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# A Message from the President

Dear MMI Alumni and Friends:

It is my pleasure to write this letter to you as the sixteenth president of Marion Military Institute (MMI). The first few months in Marion have been an exciting time for Ingrid and me. We have been greeted warmly by the entire Marion community, have begun making new friends, and have kicked off a new school year with record college enrollment.

We have started work to improve upon the solid foundation that is already here at MMI. We are looking at how to improve our academic programs by establishing subject-matter concentrations such as pre-engineering and pre-nursing to go with our more general academic program. We have begun to “muscularize” our physical training program to make this piece of our education more effective, challenging, and more military. We will begin looking at how to strengthen our leadership education programs and have initiated a fledgling flight training program. We have started to develop a plan to modernize our entire plant infrastructure to achieve vastly improved energy efficiency as well as equipment maintainability and sustainability. Finally, we have kicked off our Annual Fund Campaign that will focus on gathering resources we can apply to modernize, refurbish, refurbish, and where necessary, renovate our barracks, some of our physical training facilities, and to support our plant modernization efforts.

At the same time, we have started a strategic planning initiative into which these ongoing efforts will be folded. Our executive staff recently participated in a strategic off-site in Selma. With the help of the former chancellor of the University System of Georgia, who is now a highly successful strategic planning consultant, our key leaders began to reassess our mission, vision, and strategy for the future. The next step has been the establishment of a Strategic Planning Steering Group to help create a new Strategic Plan. This Plan will articulate an updated mission statement, vision statement, and key strategic goals and priorities for the next five to seven years. The plan will drive our budgetary needs, fundraising activities, and provide focus for tasks to be accomplished and successes to be measured.

The overarching vision will be for MMI to retain the look, feel, and spirit of a traditional, 19th Century southern military college, but to operate like a 21st Century institution of higher learning. Our approach will be about the basics first, because as I state in my fundraising letter, where there is brilliance in the basics, there is a foundation for the bold. Our efforts will set the conditions for future growth, and for things perhaps not yet dreamed of, and will drive us to become a place that can help to catalyze growth in the broader Marion community.

We’re moving out, and my commitment to you is that we will do all we can to help ensure that MMI is the best institution of its kind in the land.

Very respectfully,



David J. Mollahan  
Colonel, USMC (Ret)



# Campus News

## Introducing the Traditions Council

Last spring, a group of cadets who helped manage the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Knight-Fox Challenge recruiting event got the idea to form an organization to help instill campus traditions. Eventually the group elected officers and drafted a constitution. This fall, Cadet Stacy Jackson, of Anniston, Ala., was promoted to the S-7, as chairman of the new Traditions Council.

Jackson and the council hope to uphold newer traditions such as Knight-Fox Challenge as well as research and reinstate older traditions. In order to build *esprit de corps*, Jackson would also like to see new traditions such as a soldiers' memorial service and a birthday celebration for the MMI Corps of Cadets. The Council's first major responsibility was organizing the recent "Orange Out," a mass display of Tiger pride for the MMI basketball team.

## Academy Reps Visit Campus

MMI continues to offer a rigorous Service Academy Prep program, which has transferred more than 250 former cadets to the U.S. Service Academies in the last four years. Consequently, Academy representatives make annual visits to campus in order to interact with and give guidance to their sponsored and non-sponsored candidates. Traveling to Marion this fall were Captain Edward Wallace, USN (Ret), executive director of the United States Naval Academy Foundation; Brigadier General Ruben Cubero, USAF (Ret), president of the Falcon Foundation; and Major Tom Tolman, USA, United States Military Academy Southeast admissions officer, Colonel John A. Calabro, USA (Ret), Senior Vice President and COO of West Point Association of Graduates, and Lieutenant Christopher A. Culpepper, USCG, Coast Guard Academy Admissions Officer.



Cadet Meredith Herndon receives her Falcon Foundation scholarship from Gen. Ruben Cubero and SAP Advisor LTC Gerry Lewis.

## College City Economic Impact Study

This semester, Joann Williams, Ph.D., head of the business administration program at Judson College, has given her Business Communications class an important group project. Her students will be responsible for determining the financial impact of Marion Military Institute and Judson College on the local economy. Data will be collected from primary sources, which include faculty, staff and students, as well as secondary data such as the census bureau. At the end of the course, a formal report will be presented to key constituents in Marion: both college presidents, elected officials, and the Perry County Chamber of Commerce.

When complete, this economic impact study will not only help establish stronger business relationships between both colleges and the community, it should also enable both campuses to obtain funding for capital improvements.

## Robinson Joins Board

On August 27, the Alabama State Board of Education approved Rear Admiral Paul M. Robinson, USN (Ret) as the newest member of the Marion Military Institute Board of Advisors.



Raised in Mobile, Ala., RADM Robinson is a 1961 graduate of MMI and a 1965 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. At the end of his military career, he served as Vice Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, where he was responsible for the design, acquisition and life support of all ships and submarines in the U. S. Navy. He retired from the Navy after 33 years of service on July 1, 1998.

His civilian career includes nine years of executive level experience at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding—a major U.S. shipyard with annual sales of more than \$2 billion. RADM Robinson is presently a consultant for Atlantic Marine in Mobile, Ala.

RADM Robinson's ties to his alma mater run deep, as he is the son of former MMI President Paul B. Robinson. Under his father's command (1959-1974), the Institute embarked on a major capital campaign that produced a number of buildings and facilities. As a teenager, he worked with the maintenance staff to clear the first four holes of the MMI Golf Course.

RADM Robinson and his wife, Jeanne, reside in Fairhope, Ala. He has three children: a daughter, Sarah Anne, and two sons, Matthew and David.

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# MMI Alumni Brigade Report from the President



Serving this past year as President of the Alumni Brigade has certainly been a great honor, a lot of fun and a lot of work. Each time I return to campus I relive memories of the three most important and formative years in my life. MMI equipped and prepared me for my future through academics, discipline, and values. Both my sons Doug, class of 1998, and Michael, class of 2005, will also attest to the great impact Marion had in their development.

Our Alumni Brigade exists to serve, empower, and network our alumni so that we have the means to support our school, its faculty, and the development of the cadets. The past year has been exceptionally active, and the Brigade has served the school in the following ways:

- Held an art auction and elegant reception during Alumni Weekend that generated \$26,700 towards the completion of the concession stand and press box at Scott Davis Baseball Field.
- Hosted a social for alumni and friends during Alumni Weekend with live entertainment and heavy hors d'oeuvres.
- Sponsored the alumni hospitality suite at the Hampton Inn in Selma during Alumni Weekend.
- Provided uniforms for the high school baseball team.
- Sponsored a formal celebratory dinner and dance for the "last" high school graduating class at the Capital City Club in Montgomery and a subsequent graduation trip to Six Flags Over Georgia.
- Sponsored a cookout for the high school and junior college graduating cadets and their families.
- Assisted on Cadet Move-In-Days with uniform distribution and cadet registration.

I urge all of you to help recruit your friends and classmates to become a member of the Alumni Brigade. The current membership, which includes the lifetime members and new graduates, stands at 419. We have more than 9,000 alumni with good addresses, so just think how the list of accomplishments above could grow with that amount of participation. Remember that you do not have to be an alumnus to join, just a supporter.

The Alumni Brigade is now on Facebook. It is proving to be a valuable networking tool to connect alumni and disseminate information. Please take a moment to register on Facebook and also visit the Marion Military Institute Alumni group page. It is easy! I did and in 3 minutes located Woody, my old roommate living in Tennessee with whom I had lost touch 39 years ago.

Respectfully yours,

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

Robert J. Howard  
Class of 1970

# **SAVE THE DATE: ALUMNI WEEKEND 2010**

## **APRIL 8-10**

Grab your hat and make your plans. Alumni Weekend 2010 is just around the corner! There will be a host of activities planned for this year's event, some new, some old. Back by popular demand, the weekend will kick off with the Alumni Brigade Fish Fry on Thursday evening, April 8. Friday's events will include a historic tour of Marion, the traditional alumni golf tournament, and a reception hosted by Colonel and Mrs. Mollahan at the President's Quarters. Saturday's events will begin bright and early with demonstrations by the Choir, Band, White Knights, and Swamp Foxes. The Alumni Brigade will also hold its annual membership meeting, where the President of the Alumni Brigade and members of the Board of Directors will be elected. The culminating event of the day will be the Corps of Cadets Parade, honoring the Alumnus of the Year as well as all alumni.

New to this Alumni Weekend will be the many organized reunions being held for various classes. The classes of 1960 (50th year reunion!), 1973-1977, 1980-1982, and 1984-1995 are all planning a large reunion party Saturday evening, April 10 for every alumnus. You do not have to be a graduate of a reunion year to come and have a great time! If you are interested in contacting your classmates to attend Alumni Weekend, please call the Alumni Office at 334-683-2350. Invitations for the weekend will be mailed out in February 2010.

Be sure to book your Alumni Weekend accommodations early! A block of rooms has been reserved at The Hampton Inn, Selma at the special rate of \$89+ tax (or \$99 for a King whirlpool). Call 334-876-9995 and mention that you are with the "Marion Military Institute Alumni" group to receive this special weekend rate. Other recommended accommodations are as follows:

Cedar Ridge B & B, Marion	334-683-6998	*The Hampton Inn, Selma	334-876-9995
Donavan Inn B & B, Marion	334-683-6389	Holiday Inn Express, Selma	334-874-1000
Folsom Inn B & B, Marion	334-683-9955	Best Western, Selma	334-872-3451
Myrtle Hill B & B, Marion	334-683-9095	Comfort Inn, Selma	334-875-5700
The Gateway Inn, Marion	334-683-9166	Days Inn, Selma	334-872-0014
The House Next Door B & B, Marion	334-683-3688	St. James Hotel, Selma	334-872-3234
The Long-Street House B & B, Marion	334-683-9008	The Jameson Inn, Selma	334-874-8600



# A Marine Takes the Helm

New President Col. David Mollahan,  
USMC (Ret) discusses his vision for MMI.

*Colonel David J. Mollahan, U.S. Marine Corps (retired) became the 16th President of Marion Military Institute on August 1, 2009. He had been serving at the U.S. Naval Academy as Division Director, Humanities and Social Sciences Division, and as the senior Marine Corps Representative until July 1, 2009 when he completed a 30-year Marine Corps career.*

*Raised in the small town of Ontario, Oregon, Colonel Mollahan grew up the son of a World War II veteran and former Marine. His military service began when he accepted a Navy ROTC scholarship to Oregon State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nuclear engineering technology. He and his wife Ingrid also met through that NROTC unit and were married on March 17, 1979—the same year he was commissioned. He later earned a Master of Military Studies degree from Marine Corps Command and Staff College.*

*Colonel Mollahan's military career has included multiple land and sea-based deployments to Okinawa, Korea, the Mediterranean Sea, the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf. He has participated in contingency and combat operations in Liberia, Somalia, the Adriatic Sea, Kosovo, and Iraq. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Gold Star, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Air Medal with Bronze number 4, and various other unit awards and decorations. He has also accumulated more than 4100 mishap free flight hours as a Marine naval aviator, including more than 250 combat flight hours.*

*The Mollahans have two sons: LT Sean Mollahan, USN, U.S. Naval Academy '02, a P-3 Orion Naval Flight Officer; and Capt Kellen Mollahan, USMC, U.S. Naval Academy '05, an MV-22 Osprey aviator. The eldest has deployed three times to Iraq, and the youngest deployed to Afghanistan in October '09.*

*In September, Colonel Mollahan sat down to discuss his educational philosophy and strategic goals for the Institute.*

## **What do you enjoy most about working with young people?**

When you're in the military in any kind of leadership position, you have an appreciation for what these young people are contributing, their dedication, patriotism, pride in what they're doing, the way they come together to make an organization operate. It's the sense of reward that, as a leader, you are contributing to the development of young people, our posterity, in a way intended to prepare them to take our place one day—and improve upon what we have done.

## **How did your experience at the Naval Academy prepare you for your position as MMI President?**

Having the opportunity to be in the education system, to be around the midshipmen up there, it really crystallized in my mind just how important this whole notion of higher education is. When it was time to retire from the Marine Corps, one of the themes that kept coming back to me was "You have to find a passion." I think my association with higher education, with the faculty, with the students, and the opportunity to be engaged in that activity directly while at the Naval Academy, gave me that passion. That's why I'm here at MMI now.

## **What do you see as the MMI's strengths?**

I believe that our faculty and staff are not only good but very dedicated to what we're trying to do here. They understand that what's unique about Marion Military Institute is that we provide a whole-person education. It's not just about academics, but academics are essential; they are foundational. It's not just about physical fitness, but physical fitness is essential. It's not just about leadership, and character development, but these things are essential. And irrespective of your specified role and responsibilities at MMI, whether it is academics, physical training, coaching, leadership development, student services, what have you, everyone understands that they have a part to play in a larger whole. When you have faculty and staff that are talented, dedicated, and understand the mission, then you're going to have a key strength in your institution, and I believe that's what we have here.

### **What do you hope for MMI in the near future?**

Lateral growth in our academic department is one. I'd like to be able to expand our academic offerings in such a way that we can offer the option of a more specialized academic track. Engineering and nursing are two examples we have talked about—areas which lend themselves to more direct transfer for cadets when they go on to finish their bachelor's degrees. I'd also like to see some additional growth in terms of how we conduct our physical fitness programs by enlisting the additional help of our ROTC instructors so that all of the cadets on campus get exposed to a strong dose of good physical fitness and wellness training. That way we can comply with our physical fitness mission. I think we can do more on the leadership side, too. I have talked to the Commandant about expanding the terrific Honor and Respect program we have to include more leadership themes. Across the three domains that make up a whole-person education—academics, physical fitness, leadership—I can see some expansion. Some of that growth is going to require more resources—maybe additional faculty and additional space.

### **What are your short-term goals for MMI?**

The short-term goals are really related to what we need to do with respect to improving and modernizing existing facilities. As a starting point, our physical plant is old and getting older by the minute, and costs us a lot of money in terms of energy usage and upkeep. We need to put ourselves in a place where we have a physical plant that will last us for many, many years to come and reduce operating costs both in terms of vastly improved energy efficiency and equipment reliability. We need to look at our barracks and what we can do to improve the structure and aesthetic. We need these facilities to be modernized as well, to present a neat, professional appearance, and provide the cadets a home they can be proud of and take ownership of. This will never be the Marriott, nor should it be, but it must be functional, maintainable, and sharp-looking. We also need to look at some of the athletic facilities, namely the weight room and wrestling area. If we're going to have a robust physical program that's for every cadet, we need more space and equipment to support this part of our whole-person education.

### **What about long-term goals?**

The longer-term is going to be built upon that lateral growth I talked about: program expansion, academics, leadership, physical fitness, and the shoring up of the physical foundation that is already here. As we get those things in place, we have, in my view, set the conditions for the next phase, whatever that may be. It may be a larger school in terms of physical



size, in terms of cadets, and maybe something more than that even. We'll know what makes sense as a next step as we progress I think.

### **From a parent's perspective, how did a military education benefit your own sons?**

Attending the Naval Academy put them in a position to mature much more quickly than their counterparts might at civilian schools. I think in the more structured military environment, my sons were constantly exposed to themes about duty, responsibility, and accountability. They had an opportunity to begin understanding what leadership is, what it isn't, and so forth. They saw these things in action over and over again, every day. Through this exposure, and through direct practice, these ideas and themes became absorbed into their genetics. They began to become what they were exposed to, responsible young leaders of high character. That's what makes MMI so unique among its sister schools here in Alabama. We press home the whole-person approach so that when cadets leave here, they are in many ways, a step or more ahead of their peers in whatever four-year school they go on to with respect to maturity, responsibility and leadership experience.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## HEIDI HANNA '76, MARKETING MAVEN

Heidi R. Hanna came to Marion Military Institute from Montgomery, Ala., and attended all four years of high school as a cadet. Her father was in the Air Force. Following in her mother's footsteps she entered the workforce in the hospitality industry as sales and marketing director for Sheraton in Scottsdale, Ariz. After living in Europe, she returned to the States and studied electrical engineering at the University of New Orleans. She began her new career in electrical engineering at Sperry Flight Systems in Phoenix, Ariz. Few women were in the field, and Hanna continued her career in Arizona as implant store director for Hamilton/Avnet and then as part of Hughes Aircraft Missile Division.

Hanna later traded Tucson for Johannesburg, South Africa to consult a friend developing a resort residence on the islands of Bazaruto, off the coast of Mozambique. She stayed in the country in order to head up the commercial diversification division at Altron, the largest electronic conglomeration in the Southern hemisphere at the time. In the early 1990s, Apartheid was ending, and she was responsible for helping her company choose which product lines were socially responsible for the new South African government, the ANC, Nelson Mandela's party. She notes that the most interesting electronic equipment her company offered was computer-based education software that taught adults literacy in their mother tongue in order for them to learn English. This project allowed her to go into the townships and negotiate how to get computer-based learning on-site.

Houston, Tex., was her next home, and it was there in 1995 that she founded her own company, Ordean International. Her firm provided payroll services for multinational corporations and contracted management level expatriates on international assignments in the power and liquid national gas industries.

In 1997, she met her husband Chris Hill and moved to his marketing firm. She now serves as Executive Vice President and CFO at Hill, a strategic marketing group with worldwide clients. Their clients range from Fujitsu to Ritz-Carlton. Hill specializes in branding for developers of luxury lifestyle real estate, and over the past four years, Hill has impacted more than \$1 billion for lifestyle real estate developers.



# See which career paths several alumni have taken.

## HARDY JACKSON '63, SCHOLAR & STORYTELLER

Harvey H. "Hardy" Jackson III grew up in Grove Hill, Ala., and graduated from MMI in 1963. He furthered his education at Birmingham Southern College (B.A. 1965), the University of Alabama (M.A. 1966) and the University of Georgia (Ph.D., 1973). He has taught at colleges and universities in Florida and Georgia and is currently professor and head of the Department of History and Foreign Languages at Jacksonville State University.

A noted historian and educator in his native Alabama, Jackson is the author, co-author, or co-editor of 11 books on various aspects of Southern History, including *Rivers of History: Life on the Coosa, Tallapoosa, Cahaba and Alabama* (1995) and *Putting "Loafing Streams" to Work: The Building of Lay, Mitchell, Martin, and Jordan Dams, 1910-1929* (1997). His articles and reviews have appeared in newspapers throughout Alabama as well as in professional and popular journals, and he has served on the Editorial Boards of *The Alabama Review*, *The Gulf Coast Historical Review*, and *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*. He is the co-editor of the section on "Politics" for the On-line *Encyclopedia of Alabama* and consultant on the "Recreation" section for the *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*.



Currently Jackson serves on the Editorial Board of the *Anniston Star* and writes editorials and a weekly column for the newspaper. In 2007 he won the Alabama Press Association award for the best "Human Interest" column.

Jackson is past president of the Alabama Association of Historians and the Alabama Historical Association. He has served as chairman of the Alabama Historical Commission's National Trust Review Board. He has received awards and recognition for teaching and scholarship from the Alabama Association of Historians, Alabama Historical Association, the Atlanta Historical Society, Jacksonville State University, and the Colonial Dames. He has appeared on or served as an advisor for programs on Alabama Public Television, Auburn Television, and Georgia Public Television.

His most recent book *Inside Alabama: A Personal History of My State* (2004), won the C.J. Coley award given by the Alabama Historical Association for the best book on an Alabama topic. His long range plans include a history of the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico since World War II, tentatively entitled "The Rise and Decline of the 'Redneck Riviera.'"

Jackson lives in Jacksonville, Ala., with his wife, Suzanne, their son Will and daughter Anna. His daughter, Kelly, teaches in the Metro-Atlanta area.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW? *(continued)*

## BOB JOHNSON '82, FBI SPECIAL AGENT

A former Battalion Sergeant Major, Robert D. "Bob" Johnson graduated from MMI's junior college in 1982 and received his Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics from the University of Florida in 1984. He then served ten years in the U.S. Army officer, branching in Special Forces.

In 1995, this former Green Beret joined the FBI Houston Division as a special agent and in 2000 transferred to Washington, D.C., as a Supervisory Special Agent in the Counterterrorism Division at FBI Headquarters. He then spent two years as an agent in Corpus Christi, Tex., and transferred to the Pittsburg Division in 2004.

His most recent success was completing a two-year deployment in Baghdad, Iraq as the FBI Deputy Legal Attaché. There, he headed up a major Department of Justice initiative in Iraq, establishing and supervising the Iraqi-U.S. Major Crimes Task Force. His squad, consisting of U.S. agents and Iraqi police officers, investigated more than 50 high-risk cases, including political assassinations. His team was often targeted by the enemy.

He returned to the Pittsburg Division in 2007 and is now Supervisor of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, Pittsburg Division. In this position, he is responsible for the International Terrorism Program in western Pennsylvania and all of West Virginia.

In his spare time, Johnson likes to spend time at home with his family and enjoys riding his motorcycle.



If you would like to nominate one of your classmates for the next Where are they now? feature, email [mholmes@marionmilitary.edu](mailto:mholmes@marionmilitary.edu).



H. Jackson '63



H. Hanna '76



R. Johnson '82

# SOUND OF THE CORPS

## Shining the spotlight on extraordinary cadet musical talent

Performing Arts Director Deborra Street is impressed with the extremely versatile and diverse musical unit within the MMI Corps of Cadets this year. Representing a wide range of programs, from basketball to Service Academy Prep, these talented youth can perform a broad range of periods and styles, from Bartók to Sousa, sonatas to marches. As evidenced by their backgrounds below, several Band Company cadets excel in musical endeavors off the parade field as well.

Stuart Eichenberger, a Falcon Foundation scholar from Floyd's Knobs, Ind., is a violinist with 15 years of experience who has played around the country with the Philharmonic Youth Symphony. He enjoys Romanian folk dances as well as bluegrass/fiddle and names Bela Bartók as his favorite composer. He is the Band Guidon for MMI and recently entertained a women's civic club at Judson College.

Guitarist John Ferrell, of Albany, Ga., pitches for the MMI baseball team. In 2004 he toured with his church choir, playing in venues around his home state and also in Central Park. Ferrell loves all types of music—"from classic rock to hip hop and R&B and most everything in between." He now plays quads for the MMI marching band.

Paul Friert hails from Sterling, Va., and plays acoustic and classical guitar. He specifically enjoys new age classical guitar (i.e. Andrew York and Andrew Zohn) and classic rock (Led Zeppelin and The Who). He performed concerts with his high school's advanced guitar ensemble, which earned gold at the Chicago Heritage Music Festival. The most challenging piece in his repertoire is Leyenda (Asturias), a Spanish-inspired classic guitar piece by Isaac Albéniz. His musical associations

at MMI are cymbal player in the marching band and rhythm guitar in the rock band. As a cadet, he is dual-tracking in the Early Commissioning Program and the Service Academy Prep Program.

Following in her older sister's footsteps, Meredith Herndon, of Sunderland, Md., is a concert pianist and has been a church organist since the age of 12. Participating in the National Guild program for 10 years, she received Superior Plus in all categories. Her favorite composer is Claude Debussy (French Romantic) because of his clear imagery, and Elegy by Rachmaninoff is the most challenging piece in her repertoire. At MMI, she accompanies the Choir. As a Falcon Foundation scholar, Herndon hopes to transfer to the Air Force Academy.

Quade Sherwood of Paris, Tex., has been playing trumpet for nine years. As a high school band member he qualified for the Texas Solo and Ensemble Competition, performed at the Winter Park Music Festival and marched in the Magic Music Days parade at DisneyWorld. His favorite composers include Gershwin, Haydn, Ticheli and Stamp, and his favorite piece is Concert Etude Op. 49 by Alexander Goedicke. A National Guard member enrolled in MMI's Early Commissioning Program, he serves as Band 1st Chair and Section Leader.



*Violinist Stuart Eichenberger performs an impromptu piece in the Fine Arts building.*

Andrew Turscak plays six instruments: piano, fife, accordion, tuba, guitar and bass. Enrolled as a West Point AOG scholar at MMI, he hails from Hudson, Ohio. Performing at various festivals and events, Turscak is a member of the Camp Chase Fifes and Drums and connects with his Eastern European heritage by playing classical and folk pieces on the accordion. His favorite genre is Russian folk music, and the most challenging piece he performs is Rachmaninoff's prelude in C# minor.

# Honoring Heroes

## A Tribute to Alabama's Servicemen



*Colonel Julian Sawyer (left) and Brigadier General John Collins (right) stand beside their bronze plaques, presented by MMI President Colonel David Mollahan and Hall of Honor Director Colonel John Gibler.*

On Friday, Oct. 30, two heroic men were inducted into the Alabama Military Hall of Honor. Selected for recognition were Colonel Julian D. Sawyer, USAF and Brigadier General John W. Collins III, USA. The induction ceremony was held at the Hall of Honor, located on the historic campus of MMI. Colonel David J. Mollahan, USMC (Ret), Vice Chairman of the Hall of Honor Board of Directors and President of MMI, addressed the audience.

Both General Collins and Colonel Sawyer were present and recognized during the unveiling of the honorary bronze bas relief plaques, to be permanently displayed in the museum. Along with the inductees' families, numerous veterans were also in attendance, and all guests were invited to the full-dress parade and luncheon that followed.

Gen. Collins was born in Gallion in 1921. After attending MMI he was appointed to the United States Military Academy. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Infantry on June 1, 1943, he joined the 106th Infantry Division and served with them in Europe. During the Korean War he served as a Battalion Commander in the 45th and 2nd Infantry Divisions. In Vietnam, while Commander and Deputy Commander 1st

Brigade 101st Airborne Division, he was awarded two Silver Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge with star for his heroic actions during combat. After retiring from the Army, Gen. Collins worked in the oil and gas industry; he currently resides in San Antonio, Tex.

Col. Sawyer was born in 1928 in Mobile and entered the U.S. Air Force in 1946. After flight training, he served in aviation assignments in the U.S., Europe and Vietnam. On September 24, 1959 at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, when an F100F aircraft crash-landed and burst into flames, then Captain Sawyer rushed to the scene with complete disregard for his own safety and assisted in saving the injured crewmen. For his action, he was awarded the Soldier's Medal. During three tours in Vietnam as a Wing Commander and Fighter Pilot he was awarded the Silver Star, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 22 Air Medals. Throughout his Vietnam service, he provided extensive close air support for U.S. Army ground forces in contact. Col. Sawyer and his wife Kay reside in Demopolis, Ala., where he is currently Director of the Demopolis Municipal Airport.

# Stylin' with the White Knights

By Terry Barkley, Archivist, MMI Foundation



In the fall of 1950, William "Bill" Walker, a veteran of the U. S. Army, enrolled at Marion Military Institute. During the occupation of Berlin, Germany, after World War II, Walker had served in the "Berlin Honor Guard," a crack U. S. Army drill team under General Lucius D. Clay's command. With Berlin partitioned by the Allied countries of the United Kingdom, France, and the United States (West Berlin), and the Soviets in East Berlin, "The Berlin Honor Guard" had to be the "best of the best," the "elite" among all the international military units present. The unit worked diligently every day toward achieving that goal.

When Bill Walker arrived at MMI and was assigned to Old South Barracks (now Lovelace Hall), he told his cadet company commander and platoon leader—Cadets Steve Finch and Gene Hyche—about his drill team experience in Germany. He also offered to assist with the company's drill. Following protracted discussions, the idea gelled with these three cadets to organize and develop a similar crack precision drill team at MMI, one that would also strive to be the "best of the best" among the nation's military colleges and schools.

After circulating the idea throughout the Corps of Cadets for interest, Cadets Finch and Hyche approached the Commandant, COL Paul B. Robinson (later, MMI president) with their plan. Robinson told them that Finch was going to be the Cadet Battalion Commander, thus, he would not have time to participate in the drill team. Finally, after refining their plan, COL Robinson approved it.

When tryouts were held, some 50-60 cadets were expected to participate. However, nearly a third of the Corps showed up, each cadet vying to prove that he was the best. During tryouts, they drilled 3-5 days a week, 2-4 hours a day for more than two weeks. When the smoke finally cleared, more than 40 cadets were selected for the first unit which took the name, "The White Knights." Cadets Gene Hyche and Bill Walker became the co-founders in 1950, with Hyche serving as the first White Knights Commander. The White Knights were intent on stylin', as Cadet Hyche called it.

COL Ellis Marsh of the ROTC Department assigned Sgt. Ralph Glendening, a veteran of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and of the Normandy Invasion airborne assault, to oversee the White Knights. Army Sgt. Tom Hamilton, a Canadian and a former British Commando in World War II, was assigned to assist Glendening. Later, CPT Ben Marshall, an Infantry officer who had been a fighter pilot in World War II, was appointed advisor.

Uniforms for the White Knights included white helmets, white ascots, white gloves, and white leggings. The standard M-1 rifle, assigned to the Corps, was the first rifle used. However, when COL James T. Murfee II, MMI's president, was approached for \$1,000 to outfit the unit, he denied the request because Murfee doubted the longevity of the White Knights past more than a couple of years or so. Gradually, however, he warmed to the unit and became a proud supporter.

The first performance of the White Knights took place at a football game in Bessemer, Alabama, but their first real test came when they performed at an Air Show at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery—right after the performance of the crack Air Force Drill Team from Washington, D. C.! Having added taps to their boots, the White Knights performed a stunning silent drill which, by all accounts, "smoked" the Air Force Drill Team, a fact even acknowledged by their advisor! The White Knights were stylin' now!

Over the years, the White Knights established an enviable state and national reputation as a precision drill team of the first order. Among their numerous appearances representing Marion Military Institute and the State of Alabama, the White Knights performed at the Indianapolis 500, the Sugar Bowl, and in the United States Air Force Academy Drill Competition. They also make frequent in-state appearances at the annual Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham and at Mardi Gras in Mobile.

The White Knights celebrated their 50th Anniversary at MMI on Alumni Day, April 24, 1999. By then, some 900 cadets had participated in the White Knights saga. By Proclamation of the then MMI Board of Trustees, "each White Knight, past and present, is hereby designated ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR, 1999."

The 60th Anniversary of the White Knights is coming up, and a fund-raising campaign to assist the unit is currently underway.

# Faculty News

## English Department Welcomes Beall

Jeffrey Beall joined the faculty this fall after previously working as the Advanced Placement (AP) English Lead Teacher for Montgomery (Ala.) public schools. His program, funded through a private/public partnership, was successful in increasing AP course enrollment and qualifying scores on AP exams. Beall holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish from the University of Alabama and earned his Master of Fine Arts in English, with a fiction writing emphasis, from Purdue University. Prior to joining MMI, he taught at the undergraduate and high school level. This semester, he is teaching four sections of English 101 and one section of British Literature I.

## French Excursions

MAJ Brant Thomason, history instructor, and LTC David Bauer, History Department chair and West Point advisor, both traveled to France this summer. Thomason's 10-day trip with a tour group took him to Western France and Paris. Before returning home, he was able to see Les Invalides, site of Napoleon's tomb; Rouen, where Joan of Arc was tried and executed; the abbey at Mont-Saint-Michel; the Cathedral at Chartres; and the Normandy Beaches, among other historical sites.



*Brant Thomason stands on Omaha Beach, in the Easy Red sector.*

In June, Bauer and his wife Edith took a great European river cruise aboard the Bizet from Paris to Normandy. He reports that they saw lots of impressive

sights, including Monet's home and Rommel's headquarters. Bauer especially liked the D-Day beaches and the Bayeux Tapestry, made in the 11th Century.

## Enhancing Developmental Education

Camie Jones, math instructor, and David Tipmore, English and foreign language Department chair, attended the Course Redesign Workshop sponsored by Pearson Education and the National Center for Academic Transformation held in Miami Beach, Florida on September 25 and 26. The workshop focused on training almost 500 participants to better understand how they can restructure and enhance traditional course delivery to include effective use of technology.

Jones and Tipmore are in the process of adapting MMI's developmental math and English courses to appropriate course redesign models. Among those most relevant to MMI are the Replacement Model, which blends face-to-face learning with such online components as 24/7 instructional learning resources, and the Supplemental Model, which adds computerized instructional components to a traditional teacher-centered course syllabus. The goals of these redesign models include improving student retention and success rates, accommodating a wider range of learning styles, and reaching a larger number of students.

"The workshop provided clear rationales for such instructional best practices as active learning, consistent course delivery and meaningful use of instructors," said Tipmore. "The principles of course redesign have exciting implications not only for English and math, but also for other disciplines at MMI."

## FACULTY PROFILE

### Academic Excellence: Beatriz Castro-Nail

**Title:** Spanish Instructor, teaching Elementary and Intermediate Spanish

**Background:** Castro-Nail earned her B.A. at Universidad de Quindio, in her native Columbia, and came to the United States in 1996 to get her Master of Arts in Teaching Languages from the University of Southern Mississippi. She and classmate Jeff Nail married in 1998 and returned to Columbia for two years, during which she taught English at Centro Colombo Americano. She later taught at the University of Mississippi and the University of Alabama before joining the MMI faculty in 2005. She counts 19 years total in teaching English or Spanish at the college level and in May 2009 received MMI's Academic Excellence Award during commencement.

**Teaching Style:** In her Spanish classes, Castro-Nail enjoys promoting Latin American culture through supplemental music and videos, even dance. When she has the cadets and Judson women participate in communication activities, she often uses a technique called Total Physical Response. Students can then demonstrate that they comprehend her verbal commands by standing or sitting.

**Her Motto:** "Never be a predictable teacher in the classroom," advice she picked up from a former mentor.



# State of the Corps: Commandant's Correspondence

On 1 August, 2009, Colonel David J. Mollahan, United States Marine Corps (retired), became the 16th President of Marion Military Institute (MMI). Colonel Mollahan's vision for MMI, and specifically for the Corps of Cadets, provides for the preservation of our facilities, reflective of our proud antebellum history, while simultaneously incorporating 21st century, leading-edge technology into our classrooms and laboratories.

Additionally, it is Colonel Mollahan's guidance to enhance the physical fitness, mental toughness, and the moral and ethical fiber of all cadets. Therefore, it is my intent that every cadet experience the weight of a ruck sack on a road march, the team-building that is cultivated during a Corps run, and the confidence gained from executing a rappel from our tower. If conducted successfully, these physical, mental, and, at times, emotional experiences will be life-long, possibly life-changing experiences, that, as many of you can appreciate, are unique to MMI.

Last, but certainly not least, to enhance character development and life skills our cadets are engaged in the weekly Honor and Respect Program. Primarily, through the efforts of Colonel (retired) John Gibler and Dr. Jamie Marable (MMI Academic Services), cadets glean the experience of national, and in some cases, world-renowned speakers and leaders. Additionally, character development is promoted through our cadet speaker program and small group discussion seminars. Through this program, cadets are challenged to deliberate and engage on issues of moral and ethical substance.

To ensure the mission is executed and the vision is embraced, we are blessed with a top-notch staff in the Commandant's Office. Although few in number, there are more than 125 years of military experience among our TAC officers, and our female TAC, MSG Polly Burns, is a member of the MMI junior college class of 2000. Two of our TACs, Lieutenant Commander Frank Starr, United States Navy (retired), and Major Daniel Steiger, United States Army (retired), also serve as the Assistant Commandants for Operations and Support, respectively.

Cadets continue to be extremely involved in organizations such as the Swamp Fox, Honor Guard, and the White Knights Precision Drill Team. Our Swamp Foxes began their fall training cycle in October, and a record number of candidates tried out for the coveted beret. The White Knights continue to participate in various parades, ceremonies, and social functions throughout the state of Alabama. In the spring of 2009, the Knights traveled to Washington, D.C. to interface and receive training from the United States Army ceremonial drill team, "the Old Guard."

As you can note, this is a very exciting and challenging time at MMI. I am proud to serve as the Commandant of Cadets, and I sincerely appreciate your continued support to this outstanding institution. Our efforts to be recognized as a premier leadership college will require a dedicated effort from the faculty, students, alumni, friends, and last, but certainly not least, the energy and wisdom of those serving on our executive boards and advisory councils. I invite each of you to contact me via phone, e-mail, or stop by for a visit. Remember, Alumni Weekend is just around the corner. Come and see your Corps!

Respectfully,



Thomas L. Tate  
Colonel, US Army (Retired)  
Commandant of Cadets



# FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The old saying “time flies when you’re having fun” definitely applies to my position here as Athletic Director. It has been 12 years since I came to Marion Military Institute and nine years since I took over the reins of the athletic department. During that nine-year span the growth we have seen has been amazing. The number of programs has increased from one (men’s basketball) to seven (baseball, men’s basketball, women’s soccer, softball, men’s tennis, women’s tennis and NCWA wrestling) with more than 150 student-athletes on campus. However, quantity is not the only area in which we have shown progress. The quality of student-athletes has also improved during this time period. Our student-athletes currently hold leadership positions in the Corps of Cadets and make the Dean’s List and President’s List for outstanding academic achievement on a yearly basis. They have been recognized for their athletic accolades at the conference, regional and national levels. We have had Conference Players of the Year, NJCAA Academic All-Americans, NJCAA and NCWA All-Americans, National Players of the Week, NCWA National Champions, and our teams have qualified for both conference and national tournaments.



What a great ride it has been so far...and I truly believe the best is yet to come! It is a great time to be part of the Tiger Pride Athletic Department at MMI. I hope you have an opportunity to catch a game this year, whether on campus or on the road as I do not think that you will be disappointed in what you see. Your support of our programs is always appreciated as we try to take our programs to the next level. TIGER PRIDE!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Ivey". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

Dr. Michelle Ivey  
Athletic Director

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## FALL SEASON RECAPS

### SOFTBALL

The 2009 fall season is now in the books for the Marion Military Institute Lady Tiger softball program. MMI lost a pair of close games to NCAA Division I school, Jackson State University, 4-6 and 4-5 to officially conclude fall ball, but Head Coach Joe Guthrie isn't disappointed in how the team finished. "I am proud of the progress our team made this fall. We are better in the circle, defensively and offensively than we have ever been as a program. We played the toughest fall schedule of any junior college I know. We beat NCAA Division I and II teams this fall, and several of our losses to D1 and D2 teams were very close. I believe that valuable lessons were learned going into 2010," said Guthrie. As a team the Lady Tigers batted .307 this fall and stole 52 bases in 21 games.

### BASEBALL

The best way to sum up the fall baseball season—wet! Head Baseball Coach Brett Davis had a hard time fitting scrimmage games in between the raindrops but was able to squeak out an impressive 13-4-3 record this fall. It seems that the Tigers may have the tools this year to earn a berth in the ACCC Conference Tournament. "The fall season was wet this year, with several weeks of rain, so it was hard to get as much in as we wanted. Overall, the fall went well and we got an idea on what guys will be able to do this spring and who can help us win a championship this year. We had our best fall record finishing 13-4-3 because our sophomores have stepped up and provided the leadership that we needed in tough situations. The fall will catapult us to the offseason program, which will get us ready for the upcoming spring season. This spring we should be very good on the field, and with a couple of additions at the Christmas break, we will be able to compete for a championship for the first time. It's a great time to be a Tiger fan!" said Davis.

## MEN'S TENNIS

With one more tennis match on the schedule for the 2009 fall season, Head Coach Chuck Wright has a lot to look forward to this spring when the men's tennis team starts conference play. This fall four players (Chad Llewellyn, Austin Dean, Tyler Cobb, and Andrew Bryson) made it to the quarterfinals of the 2009 Wilson/ITA JUCO Southeast Regional Championships while Bryson and Kyle Justice won the Men's Flight #2 Doubles Championship at the Central Alabama Invitational. "The men's team is going to surprise some people this year, and one of those people is probably going to be me. If I can put the right doubles combinations together, we will have three fairly sound doubles teams. As far as singles play is concerned, I think we'll have a solid lineup from the top to the bottom of our singles lineup" said Wright about his team's chances in the program's second year. "If we can come together and play as a team, the sky's the limit."



## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Like the men's tennis team the women will face one more opponent before getting in the weight room and preparing for another run at the conference title this spring and a possible return to the NJCAA National Championships. This fall Rachel Rossi was once again crowned 2009 Wilson/ITA JUCO Southeast Regional Singles Champion and competed in the 2009 ITA National Small College Championships. Rossi and her doubles partner Ashley Grafton were crowned 2009 Wilson/ITA JUCO Southeast Regional Doubles Champions and competed in the 2009 ITA National Small College Championships. "Our top four players this year (Rachel Rossi, Ashley Grafton, Ashlee Scritchfield, and Taylor Miller) are the best top four players that we have had at MMI in my three years here. We are still weak in the bottom third of the lineup because we have players in those positions who have never played tennis before. If I can muster up two to three good players for the spring season and round out our roster, we will compete for the conference championship. Rossi and Grafton are eventually going to be a very formidable doubles team. They won the ITA Regional Championship and competed against the nation's top teams at the National tournament, losing three very close matches," said Wright.



## WOMEN'S SOCCER

The inaugural fall season for women's soccer has ended for Head Coach Jeremy Hampton and his Lady Tigers, and like any good coach his thoughts have already turned to recruiting for the 2010-2011 season. Even though the Lady Tigers did not make it into the winning column, the team showed heart and determination against some of the top programs in the Southeast. "I think we have a good nucleus of talent to build on for next year's squad. With some key additions and more speed on the field, I think we can take this program to the next level," he says. The Lady Tigers have made the David J. Robinson Football Stadium home this year, and with some field adjustments the facility will make an ideal setting for Marion's newest program.

## TIP-OFF

The men's basketball outlook looks promising for the 2009-2010 season with several key sophomores returning from last year's squad that earned a berth in the Alabama Community College Conference Tournament. Siran Winston, sophomore point guard, saw limited action last year due to an injury but looks to be healthy and ready to take his position back as the floor leader. Sophomore guard Jeremy Montgomery has looked strong in several preseason scrimmages, applying pressure to opposing guards. "His ability to handle the ball and put pressure on the opposing team guards is a plus" said Coach Marcus Thomas. "I see Siran as our floor general this year with Frederick Coleman and Marvin Hollman as our full bird Colonels, because they can get out and fly. Kyle Watkins, the spark plug from last year's group takes his familiar role as a starter, one he has relished since his championship days back at St. Jude High School in Montgomery, Alabama."

Besides the returners, Coach Thomas will look to rely on some of his freshmen recruits. These include Terry Leak Jr (6'5" forward from Memphis, TN), Joshua Jones (6'0" guard from Hornlake, MS), Ladarious Horton (5'11" guard from Huntsville, AL), Dominik Major (6'4" guard from Coldwater, MS), and walk-on Jermaine Bates (6'3" guard from Russellville, AL).



# TOP CONTENDERS

On Tuesday, October 13th the MMI wrestling team held their annual "wrestle-off", an exhibition match that showcases the top two wrestlers in each of the eleven weight classes. The event allows the Marion Military Institute community an opportunity to see this year's team in action for the first time as they prepare for the upcoming season.



"The team is working hard and it looks like we might have some potential. We still have a ways to go and hard work will make the difference. The primary key for the individual wrestlers is to first, study hard, do everything right, push to get in top physical condition and stay healthy," said Coach Jim Hazewinkel after MMI's first two events this year, the GNWA Gorilla Open in Georgia and against Kennesaw State University at Gadsden High School. Marion came out of both events with first place finishes. Looks like the Tigers are ready for another run at the NCWA Title.

## TIGER PROFILES

### Starting Pitcher: Jordan Langley

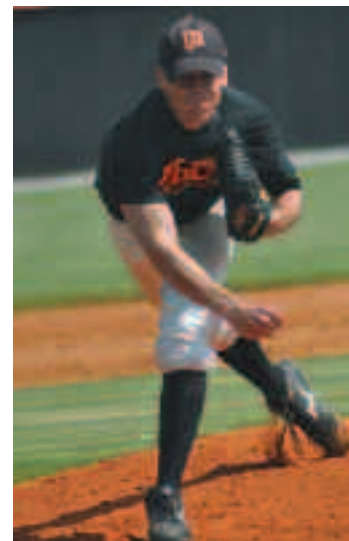
**Hometown:** Sealy, Tex.

**High School Career:** He was a four-year starter for his varsity baseball team and played both shortstop and pitcher.

**Stats:** Langley was named MMI Pitcher of the Year in 2009 with 5 wins and 3 saves, collecting 57 K's in 22 IP. During his freshman campaign batters hit .209 against Jordan, who finished with an ERA of 4.36. This summer he was named Most Dominant Player for Southern Ohio Copperheads and to the All-Great Lakes League Team where he had a record of 3-0 with a 1.50 ERA, with 33 K's in 22 IP while leading the league with 7 saves.

**Season Predictions:** "This year we have a really good team. We're going to definitely be competing for the top spot in our division—and hopefully go to the championship game at state. The team chemistry is just amazing."

**Pitching Style:** "The way I pitch is to go after the hitter and try to get him out as quick as I can."



### Delta-Bound: Lauren Lewis

**Hometown:** Saraland, Ala.

**Athletic Career:** In her varied high school career at Faith Academy, Lewis was part of three state championship teams: 2004 Softball, 2005 Basketball and 2009 Volleyball.

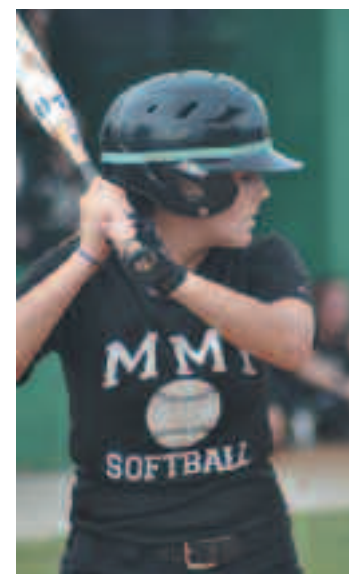
**Stats:** As the starting shortstop for the Lady Tigers, Lewis hit .287 for Marion last year, third best on the team. She scored 32 runs for the Lady Tigers while hitting 5 doubles, 3 triples, and 2 homeruns. Her best game came against Bishop State CC, where she went 3 for 4 from the plate with 1 double and 1 homerun. While at MMI, Lewis led the team in both the fall and spring seasons in runs scored and home runs. This summer, Lewis played for the Mobile Velocity in South Alabama.

**Awards & Honors:** During the 2009 Sports Banquet, Lewis received the "All-Academic Award" for earning a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Transfer:** Lewis is Marion's first softball player to receive a scholarship to a four-year university, Delta State. "I've always wanted to play at the next level since high school but knew it wasn't going to be easy getting there," she says. "After 11 years of playing softball, 10 summers of playing summer ball trying to get my name out there, and playing under Coach Guthrie it feels good to know that all the sacrifices and hard work have paid off!"

Upon transferring, Lewis hopes to work toward a Master's in Physical Education, like her older sisters. "I guess the passion of being around kids, the chance to be a positive influence, and the drive to coach and direct them in the right path runs in the family."

**Corps Experience:** Lewis, the niece of Service Academy Prep program director LTC Gerry Lewis, reflects on her time as a cadet: "I am going to take so much from here when I leave, from lifetime friendships to having self discipline. Coming to MMI was definitely not the easy road but I know it has benefited me for the best by not giving me the option of being lazy and also an appreciation for the men and women in uniform who are fighting for our freedom every day."



## Mission Accomplished

Head Baseball Coach Brett Davis describes a mission trip that he took this June: "For the past two summers I have had the great opportunity to travel to Bustamante, Tamaulipas, Mexico, a small village located in the mountains about 300 miles south of Brownsville, Tex. A group of about 30 made the 2,000 mile journey from New Beginning Worship Center in Northport, Ala., by van to the remote villages in this poverty-stricken area of Mexico. Missionaries Ruby and Alex Ray were gracious enough to let us go to the area that they have been ministering to since 1989. Our goal on the week-long trip was to extend a helping hand wherever we could and to share the love of Jesus to the Mexican people in the process.

"We did things from building houses to painting and electrical work, building walls and fences, feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, and much more. The group also did puppet skits in Spanish, as well as the Easter drama. I had the opportunity to lead worship for the group on the trips, not only worship for the Americans who went, but worship in Spanish so they could hear of what Jesus had done for them. The week-long trip was physically exhausting in the amount of hours you put in, from getting up before daylight every morning and not getting to bed until after midnight on most days. But the reward each person receives is in no comparison to the work put in. I believe the Americans who go every year are changed and ministered to more than the Mexicans. Love is a language that everyone understands and no one ever has to speak a word to know. Our mission was to share the love of Jesus, and if we had to, use words."



## Become the 6th Man

Show your support to the MMI basketball team by becoming the "sixth man" on the court. Head Coach Marcus Thomas has introduced a new basketball booster club for Tiger fans and former MMI athletes who want to help strengthen the program. Donations will be used for the team's most immediate needs. Recently, the fund helped MMI purchase a Shoot-A-Way "Gun" machine for the players, who have already benefited from this piece of equipment that not only improves their shooting skills but also increases efficiency during practice. "Without question, their arc has improved since we've had the gun," notes Marcus. "It has also helped with time management. Now, the cadets can get in the gym and shoot about 300 or 400 shots between classes, whereas before, they could not."

Thomas notes that over the last two years, MMI has produced some of the finest basketball players in the Alabama Community College Conference. Several have signed mid major scholarships and have received high major offers. This season, he welcomed another strong class of players.

Become part of the team by choosing your level of support: Rookie (\$50-\$99) includes monthly newsletters and an MMI basketball poster; Starter (\$100-\$249) aforementioned benefits plus MMI basketball T-shirt and one season pass; All Conference (\$250-\$499) plus MMI Basketball and two season passes; All American (\$500 and above) plus 6th Man team jersey and four season passes.

More information on the 6th Man Basketball Club can be found on [www.marionmilitary.edu](http://www.marionmilitary.edu) under Athletics. Take advantage of the online donation form under "Support MMI" or call 334-683-2357 to pledge your support. All gifts are tax-deductible.



### GAME TIME

See if the Tigers are headed to your area for an upcoming game.

View season schedules

online at

[www.marionmilitary.edu/athletics](http://www.marionmilitary.edu/athletics).

# Enrollment Report

MMI was fortunate to record its largest college enrollment in school history for the 2009 fall semester. We are both humbled and excited for our school's prosperity.

Our strategy last year called for significant contributions from our Army ROTC Department, the Service Academy Prep (SAP) program, and the MMI Athletic Department, and all three departments delivered equitably.

Official school data counts the full time student body at 465 and overall enrollment at 509 for the Fall 2009 semester. The Office of Institutional Research at MMI estimates the largest previous college enrollment to be 421 college cadets during academic year 1965-1966.



In comparison to last year, full time enrollment at MMI is up 16 percent. Diversity within the Corps has also increased with 40 percent minority students and 22 percent females.

The key to our success this year was due in part to the unlimited supply of Army ROTC Scholarships, which provided financial assistance for the education and training of young men and women who desired to be commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army.

The Admissions Office launched an aggressive nationwide campaign to identify qualified prospective cadets who would apply to MMI before the May 15, 2009 deadline. Those who responded favorably with an interest toward Army ROTC were quickly contacted and passed to the Army ROTC Department to conduct an Army ROTC Scholarship interview.

By the end of the 2009 Spring Semester, MMI led the nation among 273 Army ROTC colleges that prepared students for commissioning at the U.S. Army's Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Watching the Corps' growth over the past few years has been amazing! It's remarkable to see how the school manages to feed 465 cadets in a dining facility that seats only 400—among the new challenges on campus. Even the formation area in front of the MMI Chapel seems a tight fit. Our cadets, however, seem even more motivated with added leadership positions and a new focus on campus traditions.

The blueprint for this year's recruiting strategy will certainly be relied upon for future enrollment planning. Our cadets have formed a new recruiting network. Their motto: "Every cadet is a recruiter and every cadet can recruit—Just One."

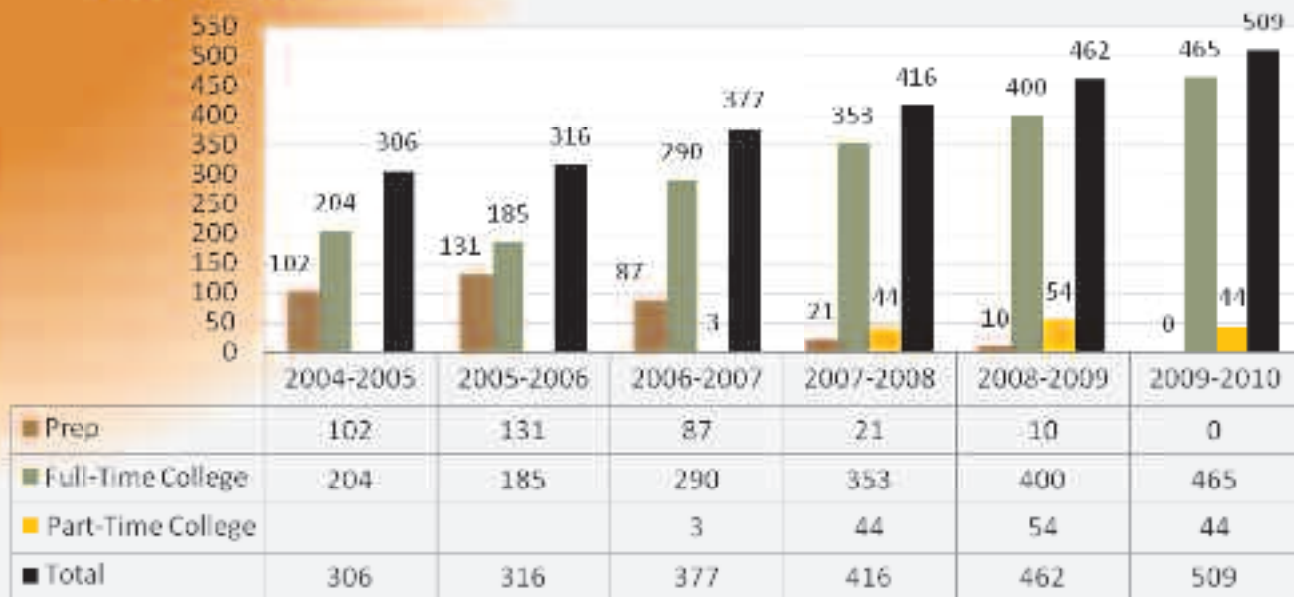
MMI alumni and friends who want to assist with recruiting are encouraged to join the Tiger Volunteers. They are MMI's ambassadors in their hometowns and schools. The Corps' recruiting mission is challenging, but with your help, we can succeed!

You probably know a few people already. They could be family members, friends, or the son/daughter of a coworker. You see them in high schools, churches, scout troops. They might wait on you in your favorite restaurant, bag your groceries, or cut your grass. Wherever you go, keep an eye out for prospective cadets. Tell them about MMI. Ask them if they would be interested in learning more about the MMI Corps. Get their name, address, phone number, year in school, and send it in to the MMI Admissions Office. If every alumnus who receives this request sent MMI one name, we would have more than TEN THOUSAND prospective cadet leads. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** For more information or to submit the name of a prospective cadet, please contact SGM Hastings at 334-683-2300, 1-800-MMI-1842, or email [dhastings@marionmilitary.edu](mailto:dhastings@marionmilitary.edu).

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SGM Dennis Hastings, U.S. Army (Ret), TXSG  
Director for Enrollment Management

## MMI Overall Enrollment Breakdown



## Scholarship Options: How to help pay for a college education at MMI

The Financial Aid Office at MMI would like to inform prospective students and their parents of the variety of potential scholarships available at our Institute. The chart below is designed as a brief overview of available resources. Detailed information can be found in the Admissions/Financial Aid portion of [www.marionmilitary.edu](http://www.marionmilitary.edu). Call 800-MMI-1842 to speak with a Financial Aid Officer.

**Army ROTC Scholarship** – This scholarship covers either tuition and fees or room and board, with additional stipends available from the Army. Requirements can be found on the ROTC portion of [www.marionmilitary.edu](http://www.marionmilitary.edu).

**Athletic Scholarship** – Six of MMI’s athletic programs (baseball, men’s basketball, women’s soccer, softball and men’s and women’s tennis) offer scholarships which provide full tuition, fees and books to qualified student-athletes. The Athletic Department, 334-683-2359, can provide further information.

**Cadetship Scholarship** - Available to eligible in-state and out-of-state students, this award can be applied toward tuition and fees. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is required.

**Federal Aid** – Need-based, federal aid requires completion of the FAFSA form. Pell Grants award money (\$400 minimum, \$5,350 maximum) that does not have to be paid back based on a student’s estimated family contribution (zero to \$4,617). The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (\$150 per semester) is awarded to students with an estimated family contribution of zero.

**Academic Competitiveness Grant** – Awarded to students who have completed a rigorous high school program, this grant provides first-year students with \$750 and second-year students with \$1,300 (must be Pell eligible).

**Federal Student Loans** – Students can apply for a federal subsidized loan (government pays interest) or unsubsidized loan (student responsible for interest). The maximum is \$5,500 for a dependent student and \$9,500 for an independent student. The MMI Financial Aid office will package the student accordingly.

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**Private Student Loans** – MMI uses the Sallie Mae Education Trust as a private lender.

**Veterans Administration Benefits** – The Veterans Administration offers several college payment plans. Chapter 1606 is for selected Reserve or National Guard members. Chapter 35 is for dependents of service members. Chapter 33 is for a student who has been on active duty or who has a parent who has been on active duty for 90 consecutive days since 9/11/2001. Visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) for additional information.

# From the Professor of Military Science



The Fall 2009 semester is coming to a close! All of the MMI Early Commissioning Program (ECP) cadets arrived back on campus in August after an exciting summer of robust military training. The majority of the incoming ECP freshmen either attended Army Basic Combat Training at various active duty Army installations or the Army ROTC Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. Returning ECP sophomores attended excellent training at the Army ROTC Leadership Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Wash. Additionally, a select group of ECP Sophomores also attended other training events at various Army installations across the country: courses such as Airborne School, Air Assault School, Northern Warfare Training, Mountain Warfare Training, etc. All of this training is designed to further sharpen the cadets' military proficiency and leadership skills and better prepare them to lead troops as commissioned officers when they graduate and commission from MMI.

As an alumnus, I was thrilled to return to campus to find a program still pursuing excellence and producing quality officers just like it was years ago when I was here as an ECP cadet. The MMI ECP ROTC Department consists of a group of highly-dedicated professionals who are committed to aggressively preparing and training cadets not only in the classroom and on campus, but off site, as well, in field training exercises. We are fortunate to have local off-site training areas, as well as reasonably-accessible military installations whereby we can conduct training exercises in a field environment. This training approach is the single best way to apply concepts learned in the classroom and during lab in a "simulated" field combat setting, using a myriad of training aids that enhance the training experience. What better way to learn, adapt, and evolve as a leader than in an environment that most closely replicates a combat situation, yet does not put cadets in harm's way so that they can make mistakes, learn, and develop risk free? This training concept exposes cadets to as many "real world" situations as possible so they can train and learn in an effort to better prepare them for actual combat situations when the stakes are "for real" and soldiers' lives are at stake. This is the Army's "battle-focused" training concept, and it works quite effectively in preparing soldiers to perform well as leaders and decision-makers in combat situations.

I am excited about the Spring 2010 semester, and I trust you share in my enthusiasm to ensure that we place a quality product into the US Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard that will make us all proud that they contain the tag "Made at Marion Military Institute!"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Lake".

MAJ James Lake, ALARNG  
Professor of Military Science

## ROTC by the #s

The MMI Army ROTC Department had plenty to brag about at the beginning of the Fall 2009 semester:

- ◆ 12 cadets completed Air Assault School, the most from any college in the nation!
- ◆ 85 cadets completed Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky., the most from any college in the nation!
- ◆ 50 cadets graduated from Leadership Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Wash.
- ◆ 73 new Early Commissioning Program (ECP) cadets had contracted with the Army as of October 6.

# CADET PROFILE



## Four Years in the Corps: Tyler Yeager

**Hometown:** Franklin, Tenn.

**Program:** Early Commissioning Program (ECP)

**Leadership:** Cadet 1LT, current S-5 (Public Relations Officer)

**Time in Marion:** Cadet Yeager began his fourth year in the Corps of Cadets this fall after graduating with the MMI high school class of 2009 in May. (Because of his surname, Yeager was actually the last senior to receive a high school diploma from MMI.) His seamless transition to the junior college is one cherished by many alumni who made the same choice.

"I feel honored that I am one of the high school graduates and am staying here for junior college...It was kind of a no-brainer. I will reach my goal of becoming an Army officer two years quicker. I would have never found out about the ECP program if I hadn't come here for high school."

**Military Interest:** It was actually a "Truth, Honor, Service" MMI billboard in Huntsville, Ala., that grabbed Yeager's attention as a freshman in high school. Interested in military service, he enrolled at MMI as a sophomore in 2006. He is now part of the Simultaneous Membership Program (as a member of the Tennessee National Guard and an ECP cadet). Yeager contracted with the Army on Sept. 22 and serves with the 1st BN of the 224th AVN, Bravo Co. in Smyrna, Tenn. He wants to fly.



*Scenes from ROTC labs, Field Training Exercises (FTX) and contracting*

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT



It has been five years since I first set foot on the campus of Marion Military Institute (MMI). After my initial interview that day, a parade happened to be taking place. As I sat on the metal bleachers watching the Corps of Cadets march towards me, and after the covering of chill bumps from head to toe, I was struck with a realization. It was an awareness of seeing something bigger than the city of Marion, than Perry County, than the State of Alabama; something incredibly significant to our country and the entire nation; a place where lives are transformed and impressions become permanent. Humbled would be the appropriate adjective to describe the feeling.

So here we are five years later with a new president ready to propel MMI to a new level of educational excellence; a president ready to break records never broken, gain territory never explored, all while continuing traditions that need not change. Much gratitude goes to those who diligently served on the search committee. They spent countless hours studying resumes of more than 45 highly qualified applicants. To alumni representatives Jimmy Rane, Red Wilkins, and Dean Mooty; community leaders Ed Daniel, Carolyn Thomas, and Preston Sanders; MMI faculty and staff Mickey Avery, Curtis Meisenheimer, and Shawna Turner, and Department of Postsecondary Education representatives Ed Castile and Lynne Thrower, thank you for bringing Col. David and Mrs. Ingrid Mollahan to Marion.

Who would have thought in three short years and a recent visit to Macon, Georgia, the Morgan's Raiders would reach their quest to raise \$100,000 to officially establish the John Hunt Morgan Leadership Endowment (JHMLE). Mrs. Martha Binion England Yarbrough, mother of Sanford England, Secretary of the JHMLE Committee, wanted to give back to the school she felt had done so much for her family. Her \$20,000 contribution propelled the fund well past their goal.

Many thanks go to the former White Knights who contributed more than \$23,000 to purchase new Springfield M-1903 A3 rifles along with other much-needed equipment. Former White Knights Allen Craig of Tampa, Florida, and Jody Sanders of Huntsville, Alabama, are gathering forces and creating a committee to work toward building an endowed fund in support of the White Knights. This effort will help sustain an organization that is such a visible reflection and important ambassador for MMI.

This issue of the *Pass in Review* recognizes the many contributions provided by our alumni and friends. As you look over the lists of contributors on the following pages, please let us know if you see any errors or, even worse, if your name should be listed and is not. We appreciate your belief in the future of these young men and women and the future of Marion Military Institute.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne McKee".

Suzanne McKee  
Director of Development

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## The MMI Annual Fund Campaign

*Modern furniture will replace existing metal bunks as part of the Room to Grow campaign.*

**There are probably many ways that your time at Marion Military Institute had an impact on your life.** Maybe it helped you with your professional career. Perhaps it increased your self-esteem and self-discipline. It may have even given you opportunities that you would have never experienced otherwise.

You now have the opportunity to help renovate the room in your memory. There are many historic traditions associated with Marion Military Institute, but there is also always ROOM TO GROW!

The MMI Annual Fund Campaign, ROOM TO GROW, is part of a comprehensive plan that is moving toward the renovation of all of the rooms in the barracks. Recruiting and retaining talented students is a competitive business. In this spirit, any

renovation project must be an expression of our intent to enhance the quality of life for the Corps of Cadets. At the same time, we will be strengthening the foundation upon which the school itself stands in order to set the conditions for the growth and expansion that will take us further into the 21st Century.

Leading the ROOM TO GROW campaign is Brigadier General Van Carter, class of 1963. "If you ever wanted to take some ownership in MMI, this is a great opportunity. My hope is that everyone will think back to their room and the time spent there. This effort allows you to directly impact the everyday lives of our cadets," says Carter.

Every gift counts no matter what size. Your participation at any level makes a difference. A return envelope is provided inside this magazine for your convenience. For a gift of

\$3,000, we will place an engraved plaque with your name or the name of your choice at the entrance of the room. For a gift of \$8,000, we will dedicate one of the day rooms with your engraved plaque.

To reserve the room of your choice, act quickly and contact Suzanne McKee, Director of Development, at 334-683-2347, or [smckee@marionmilitary.edu](mailto:smckee@marionmilitary.edu), or you may visit the website at [www.marionmilitary.edu/donations](http://www.marionmilitary.edu/donations).



*Suzanne McKee, MMI Director of Development, and BG Van Carter, Campaign Chair, sit down for a planning session.*

## MAKE YOUR IMPACT

What did you learn in your room? Did it change or shape your life in some way? What impact did the time spent there have on you? In addition to learning how to lead and how to achieve, maybe you learned...

*what really matters  
how to study  
how to sacrifice  
how to dream*

This campaign is a tangible way to let the Corps of Cadets know there are MMI Alumni who genuinely care about them and want to support our next generation of American leaders.

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**Recent Gifts:** This year, Hutchison has contributed to the John Hunt Morgan Leadership Endowment and the White Knights 60th Anniversary campaign. He and his wife Corky also took home the prized Salvador Dalí signed print, Floral Suite, at the Alumni Brigade Art Auction 2009.

**Career:** After graduating from MMI's junior college in 1962 Hutchison completed his bachelor's degree in economics at LSU, commissioned in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. His career in the oil and gas industry in his native Louisiana began in the state's Department of Natural Resources and now spans four decades. Hutchison presently owns two companies:

Copestone, Inc. handles international joint ventures and acquisitions of oil and gas properties and also provides consulting services. Hutco, Inc. is a full-service labor company specializing in various oil and gas disciplines along the Gulf Coast.

**Reflections:** "I think my time in Marion had a big impact on my life and career," says Hutchison. "It helped me learn how to deal with people. Most things in life are communications. You should know how to be humble when you need to be humble and be tough when you need to be tough. The school taught me a lot of that."

Regarding cadet life, Hutchison values the quality education he received at MMI as well as playing sports and making friends. "I have good memories about learning how to study," he adds, noting that cadets couldn't visit Judson if they didn't make their grades.



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John Christopher and Karen Brock  
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Debbie Brown  
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Diane Colburn  
J. Clark and Linda Colglazier

# J.C. Webb Memorial Dove Shoot

Marion Military Institute held the 33rd Annual J.C. Webb Memorial Dove Shoot at the farm of Sam Givhan, MMI Class of 1961HS/1963JC, in Safford, Ala, on November 5. This shoot marked the first time the Alumni Brigade and Foundation joined forces to host a dove shoot. The event was a tremendous success, raising more than \$25,000 for the Alumni Brigade, Foundation, and Corps of Cadets.

The shoot began with hunters and guests registering and enjoying a picnic BBQ lunch on-site. Hunters were then taken to the fields, where a multitude of birds awaited them. At dusk, hunters returned from the fields in time to partake in a delicious dinner of game hen while listening to music by BJ & Derrick from Birmingham.

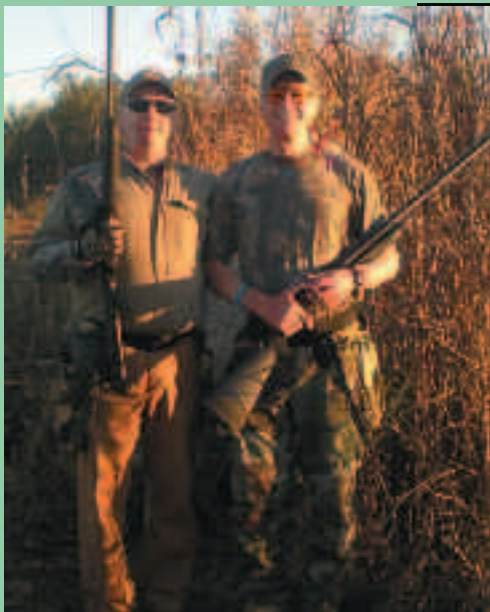
Captain William H. Love, MMI Class of 1997JC, of Ludowici, Ga., was the winner of the Weatherby Athena D'Italia III, a classic field 20-gauge 28" barrel shotgun plus hard-sided canvas luggage case; Dr. Robert Howard, MMI Class of 1970HS, of Troy, Ala., was the winner of the overnight Quail Hunting Trip at the Cottonwoods Sportsman's Lodge; and Mr. Joseph CP Turner, MMI Class of 1961JC, of Demopolis, Ala., won the 2-night, 3-day stay at one of many beachfront condominiums in either Gulf Shores or Orange Beach, Ala., available through Kaiser Realty.

The MMI Alumni Brigade and Foundation would like to give special thanks to Sam, Lynn, and David Givhan for all their hard work in preparing the fields and in hosting the event; to shotgun drawing coordinator Ramsey Knight for procuring the shotgun every year; and to all others who contributed to the event: Weatherby, Inc., Allstate Beverage, Pepsi Bottling Co., Marion Bank & Trust, Cottonwoods Sportsman's Lodge, Kaiser Realty, Alabama Farmers Co-Op, Glen Easter, Catesby AP C. Jones, Irby Pope, Ed Raymon, P.E. Gamble, J.C. Norton, John Schoppert, Kent Sherrill, John Anderson, Dan Hartzog, Ned Smith, and David Ivey.



**Winner of Quail Hunt**

*Dr. Robert Howard, second from left, is the winner of the two night quail hunting trip at Cottonwoods Sporting Lodge.*





John "Shorty" Moore,  
1931 MMI Basketball  
Team Captain

# Remembering a Scholar Athlete

Dr. Charles N. Moore, a retired professor living in Starkville, Miss., called the Development Office this summer with an appropriate dedication in mind for his late brother, Col. John C. Moore, MMI class of 1931. Noting that John was voted "Best-All-Around Athlete" for two consecutive years as a cadet, Charles inquired about establishing a similar award for today's MMI student-athletes. Because John excelled both on the field and in his studies, the resulting endowment was created as *The John C. Moore Award for Excellence in Athletics and Academics*.

The award will now be presented to one female cadet athlete and one male cadet athlete each year during the annual MMI Sports Banquet. Winners will receive a leather Coach wallet and mounted certificate and will have their names listed on a permanent plaque in the Ireland Athletic Center.

Many alumni would have known John Moore as a faculty member at MMI, where he began 18 years of service to the school in 1960. At MMI, John was Director of Guidance and Assistant Academic Dean; he taught courses in social studies, humanities and psychology. His wife, Woody, was the Institute's librarian.

John's life as a younger man is less-known to former cadets. Born in 1912 in Marion, he graduated from Perry County High School, where he was a star athlete, and excelled in football, basketball and baseball while attending MMI. Affectionately called "Shorty," he was greatly admired by players and fans alike for his sportsmanship and leadership, as well as his athletic skills. He earned a full scholarship to Union University, where he played football and basketball and earned his bachelor's degree. He would later receive a Master of Arts from Peabody College and pursue graduate work at the University of Michigan as well as the University of Colorado.

He was a beloved high school coach and teacher before joining the armed services at the onset of WWII. John served honorably for three years in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the European Theatre before returning to Marion in 1948.

Writes his brother Charles: "Throughout his life, John C. Moore was a man of sterling character and integrity. He always exemplified clean, wholesome living, and he was a role model for his many teammates, players and students. By his actions, he demonstrated an abiding faith and trust in God."



Dr. Charles N. Moore of Starkville, Miss., presents a \$15,000 check to MMI President Col. David Mollahan, USMC (Ret) on Oct. 5 for the establishment of the John C. Moore Award for Excellence in Athletics and Academics. Two of his children, Chuck and Mary Grace Moore, were also in attendance for the occasion.

## Adjutant's Call (continued)

John W. Collins, III  
Charles and Theresa Collins  
William A. Comer  
William C. and Cathy Cook  
Floyd R. Cook  
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James V. Corte  
Ken Cottingham  
Keith H. Cox  
Ray Wallace Cox  
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Mark M. and Ursula Daichendt  
Robert G. D'Antonio  
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William B. Duncan  
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James A. D. Eaton  
Steven A. Eaton  
Charles W. Edison  
Charles W. and Joyce Eidson  
John M. and Charlotte Elledge  
Joe C. Elliott, Jr.  
Christopher and Carrie Ely  
Billy G. and Mary Ely  
Floyd Earl Emmons, Jr.  
Samuel M. Engelhardt, III  
Robert W. Ennis  
Sam and Bernice Epperson  
C. Russell and Helen Farmer  
Sheldon and Lisa Fitts  
Gayle W. Fix  
Patrick M. Flachs  
Hayward S. and Patricia Florer, Jr.  
Melinda Fondren  
William Webster Ford  
Donald E. and Wendy Franklin  
William D. Frink, Jr.  
P. E. Gamble  
Alvin K. George  
E. Murfee Gewin  
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Barnes Kirk Golden  
William R. Gordon  
Thomas M. Gorman  
William A. Grabowski  
Jeptha V. and Joan Greer  
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Christopher Heath Grimes  
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Jan Hagen  
R. Doug Halbrooks  
Ronald D. Hall  
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Gregory A. and Nancy Hart  
Bree Anna Hartlage  
Daniel M. and Sharon Hartzog, III  
Thomas J. Haywood  
Wally Helus, Jr.  
Richard M. and Alyce Henderson  
Keith M. and Angela Henline  
Luke Henry  
James L. and Linda Herring  
Robert Michael Hill  
Curtis O. Hingson  
Tim and Lisa Holifield  
Eloise Holifield  
Johnny G. Hollins  
Ira H. Holt  
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Jennifer Winn Hughey  
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James H. and Pamela Martin  
Joseph William Mathews, Jr.  
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## A Mother's Appreciation

On September 30, Director of Development Suzanne McKee and MMI President Col. David Mollahan, USMC (Ret) traveled to Macon, Ga., to meet a special lady. Mrs. Martha Binion Yarbrough had decided to give back to the school that had done so much for her son, Sandy England, MMI Class of 1963. Mrs. Yarbrough's \$20,000 donation to the John Hunt Morgan Leadership Endowment (JHMLE) propelled the award and scholarship fund beyond its original \$100,000 fundraising goal. England, a former Morgan's Raider, is secretary of the JHMLE Committee.

An Alabama native, Mrs. Yarbrough earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in 1941. She went on to pursue graduate studies at Auburn University, where she met her husband, Captain Sanford P. England. The couple was married in 1942. For the next 20 years, she was a loving and supportive Army officer's wife living in numerous stateside duty stations as well as spending four years in Europe. When her husband, then Colonel England, retired from the Army in 1962, the family (with two sons, Sandy and Michael) relocated to Clearwater, Fla. She then spent 12 years as a social case worker. Both of her sons are graduates of Florida State University and earned their respective MBA degrees after serving as Army officers. As a widow, she moved to Macon, Ga., to be near a childhood friend and later remarried Mr. C.A. Yarbrough. At age 90, she is a great-grandmother.

In his own words, England describes what MMI has meant to him and his family: "My Mom, being a South Alabama girl from Evergreen, has always been a supporter of MMI. Over the years, she has known several young men who attended MMI and benefitted greatly from that experience. Her favorite uncle, Uncle Roy Nash of Mobile, Ala., had also attended MMI around 1905 and always spoke highly of his MMI educational experience.

"It was my Mother who thought my going to MMI might be just the place I needed to experience in helping me to get a good start in life as did her mother, Pansy Binion, and my other grandmother, Dolly England, who together loaned my mother the money so I could go to MMI.

"As an 'Army Brat' who had lived in many different communities both in the U.S. and in Europe, I had become kind of a nomadic kid with no one place to call home other than the house we currently lived in at the time. I was always the preverbal new kid on the block, and as the newest kid, I was always the one to be tested and picked on by the local bullies. By the time I got to MMI, which was about the 17th or 18th school I had attended, I was kind of a dazed kid who had lived everywhere, but I had no substantial hometown support system or childhood friends that I could call my own.

"Both my mom and my dad are profoundly grateful for what MMI did for me in giving me a chance to finally stay in one place long enough to bloom and grow a bit, and to become a part of something special and to be supported by some wonderful friends and teachers, all of whom had a profound impact on me and the life that I have lived thus far. In my heart of hearts, MMI will always be my home of record, and that special place that allowed me to gather my wits and successfully launch my life and career.

"Without question, I have a very special Mom who is most grateful to MMI for all it has done to help her son gather himself as a young man and become a man of substance. Hence, her motivation behind this gesture is one of 'grateful appreciation', and hopefully one that will help to contribute something towards helping MMI to help other young men and women as it has done for me."



*MMI President Col. David Mollahan presents Mrs. Martha Yarbrough with a gift as a token of his appreciation for her generous gift to the John Hunt Morgan Leadership Endowment. She is the mother of former MMI cadet Sandy England '63, also pictured.*

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Robert and Suzanne McKee  
Robert M. and Soraya McKinley  
Harry H. McNeel  
David M. and Patricia Mendelson  
Mitchell Lee Mendelson  
Metropolitan Life Foundation  
Douglas M. Miller  
Steve T. and Sheila Misczanski  
Michelle Montz  
William L. and Dee Moore, Jr.  
F. Brooks and Marian Moore  
Catherine Moore  
Arthur V. Moore  
Delois H. Moore  
James Douglas and Paula Mooty, Jr.  
Joseph D. and Mary Mooty  
Gregg V. and Paula Mooty  
Walter Lee Murfee, II  
Net Video Systems  
Neal Curt and Sara Newell, Jr.  
George W. Newman, Jr.  
Charles E. and Dianne Nichols  
Terry Nichols  
Richard Marc Nicholson  
Charles Nicrosi  
James H. and Beatrice Nogar, Jr.  
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Orlando G. Ortega  
Edward E. Palmer  
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Stuart B. and Veronica Parker  
David Parker  
John N. and Shawn Patronis, III  
Michael G. Patronis  
Joe Patton  
Joseph R. and Darlene Pearce  
Michael E. and Barbara Pegues  
Donald J. Pertuit  
John J. and Kimberly Petersen  
William R. Pettersen  
Bobby Glenn and Christine Phillips  
Ludwell C. Pierce, Jr.  
Bruce W. and Julia Plomasen  
Thomas J. Poe  
James B. Poland  
Walter R. and Freida Posey, Jr.  
Walter Prentice  
Charles H. Primm  
David and Becky Puckett  
J. L. Quick  
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Lucius and Gayle Rayfield  
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Charles S. Reynolds, III  
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Lorenzo Riddick  
James Creg Rinehart  
Alfred C. Rivers  
James and Jeanine Rogers  
Michael T. Rose  
Richard Royster  
George and Pamela Ruehle  
Lisa Russell  
Tyler Russell  
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Bob and Evelyn Vetzell  
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David Vick  
Zachary L. Vick  
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Joshua Shawn Walters  
Michael B. Walters  
Larry Watkins  
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James M. White  
Robert and Faye Wiggins  
Edward and Lane Wiggins  
Daniel M. and Una Wilson, Jr.  
Debra Wise  
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Adeline Wood  
Johnnie F. Wood  
Norman E. Wood  
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Mary G. Auburtin  
Brandon R. Bergmann  
John B. and Margaret Blalock  
Howard Leslie Blumberg  
Russell Fred Boren, Jr.  
William O. Branch  
Clarence J. and Dorothy Brauner, Jr.  
Walter Scott and Tamara Brewer  
Frank R. Broadway, Jr.  
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Kenneth Bull  
Jeffrey and Stephanie Bush  
Matthew P. Butrick  
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John C. and Isolde Caine, Jr.  
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John Curry and Angela Corbin  
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Stephen and Ann Crawford  
Hendrick L. Cromartie  
Thomas C. and Nancy Culpepper  
Burton King and Susan Curry  
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Melvin H. Dennis

Daniel E. Duff  
Donal S. Dunbar  
John H. Eaton  
Edward H. Elebash  
Ervin M. and Jacquelyn England  
Simone and Derek Gardner  
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Richard Brian Hale  
Patricia Harris  
Dennis L. and Wanza Hastings  
John Hayes  
Gerald A. Hinn  
David W. Hodo  
Richard A. and Dorothy Hooper, Jr.  
George Edward and Doris Horne, IV  
John and Sarah Howard  
Kenneth P. and Muriel Hughes

## Woodfin Family Ties

MMI's History and Social Science Chair Lt. Col. David Woodfin Bauer, USA (Ret) presented a donation to MMI President Col. David Mollahan, USMC (Ret) on August 14 as a contribution to the James Dudley Woodfin Memorial Scholarship Fund. Bauer, MMI SAP class of 1956, has been employed at MMI for 25 years.

Bauer's uncle, James Dudley Woodfin, known affectionately as "Jimmy D.," was also an MMI alumnus (class of 1949). Woodfin taught English for many years at MMI and also served as the Institute's Director of Alumni Affairs and Public Relations. In 1995, Bauer established the fund in memory of his uncle in order to assist local students in attending the Institute. Tax deductible contributions may be directed to the James Dudley Woodfin Memorial Scholarship Fund by calling 334-683-2347.



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David and Michelle Ivey  
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Dexine B. and Preston James  
WendalL. and Rose Jenkins  
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Frank A. and Linda Jones, Jr.  
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John Lewis and Kasey Krueger, II  
Emmerson C. and Barbara Krug, Jr.  
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David and Donna Leemon  
James M. Lewis  
Alejandro and Amy Lopez  
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Marjorie H. Marcus  
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Thaddoeus David May  
David C. and Vicki McBirney  
Patricia McCarthy  
Lloyd Milton and Catherine McClure, IV

Ralph E. and Cynthia McCormick  
James C. McGraw  
John H. and Dianne McWilliams  
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Betty R. Mitchell  
Marzetta Mullican  
Clayton J. and Susan Newkirk  
John N. and Tamara Nichols  
Preston and Wendy Nichols  
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Samuel L. and Claire Palmer  
John B. Patton  
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Randy R. Wiers  
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Ward Drury and Vera Wright  
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Erica Yeager

## Golf Classic Raises \$10,000



MMI Chairman of the Board Taylor D. "Red" Wilkins, Jr. once again generously hosted the MMI Golf Classic at Steelwood Country Club in Loxley, Ala. on October 20. Seven teams participated, with the team of Burriss Farm Market taking first place. A seafood supper dinner capped off the fifth annual event. Red Wilkins, second from left congratulates the Burriss Farm Market Team.

# With the Alumni

## Former Cadets Keep in Touch

### 1930s & 1940s

**J.E. Mitchell '38** is doing well and living in Huntsville, Ala. at age 92. He notes that he was the first person to get an athletic scholarship at MMI, which he attended under President Col. Walter Lee Murfee.

### 1950s

**John Halliburton '52** writes: "I served four years at Ft. Bliss and the surrounding area, White Sands Missile Range, Red Canyon Range Camp, and McGregor Range during the development of the Nike and the Package training which resulted in the Nike Bn. on site defense of the United States. In March, 2009 'Winged Victory: The History of the Nike Missile Training Program at Fort Bliss' was completed and published. I was privileged to be included in those sharing recollections and duties of the 1st G.M. Bn (SAM) circa 1956-1959."

**Sam Engelhardt III '55JC** recently celebrated his 73rd birthday, is still practicing medicine, and feels blessed to have that privilege.

**Bob Austin '57** was recently preparing to appear in his 46th stage musical (*Anything Goes*) since joining the Spanish Lyric Theatre in Tampa in 1997. He notes that 13 of those previous shows have been in Spanish, a language he does not speak or understand. He retired in 1987 after 30 years as a sports writer for the *Tampa Tribune*. Besides appearing on stage at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, he also keeps busy as a shuttle van driver to the airport for the Crowne Plaza hotel in Tampa.

### 1960s

**Lee Murfee '63HS** is currently instructing cadets in physics at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He and his wife Diane have four grown children: Lisa, Eileen, Lee and Laura. The couple recently took a 1,700 mile Great Loop trip on their small boat, Mellow Yellow. The freshwater route runs down the Mississippi River, over to Florida and up the East Coast, through Canada, down to the Great Lakes and returns to St. Louis.



**Dr. Lex Coleman '63** writes: "Took a break to have bypass surgery this fall! I tell my friends I lost 26 lbs on the Ginzu Knife diet... My ole MMI roomie, Bill Kimbrough '63 visited while I was recovering. He had a heart transplant eight years ago."

**Joseph M. Davis '64JC**, retired military, lives in Madison, Miss., with his wife of 37 years.

After retiring from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1992 and retiring (again) from teaching middle school and being an athletic director, **Jim Kuykendall '65HS, '67JC** is now fully retired. He and his wife Janis (Judson '66) live on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where they enjoy the beach, sunsets, and life.

**Col. (Ret) George R. McCurdy III '66** is retired after 36 years 6 months of service in the Alabama Air National Guard where he commanded at several levels. His last assignment was on the Adjutant General's Staff at the Alabama National Guard Joint Force Headquarters. He now is the Antiterrorism Officer for the 187<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, civilian position. He and his wife Linda reside in Lowndesboro, Ala., and have two daughters, Lucinda & Mary; and five grandchildren, Hunter, Rebecca, Gray, Mary Claibourne and Caroline.

**John Wible '67HS** is General Counsel for the Alabama Department of Public Health, where he has served for more than 35 years.

**Chuck de Caro '69** is alive and well in the Washington D.C. area. The only Rhode Islander of Italian extraction ever to attend Marion, he is intensely proud of his MMI education and his Swamp Fox membership. His adventures since leaving Marion can be seen in Wikipedia and Google. He invites any Marion grad to please stop by if they happen to be in D.C. He can be reached at [thechuck@aol.com](mailto:thechuck@aol.com).

### 1970s

**Bill Lawson '71HS/'73 JC** writes: "As the years go by, I am more and more appreciative of what Marion Institute did **for** me and means **to** me. Facebook has been great at finding old classmates

## Has It Been 50 Years Already?

Were you a part of the class of 1960? Bill Clement of Birmingham is organizing a special 50th reunion for MMI classmates during Alumni Weekend 2010, April 9-10. Several other classes have joined forces for group reunions: 1972-75, 1980-82 & 1989-94.

See which of your classmates plan to attend on the "Marion Military Institute Alumni" Facebook group site. For up-to-date information on all upcoming class reunions, contact Carrie Williams, Director of Alumni Affairs, at 334-683-2350 or [cwilliams@marionmilitary.edu](mailto:cwilliams@marionmilitary.edu).

## With the Alumni (continued)

and friends, and the MMI site is fun as well. My wife Mary and I live in Alabaster, just south of Birmingham. We have a 14-month-old grandson named Reilly who lives in Boston. I am still doing a morning radio show in Birmingham (on-air for 36 years), on country station 102.5 THE BULL as "Dollar Bill" and the voice talent for WBRC-TV Fox6. And just think....it all began when I started making the announcements on the Marion Institute PA system while on guard duty! It's pretty amazing how many calls I get from other MI former cadets when I mention the school on the air, which is great, because it feels like a brotherhood or family. Thanks MMI!

**Drew Blocker '71HS, '73JC** is employed by the Navajo Indian Reservation Hospital in Tuba City, Ariz., as a pharmacist.

**Colonel (Retired) George Birdsong '71HS, '73JC** is still a Senior Vice President with Miltec Corporation, a Ducommun Company in Huntsville, Ala., providing aerospace engineering services to Department of Defense and NASA customers. He and his wife Nancy celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this July with family and friends numbering 60, including their three grand children ages 2, 4, and 8. Another highlight of the summer was a very successful 14-day safari to South Africa and Botswana where he bagged an enormous Cape Buffalo among other things.



**Sue Allison Johnson '73HS** (daughter of the former head of the MMI Chemistry Department, Col. Harrison C. Allison) would like to hear from any classmates or any of her father's former students. She has been married to Ronney Johnson for 36 years. They have three sons: Thomas (35), Michael (32), and Preston (24). They also count five grandchildren and one on the way. Following a nursing career, Sue works part-time as a substitute teacher in the Coffee County, Georgia School system and is starting her second year as a Girl Scout Leader.

**David Mills '75** is heading up an Alumni Weekend (April 9-10) reunion for the classes of 1972-1975. Call the Alumni Office at 334-683-2350 to get involved.

**William P. Mitchell '75** is the CFO of Growing Room, Inc., an owner-operator of child development centers franchised in three states (Alabama, Georgia and Florida). He and his wife Sheree live in Columbus, Ga., where William is an Executive Board Member of Columbus Hospice, Inc. Their family includes Brad and Brittany Haines and three grandchildren: Josh (11) and twins Maddie and Will (6).

After 12 years with the New Orleans Police Department, **John Poret '78JC** went on to earn his nursing degree in 1995. He retired from the 1192d Transportation Terminal Brigade Transportation Corps, U.S. Army Reserve in 2000 as a Major after 22 years of service. He has been employed as an RN at the Medical Center of Louisiana for 14 years. Residing in Luling, La., he and his wife Susan have been married for 26 years and have three daughters: Katherine (24), Jill (22) and Grace (13). They also have two granddaughters: Emilie (4) and Hanna (2). Their son-in-law Brandon is currently an E-4 with the 82<sup>nd</sup> in Iraq.

**Edward Rhyne '78HS** lives in Houston, Tex., with his wife Julie and three children. His daughter married in October. His oldest son is a senior at Duke University, and his youngest son is a freshman at SMU. Edward is a partner at Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. and specializes in mergers and acquisitions and private equity funds.

### 1980s

**Jody Sanders '81** is heading up an Alumni Weekend (April 9-10) reunion for the classes of 1980-82. Call the Alumni Office at 334-683-2350 to get involved.

**Lin Hogan '81HS** has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of West Florida, a Masters in Counseling Psychology (M.S.) from Troy University, and recently completed his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) from the Forest Institute of Professional

## Join the Brigade!

One of the easiest ways to get involved with your alma mater is to join the MMI Alumni Brigade, dedicated to the future of the MMI Corps of Cadets. Yearly membership dues are just \$25, and lifetime memberships are available for \$500. Your financial support helps fund special campus projects that the Alumni Brigade Board deems appropriate for the school's most urgent needs. Begin your membership by calling 334-683-2350, email [cwilliams@marionmilitary.edu](mailto:cwilliams@marionmilitary.edu) or use our online membership form, at [www.marionmilitary.edu](http://www.marionmilitary.edu), to join instantly by credit card.



Psychology in Springfield, Missouri. His practice and research foci are in Health Psychology, Pain Management, Integrative Health Care, and Substance Abuse Treatment.

**Cindi Silva Bearden '83** is an Accountancy Professor at LaGrange College. She and her husband Ken have two daughters, Jessica (16) and Sarah (13), and recently celebrated their 25th anniversary.



In July, **Page Henry Jackson '83HS** and **James Jackson '84HS** took her mother (Margaret Ellen Webb) to England and Ireland to celebrate the momentous occasion of her 70th birthday. The couple lives in Pasadena, Ca.

**John C. Lewis '85** would like to hear more from his Band Company classmates. He writes: "Three and a half years ago I followed in my father's footsteps and became a Corrections Officer for the Monmouth County Sheriffs Office. At the academy, and at every requalification since, I fired expert on the Glock 23 pistol and Remington 870 shotgun. Because of my build and martial arts experience (I have a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do), I became a member of the Cell Extraction Team."

**Joe Kalil '87JC** is a pilot for Delta Air Lines flying B-737-800 out of Cincinnati airport. He lives in northern Kentucky, is married and has two children, ages 8 and 13. He also owns a firearm training school named Defensive Handgun Training LLC. He previously flew both rotary and fixed wing aircraft in the U.S. Army.

**Lt. Col. Hank Brown '89** has been serving in the Marine Corps since graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1993. He writes: "I have had great assignments (NC, Iceland, Quantico, Hawaii, Monterey and Annapolis) and more importantly have worked with fantastic people. My family remained in Annapolis after my last tour (working for Col. David Mollahan!) while I deployed to Okinawa and forward to Iraq. I'd love to hear from some old friends; you can find me on Facebook or at [www.hankbrown.org](http://www.hankbrown.org). Semper fidelis!"

**David Ivey '89** is heading up an Alumni Weekend (April 9-10) reunion for the classes of 1989-94. Call the Alumni Office at 334-683-2350 to get involved.

## 1990s

**Major Chris Chomosh '90** stopped by the MMI campus with his family after leaving Ft. Benning. He graduated the Infantry Pre-Command Course and is the XO of the 1-180 CAV and next commander with the Oklahoma National Guard. He is also a Tulsa Police Auto Theft Supervisor with 17 years on the job.

**Russ Yocum '90** has recently been assigned as a Santa Rosa County Teacher on Special Assignment, acting as Lead Instructor

and Research Associate for the University of West Florida's Institute for Innovation Community Learning, TeacherReady program. TeacherReady is a graduate level teaching certification program. Additionally, Russ passed his doctoral preliminary examinations this past summer and is now advanced to doctoral candidacy.

**Major David Woodruff '95JC** is the Battalion Executive Officer for the 40th Engineer Battalion assigned to the 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Baumholder, Germany.

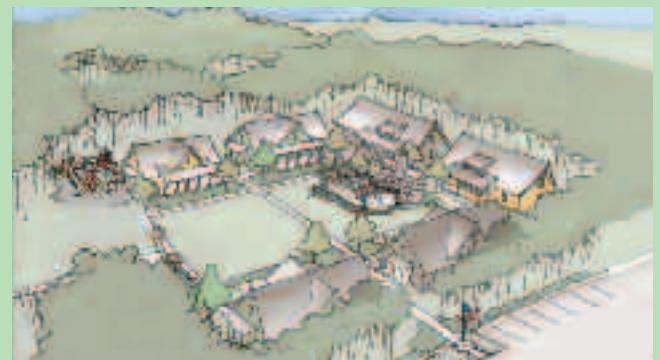
**Nevin J. Blankenship '95JC** was recently promoted to Major in the Virginia Army National Guard. He is currently assigned as the Public Affairs Officer for 116th Brigade Combat Team and recently took a new job with Navy Information Operations Command in Sugar Grove, W.V. as an Engineering Planner in the Public Works Department. Last May, he and his wife Vickie celebrated the birth of their second child, Jathan, born on the same day he returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Operation Lakeshore



**Ingram Thornton**, MMI class of 1991, hopes the military community will reach out to support a national-scale project benefiting disabled veterans. His

Birmingham-based company, Capstone Development, has teamed up with the Lakeshore Foundation to develop a village of cottages in Homewood, Ala., that allow military personnel participating in their rehabilitation programs to stay for longer periods of time and bring their families along. Dungan Nequette Architects, the other partner in Operation Lakeshore, has designed a total of 10 units to accommodate the needs of those who have sacrificed so much for us. Call Thornton at 205-949-2060 for more information on contributing to the construction of The Cottages of Lakeshore.



## With the Alumni (continued)

**MAJ Kevin Bolke '95JC** and family welcomed their fourth son to the family on 15 July 2009. Rex joins his brothers Max (8), Benjamin (6), and Nicholas (3). MAJ Bolke is currently serving as a Senior Military Analyst with TRADOC Analysis Center White Sands Missile Range (TRAC-WSMR). DeDe and Kevin shared their ten year anniversary this past June, and the Bolke Family has been selected as the National Newell Rubbermaid Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Volunteer Family of the Year.



**Andy Furr '96JC** and wife Jana became parents on September 4, 2009, to a baby boy, Andrew Wisdom Furr.

**Casey Welch '96JC** is currently working in Afghanistan with US AID.

**Matthew Barrett '99** and Denise Barrett announce the birth of their son, Keenan McCarthy, born February, 7, 2009 at Frankfort Regional Medical Center. The family currently resides in Lexington, Ky.



### 2000–2009

**Shun Yu '00** is working as the Director of Business Development (China) in Shanghai, China for Fieldturf. He got out of active duty in 2006 but is still serving in the Army Reserve as a Captain with U.S. Army Okinawa, Japan, as the Special Projects officer in the Group's S-3.

**Cpt. Ruben Otero '02** recently completed his second tour in Iraq.

**Cpt. Sean McEwen '02** completed 18 months of command in September, 2009 and moved from Ft. Riley to Ft. Sill.

**Justin Magula '03** is in Germany with his wife and new family. He will be going to Afghanistan sometime this spring or summer. He plans to pursue a Master's degree in hopes of teaching at his alma mater, West Point.



In August, 2009, Army **1LT Dan Berschinski '03** was seriously wounded in Afghanistan while he and his men were trying to secure a village. Dan lost both of his legs, and his left arm was shattered. He is convalescing in Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Friends and family in his

native Georgia have set up a website to support Dan at <http://www.danberschinski.blogspot.com>.

**Captain Brandon Bergmann '04** is currently in Iraq serving on a Military Transition Team advising an Iraqi Infantry Brigade. He arrived in Iraq in June and has had an amazing time working with the Iraqi Army.



**Asher J. Ballew '05JC** completed his bachelor's degree at Florida State University and is assigned to the Army's 10th Mountain Division, 3rd Platoon Cherokee Troop, attached to Fort Drum, Watertown, New York. He was promoted to Captain in March 2009 and is currently deployed at Forward Operating Base Altimur, Logar Province, Afghanistan.

**IN REMEMBRANCE: SPC Damon G. Winkleman '06JC**, an Army combat medic from Lakeville, Ohio, lost his life on September 20 in Afghanistan while responding to another unit under fire. He was deployed with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. Following a graveside service in his hometown, Winkleman's parents were presented the Bronze Star, awarded to him posthumously for his meritorious service in Operation Enduring Freedom.

**1LT Daniel Walters '06JC** graduated cum laude from Auburn University in May 2009. He was a member of Delta Epsilon Iota honor society. Having spent two and a half years in the Alabama National Guard in a reconnaissance unit, he is reporting soon to active duty as an infantry officer.

**Sean Minton '09** validated four courses (totaling six semesters) at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point due to his academic preparation as an Association of Graduates scholar at Marion Military Institute. In place of History, Chemistry, English Composition and a Single-Variable Calculus, he is taking American Politics, Russian, Literature and Multi-Variable Calculus, respectively.



**Ben Lee '09HS ('10JC)** took a one-week mission trip to Nicaragua with his immediate family this summer. The crew, which included several nurses and two physicians, organized a feeding program, vacation bible school, hospital children's ministry, and medical outreach.



We'd like to hear from you! Send personal updates and photos to [mholmes@marionmilitary.edu](mailto:mholmes@marionmilitary.edu) or call 334-683-2349. Class notes will be published in future issues.

# Last Roll Call

Let us take a moment to remember these recently deceased alumni and friends of the Institute:

Mr. William R. Chism	1961	
COL Thomas B. Deramus, Jr., USA (Ret)	1946	Tuscaloosa, AL
Mr. Roger F. Fuller	Friend	Selma, AL
Mrs. W. Jessie Given	Friend	Foley, AL
Mrs. Margaret P. Guerard	Friend	Marion, AL
Mr. Charles H. Heidelberg	1958	Beaumont, TX
Mr. Red Hulon	Friend	Pelham, AL
Dr. David L. Massey	1937	Birmingham, AL
Mr. Charles E. McNeil	1941	Mobile, AL
LCDR Thomas J. Nixon, USN (Ret)	1933	Hanceville, AL
Mrs. Jane Saylor	Friend	Selma, AL
COL Lewis M. Stewart	1939	Marion, AL
Mr. Norvelle E. Weekley, Sr.	1949	Bay Minette, AL
Mrs. Marian Wheeler	Friend	Uniontown, AL
SPC Damon G. Winkleman USA	2006	Lakeville, OH

**CORRECTION:** In our Summer 2009 edition we mistakenly listed Mr. Robert E. Childs '72 as deceased. He is alive and well in Daphne, AL, and has a good sense of humor about the error.

*The MMI Alumni Office strives to maintain accurate records of alumni, living and deceased. Please send notices to [cwilliams@marionmilitary.edu](mailto:cwilliams@marionmilitary.edu) or call 334-683-2350.*



## In Memoriam

### Lewis M. Stewart (1918-2009)

**MMI class of 1939, former MMI Professor of Military Science & Commandant**

*A native of Marion, Lewis M. Stewart graduated from MMI in 1939 and received his commission in the U.S. Army in 1941. His tours of duty included serving with the infantry in WWII, serving in Korea during the early occupation, and serving as staff officer during the Berlin Wall crisis. His distinguished military career ended in 1972 as a colonel. Awarded the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, among other decorations, he was also selected*

*for the Infantry OCS Hall of Fame for obtaining field grade rank starting from the rank of private. His civilian life continued in Marion, where he was a businessman and was involved in many civic endeavors.*

**Colonel Lewis M. Stewart was one of the closest friends I ever had.** He was at once part brother and part father. I first became well acquainted with him in 1963—although I had actually known him all my life—when I was an Army second lieutenant stationed in Germany. I lived in a BOQ across the hall from Charley Glover—another dear friend (MMI 1953)—in Kaiserlautern, Germany. I was an infantry officer assigned to an ordinance company in a military police slot.

One fine day Charley came to me and announced that we'd been invited to spend the weekend in Heidelberg with Colonel Stewart, his wife Lucy and son Rebel. We went to the Stewarts that weekend to what was to be the first of many visits, and I had a grand time. Inasmuch as I was somewhat prone to tittle during my misspent youth, I managed to get a "snoot-full" before supper after helping myself to the colonel's free refreshments. During this event, Colonel Stewart and I got into a spirited debate about the Army and how things were run. Charley Glover was appalled; he was a captain and had graduated from West Point, and in his world second lieutenants just didn't argue with colonels. After the visit, Charley counseled me strenuously about my insubordinate behavior, and I had promised him faithfully that it wouldn't happen again. Well, it did happen again, and in fact every time we went to see the Stewarts it happened. Glover castigated me severely each time, and I swore that I would reform each time but just never managed to do it. It seemed that as soon as I took a sip of Colonel Stewart's hospitality, my mouth would run away.

Years later, I mentioned this to "Papa"—as I came to call Colonel Stewart—and he told me that he intentionally goaded me in the hope that I would express myself candidly. He just wanted to know how young officers really viewed the Army so that he could better deal with them. I'm so glad I was able to help.

**By LTC T. Irby Pope III, USA (Ret), MMI class of 1961**

# Parents' Weekend

## A Traditional Family Affair

Once again, Parents' Weekend was a huge success. More than 450 parents, friends and families came from across the country to attend the October 16-17 event and watch their cadets in action. The Friday schedule of events included a historic tour of Marion, a cadet company drill competition, and a reception at the President's Quarters where guests were able to meet Colonel and Mrs. Mollahan. The evening ended with a cookout Friday evening for all cadets and their guests at the Excess House.

Bright and early Saturday morning, guests were able to observe the entire Corps carry out physical training exercises on the front campus. Also on Saturday, guests were able to see demonstrations held by the Choir and Band, the White Knights Precision Drill Team, and the Swamp Fox and Ranger Challenge Teams. The weekend culminated with the traditional Mother's Review parade where a representative mother from each company took part in the ceremony by pinning a rosette on each company's guidon.







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## Have You Reserved Your Brick Yet?

The MMI Office of Development continues to offer personalized bricks for the Honor Ground Inner Circle. The project, begun in 2007 to celebrate 150 years of the Chapel, is dedicated to honoring the legacy of those who served their country in war and peace, and for the everlasting memory of cadets, faculty, and friends of Marion Military Institute.

More than 750 alumni and friends have already chosen to leave their legacy on this beautiful new focal point on campus. Bricks can be personalized to your specifications depending on the size: standard 4 x 8" (\$150) or large 12 x 12" (\$500). Your gift is fully tax-deductible; proceeds help build the MMI Endowment.

To reserve your Honor Ground brick, contact the Office of Development at 334-683-2394 or visit "Support MMI" at [www.marionmilitary.edu](http://www.marionmilitary.edu).