 recipient of the NASA Floyd Thompson Fellowship, a 2003 recipient of a NASA Superior Accomplishment Award for efforts during the Columbia Accident Investigation, and a 2005 recipient of NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal. He is past Chair and a Fellow of the Acoustic Emission Working Group and is also the Scientific Editor of Structural Health Monitoring: An International Journal.

Dr. Prosser has authored over 70 referenced publications and internal technical reports and has received four patents.

He and his wife, Karen, now live in Poquoson, Virginia with their two children, Drew, 16 and Kayla, 14.

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Alumni Achievement Award GERALD D. COWART HS 1970-1972

Savannah, Georgia

The Alumni Achievement Award is designated for an alumnus who has attained notable success in his chosen field or profession, 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 chosen field or profession because of the example set by the recipient of this award.

In 1969, Mr. Cowart's father, an Army LTC, was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. Then a high school freshman, Cowart realized that his father would be retiring and the family moving back to their home in Georgia in his junior year. Rather than his having to attend high school in multiple locations, his parents agreed that he could move back to Georgia early and attend a boarding school to finish his high school years in one place. Everyone was mutually pleased to agree on GMC, which was close to Cowart's grandmother in Swainsboro and his father's brothers in Atlanta.

Between 1970 and 1972, Cowart attended high school at Georgia Military College, but then he entered junior college in Savannah on an early admissions program, skipping his senior year at GMC. After a couple of years without clear direction, he discovered his calling in architecture. It combined two of his loves: science and art. In 1975, Cowart was accepted to Georgia Tech's College of Architecture where he earned both undergraduate and Master's degrees in Architecture. While his undergraduate interest was in alternative energy, his graduate focus was on urban design and historic preservation. In 1981, he and his wife Sally moved back to Savannah to start their family and his professional

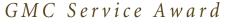
In 1987, he founded Cowart Group, PC Architects and is presently Senior

Partner of Cowart Coleman Group, Architects. Over the years, his firm has won two Urban Design Awards, eleven Historic Preservation Awards, twelve American Institute of Architects (AIA) Design Excellence Awards, and numerous awards for service to his profession and his community. He has been published

over 35 times both for his design work and articles he has authored. Cowart's career also includes a long commitment to education and mentorship.

He has also long been a proponent of Sustainable "Green" Design and is one of the first LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) accredited architects in the country. In 1996 and again in 1997, Cowart was awarded the prestigious AIA Georgia Sustainable Design Award. In 2008, he authored AIA Georgia's Sustainable Design position paper.

He is currently President-Elect of AIA Georgia and Chairman of the AIA Georgia Committee on the Environment. He has been a member of the American Institute of Architects for the past twenty-two years, serving on the State Executive Committee from 1993-1997. In 2010, Cowart will serve as President of the Georgia American Institute of Architects. He has also served in numerous local leadership roles, twice as President of the AIA Savannah Chapter. He is a founding member of USGBC's (United States Green Building Council) Savannah section and a board member of the Ogeechee Canoochee Riverkeepers.



JACOB LEWIS (JAKE) GOLDSTEIN HS 1940, JC 1942 Milledgeville, Georgia

The GMC Service Award is designated for an alumnus or friend of Georgia Military College who has rendered special ervice to the school or to any of its ancillary organizations including the GMC Alumni Association, the Bulldog Club, the Booster Club, or the GMC Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Goldstein was born in Milledgeville and attended GMC from the age of five, going through elementary school, high school, and junior college. He then attended the University of Georgia, graduating from there with a B.B.A. degree.

During W.W.II, he served as a Captain in Patton's Third Army and received two Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantry Badge during that time. According to Mr. Goldstein, GMC prepared him for the reality of life and, during the war, perhaps even saved his life.

Back at home in Milledgeville, putting his business degree to good use, Mr. Goldstein has been associated with C. Goldstein and Sons (a department store and wholesale business) for over sixty years, serving as president. He was also co-founder of First Federal Savings and Loan of Milledgeville as well as a member of the Board. Later he became Chairman of the BB&T Bank Board.

Tremendously active in organizations in the community, Mr. Goldstein has held leadership positions in the Chamber of Commerce and both locally and internationally in the Kiwanis Club; has served on several governmental bodies both at local and state levels; is actively involved with the Democratic

Party; and is co-founder of Harriet's Closet, which provides items for patients undergoing cancer treatment, just to mention a few of his many involvements.

It is, however, his commitment to GMC for which he is receiving this award. Mr. Goldstein and his wife Maxine were

recognized in 2005 for their legacy gift with the naming of the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts and again in 2007 for their generous donation toward the purchase of additional stage curtains along with much-needed microphone systems, selected to enhance choral and band performances as well as theatrical performances. Currently, they are providing for the refurbishment and furnishing of the dressing rooms in the Center. Their generosity and their dedication to excellence continue to impact GMC in meaningful ways.

In addition to generously supporting GMC, Mr. Goldstein has been integrally involved in volunteer service to the school. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees, past president of the Alumni Association, and former chairman of the GMC Foundation. Yet, according to him, the gifts he and his wife have received from GMC total a debt they have yet to truly repay; in fact, he feels it can never truly be paid in full.



Community Service Award Don W. Taylor HS 1957, JC 1959 Pine Mountain, Georgia

The Community Service Award is given to Georgia Military College alumni who, through leadership, inspiration, teamwork, or hard work in the spirit of volunteerism or in their professional activities, have 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 their community.

After graduating from GMC in 1959, Mr. Taylor went back to Pine Mountain in Harris County and started a plumbing and electrical business. Beginning as a young man he has always been very passionate about his community. Over the years, through his leadership in organizations like the Pine Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Pine Mountain Tourism Association, which he actually helped organize and for which he served as president a number of times, or on his own as a volunteer, Taylor achieved many goals for his community.

In 1961 he went to work for Callaway Gardens, beginning a career in the hospitality business that would span almost five decades. He worked many years at Callaway Gardens Resort before purchasing the Davis Inn, also in Pine Mountain. Taylor became known to many people as "Mr. Hospitality" because he knew how to take care of the visitors just as he took care of his neighbors and friends. During his hospitality career, he has been a member of the Georgia Travel Association, Presidential Pathways Travel Association

and Georgia Department of Economic Development Tourism Division. He retired from the lodging industry in 2007; however, this by no means has stopped Taylor from doing good works for tourism in the community. He continues to serve as an Emeritus Board member for the Tourism



Continuing his good work in other areas in the community, he serves on the board of the Harris County Family Connection. During their drive for school supplies for the community this year, he was responsible for serving lunch to all the volunteers that gathered the supplies and gave them to the school kids. Taylor is also very involved with Christ the King Catholic Church, for which he has served on the Parrish Council since 2007.

For Pine Mountain, Don Taylor has always been the person who was not afraid to say, "Let's find a way to do this." Everyone close to him, or those who have worked with him, knows he has passion and love for all people, good causes, and his community.

He and his wife, Margot Van Lennep, from Wassenar, Holland, and known to most of the community as DiDi Taylor, have two children, Patrick and Carla, and eight grandchildren, four boys and four girls, ages 6 to 16.

RANDY NEW Receives Inaugural President's Award

Mr. Randall A. New, a GMC graduate and the chairman of the GMC Board of Trustees, was selected as the first recipient of the President's Award, an announcement made during the GMC Alumni Awards presentation.

The President's Award is presented to an alumnus or friend of Georgia Military College who has rendered exceptional service to Georgia Military College, to the community, and to the nation. The recipient will have demonstrated excellence in character and exemplary leadership, serving as an inspiration to others and exerting a positive influence over their lives.

Mr. New, a life-long resident of Baldwin County, graduated from GMC Prep School in 1971 and from the Junior College in 1973. He subsequently received his Bachelor of Science in Economics and Management from Georgia College & State University. Following three years of service in the U.S. Army, he settled in his hometown of Milledgeville where he is currently vice president and co-owner of Bayne's Army Store as well as co-owner and managing partner for B & N Investments.

Mr. New's service to Georgia Military College in his current role as chairman of the Board of Trustees has been exemplary. He has served on the Board since 1992 and has been chairman since 1998. In the past ten years, he has led the Board to new heights as, together, they have joined in furthering the mission of GMC, overseeing unprecedented growth and improvement for the institution. This GMC graduate has truly come home to serve his alma mater and his community in ways that have made a tremendous difference. Moreover, he has become a member of the Oak Leaf Society at GMC through his generous commitment toward securing the future of the institution.

Randy New's involvement in community affairs and events includes membership on the Exchange Bank Board of Directors. He is a founding



board member and former treasurer of Milledgeville Main Street/DDA, a founding member of the Downtown Merchants' Council, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. For the past 19 years he has served as the chairman of the Empty Stocking Fund, a project that feeds needy families in the community. In addition, he has served as a volunteer coach with the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Recreation Department for 10 years, and his qualifications as an NRA qualified instructor serve him well in his role as a mentor for youth involvement in the hunting sports.

Lastly, but no less importantly, he has faithfully served his country in the U.S. Army.

Although he seeks no recognition or glory, the first recipient of the President's Award is truly deserving of this honor and any recognition that accompanies it. In character, leadership, and service, he continues to excel and to impact his world in positive and lasting ways.

Randy New is pictured with MG Peter J. Boylan, President of Georgia Military College.

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We invite your nominations for the 2010 GMC Alumni Awards. Alumni, friends of the school, and non-alumni supporters of GMC and its ancillary organizations may qualify. The deadline for nominations is **June 1, 2010**. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Advancement at (478) 387-4840.

Nomination Criteria

Alumni Achievement

Awarded to Georgia Military College alumni who have attained notable success in their chosen field or profession at the local, state, or national level, and whose achievements might serve as an inspiration to anyone considering entering their chosen field or profession, or might serve as an inspiration to others to excel in their chosen field or profession because of the example set by the recipients of this award.

Outstanding Recent Alumnus

Awarded to Georgia Military College alumni who, having completed their studies at GMC within the past fifteen years, have demonstrated excellence in academics or in their chosen careers or professions, or who have made great strides in their personal lives, and who show promise of continuing excellence.

Community Service Award

Awarded to Georgia Military College alumni who through leadership, inspiration, teamwork, or hard work in the spirit of volunteerism or in their professional activities, have 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 their community.

Distinguished Alumnus

Awarded to Georgia Military College alumni whose lives have 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 their lead in the field or endeavor, and whose lives are examples of extraordinary accomplishment.

Honorary Alumnus

Awarded to individuals who are not alumni of Georgia Military College, but who have rendered special or exceptional service to the school or to its Alumni Association, and who, by virtue of their service, are worthy of the designation of GMC alumnus and all that the designation entails.

GMC Service Award

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

GMC Graduate HS _____ and/or JC _____ Nominee's Address: Nominee's Phone #: ____ Award Nomination Category (please check one): O Alumni Achievement O Distinguished Alumnus O Outstanding Recent Alumnus O Honorary Alumnus O Community Service Award O GMC Service Award Please include supporting documentation for the nomination on a separate sheet of paper. Using no more than 500 words, you may include: career highlights, achievements, community service, letters of recommendation, and newspaper/magazine articles. Nominator: _____ GMC Graduate HS _____ and/or JC _____ Nominator's Address: _____ Home Phone #: ______ Work Phone #: _____ May we reveal your name? O YES O NO Is the nominee aware of this nomination? O YES O NO MAIL to: Alumni Relations, Georgia Military College, 201 East Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061

45 Harold Isaac Goodrich (HS 1943, JC 1947) and his wife Nathalie hosted a reception in September 2009 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Harrold's Tuxedos and Ready-to-Wear in downtown Milledgeville. The reception was a forum for local business leaders to congratulate the couple for their contribution to Milledgeville and Baldwin County through the years as well as an opportunity for other downtown business owners, customers, family, friends, and even former employees to stop in and be part of the "Diamond Anniversary" celebration.



John W. Grant, Jr. (JC 1947) and family celebrated J. C. Grant Company's 100 years of business in Milledgeville in November 2009 with a ribbon cutting and party marking the milestone. The downtown Milledgeville



jewelry store was filled with friends, family and well-wishers who stopped in to celebrate the achievement with the company. Daughter Jean Graham addressed those gathered to celebrate the business' centennial and traced the earliest advertisement placed in *The Union Recorder* to September 7, 1909.

354 John F. Daugharty II, (HS 1954, JC 1956) sponsored a hole in the Bob Canady (JC 1955) Memorial Golf Tournament held this past October recognizing GMC in memory of Canady, his GMC classmate. The tournament's proceeds were donated to the Lake Area Ministries building fund for a new building that will allow the Lake Region's chief food pantry to better serve the needs of local residents



256 Dwight R. Weathers (HS 1956) received the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award in March in recognition of his longtime leadership for dental programs and dental alumni at Emory. This award is one of two that Emory presents annually to recognize outstanding alumni for their professional achievement in and service through dentistry.

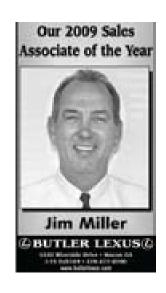
²57 **Dr. George Coletti** (HS 1957, JC 1959) has written Stone Mountain: The Granite Sentinel, an historical novel about Stone Mountain before, during, and after the Civil War with an abrupt ending on July 4, 1865. The story is contained entirely in Georgia and includes Milledgeville, Augusta, Savannah, Conyers, Oxford, Social Circle, Lithonia, Madison, Decatur and Atlanta. The fictitious family is the Jernigans from Stone Mountain who have twins, a boy and a girl. The Jernigans are the main characters in the book. Dr. Coletti's book was released to critical acclaim as one of the best Civil War era books since Gone With The Wind.

Donald A. Falvey (HS 1959) was unable to attend his Gold Brigade 50th reunion this year, but shared the following update with his classmates. "After graduation from GMC, I completed a degree program at Georgia Tech in civil engineering and then was on active duty with the US Army for two years, duty stationed in Korea for thirteen wonderful months. I ended up at Ft. Carson in Colorado and then pursued a career with the federal government - at first with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and then with the National Park Service." Falvev is pictured at Zion National Park where he served as superintendent for nine years.



James Alfred Thigpen (HS 1966) is a music critic for the Washington Post.

James "Jim" Erroll Miller (HS 1966) has been recognized by Butler Lexus of Macon as the 2009 Sales Associate of the Year.



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LTC Neal Bloodworth (HS 1980) JC 1982) assumed command on 19 October 2009 of the Base Support Group for International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) Headquarters Kabul Afghanistan, LTC Bloodworth is serving his second deployment overseas with his first being in 2005-2006 to Baghdad, Iraq where he served as Support Battalion Operations Officer. LTC Bloodworth has served the past 2 ½ years at US FORCES COMMAND Fort McPherson, Georgia as the CENTCOM Logistics Plans Officer. He recently completed his 23rd year of military service in the US ARMY.

LTC Bloodworth is seen here in front of ISAF HQ receiving the unit colors from Maj. General Antoni (German Army) Deputy Chief of Staff.



Ott John Cooksey (HS 1984, JC 1986)

was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army Special Forces. In 2009 COL Cooksey was stationed at U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida but was soon to be transferred to the Pentagon, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.



John M. Ragsdale (JC 1992) is going back to school to get a degree in Health Sciences, an EMT certification, and a Paramedic certification. He spent five years in the Army as a Combat Engineer and then spent the last fifteen years in IT and technology fields, owning and managing a number of successful business ventures, before making the decision to return to school and change job fields. Ragsdale is an ROTC commander.

Robert Wooden, Jr. (JC 1994) was married on January 19, 2007 and is an active duty soldier currently stationed in Belgium.

Billy Grizzard (HS 1997) and his wife Nichole announce the birth of Anslee Grace Grizzard on October 13, 2009. Maddy is her big sister.



William and **Andrea Wright** Kracht (HS 1997, JC 2000) announce the arrival of Owen Walker Kracht, born February 3, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud sisters are Ansley Grace and Lauren Faith.



Mark (HS 1997) and Kayla Williams announce the arrival of Elijah Mark Williams, born November 7, 2009.



Loretta C. Jordan (JC 1997) has received a B.A. in General Studies and Minor in African Studies and a B.A. in History and Minor in Creative Writing from Valdosta State University. She has also received an online Master in Education, with a concentration in Assessment and Evaluation from American Intercontinental University and is presently in a Ph.D. program at Argosy University online.

Jordan was a Valdosta State Literary Magazine staff member in 2000 and was published in this magazine. She is author of The Inner Shell Chapbook and author of the poem "Georgia"

found on plagues and T-shirts. Jordan just finished her autobiography, Humming and Singing the Gospel and also has self-published The Turpentine Era from 1924-1936 and a children's book.

CPT Jeremiah Jones (JC 2000) took command of Bravo Company, 3 Brigade Support Battalion, 1HBCT, 3ID at FT Stewart in September 2009 and will be deploying to Iraq with them as their company commander.



Hays Maynard, (HS 2001) was recently promoted to the rank of U.S. Navy Lieutenant. Maynard currently resides in Oak Harbor, Washington with his wife, Kristen, and newborn daughter, Peyton. He is a member of the Electronic Attack Squadron 130 and is due to embark on the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) sometime this spring.



Braxton Cotton (JC 2002) holds the rank of TFC with the Georgia Department of Public Safety and serves on the Executive Protection Detail for the Office of Governor Sonny Purdue.



Charles Scott Barrett (JC 2003) and Laura Chambers were married on November 15, 2008 in First Baptist Church in

Macon, Ga. They honeymooned in Jamaica. Both are employed at Atlantic Southern Bank, where they met. Scott, who received his B.A. in Information Technology from Macon State, is a network analyst. and Laura is a customer service representative.



HS 2003 married Emily Brown on July 3, 2009 in Milledgeville. Charlie is a 3rd vear medical student at Mercer University in Macon, GA. Emily is an elementary school counselor in McDonough, GA. The couple reside in Macon, GA.

Randall S. Sumbles (JC 2003) and his wife, Emily, announce the December arrival of Lilly, their first child.

Isaac Butts (HS 2007) is doing well at Appalachian State. During a game in November of 2009, he scored 10 first-half points and six of the team's first eight after the intermission as he finished with a careerbest 22 in Appalachian State University men's basketball's 77-44 win against Lees-McRae. Butts led the squad on the boards as well with nine rebounds as ASU held a commanding 44-30 edge on the glass.

Tina M. Wright (JC 2008) graduated from Valdosta State University December 12, 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Education

Clint Lasseter (HS 2008) is a sophomore at Presbyterian College (PC) in Clinton, S.C. and an ROTC contracted cadet in his second year of Leadership Training at PC. He will be studying abroad during a PC Maymester program in England and Scotland for the month of May 2010, earning three credits in English and three credits in History. Lasseter will be commissioned a Second Lieutenant in his senior year, one day prior to his graduation. He is pictured here on a weekend FTX (field training exercise) with PC Highlander Battalion during his freshman year. The FTX weekends are held

each semester at Fort Jackson, S.C.



Mary Kathryn Mason (HS 2009) was inducted into PHI ETA SIGMA, on February 7, 2010. Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society for college first-year students. Mason is a freshman at Georgia Southern University and has declared a major in Business with a minor in Spanish.



David Privett (JC 2009) and his wife. Sharelle Jackson Privet (JC 2009). announce the birth of Gabriel Nathaniel Privett on September 5, 2009.

Share Your News

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

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Please share your recent news (i.e., birth, death, marriage, promotion, unusual vacation, seen a classmate, new job, back to school, recently moved, etc.) If you include a photograph(s), please be sure to identify all people pictured.

The library is beginning the exciting process of digitizing GMC's yearbooks so they will be available on the GMC website. In preparation for that project the library is seeking Recall yearbooks from the following years: 1929-1944 and 1950 as well as Bulletins from 1949-1951 and 1954. In addition, any personal scrapbooks from this period would be especially appreciated. The library can scan and return any original materials you would prefer to keep. Please contact Jane Simpson at jsimpson@gmc.cc.ga.us if you have materials you would be willing to share.

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An Unlikely Reunion

Early Commissioning Program graduates meet up in Iraq

For one unique moment last fall, on the outskirts of Baghdad, the sands of time and winds of chance shifted to create an unlikely reunion of GMC graduates.

CPT Michael H. Liscano Jr. (JC 2002) was into his second deployment with the 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment (GARRYOWEN), 1st BCT, 1st Cavalry Division -- the same unit depicted in the book and movie We Were Soldiers. CPT Liscano was serving as the Hellfighter Troop Commander of 180 Cavalry Troopers.

He arrived on a Joint Service Station (JSS) in Istiglal, just north of Sadr City and east of Camp Taji, in late February 2009. The JSS is a small outpost connected to an Iraqi Federal Police Brigade separated by T-walls. His Squadron soon began combat operations and worked with a Military Transition Team that assisted the Iraqi Federal Police in operational and logistical

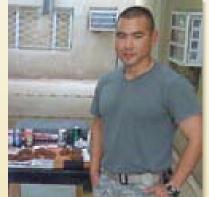
On that team, he stumbled across two fellow GMC graduates from the Early Commissioning Program, CPT Bradley

Cooper (2000), and CPT Mathsto Kingsada (JC 1999).

"It is very unusual to meet a GMC graduate in the Army because we are a small school and commission a small group of officers," wrote Liscano. "In addition, a lot of GMC Officers go to the National Guard, Reserve, or complete their service

obligation and get out of the active component, so the pool of GMC officers that are Captains is very small."

But there, on a small JSS in the middle of an Iragi desert, three commissioned officers three Captains - from GMC found each



The odds of it happening are very, very slim. We all could not believe that three GMC commissioned officers were on the same JSS."



From left, CPT Michael Hwang Liscano Jr. (JC 2002), Hellfighter Troop Commander; CPT Bradley Cooper (JC 2000), 2-1BDE Federal Police Military Transition Team Logistician Advisor; and **CPT Mathsto Kingsada** (JC 1999), 2-1BDE Federal Police Military Transition Team Military Intelligence Advisor.

other. "The odds of it happening are very, very slim." said Liscano, "We all could not believe that three GMC commissioned officers were on the same JSS."

CPT Liscano redeployed a second time in January and is now at Fort Hood, Texas, serving as commander of the Comanche Troop, 1st Squadron of the 7th Cavalry Regiment "Garryowen" in 1st BCT 1st Cavalry Division. He and his wife, Renae, have two children, Michael, 4, and Gabriel, 1.

CPT Cooper also redeployed back to Fort Riley, Kansas, and from there to Fort Stewart, where he is the Rear Detachment Commander for the 703rd Brigade, Support Battalion under the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. He and his wife, Heather, have two children, McCain, 8, and Madelyn, 3, and are expecting a third child.

CPT Kingsada is currently stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland.

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

LTC John Zellars Groves

(HS 1928)

Herbert N. Chandler, Sr. (HS 1933, JC 1936) October 11, 2009

Dr. Wilbur Moate Scott, Ir. (HS 1937)

September 8, 2009

Hubert Paul "Chick" Jones, Jr. (JC 1939)

August 13, 2009

Ira Thomas "Tom" Layfield

(HS 1941, JC 1943) January 1, 2010

Emile Jacob Fried

(HS 1942) July 27, 2009

Robert E. Collier (HS 1944)

July 23, 2009

Sidney Kennedy

(HS 1944)

May 27, 2007

Dr. Frank M. Johnston

(HS 1945) May 29, 2009

Charles Milton "Bo" Scott

(HS 1945)

October 10, 2009

CMSGT Matthew Thomas Gignilliat, USAF (Ret.)

June 2, 2009

Emory "E.D." Harrison, Jr. (HS 1946, JC 1947)

September 27, 2009

Rev. Cecil A. Brooks, Jr. (HS 1948)

June 26, 2009

Otto Conn Morrison

(HS 1948)

Rev. Silas Leaman Thomas

(JC 1948)

(HS 1948, JC 1951)

(HS 1949)

LTC Ernest Maynard Wood

(HS 1952, JC 1954)

(JC 1954)

October 5, 2009

(JC 1957)

(HS 1960, JC 1962)

(HS 1961)

(JC 1976)

November 28, 2009

(JC 1978)

October 25, 2009

August 29, 1996

Charles M. Vandiver

February 6, 2010

Barney A. Beall, Jr.

October 22, 2009

L. Myles Blaxton

Robert "Bob" Canady (JC 1955)

March 24, 2009

Charles Edward Echols

June 11, 2009

MAJ Charles Jerry Stiles, USA (Ret.)

January 15, 2010

Robert "Bobby" M. Bowyer

August 15, 2009

Asa Ronald Pippin, Sr.

Graham W. Smith

TSGT William B. Brasel, Jr.

(JC 1979)

November 20, 2007

Robin Edward Crankshaw

(JC 1980)

August 7, 2007

1SGT David Allen Hopkins, USA (Ret.)

(JC 1980)

July 6, 2009

(JC 1985)

Bonnie Susan Adams

(JC 1990)

William C. Chapman

2009

Melonie Choice

(former GMC faculty, Milledgeville campus)

Samuel Jordan Lawson, III

(GMC faculty, Warner Robins campus)

Alan Bowen Siblev

(former GMC Foundation member) July 14, 2009

(former GMC Foundation member)

Jaquavyn Smalls

(former GMC student) July 8, 2009

W.J. 'Bill' Usery Jr. honored by the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers paid tribute to GMC alumnus and former U.S. Secretary of Labor W.J. "Bill" Usery Jr. at two events held recently in Washington, D.C.

On Nov. 7, at the Grand



Hyatt Hotel, the premier screening was held for "Working for the American Workers," a compelling documentary featuring Secretary Usery and one of his predecessors, W. Willard Wirtz. The

documentary detailed Usery's beginnings as an activist on behalf of workers' rights, his five separate Presidential appointments, including Assistant Secretary of Labor, National Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and Secretary of Labor, along with his service as special Assistant to both President Nixon and President Ford.

Later that evening, Usery was honored at the College's 14th Annual Induction Dinner at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. The College presented Usery with a crystal trophy, citing his numerous

contributions to the fields of labor-management relations and labor and employment law. Usery was the first honorary Fellow of the College at its inception.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a fellowship of accomplished members of the labor and employment law community. Its mission is to promote achievement, advancement and excellence in the practice of labor and employment law, in addition to recognizing and honoring distinguished members of the law community.

-William F. Underwood, Jr. HS 1962 JC 1964

It was hot in late August 1961. The old state capitol building loomed gray over the campus of Georgia Military College. The cocky bantam corporal inspected his squad.

Cadet Corporal Clyde B. Hallauer, Band Company, high school junior. I was a slick sleeve rookie with a uniform that was new and wouldn't hold starch past noon.

Two years passed, and I found myself as Clyde's roommate. I was now the company commander, and Clyde was my first sergeant. We had a plan. Our rule for the year was to be as military as possible outside our room and as non-military as possible in it and to take every advantage of our rank

Clyde never heard the bugle at reveille. Clyde placed the utmost trust in his roommates to get him up. Without their assistance he would have never made formation. Every morning he would say the same thing as I

would wake him. "What? Bugle blown?" he would exclaim. My reply varied from morning to morning but with the learned sarcasm it went something like "no, dumb head, I just like getting up at 6 a.m. and putting on my uniform for the fun of it."

As I reminisce, I feel a sense of having returned to that moment in time. My mind drifts to the days, weeks, and months of 1963 and 1964. Clyde and I were good roommates and kindred spirits.

About ten years ago, while reading the GMC Cadence I noticed the section entitled "In Memoriam" and saw the name "Clyde B. Hallauer." I am sad that he is gone. I regret that I never saw him again after graduating

He is with me in that military part of my mind that will never leave the halls of GMC.

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James A. Sistare, Jr.

July 26, 2009

Carlos Jerome Black (JC 1995)

(JC 2003)

January 3, 2010

October 28, 2009

Robert "Bob" Brantley Wise

September 16, 2009



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