Greetings MTSU ROTC Alumni

MTSU Magazine Recognizes ROTC
Have you read the Fall 2011 MTSU Magazine? If not, check it out. In the editor's letter, they recognize the significance and the hard work that went in to building the Veterans Memorial Plaza at MTSU reminding everyone about the ultimate sacrifice many of our alumni have made, such as Pierre Piche (YG '00) and Ken Ballard (YG '02). This memorial starting out as an idea was brought to reality by contributions by many of our alumni to include John Harris (YG '76). If you are in the area, this memorial is definitely a place to visit. As you continue to read the magazine, and you make it to the article "100 Things We Love About MTSU," take note of #8 out of the list of 100 - our military and ROTC department are recognized. Our military members and ROTC students on campus continue to make a difference.

MTSU Rappels into the Future
We all remember the excitement of our first rappel off of Forrest Hall. We may have been nervous, but as soon as we touched the ground after completing our first rappel, we felt confident and had achieved something many of us had never done before. Rappelling off the second floor of Forrest Hall has been the tradition for years; however, we are now exploring options for a new rappel tower enhancing the cadet experience for years to come.

Last fall, one of our alumni approached the MTSU Development Office offering to play a significant role in funding a new rappelling tower. LTC Kast has said that this is a project that would have an immediate, significant, broad-based impact on the program. A new rappelling tower would be a considerable upgrade over current facilities. It would be used by all cadets in the training, would be a significant recruiting tool, and could be used for training by other area groups, such as JROTC. Over the past year, extensive research has been conducted to identify the best vendor to construct the tower, to determine the best location on the MTSU campus on which to build it, and to negotiate the best overall price.

The total cost to construct the Tower is $95,000, including a mandatory 10’ security fence with one of our very own ROTC alumni committing to personally fund $50,000 of the cost. We are now attempting to raise the balance from other alumni and businesses. If interested, please contact Jennifer Stines, MTSU Development Office at 615-898-5003 or jestines@mtsu.edu.

November 19, 2011 - MTSU Vet Salute
0800 Alumni Meeting at Forrest Hall
0900 General Officer and Colonel Brunch with Dr McPhee, MTSU President
0900 Alumni Continental Breakfast at Forrest Hall
1100 Memorial Ceremony at the MTSU Veteran's Memorial (All Alumni and Veterans)
1200 Barbeque at Sports Hall of Fame area; Hall of Fame Induction, BG(R) Ogg, & Joe Nunley award presented (All Alumni and Veterans)
TBD MTSU Tailgate - The ROTC department tailgates before every home football game. Look for them near the National Guard booth.
TBD Kick-off - MTSU v. Arkansas State

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LTC Tharrel Kast is the current MTSU PMS arriving in June 2009. Though a graduate of UT-Chattanooga, LTC Kast is fully committed to MTSU ROTC preparing cadets for a future in the Army - the cadets /future officers who will be serving under you and I. He may be the caretaker of this program, but it is our Blue Raider BN. His contact information is below: 615-898-2470 or rkast@mtsu.edu.
OPD Corner

What are you doing after command? Consider one of the following:

- JCS/OSD/ARSTAF Internship – Earn your masters at Georgetown University and then complete one year on Joint Staff or within the Office of the Secretary of Defense followed by one year on Army staff. This is a great opportunity to earn your masters degree, visit all the combatant commands, and gain some experience at the strategic level.

- Olmsted Scholarship - Enroll as a full-time student at a foreign university and work toward an advanced degree in a foreign language. While in school, you will live on the economy of your host country, travel widely, and network with U.S. embassies and consultants. Upon completion, you will have attained a Masters Degree in foreign language and be fluent and experienced in that countries' language and culture.

- Advanced Civil Schooling - A fully funded graduate degree program, often at the college of your choice.

MTSU ROTC Alumni

LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP

Life-time Membership Scale: age 40-under, $350.00; 41-50, $300.00; 51-60, $250.00; 61-70, $150.00; 71-80, $125.00; 80-Above, $100.00

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Hall of Fame Nominations

It is that time of year for us to accept Hall of Fame nominations. If you know an alumni who has made a significant contribution to the military and/or the ROTC program, submit a short biography of your nominee either on a word document or on the ROTC alumni website at http://www.mtsu.edu/arotc1/alumni_MilitarySci.shtml. Please include civilian as well as military accomplishments. Nominations must be received by 1 November 2011 to be considered at the annual chapter meeting on 19 November 2011. If you have any questions about the process or would like to submit a nomination, contact MAJ Jennifer Mykins at jennifer.a.mykins@us.army.mil.

MTSU Alumni Facebook Page

Visit the MTSU ROTC Facebook page to stay current daily with alumni. To visit the MTSU Army ROTC Face book Page go to: www.facebook.com. Use the search function to find “Blue Raider Battalion”. Click on it and then you just have to add yourself as friend. Nancy Garner runs the site and will add you as a friend.

Do you have some extra time and are going to be in the MTSU area? Plan to stop by the ROTC department and talk to the cadets. They want to hear from you, about your experiences, and what they should expect in the Army today. LTC Kast and his cadre are fully supportive of alumni stopping by anytime to visit and talk to the cadets. Contact Nancy at 615-898-2470 if you plan to stop by.

MTSU ROTC ALUMNI YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES

Yearly Membership dues:
( ) Bronze Raider Dues: $20 ( ) Silver Trooper: $40 ( ) Gold Hooha: $80

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Around the Pentagon

Need help finding your way around the Pentagon? We have a few alumni that may be willing to help.

- Mr. Jim Kelton (YG ’77) works within Headquarters Department of the Army G-3/5/7, Aviation Directorate (DAMO-AV) Fixed Wing and Airspace Systems in Washington, DC.

- LTG William Phillips (YG ’76) is the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology ASA (ALT) in Washington, DC.

- LTC Brent Bush (YG ’87) works within Headquarters Department of the Army G-3/5/7 Ordnance Organizational Integrator (DAMO-FM) in Washington, DC.
What Our Alumni Are Doing Today

Ever wonder what your former classmates are doing today or if there are fellow alumni at your duty station? What are you doing now that you are out of the military? Share your story and pictures with us. We want to hear from you. Send photos and what you are doing to MAJ Jennifer Mykins at jennifer.a.mykins@us.army.mil.

Highlights of Command

CPT Naomi Dotson (YG '07) is the Commander of Company G (Forward Support Company), 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS. Her unit is currently deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in order to partner with the Iraqis and ensure they are able to protect and secure themselves. In this picture, CPT Dotson is getting ready to award her Distribution Platoon Combat Action Badges for being engaged by the enemy while on a combat logistics patrol.

Leading the Way

CPT Nate Swann (YG '05) taking command of HHC, 1-3 Attack Helicopter BN this past summer at Ft. Stewart, GA. Congrats Nate, and we wish you all the best. Company command will be one of the highlights of your career.

Still Serving……..

Julie (Campbell) Stephens (YG '00) and Russell Stephens (YG '99) with their two daughters Campbell (2 yrs old) and Lily (4 mos old) in Dallas, TX. Russell works in Dallas while Julie currently holds the rank of 5 star mom.

- MAJ Jude Blake (YG '99) is the XO for an HBCT (2BCT 4ID) TAC in W. Afghanistan. Jude and his wife, Shelly, recently had their third baby. Congrats to you both!

- CPT Dane Heikes (YG '05) is currently completing the Special Forces Qualification Course at Fort Bragg, NC. Upon completion, he will be stationed with the 10th Special Forces Group in Fort Carson, CO. Good luck!

- MAJ John Womack (YG '00) is currently deployed to Afghanistan as a Stability Transition Team Chief, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Drum, NY.

- 1LT Joshua Causey (YG '08) is a Medical Platoon Leader, 2nd Squadron, 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment, based out of Vilseck, Germany. In this picture, 1LT Causey is reenlisting one of his Soldiers.