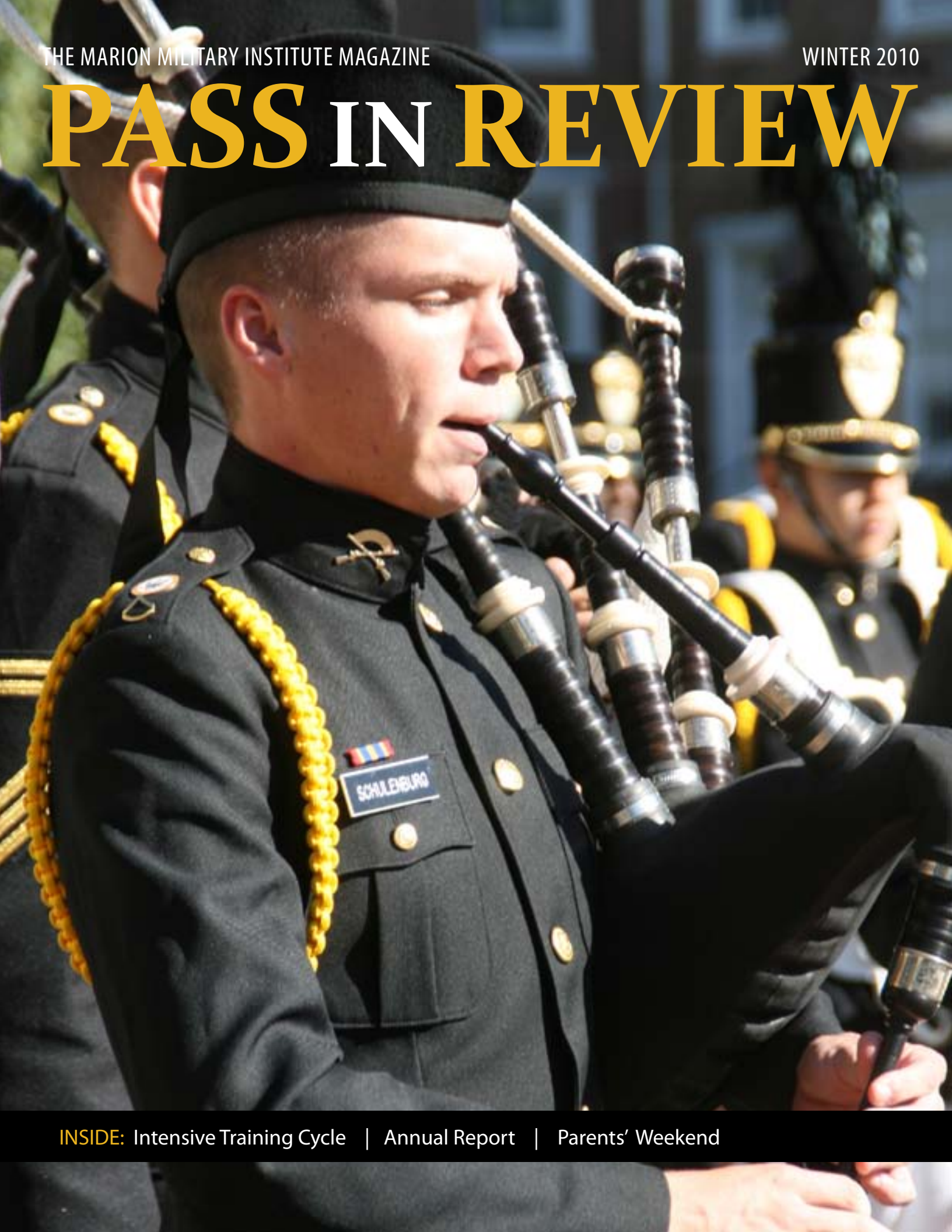


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On the Cover: Cadet Coleman Schulenburg plays the bagpipes during the 2010 Alabama Military Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony. Photo by Steve Biggers

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November, 2010

Dear MMI Alumni and Friends:

As this Academic Year has begun, much work has been done to greet it. The summer months saw construction activity on the campus to renovate the bathrooms in Wilkerson and Murfee barracks; we took our first steps in our Room to Grow initiative with the refurbishment of the first floor of Rane Hall; and we began improving our physical training facilities with the expansion of our weight room and the addition of an entire new suite of weight training equipment.

Our enrollment began right at 400, and our aim is to increase both enrollment and academic quality for the next Academic Year. This year we achieved the latter with the Corps of Cadets average ACT/SAT scores higher and remedial requirements substantially lower than last year. We have an aggressive enrollment strategy that includes active engagement through a robust program of college fair and high school visits and direct contact with JROTC detachments and high school counselors. We will also begin employing a cadre of cadets and alumni to help us with our recruiting efforts.

There is so much still to do to continue to advance the goals we set forth in our strategic plan. We expect to have at least one if not two pre-professional concentrations established by next fall: pre-engineering and pre-nursing. We will continue to refine our leadership education efforts. We have made progress in fine-tuning our civilian flight training program. We are still working to develop a plan to modernize our facility support infrastructure. These are but a few examples.

Much of what we have accomplished thus far has been due to the generosity of our alumni and friends. So Ingrid and I want to say thank you to all of you who have supported MMI over this past year, our first year here. Whether it was through your donations, your volunteer work, or your advice, we sincerely appreciate the support alumni and friends have provided us.

We continue to need your support and investment as we go forward and advance MMI further into the 21st century. Help us advance through your investment in MMI and the education of our Corps of Cadets.

As I have continued to travel the country to meet more and more of our alumni, the passion for MMI is always a universal theme. This serves as a reminder of how important this school is to everyone who becomes a part of the legacy. MMI still matters, and it always will.

Very respectfully,

David J. Mollahan
Colonel, USMC (Ret)



Governor Riley Awards \$50K HVAC Grant

In August, MMI was awarded a \$50,000 Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs (ADECA) grant from Governor Bob Riley to improve heating and cooling in Trustees Hall. As a result, 61 new fan coil units will replace an older, two-pipe system on the second and third floors of Trustees.

Every room will have brand new unit and individual controls, making it more comfortable for cadets. Once the units are installed (during Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays), Trustees will be the most energy-efficient building on campus.



(above and below) Cadets use the new weight room equipment

Campus-wide Renovations

Bathrooms in Wilkerson and Murfee were completely renovated during the summer of 2010. With additional square footage (after taking in two cadet rooms on each floor), the new bathrooms accommodate more residents at one time. They also feature privacy stalls, individual showers, brand new

plumbing and fixtures, water-saving flush valves and new ventilation. Under the same construction contract, handicap ramps for Lovelace and Wilkerson have been installed, and porticos have been added to Wilkerson and Murfee.

The first floor of James W. Rane Hall, formerly known as New South, underwent a facelift this summer to in-

clude new paint, flooring, fixtures, lighting, doors, and hardware. The finished product serves as a showcase for future barracks renovations funded by the Annual Fund – Room to Grow Campaign.

Thanks to a generous donation, the Corps of Cadets have a new weight room equipped with the “latest and greatest” equipment. Renovations to the old weight room included expansion into an additional 20’ x 40’ space, laying new rubber flooring, and adding mirrors on every wall. Brand new equipment was purchased from Wright Exercise Inc. in Birmingham that included eight laser half racks with oak platforms, a Smith machine, a new set of hex rubber dumbbells, composite rubber coated Olympic plates, glute ham machines, Body-Solid lat pull down machines, leg extension, prone leg curl, cable crossover, adjustable abdominal board, and a hack squat/leg press combination machine. Other miscellaneous items such as medicine balls, jump ropes (speed ropes) and kettle bells were also purchased for the cadets. The weight room is open seven days a week for cadets, faculty and staff.



Fall Honor & Respect Speakers

An important component of cadet life, the Paul B. Anderson Honor & Respect Education Program features distinguished guest speakers on Wednesday mornings in the Chapel. Military, business, and community leaders fill the speaker schedule, and many of those are MMI alumni. Protocol for guest speakers includes a campus tour, lecture, honorary pass in review, and lunch with cadet leadership. This semester, cadets, faculty, staff and special guests heard:

- Sept. 22 – Mr. Michael Jackson, District Attorney for the 4th Judicial Circuit. In his speech, Jackson urged the Corps to always strive to obtain the unreachable: “People will always tell you what you can’t do, but that’s not true. You can always achieve any goal.”
- Oct. 6 – BG William T. Crosby, USA, Director, Program Executive Officer, Redstone Arsenal. He arrived via USA CH47 Helicopter on the Givhan Parade Field.
- Oct. 20 – BG Remo Butler, USA (Ret), an Army Green Beret with extensive experience in Special Operations. He is the current President and CEO of Black Lightning, LLC, a security and logistics consulting firm. “Always be mindful of your conduct” was his advice to students.
- Nov. 10 – LTC Mike Patronis, USAF, Lackland AFB Medical Service Officer, MMI class of 1985HS/1987JC. Part of his program was dedicated to the memory of fellow Morgan’s Raider COL Stacy Coleman, MSARNG (1963-2007) and the awarding of the first John Hunt Morgan Leadership Scholarship in Coleman’s honor.



▲ In honor of his presentation to the MMI Corps of Cadets, Cadet Saeda Scott presents BG William Crosby with a portrait of the MMI Chapel.

*MMI welcomes and encourages alumni and community guests to attend any of the guest lecturer programs.



▲ District Attorney Michael Jackson and MMI President Col. David Mollahan visit in the Alumni Office.



▲ LTC Mike Patronis, scholarship recipient Joshua Evans, LTC Debra Coleman, former Morgan’s Raiders, friends, and family gather in memory of COL Stacy Coleman.

Faculty Headlines



Mark Doyle

MMI welcomed two new faculty members this fall, both with prior military service. Mark Doyle, English Instructor, is a former Marine who commissioned and graduated magna cum laude from Virginia Military Institute. As a supply officer, he served in the Gulf War during Operations Desert Shield and Storm. He later earned an M.A. in English from The College of St. Rose and an M.B.A. in Finance from The College of William & Mary. Doyle is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the major area of Victorian British Literature at Indiana University, where he was on faculty. Prior to his teaching career, he worked as a financial analyst for both General Electric and Great Atlantic Management Company.



Aaron Smith, Ph.D.

Aaron Smith, Ph.D., Mathematics Instructor, spent four years in the Army and three with the Florida National Guard. While serving as an Animal Care NCO in Yakota AB, AP Japan, he earned an Associate of Arts from University of Maryland University College. This summer, he received his Ph.D. in Mathematics, in the research area of Statistical Evaluation of Mixing, from the University of Florida, where he also earned an M.S. and B.S. in Mathematics. Prior to joining the MMI faculty, Dr. Smith was a teaching assistant and research assistant at the University of Florida.

Taking advantage of a professional development opportunity, two MMI faculty members participated in the Alabama Master Teacher Experience in July. Spanish Instructor and Master Teacher graduate, Beatriz Castro-Nail served as a staff member for the event, hosted by Northeast Alabama Community College in Rainsville. “This was an intensive week in which 26 instructors from all disciplines had the opportunity to share and learn about motivating students, being innovative, and using

technology in the classroom,” she explains.

Also attending was Philosophy/Religion Instructor COL Stanley W. Bamberg, AL ARNG: “It was the best educator training event I have attended,” he notes. “The week brought together a highly motivated, thoroughly professional staff who not only shared from their experiences in teaching but also encouraged feedback from the participants. The staff and participants represented many disciplines from across the Alabama Community College System. One of the great strengths was the many practical ideas shared by the staff. For example, I found I could use an excellent demonstration from a mathematics instructor concerning probability theory in my introduction to philosophy class.”



The MMI Corps of Cadets marches in the Birmingham Veteran’s Day Parade.

Corps Pays Tribute to Veterans

On Thursday, November 11, the MMI Corps of Cadets participated in the 63rd Annual Birmingham Veterans Day Parade, the oldest and largest Veterans Day celebration in the nation. Prior to marching in the afternoon parade, the White Knights Precision Drill Team and MMI President Col. David J. Mollahan were featured on Birmingham’s Fox 6 “Good Day Alabama” program and on ABC 33/40 “Talk of Alabama” program.

The Corps, in conjunction with the local chapter of the VFW, also held a parade to honor local veterans on Monday, November 9. Veteran and current MMI Cadet Lee Alley was the featured speaker.

Flying Tigers Train at Vaiden



MMI's extracurricular flight-training program continues in its success with partner Sanders Flight Training Center, Inc., a certified

Cessna Pilot Center. A dozen cadets are currently training to get their private pilot's license. On weekends, the group heads to Vaiden Field, 8 miles south of campus, for their in-flight training. The local airfield has recently undergone more than \$3,000,000 in upgrades and expansion and has proved an ideal area for flight training, with its newly renovated runway and small volume of traffic. Ground school instruction is administered online, through Cessna's state-of-the-art program.

WANTED! Sponsors for MMI cadets seeking a career in aviation. Help future pilots fulfill their dream by being one of the first to provide a unique scholarship that would be immediately utilized so members of the MMI Flying Tigers may complete their current flight training.



(left) Skies over Vaiden Field (above) SAP Coast Guard Cadet Cody Eager was the first to solo in November.

In related aviation news, members of the Flying Tigers club traveled with faculty sponsor Dr. Sam Stevenson, to the Columbus Air Force Base Fly-In on November 13. View a video of their trip on the "MMI Flying Tigers" community facebook page.

Ranger Challenge Team Places 6th

MMI traveled to the 6th Brigade Ranger Challenge in November, sending its 11-person team to compete in the Red Tier, the most difficult. Following approximately 30 hours of continuous operations (Army Physical Fitness Test, Land Navigation, Zodiac Boat Race, 10KM Road Race with Full Rucksack, Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship, Timed Obstacle Course, Weapons Assembly and Disassembly Race, One Rope Bridge and Commander's Challenge Sprint, Trauma Lane, Hand Grenade Assault Course), MMI's team placed 6th overall.



◀ MMI's Ranger Challenge Team competed soundly against four-year institutions.

"Ranger Challenge gives Cadets the opportunity to further their training and fine tune their leadership skills. These Cadets go above and beyond their peers in order to better themselves," writes CPT Russell Hicks, Assistant Professor of Military Science.

Dean's News

- Academic concentrations for Fall 2011 will include Pre-engineering, Pre-nursing, and Pre-pharmacy.
- Compared to the previous academic year, MMI saw a 30% decrease in developmental studies enrollment.
- MMI hosted a college fair on November 15 in Baer Memorial Library, where approximately 20 colleges and universities from across the state and region were in attendance.
- In November, MMI received \$20,000 from the Daniel Foundation for academic support; the funds will be used to develop two additional SMART classrooms.
- A new, 30-seat computer lab was established in the basement of the library to facilitate English and mathematics instruction.

The Army ROTC Department has contracted 38 cadets into the Early Commissioning Program this semester.

Academy Bound

News from the General Bruce K. Holloway Service Academy Prep Program

For the 2010-2011 academic year, MMI counts 103 cadets enrolled in the SAP program.

- Air Force Academy: 15 sponsored, 6 non-sponsored
- Coast Guard Academy: 38 sponsored, 6 non-sponsored
- Naval Academy: 4 sponsored, 1 non-sponsored
- West Point: 24 sponsored, 9 non-sponsored

In October, Col. and Mrs. David Mollahan attended the Falcon Foundation Annual Dinner at the U.S. Air Force Academy and visited with former MMI cadets enrolled at USAFA. While in Colorado Springs, they happened to meet USAFA cadet falconer Nathan Lebens (MMI SAP '09).



▲ Former MMI cadet Nathan Lebens (USAFA '13) is a falconer.

Col. and Mrs. David Bauer also made their annual trip to the United States Military Academy, where they visited with administration and dined with former MMI cadets.

This semester, MMI welcomed several Service Academy Representatives to campus: 2LT Lumpkin, USMA Admissions; MAJ Easley, USMA Admissions; CPO Lonergan, USCG Liaison; and LT Culpepper, USCGA Admissions.

Each guest had the opportunity to brief his respective SAP group, meet with key faculty and administrators, tour facilities, and dine with cadets. MMI faculty members regularly receive letters from former students who have successfully matriculated at their respective Service Academies. Such correspondence confirms the strength of our SAP curriculum and demonstrates how a prep year in Marion often gives these cadets a leg up at the Academies. Below are excerpts from two recent testimonials:

"My midterm grades were good and I am able to help my shipmates out in a number of classes due to the instruction I received at MMI."

— 4/c Eric Ortiz, USCGA '14

Thank you again for everything that you did for me while at Marion; I am forever grateful. West Point is most certainly the greatest opportunity of my life, and I would have been foolish to pass this up. ... I'm truly looking forward to the next four years here.

— Cadet Private Michael Janowski, USMA '14

The MMI student to teacher ratio is 18:1.

CADET PROFILE

Chelsea Kay

Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.

Choosing Marion: Kay accepted a West Point Association of Graduates scholarship and selected Marion for her Service Academy Prep (SAP) year because she found the MMI website comprehensive and wanted to attend school in the South. "The first time I came to the region was South Carolina for basic training. Southern people are cordial," she notes. In her first semester as a cadet, Kay believes she has a better hold on time management, balance, and rank structure.

Military aspirations: The youngest of six children, Kay counts a brother and sister currently serving in the Army. "I'm very patriotic," she says. "When September 11th happened, I knew no matter what that I'd be in the military. When I talked to my mother in the eighth grade about going to college first vs. enlisting, the Academies came up."

Campus Involvement: Honor Guard, S-5 for Normandy Society



▲ The Kay family during Parents' Weekend 2010

Transition Team

C1s Become Cadets under the New Intensive Training Cycle

Whereas civilian schools conduct Freshmen Orientation, Marion Military Institute has traditionally used the plebe or Recruit on Campus (ROC) Cycle to transition new students into the Corps of Cadets. This fall, the ROC Cycle was dropped to make way for its replacement, the Intensive Training Cycle (ITC).

A new approach to the task, ITC builds off the “recruit” foundation that was already in place with regards to training but within a new timeframe. Explains COL Tom Tate, Commandant of Cadets: “We’re bringing students in approximately a week early to focus on military skills and their transition from student to cadet with the absence of the academic rigor that’s usually put on them within three to four days of their arrival. This also provides a significant amount of time to enhance peer leadership, team-building, personal and academic counseling as incoming freshmen prepare themselves for the upcoming semester.

“What we’ve done in the past is spend focus on saluting, marching, discipline and basic military courtesies. We still do that, but we’ve added more confidence exercises such as ruck marches, tactical paintball, rappelling, construction and execution of a one-rope bridge—all emphasizing teamwork and accountability. Many of our cadets may never participate in selected activities unless they are in a particular campus organization such as Swamp Fox or Ranger Challenge. We wanted to provide a more comprehensive training plan that leverages the existing military skills and structure here.”



Squared Away: the BC’s Approach to Leadership

A National Guard member of three years, Mark Phelan understands the importance of motivation and teamwork. As the Fall 2010 Battalion Commander he strives to lead by example, treat people with respect, and

communicate on a professional level. Those personal attributes afforded him a rapid rise to the top of the cadet chain of command.

A native of Hickory, N.C., Phelan attended New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) for one year of junior college before transferring to MMI in January 2010 to be closer to family: “I came to Marion and loved it. Here, there was a different atmosphere. Everybody was more mature. The people, not the facilities, are what make this a military institute.”

After his first three weeks on campus as a recruit, Phelan made master sergeant, a complete turnaround from his cadetship at NMMI, where he held no rank. “Here, the rank structure is based upon if you can do the job, if you want to do the job, and I liked that,” Phelan notes. “When I got here, I was just so motivated to be in a military school again and to work on getting my commission. I also saw a lot of room for improvement. So I decided to take initiative. It started out with the ROTC program. I’d go out to PT and make sure everyone was doing what they were supposed to be doing, wearing the same uniform. That’s where some of the folks started noticing me and who I was.”

During the leadership interview process this spring, Phelan said if he were to get the Battalion Commander job, he would perform to the best of his abilities and encourage others to be successful. He assumed command of the Corps

▲ Enrolled in MMI’s Early Commissioning Program and on track to graduate in December, Battalion Commander Phelan plans to earn his bachelor’s degree back home in North Carolina. His potential majors are architectural design and business management. He plans to join a combat engineering unit in the Army National Guard, then go active duty, with an eye on special operations and mastering in anti-terrorism.



◀ Cadet leadership during their weekly organizational meeting in the private dining room. Each Thursday they review training schedules for the next three weeks and conduct an After Action Review (AAR) for the week prior.

in August and welcomed the task of implementing a new transition cycle for incoming students.

From Phelan’s perspective, the former ROC cycle was intended primarily for high school cadets and people who didn’t want to conform. “Everyone, including the Commandant’s Staff, wanted to change the tone of the Corps,” he says. “The ROC cycle was more of a hold-your-hand approach. This year, we’re going to tell you what to do, and you’re expected to do it.”

ITC Logistics: the Tactical Operations Center

Responsible for the success of the week-long cycle, cadet leadership chose to attack ITC organization by setting up a military-style Tactical Operations Center (TOC) in Trustees Hall. Serving as headquarters, the TOC helped personnel oversee multiple training sites and respond to needs accordingly; radio communication was constant.

On-site components included a laptop projecting real-time information and a white board for task lists, updated hourly. From the TOC, the S-4 checked out all equipment throughout the entire

operation. Manning the laptop/projector were the S-1 and S-3, who not only projected maps of training sites and personnel rosters but also tracked the progress of recruits during training as well as in-processing. “We knew if they were a no-go for a training site, whether they passed their PT test, their room number, who had gotten their uniforms, who had been to the bookstore, who was completely checked in, whose parents were still here, who had their company t-shirt,” notes Phelan.

Both the Commandant’s Staff and President were justifiably impressed with the cadet-led operation. “From the start, we knew ITC would collectively pay dividends for both the cadre and cadet leadership, but I don’t think we realized how much the cadets would glean out of this experience,” remarks COL Tate. “I think it sets them well ahead of their peers because they were responsible for the planning, oversight and execution of training from six in the morning until nine o’clock at night. It was a cyclical process that included risk assessment, as well as logistical and administrative resources.”

The Commandant’s Office plans to sustain the ITC program and build on lessons learned. Come January, the Spring recruits will transition from students to cadets under the successful new cycle.



▲ The cadet-run Tactical Operations Center served as headquarters during the Intensive Training Cycle.

Learn how MMI Trustees, the Alumni Brigade Board and PAC members mobilize to advance their beloved Institute.

The MMI Foundation and Board of Trustees and Advisors

The MMI Foundation was organized and incorporated for the purpose of stimulating voluntary private support from alumni, parents, friends, corporations, foundations, and others for the benefit of Marion Military Institute. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees. Under provisions of ACT 230-2006 of the Ala. Legislature, they also act as a Board of Advisors to provide advice and counsel to the President, the Chancellor of the Department of Post Secondary Education, and the Ala. State Board of Education. The MMI Foundation serves as the custodian for the Library archives, artifacts, and the MMI endowment.

The MMI Foundation obtains, retains, and invests donations from private individuals and other entities to support the mission and priorities of MMI. The Foundation provides scholarships for cadets and necessary resources to improve and expand educational programs and facilities to a level not otherwise achievable with institutional funds alone.

Thoughts from the Chairman

Mr. Taylor D. “Red” Wilkins, Jr., MMI junior college class of 1960, has served as Chairman of the MMI Foundation Board of Trustees and Advisors since 2004; he joined the Board in 1999. Residing in Bay Minette, Ala., he regularly attends special events on campus and was named the 2010 Alumnus of the Year. A dedicated supporter of MMI, he shares the administration’s vision for his alma mater:

“Our Board goals are the same as Colonel Mollahan’s, to improve on what we have. We support his outline as far as modernizing the physical plant and progressing academically. In the long-term, we need another barracks so we can reach the level of enrollment that we want to achieve. We will also continue to recruit quality cadets, instructors, and staff.

“We have made so many improvements to Marion Military Institute over the past five years, which should make the alumni proud. To continue that progress, we will rely on their support.”



▲ Board Chairman Red Wilkins, left, and MMI President Col. David Mollahan honor Trustee Julian T. Smith for his nine years of service to the Board with during their September meeting.

Welcome New Trustees

MMI is proud to announce its most recent selections to the MMI Foundation Board of Trustees and Advisors: BG Vandiver H. Carter, USAR (Ret) of Selma, Ala. (MMI class of 1963) and Mrs. Beverly Anderson Hollister (MMI class of 1972) of Draper, Utah. They were approved by the Ala. State Board of Education at its August 26th meeting.



▲ New Trustee Van Carter

A native of Selma, Van Carter retired in 1998 as Chief of Staff of the 167th Corps Support Group after a successful, 37-year military career in the Alabama Army National Guard and Active Duty Army. Also a businessman and farm owner, he has sat on and held numerous positions on many boards to include President of the Alabama National Guard Officer’s Association, Board Member of the National Guard Insurance Trust, and more recently organizer and Director of First Cahawba Bank. Prior to his selection to the Board, he served on the long-range Strategic Planning Committee for MMI and as Chairman of the MMI Presidential Advisory Council.

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▲ New Trustee Beverly Hollister

For more than three decades, Beverly Hollister has passionately pursued health and wellness, successfully producing and marketing several best-selling brands in the direct sales industry.

She and her husband, Gary Hollister, are one of the six majority owners of XanGO, LLC – a global company committed to wellness, to opportunity and to goodness. Before joining XanGo, Hollister served as CMO of the Direct Sales Division of one of the largest Nutritional Companies in the world. She is a well-recognized businesswoman in Utah and was featured by *The Utah Business Magazine* for her success as one of Utah’s most powerful businesswomen and a “Business Woman to Watch.”

The MMI Alumni Brigade Board

The MMI Alumni Brigade (the "Brigade") is the official alumni organization of Marion Military Institute. Membership in the Brigade is open to all individuals interested in the current and future success of MMI. The Brigade exists to support the school by reuniting, energizing, and expanding the active alumni community. The Brigade also provides support through volunteer efforts and financial assistance directed toward a variety of projects and events that improve cadet life.

Thoughts from the President

Fraser Sparkman of Birmingham, Ala. was voted in as MMI Alumni Brigade President at the 2010 Annual Brigade Membership Meeting, held in April during Alumni Weekend. A high school and junior college graduate of MMI, he encourages alumni and friends of the Institute to join the Brigade for several reasons:

"We are the only officially recognized alumni organization for the school and work in cooperation with the school. As a result, we are attune to what's going on at MMI and can direct resources accordingly as to what the Corps of Cadets needs. Secondly, the camaraderie you have with other members of the Alumni Brigade, especially during volunteer events such as the



▲ Fraser Sparkman, Brigade President, Henry Morrison and Bob Perrin assist with Cadet-Move In Days, an annual volunteer opportunity.

Fish Fry, hospitality suite and Saturday social. Recently, Brigade funds helped secure a grant writer to assist in acquiring federal approval for Title III funding. Traditionally, the Brigade also sponsors graduation cookouts for MMI families as well as complimentary monthly planners for cadets, parents, faculty and staff.

'Paint the Barracks Day' and 'Cadet Move-In Day,' helps you get more involved with the school that we all love."

Currently, the Alumni Brigade Board's number one focus is to build its membership base. Sparkman notes that the Brigade met and exceeded its total membership goal of 350 during 2010 and expects to meet its 2011 membership goal of 400. Brigade members may renew their annual membership (\$25) each year or opt for a prestigious lifetime membership for \$500.

The Brigade's financial support is a constant for campus initiatives and events such as Alumni Weekend's

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▲ Brigade Board member Dan Hartzog helps with hat fittings in the uniform department.

MMI Presidential Advisory Council

The Presidential Advisory Council is comprised of alumni and friends who serve in an advisory capacity to the President of MMI. They provide subject matter expertise, networking opportunities, and general advice and support in the areas of philanthropic development and recruitment for enrollment.

Thoughts from the Chairman

Andy Dearman, of Birmingham, Ala., was selected to chair the Presidential Advisory Council (PAC) in 2010. A native of Akron, Ala., in nearby Hale County, he is a 1971 high school graduate of MMI and notes that his father, Andrew Dearman, Jr., also attended MMI. "When I was asked to be on the Presidential Advisory Council, I hadn't had much involvement since I left, to be honest. I was energized with the thought of giving back and trying to help Marion get on the right track to be successful. I wanted to help MMI with its mission of educating the future leaders of our state and our country.



◀ PAC Chairman Andy Dearman, center, with fellow PAC officers Ed O'Neal and John Gibler at their most recent meeting in October

"As a council, we have a couple of charges: one is to provide a foundation of support for the various initiatives that the school is undertaking. The other primary objective is to be a sounding board for the President. We can provide a diverse pool of opinions as he considers strategies going forward for Marion Military Institute."

According to Dearman, in 2011 the PAC will be gearing up to assist the upcoming MMI Capital Campaign by identifying new potential donors and key contacts. "I think it's an exciting time for MMI. We are at the tipping point to take advantages of opportunities that lie ahead. Marion really needs the support of its alumni now more than ever to be as good as it possibly can be. What happens here in the next year or two will have a huge impact on what Marion becomes," he concludes.

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Alabama Military Hall of Honor Inducts Two Heroes

On the morning of Friday, October 29, BG James R. Owen, USA of Bay Minette and the late COL Robert L. Howard, USA of Opelika were inducted into the Alabama Military Hall of Honor. Perfect weather drew a large crowd to campus for the occasion, for which many veterans and active duty military personnel were in attendance.

Selected as featured speaker for the Induction was COL Randall M. Zeegers, NGUS, an MMI alumnus and Commanding Officer of the 20th Special Forces Group, Airborne. A personal friend of COL Howard, he spoke of the admiration he had for his fellow Special Forces comrade.

BG and Mrs. Owen, family, and friends were there to unveil his bronze plaque, which will reside in the Alabama Military Hall of Honor Museum.

General Owen is a great friend, great lawyer, great hero, and great public servant," Mr. Buddy Brackin, a Foley resident and family friend, told reporters. "He is the embodiment of everything that is great about the greatest generation. I am truly honored to be here and to be a part of such a momentous occasion."

Brigadier General James R. Owen was born in Bay Minette, Ala., and enlisted in the USMC in February 1942. As a Corporal he participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima and on February 19, 1945 his unit was directed to clear a mine field to allow tanks to move forward. Owen and one other Marine cleared a path through the minefield. He was awarded The Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action.



◀ COL Randy Zeegers (MMI class of 1984) speaks during the Induction ceremony.



▲ BG James Owen, family and guests take time for a photo opportunity following the ceremony.



▲ SGT Steven Howard shows his appreciation after the bronze plaque honoring his brother, Medal of Honor winner COL Robert Howard, is revealed.

After the war, he entered Army ROTC at the University of Alabama in 1946 and was commissioned a 2nd LT. He joined the 61st FA BN in Korea in July 1951 and served as forward observer and liaison officer. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal W/V device for exposing himself to enemy fire in order to take out a sniper and better direct artillery fire. General Owen served in the Army National Guard until his retirement in 1982. His demonstrated courage, initiative, and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.



◀ MMI President COL David Mol-lahan, SGT Steven Howard, and BG James Owen on the reviewing stand during the parade.

On hand to accept and unveil COL Howard's bronze plaque was his brother, SGT Steven Howard of Prattville. "COL Robert Howard was my brother, my hero and my friend," SGT Howard, also a Vietnam Veteran, told reporters. "My brother used to tell me that he was no hero. He said the heroes are the men and women wearing the uniform now. If you see one, thank them."

Colonel Robert L. Howard was born in Opelika, Alabama and enlisted in the US Army in 1956. He trained in Special Forces and served 5 tours in Vietnam. Colonel, then Sergeant First Class, Howard was serving with the 5th SFG (ABN) when his platoon was attacked by a 2-company enemy force. During the initial engagement SGT Howard and his platoon leader were wounded. SFC Howard crawled through a hail of bullets in order to rescue his wounded leader and drag him to safety. He then organized a defense, administered first aid, and directed fire. SGT Howard's small force, aided by air support, repulsed enemy attacks until rescue helicopters arrived. He personally supervised loading of his men until all were aboard safely. SGT Howard's gallantry in action, his complete devotion to the welfare of his men is in

keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Colonel Howard was awarded the Medal of Honor.

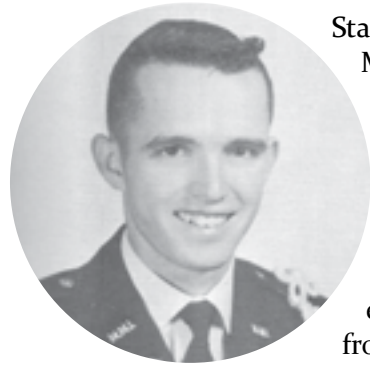
Following the ceremony, the MMI Corps of Cadets held a parade in honor of the inductees. A luncheon in the Ireland Athletic Center featuring a cadet rendition of the Vietnam-era "Ballad of the Green Berets" by SSgt Berry Sadler concluded the day's events.



▲ The Honor Guard posting the colors at City Hall.

Marion-Rooted & Adventure-Bound

Stanley Rodimon's military education, Army training and management skills have served him well in a globetrotting career.



Stanley J. Rodimon attended Marion Military Institute for six years (1954-1960) back when many young men completed both their high school and junior college education in Marion. In fact, he was educated in Perry County from a young age, upon his family's move from nearby Sweet

Water, Ala., in 1941. His father, COL William H. Rodimon, was hired by W.L. Murfee as a history instructor and held several subsequent positions in his 25 years on staff, including Commandant, Comptroller, and Director of Alumni Affairs. His mother Inez was the longtime chief nurse at Perry County Hospital.

As a cadet, Rodimon was a high school athlete, editor of *The Skirmisher*, and member of the White Knights. He served as 1st Sergeant of Band Company and achieved the rank of Lieutenant on the Battalion Staff.

Rodimon's married life also began in Marion. His wife Linda's father was the Professor of Military Science at MMI, and the pair met at St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Church. In 1960, the newlyweds moved to Tuscaloosa, where Rodimon graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in finance in 1962 and accepted a regular Army commission. Trained as an artillery officer, he served in the 82nd Airborne Division and did two tours in Vietnam (1964-65, 1967-69). The latter was a special assignment: long-range reconnaissance intercepting Viet Kong infrastructure and supply lines. Another assignment took the Rodimon family to Thailand for three years. "The kids went to international school in Bangkok. We had a great life there. We became good tennis players and had an international set of friends. One of our favorite hobbies was to go in the mountains and search for elephants," he recalls.

(above) Rodimon as a C-2 cadet

(right) Alumnus Stanley Rodimon '60 of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., is a Vietnam veteran, world traveler, and MMI supporter. He established the MMI Foundation's Stan & Linda Rodimon Endowment for History and Humanities in 2007.

Back in the States and living in New Orleans at the time, Linda and Stanley decided to send their oldest son to MMI's high school. There, they knew he would receive the discipline and structure he needed. "One of the things Jim and I have in common is that we both have a teacher from Marion who totally affected our lives," notes Stan. "Susan Wilbourne got him studying and encouraged him. James Dudley Woodfin was the most influential teacher I had on any level, at any time."

After a 12-year career in the Army, Rodimon resigned as a major in 1974. His military awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star for valor with two Oak Leaf clusters, and a Purple Heart. In civilian life, Rodimon spent 16 years in the banking business in the Southeastern U.S., starting with CNS National Bank in Macon, Ga.

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From the Archives

Erin Jones, MMI Archivist

As a recent addition to the MMI family, I am enjoying my time learning about the Archives and the rich history of the Institute. This booklet of MMI Poster Stamps (Series A) is on display in

the Archives. Poster Stamps were used to advertise or commemorate an event or institution – in this case, Marion Military Institute. Some of these original photos are housed in the Archives. I am diligently working on accurate dating for these artifacts.

The photo of the gentleman is a new addition to the Archives. It was left on a book truck in Baer Memorial Library, apparently pressed between the pages of one of the books. Initial research identifies him as a Murfee family member, location currently unknown.

The Archives are open Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please check the blog <http://mmiarchivist.blogspot.com/> for any changes in schedule or new arrivals.



About the Archivist

Erin Jones joined the MMI staff on October 1. She holds four bachelor's degrees in history, psychology, philosophy and business administration. While attending the University of Alabama, she was the special collections student assistant for the Bounds Law Library. She is currently coordinating an archive with the Hoole Special Collections library at UA.

What brought her to Marion? "I like the area," she says. "I've lived in Alabama most of my life, and I think there is more living history here than in a lot of other places." Her goals as MMI archivist are basic: to get the archives in order, put more artifacts on display, and digitize our collections. Jones can be reached at 334-302-1038 or at ejones@marionmilitary.edu.

Sports News



Wrestlers Start Season

After just two tournaments under their belt, the MMI wrestlers have once again earned a Top Ten ranking in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association. Their first match saw a limited number of wrestlers compete at the GNWA open in Loganville, Ga., against some tough competition. Marion took third behind 2010 NCWA National Champions University of Central Florida and Darton College. Trevor Bailey (Covington, GA.) was the sole Tiger to capture 1st place honors in the 141-lb weight class.

The Tigers' second match turned out to be a home dual between Marion and the owls of Kennesaw State University. The University of Georgia was supposed to make it a tri-match but due to injuries could not make the trip. The Tigers proved ready for Kennesaw and took the lopsided 42-9 victory. The Tigers only lost two individual matches on the day, the 125-lb and 197-lb weight classes. DeAnthony Smith (Anniston, Ala.) started the day with an Exhibition Match against Kennesaw's 125-pounder, Christopher Scaife. Smith won easily 13-3 and set the tone for the rest of the afternoon. Also winning for Marion were Austin Souders (133-lb; Coppell, Tex.), Brandon Westerman (141-lb; Powder Springs, Ga.), Trevor Bailey (149-lb; Covington, Ga.), Josh McCoy (157-lb; Hayden, Ala.), Marvin Lawrence, Jr. (165-lb; Columbus, Ga.), Jayce Crowder (174-lb; Collinsville, Okla.), Shane Sullivan (184-lb; Ledyard, Conn.), Joel Wyman (235-lb; Springfield, Mo.), and Tyler DeMott (HWT; Stillwater, Penn.).

Fall Ball Recap

The fall season for baseball, softball, and tennis does not count for any ranking system nor are records carried over the spring, but it is traditionally used for two purposes: to showcase our sophomore student-athletes to four-year colleges and universities and to play tough competition in preparation for the spring schedule and conference play.

In his first fall season as head baseball coach, Jake Wells made the decision for the team to use wood bats, trying to get them ready for the tough ACCC North Region. "While using wood bats this fall, our hitters continued to adjust and make some strides offensively. It has taken our hitters some time to make the proper adjustments, but we believe learning to hit with wood will help in the spring when we make the transition to aluminum bats," he said. Leading at the plate this fall was Dylan Esche (Tampa, Fla.) with a .340 average. "The pitching staff has improved and is better conditioned. Each pitcher is continuing to learn how to utilize certain pitches to attack the hitters. Come spring we look forward to our pitching staff being the anchor to this team," Wells concluded. Brandon Porter (Panama City, Fla.), Ryan Hudnall (Tomball, Tex.), Jonathan Tokunaga (Schertz, Tex.), Hunter Stevens (Houston, Tex.), Sam Garrison (San Antonio, Tex.) and Jason Sendejo (Kyle, Tex.) all finished the fall with an ERA under 3.25.

The softball team, under the direction of head coach Joe Guthrie, completed their first ever four-game sweep of Judson College this fall and played one-run game



losses to Delta State University and Mississippi Valley State. Individuals who stood out this fall were sophomores Alex Sullivan (Crystal River, Fla.) and Brittany Harmon (Cocoa, Fla.) along with freshman Mariah Ozuna (Edinburg, Tex.). Sullivan led the team with a .420 batting average and 11 RBIs. Ozuna led all freshmen at the plate with a .304 average while Harmon led all pitchers with a 3.36 ERA. She also batted .400 for the Lady Tigers.



The MMI's men's and women's tennis teams participated in three major tournaments during the fall season: the University of North Alabama Fall Classic, the USTA/ITA JUCO Southeast Regional Championship, and the Central Alabama Invitational. All three tournaments provided growth opportunities for both squads. Players competed against not only topnotch community-college teams but also first-rate, four-year tennis powerhouses such as the University of North Alabama, Martin Methodist College, and the University of West Alabama. Savannah Stachowiak stood out among the women and defeated top players from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Central Alabama CC. Katie Pool, although injured most of the fall season, defeated a contender from Itawamba CC. On the men's side, Jacob Shoptaugh, Alex Mead, Kyle Justice and Mason Tedesco showed great promise. Head Coach Chuck Wright said about Shoptaugh: "If Jacob plays the way he played in the second set against West Alabama's Covington, a transfer from Southern Miss. and a nationally-ranked junior player (#1 in Mississippi, #32 in the Southern Tennis Association, and #150 in the country), he is going to fare exceptionally well."

Men's Basketball on the Move

The men's basketball team has concluded their pre-season scrimmage schedule and started the 2010-2011 season at home on November 1st against Jefferson Davis CC. Head Coach Marcus Thomas is starting his fourth year at the helm and looks forward to making a move toward the conference tournament: "We will need to establish a strong defensive presence and consistency on both ends of the court to be a contender this year." Looking to lead this year's squad are returners Terry Leake, Jr. and Ladarius Horton along with newcomers Willie Readus and Melvin Brooks. Leake, a 6'5 forward from Memphis, Tenn., was the second leading scorer and rebounder in 2009-2010 while Horton, a 6'1 guard from Huntsville, Ala., saw most of his action last year running the point. Readus, a 6'6 freshman from Morton, Miss., averaged 19.7 points and 8.3 rebounds his senior year in high school and participated in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Basketball Classic while Brooks, a 6'3 freshman from Memphis, Tenn., averaged 17.1 points his senior year and was selected to the All-Memphis team.



TIGER PROFILE

Brandon Westerman

Hometown: Powder Springs, Ga.

Wrestling Career: Having wrestled since 2nd grade, Westerman competed around the nation with Team Georgia Wrestling as a youth. As a senior in high school, he wrestled in the 130-lb. weight class, held a 38-3 record, and won his county, region and state championship for the fourth straight year. In his freshman year at MMI wrestling at 141-lb in the NCWA, he finished the season as the National Runner-Up with a 38-7 record.

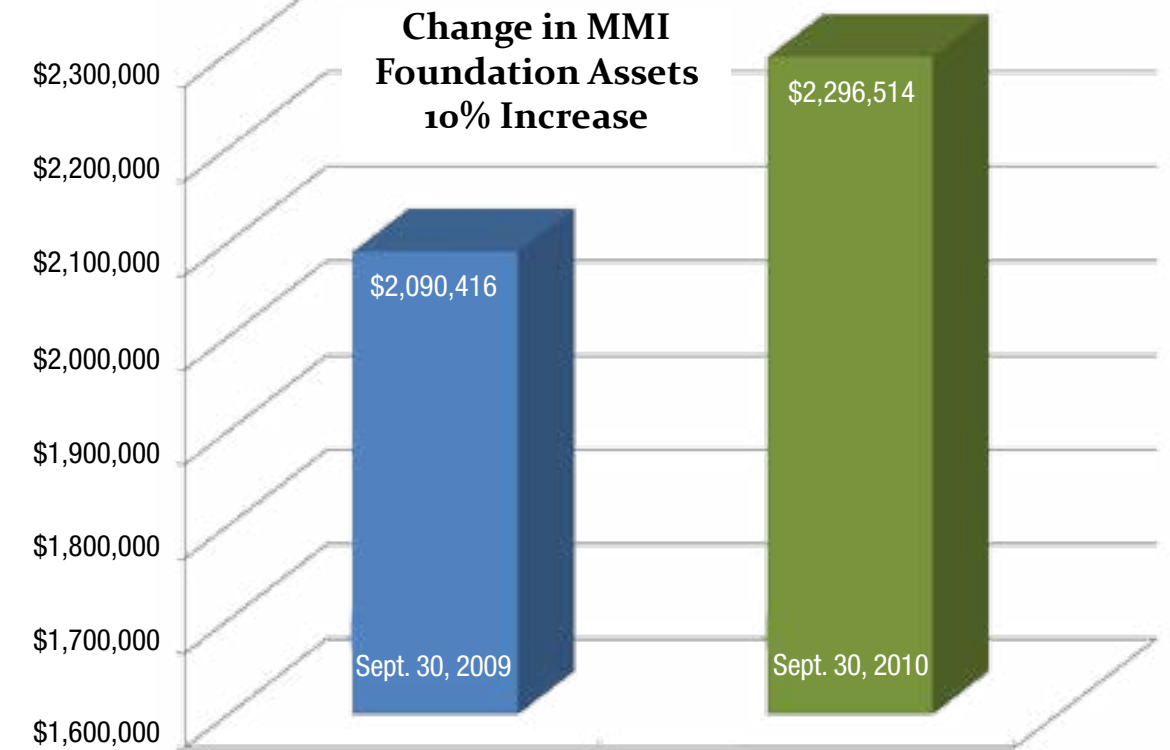
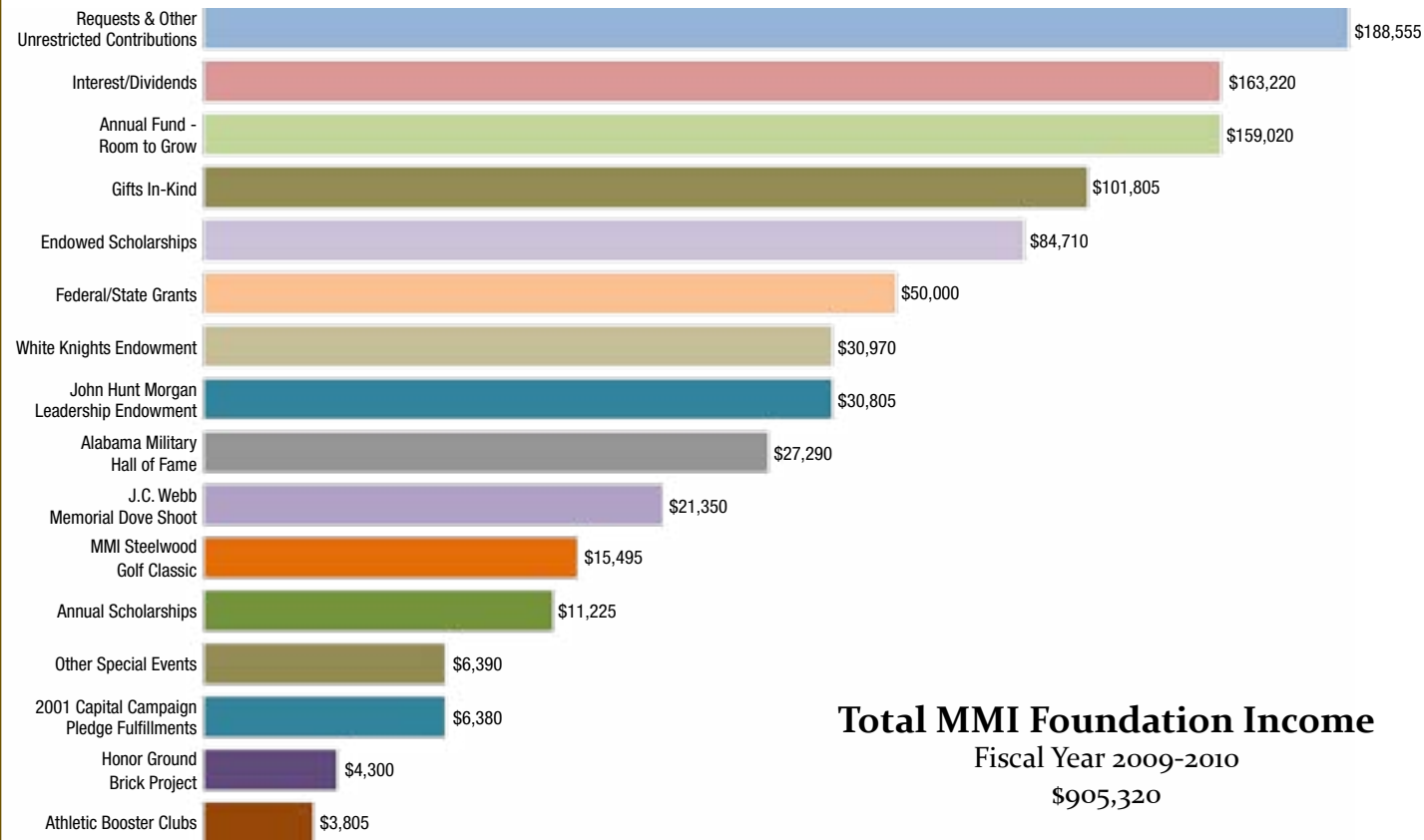
On His Team: Reflecting on last season's biggest win, the 2010 NCWA National Duals Title: "We knew we were a good team and had the chance to win it. We just started beating teams. We had Central Florida in the semifinals, and we ended up beating them really bad. In the finals, we had Apprentice, who won the tournament in 2009, but we went in there with confidence. Our whole team was rooting for everybody. We had a lot of teamwork, and we support each other to do well instead of just sitting there and watching." Westerman says the 2010-2011 Tigers Wrestling team is strong again this year, and he looks forward to challenging competition in the months ahead.

Transfer: Westerman has his eyes on wrestling at The Citadel (D1). He values the discipline he has learned at Marion and has considered joining the National Guard.

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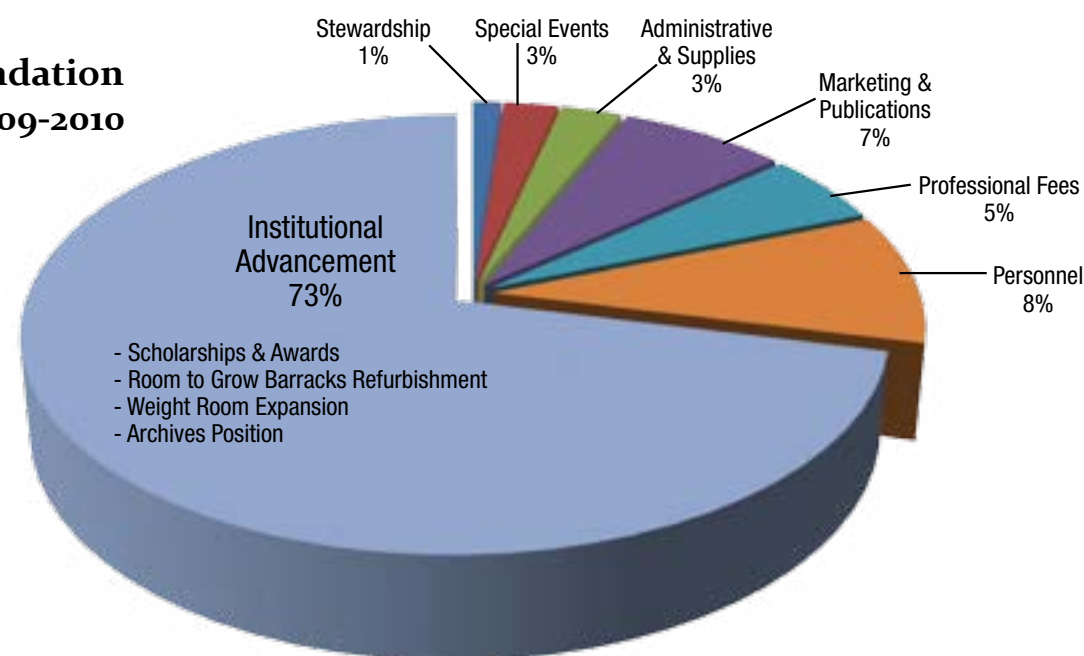
The MMI Foundation fundraises through a variety of means, including special events, individual donors, campaigns and grants.



The MMI Foundation was pleased to see its assets increase 10 percent from 2009-2010 in this economic environment. The Foundation also saw a 50% increase in the number of donors during the last fiscal year.

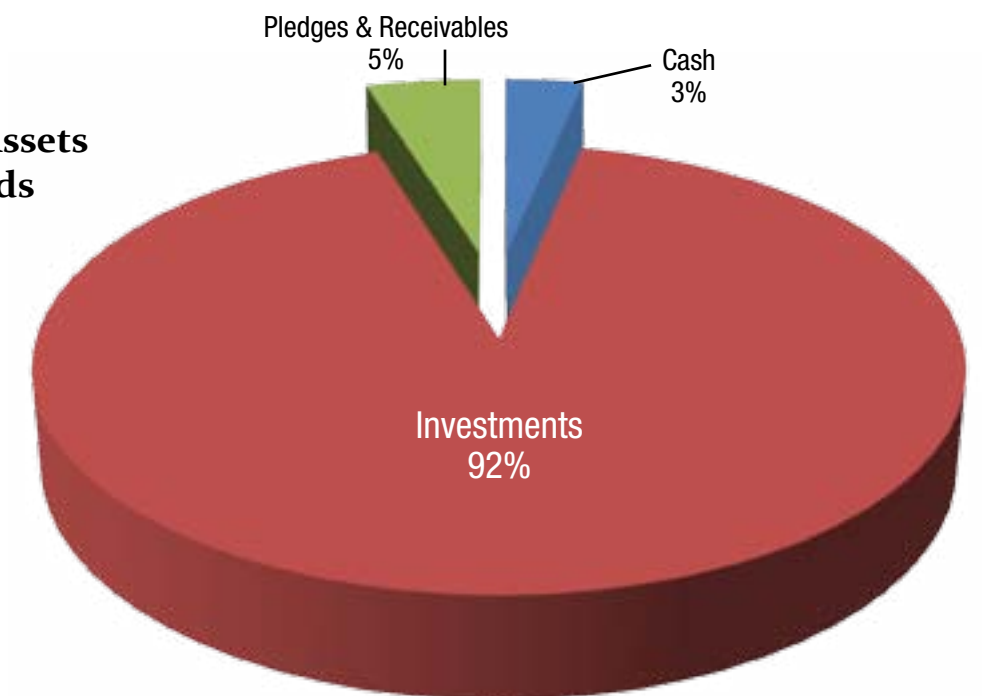
Total MMI Foundation Expenses for 2009-2010

\$479,963



The majority of foundation expenses are used to advance current academic programs and facilities.

MMI Foundation Assets Division of Funds



The majority of Foundation assets are working to build the endowment.

The James Thomas Murfee Legacy Society

The James Thomas Murfee Legacy Society, established in 2002, recognizes those alumni and friends who have made future provisions for Marion Military Institute in their estate plans. These provisions may be in the form of wills, trusts, annuities, life insurance policies or other means. The James Thomas Murfee Legacy Society honors MMI's founder and first president. Colonel Murfee's leadership helped establish Marion Military Institute as one of the finest educational institutions in the State of Alabama. His legacy continues to impact the whole person focus of the Institute even today. The following are members of The James Thomas Murfee Legacy Society:

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▲ Suzanne McKee, VP for Advancement, and MMI President Col. David Mollahan with Alabama Senator Richard Shelby on Capitol Hill.

From East Coast to West Coast, MMI President Col. David Mollahan and VP for Institutional Advancement Mrs. Suzanne McKee have been reinforcing our college's mission to key constituents. Recent travels have included stops in Washington, D.C., Charlotte, San Diego and just up the road in Tuscaloosa. Congressmen and alumni alike are interested in our whole-person approach to education and our unique role in the Alabama Community College System. We will continue to keep MMI on the radar for nationwide contacts who support tomorrow's leaders!

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On July 22, the MMI Foundation received a \$10,000 gift from the Pegues family in honor of the late Mr. R. Leigh Pegues, who graduated from MMI in 1948. The \$10,000 was added to his namesake fund, established by the MMI Presidential Advisory Council and friends after his passing. "Mr. Pegues was a very highly respected citizen and friend not only in this area but around the state," said Suzanne McKee, MMI Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "His family wanted to do something that would increase the impact of the scholarship and continue his legacy. Mr. Pegues always remained very devoted to MMI."



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July's winner was Mr. Harry H. McNeel '45 of Marietta, Ga. He is pictured presenting a donation to MMI President Col. David Mollahan during a visit at his office.

August's winner has chosen to remain anonymous and instead dedicated his room to a longtime friend, Roy Pascal "Pat" Vice, who before retiring from the Navy as a Master Chief had served in the Korean War, Vietnam, and was involved in the Cuban Missile Crisis. The late Mr. Vice was also a four-term mayor of Linden, Ala., and Chairman of the Board of the Alabama Department of Youth Services.

September's winner, Horace T. Jackson '46 of Mobile, Ala., remembers his time in Marion fondly and plans to return for his 65th reunion in April. A former Marine, he served in North China and Korea.

Room to Grow is a project to help refurbish and modernize the MMI barracks. To date, the campaign has raised \$183,000 of its total goal of \$1.8 million. Help us grow by donating online at www.marionmilitary.edu/ donations or calling the Advancement Office at 334-683-2394.

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Joel Hillhouse '59

Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.

Service: A member of the MMI Board of Trustees & Advisors since 2008, Hillhouse is also a former chairman of the University of West Alabama Board of Trustees; however, his main focus is Marion, where

he sees the greater need. "My goal when I joined the Board was to help the MMI Foundation grow," he says. "I am passionate about fundraising for MMI. I hope others catch the fever." As MMI moves forward with a capital campaign, Hillhouse will serve as the Vice Chairman, ensuring that a larger constituency opens their wallets to the Institute.

Giving History: A longtime supporter of Marion Military Institute, he established the Joel R. & Elizabeth E. Hillhouse Endowed Scholarship Fund in 2008, and the couple regularly contributes to the fund. "Our primary focus is education and certainly a priority at Marion for many reasons. The better we educate, the better our society," he notes. "Our goal is to build the endowed scholarship to an amount where it is a self-sustaining fund that will help cadets who want to come to Marion but don't have the means."

Hillhouse has also included MMI in his will and is a lifetime member of the Alumni Brigade. In 2009, he refurbished a room in Wilkerson (North) barracks as part of the Room to Grow - Annual Fund Campaign. This summer, he convinced friend Jack McCutchen of Birmingham to donate his for-sale 1999 Endeavor Diesel RV to the MMI Foundation, who will in turn sell the RV. He considers the arrangement a "win-win" for both McCutchen, who will gain a tax write-off, and the Foundation in this tough economic climate. *The vehicle is still for sale and in excellent condition, with only 26,000 miles on it. Interested buyers should contact Dan Sumlin at 334-683-2305.

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J.C. Webb Memorial Dove Shoot

On Thursday, November 4, the MMI Foundation and MMI Alumni Brigade co-hosted the much anticipated 34th Annual J.C. Webb Memorial Dove Shoot at Sam Givhan Farms in Safford, Ala. More than 100 hunters and guests traveled to Dallas County for a day filled with a fish fry, afternoon bird hunt and sundown steak dinner. Shots rang out all afternoon, and at the end of the night, the William R. Ireland, Sr. Memorial Shotgun Drawing was held.

BG Van Carter, USAR (Ret) '63 of Selma, Ala., was drawn as the lucky winner of the 1909 L.C. Smith 20-gauge, side-by-side shotgun, once the personal shotgun of MMI alumnus Bill Ireland '43. The Ireland family generously donated the shotgun this year, in honor of Mr. Ireland's longtime support for the MMI Corps of Cadets.

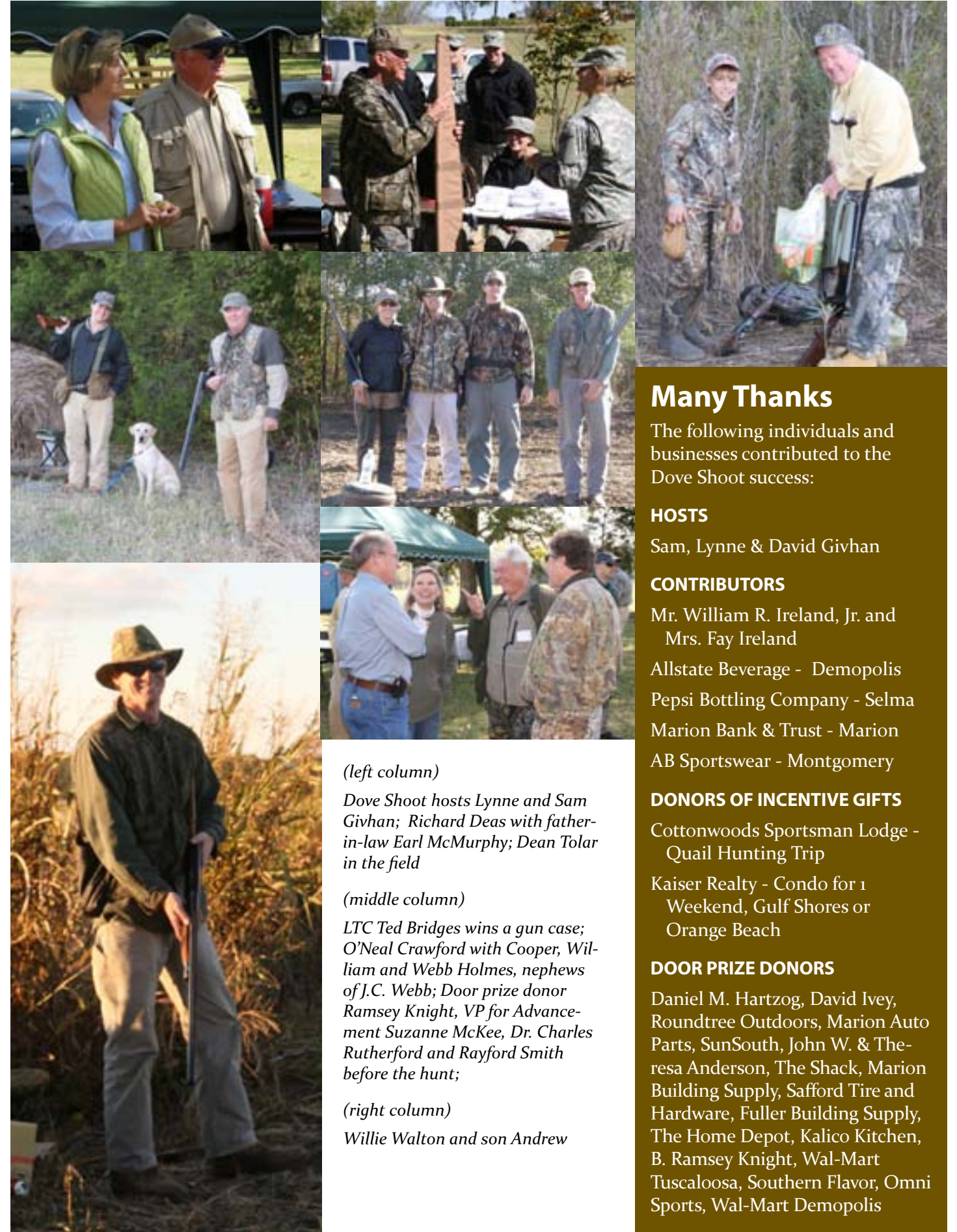
Door prizes and special trips were also given away following the shoot. Dr. Robert Howard '70 will be able to book a beach condo in Gulf Shores or Orange Beach courtesy of Kaiser Realty, and Mr. O. Shivers McCollum, Jr. '46 will enjoy a quail hunting trip at Cottonwoods Sportsman's Lodge, courtesy of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Glass '72.

All total, the event raised more than \$26,000 thanks to the support of all who attended and our generous sponsors.



(above) Tom Clark speaks on behalf of the Ireland family in describing the collectability of the 1909 L.C. Smith shotgun

(below) Heading back from the hunt



(left column)

Dove Shoot hosts Lynne and Sam Givhan; Richard Deas with father-in-law Earl McMurphy; Dean Tolar in the field

(middle column)

LTC Ted Bridges wins a gun case; O'Neal Crawford with Cooper, William and Webb Holmes, nephews of J.C. Webb; Door prize donor Ramsey Knight, VP for Advancement Suzanne McKee, Dr. Charles Rutherford and Rayford Smith before the hunt;

(right column)

Willie Walton and son Andrew

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MMI Golf Classic Raises \$11,000+



For the sixth year, Mr. Taylor D. "Red" Wilkins, MMI Class of 1960, hosted the MMI Golf Classic at Steelwood Country Club in Loxley, Ala., as a fundraiser for Marion Military Institute. His assistant Allison Parker helped organize the October 12 event and was on hand to welcome ten teams of enthusiastic golfers. Traveling from Marion were MMI President Col. Mollahan and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Suzanne McKee.

The event was catered by Wintzell's, who offered an array of seafood, gumbo, grilled chicken and hot wings. Taking first place was the team of Robert Seaborn, comprised of Robert Seaborn, Martin Myrick, Scott McDade, and John Wright. Hole sponsors were Machinery Systems, Inc, Mooty & Associates, Bryant Bank, Faulkner Realty, Brackin, McGiff & Johnson, P.C., Wilkins, Bankester, Biles & Wynne, P.A., Alabama Land Title, Kittrell & Middlebrooks, L.L.C., and Baldwin Transfer Company. All total, the event raised more than \$11,000.

(left) Col. David Mollahan and tournament host Red Wilkins

(below, clockwise) Jim & Hillary Duvall; Players in carts prepare to tee off; The Shilston & Associates team; The winning team, headed by Robert Seaborn



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Save the Date

Alumni Weekend 2011: April 7-10

Come back to Marion! Alumni Weekend 2011 will entertain hundreds of Marion Military Institute alumni and friends from April 7-10, 2011. Don't delay in making your hotel reservations. The MMI Alumni Brigade has reserved the entire Hampton Inn, Selma (334-876-9995) including the hospitality suite, and a block of rooms at Holiday Inn Express, Selma (334-874-1000) for the weekend. Both accommodations are offering a special rate of \$89 plus tax if you mention you are with the "Marion Military Institute Alumni Group." A tentative schedule of events is listed below.



▲ Members of the MMI class of 1976 and their guests mingle at the President's Reception during Alumni Weekend 2010.

Thursday, April 7, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Alumni Brigade Board Meeting	MMI Board Room
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Alumni Brigade Fish Fry	Excess House
9:00 p.m. – until	Hospitality Suite Open	Hampton Inn, Selma

Friday, April 8, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	White Knight Alumni Meeting	Private Dining Room
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Alumni Golf Tournament	MMI Golf Course
11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Tour of Historic Marion	MMI Golf Course
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Corps of Cadets Company Drill Competition	Givhan Parade Field
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	President's Garden Party	President's Quarters
8:00 p.m. – until	Hospitality Suite Open	Hampton Inn, Selma

Saturday, April 9, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Registration	Ireland Athletic Center
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	AL Marine Corps League Meeting	MMI Dining Hall
9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Swamp Fox Rappelling Demonstration	Calender-Davis Tower
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	White Knight Performance	Quadrangle
10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Alumni Drill and Manual of Arms Competition	Quadrangle
10:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Departed Alumni Remembrance	MMI Chapel Steps
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	President's Welcome	MMI Chapel
11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Arthur Wilkerson Award Presentation	MMI Chapel
11:10 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Orchestra/Choral Performance	MMI Chapel
11:25 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Barbeque	Ireland Athletic Center
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Alumni Brigade Annual Membership Meeting	MMI Chapel
1:55 p.m.	Alumni Platoon Forms Up	Vicinity of F-84
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Parade	Givhan Parade Field
2:55 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lowering of Colors	Quadrangle
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Morgan's Raiders Ceremony	MMI Chapel
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Alumni Banquet	Selma Country Club
3:00 p.m. – until	Hospitality Suite Open	Hampton Inn, Selma

Questions? Contact the Alumni Office at 334-683-2350 or cwilliams@marionmilitary.edu.

Class Notes

We'd like to hear from you! Send personal updates and news to mholmes@marionmilitary.edu or mail correspondence to Alumni Office, 1101 Washington St., Marion, AL 36756. Photos are welcome.

1940s

Mr. William Philips '44 attended the Birmingham Area Alumni & Friends Mixer, where he won a prize for the most senior alumnus.

Richard L. Pate, Jr. '48 reports that following graduation from MMI he served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1949-1953, which included two tours of Korea. He then went into the reserves from 1953 to 1961 and returned to active duty from 1963-1981, serving in Vietnam. He retired as a MGY Sgt. in 1981. He and his childhood sweetheart married in 1960 and have five children. He holds a BA in History from Chaminade University and an MSEE from Cal-State - Northridge. He worked as an aerospace engineer from 1981-1997, a member of the design team for F-22, F-35 and space shuttle models. He returned to Alabama in 1998, taught school for several years, and finally retired in 2001. He and his wife live in a small town 20 minutes from the Gulf.

Col. Clarence J. Brauner, Jr., USA (Ret) '49 JC recently skydived in Titusville, Fla., in celebration of his 80th birthday on November 21. He has decided to make it an annual event.

1950s

Former Morgan's Raider Melvin Dennis '51 has been in touch by email with former roommate Lawrence "Hut" Glass. "We are both doing well in our late 70s," he writes. He has three children, all grown, and four grandchildren: twin boys at Loyola University working towards their MBA, a granddaughter and grandson at LSU.

John R. Halliburton '52 JC participated in the September 30, 2010 Seminar on National Security and State Secrets presented at the Tower Center at Southern Methodist University.

Dr. William L. Humphries '53 JC, of Little Rock, Ark., is still a practicing pediatric dentist at 72 years of age. A University of Tennessee graduate, he notes that he is a direct descendant of John Hunt Morgan. While at MMI, he was on the golf team with Tommy Murfee, son of MMI President Tommy Murfee.

Allen Prather '55 JC is married to his wife of 52 years. He counts three daughters, five granddaughters/grandsons, and one great-granddaughter.



Allen, '64

Robert Babylon '57 retired from government within the contract field in configuration management, "took it easy for a few years playing golf and working with wood," then went back to work at Wal-mart within the Cell Phone and Photographic Department. He has retired again and downsized to a new home in Moore, Okla.

Bob Patterson '59 JC retired from the Army in 1987 and then spent 13 years as VP of Finance and Administration for a college in Missouri. He and his wife now spend their time between northern Kentucky to be near children and grandchildren and the Huntsville, Ala., area, which they still call home. A 1993 Digital Publishing Association's First Place winner of a "Digital Quill Award," he now has a number of books published with Amazon's Kindle, including two novels: War They Shall Have and Deo Vindice. Aspiring writers/classmates can check out his Kindle Publishing for Word 2007.

1960s

Lex Coleman '63 HS and his wife Mary-Claude celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows in Las Vegas this past summer. They were married in 1985 during the war in Beirut. Lex recalls, "The Bride wore white, the groom wore blue, and the wedding party wore combat fatigues—armed with M16s!"



Coleman, '63

Marion Hamilton '64 JC, of Mobile, Ala., reports that he graduated from Auburn University in 1969 and spent 30 years with Alabama Crown Distribution Co. as a sales manager. He has been married to Patricia Walker Hamilton for 22 years, and they have two daughters: Brooke and Amanda. He joined the F&AM Masons last year and the Shiners this year.

After reading "Aviators in the Making" in the last Pass in Review, **Charles D. Allen '64** JC sent an old article announcing an MMI flight club, possibly the first group ever to organize one in Marion. Listed as officers are C. D. Allen, president; J.T. Ward, vice-president; W.P. Sweeney, secretary; W.F. Adams, Treasurer; and R.R. McLemore, treasurer. "I went on to a 37-year airline pilot job, retiring in 2004 flying B747-400's," he notes.

After graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1969, **Ken Christian '65** JC spent 20 years in the Army, retired in 1989, taught high

HBO's *The Pacific*, based on the memoirs of Eugene Sledge '43, won eight Emmy Awards

school chemistry, math and physics for 12 years, and now builds houses for Habitat for Humanity in Elizabethtown, Ky. His roommates at Marion were Allan Ricketts, Walter Crim and George Wycoff.

After graduating from the University of Alabama, **Al McLeod '65JC** joined Barnett Banks of Florida and retired in 1998 as President of Barnett Bank of Ft. Myers. He and his wife Nan reside in Gulf Breeze, Fla. and have a condo in Islamorada. He spends as much time as he can fishing in the Keys and the Bahamas. He has two grown children, Elizabeth and Allan, both living in Atlanta, and one granddaughter.

Jim Kuykendall '65HS, '67JC is retired after 23 years in the Army (LTC 1992) and 17 years teaching middle school. He and his wife Janis (Judson '67) are living the good life on the North Carolina Outer Banks.

Bill Broach '66HS was ordained an Anglican Episcopal Deacon on Oct. 17, 2010 at All Saints Church in Pensacola, Fla. He is still living on Perdido Bay in Lillian, Ala.

Keith Trawick '67HS is newly wed and living with his wife, Susan, on the southeast coast of England near Dover. He retired from the State of Georgia in 2007 and received an M.F.A. in dramatic writing from the University of New Orleans in 2009.

Davis Woodruff '68HS (salutatorian), '70JC (valedictorian) is the founder and President of Management Methods, Inc. in Decatur, Ala. His Statistical Methods for Process Improvement, a five-part continuing education course for Professional Engineers and others in technical professions, has been approved and included in the courses offered by the PDH Center of Herndon, Va. (www.pdhone.org).

Dick Scott '68HS of Birmingham, Ala., writes that he is experiencing the excitement and silliness of being a granddad for the first time. "Sawyer just turned 6 months old, and it's as great as I have always heard it was."

1970s

Otto J. Zuelke III '71 just retired from the State of Louisiana as an environmental scientist. He writes: "If kids knew what it takes to go the distance, they would start out at Marion. Best thing I could have done. It was the starting point for all that follows."



Ferguson, '78

Charlie Laws '73JC married Chris Duell on September 4, 2010.

Jeannie Davis Ferguson '78HS received her Ed.S. in Teaching and Learning from Piedmont College

this summer. She teaches Georgia Studies to 8th graders in Oglethorpe County and is married to Allen.

John Blocker '79HS lives in Pelham, Ala., and works as an architect for CTSM Architects, Inc. in Birmingham. He would love to hear from classmates.

Steven Craig Stoff '79JC, of Lakeland, Fla., just celebrated 25 years with the Polk County Sheriff's office.

CDR David Preston Holt, USN (Ret) '74HS lives in Burke, Va. He and his wife Renatta have two children: son Preston Travis Holt (Ensign, USN) and daughter Kendall Leigh Holt (medical assistant). In 2009 he joined Smith & Wesson as Vice President of Military Programs.

1980s

Shay Nichols '80HS recently built a new home in West Blocton, Ala., and is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter, Brittany Keith, to Ross Henderson of Jackson, Ala. She submitted a photo from her annual trip to Liberia, Costa Rica to visit Luis Clachar '75HS. Left to right: Shay Nichols, Brittany Keith, Maurice "Chief" Nichols, who worked for MMI for 30 years in the Guard House, Judy Nichols and Jill Nichols Fischer '83.



Nichols, '80

Herbert Wayne Norton, Jr. '80JC welcomed his first two grandchildren in 2010: Addyson Kay Barrett (Jan. 28, Columbia, S.C.) and Andrew Gates Norton (Aug. 28, El Paso, Tex.).

S. Drake Ledbetter '81JC is an investment banker with the Bank of New York Mellon and lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. He has two children, Laura Catherine (18) and Rhys Harrison (15), and had the opportunity to run with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain recently.

James Koch '81JC has a son, James Weston Koch, enrolled in MMI's SAP program and attended this year's Parents' Weekend.

LTC Keith Gilmore '82JC is in an Army Reserve unit with the 7306th Medical Exercise Training BN in San Antonio, Texas. He lives in Pensacola, Fla., where he works at the Main Post Office.

In September, **Dan Worthington '83JC** was elected as



Koch, '81

Executive Vice-President of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel, the largest State Defense Bar organization in the United States.

James Bradford '84HS, '86JC is Assistant Director of Food and Nutrition at St Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, Ala. He is married to Patience, and they have three boys: Forrest, Fisher, and Fletcher.

COL Randall Zeegers, USA '84JC had his most recent promotion ceremony at MMI, where he was first commissioned as a 2LT. Longtime MMI staffer LTC Gerry Lewis, USA (Ret) was in attendance for both occasions. He is currently in his second year as 20th Special Forces Group Commander in Birmingham, Ala., and returned to Marion as guest speaker for the 2010 Alabama Military Hall of Honor Induction.

LTC Mike Patronis, USAF '85HS, '87JC is the Deputy Chief, Medical Support Division at Lackland AFB. He and his wife Elena, a Spanish teacher, have two children: Michael Anthony and Gabriela.



Patronis, '85

On November 10, he traveled to MMI as a distinguished guest speaker.

LTC J.D. Webster '85JC recently joined the Department of the Army workforce and has assumed the Operations Lead for AM-

COM G3 Condition Based Maintenance at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala.

COL Phil Deaton '85JC is the Director of the AMCOM Operations Center (AOC) and an instructor for the Defense Acquisition University at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Kerry Rascoe '86JC, USN is currently deployed to Kuwait.

Clay Fallis '86HS, '88JC has been employed with the Tallahassee, Fla., police department for 13 years and is assigned as the Defensive Tactics and TASER coordinator. He is a TASER master instructor and on October 15, 2010 was awarded the Medal of Bravery by the department. He and his wife Sandy, a "Judson girl," have been married for 22 years. He serves as

New Documentary Features Work of Mockbee '64

The late Samuel Mockbee (MMI class of 1964) is the subject of a new documentary film: *Citizen Architect: Samuel Mockbee and the Spirit of the Rural Studio*. A Mississippi native and Auburn University School of Architecture graduate, he founded Auburn University's Rural Studio, a design-build outreach program based in Newbern, Ala. Since its founding in 1993, students at the Rural Studio have built more than 80 projects in Hale, Perry and Marengo counties.



Featuring never-before-seen interviews with Mockbee himself, the film also follows his former students, a local homeowner, and former Rural Studio instructor Jay Sanders (one of the film's producers). Other architects and designers weigh in on Mockbee's contributions to his chosen profession.

Citizen Architect, which aired nationally on PBS, was sponsored by Great Southern Wood Preserving, makers of YellaWood pressure-treated pine. Company founder/president/CEO Jimmy Rane began his friendship with Mockbee while they were both MMI cadets. DVDs of the film can be purchased on the shop section of the film's website: www.citizenarchitectfilm.com.



the Scoutmaster for his son's scout troop. He also collects police patches, Scout patches and challenge coins.

Jorge (Jay) E. Zequeira '86JC retired from the U.S. Army this fall with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He and his family (wife Irene, daughter Clara, 10, and Arturo, 6) moved to Panama City, Republic of Panama to continue their lives. He recently began work with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as the new Pan American Disaster Relief Unit (PADRU) Coordinator. "Best regards to all my MMI brethren!" he writes.

Joe Kalil '87JC lives in Florence, Ky., and flies B-737's for Delta Airlines. He also owns Defensive Handgun Training LLC and was recently elected to the position of County Constable. He is married to Kathy, a nurse, and they have two daughters: Katelyn (14) and Alicia (9).

William R. Jacks Jr. '87HS is currently a CPA with the firm of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC in Birmingham. He and his wife Carolyn have two daughters: Cathryn (7) and Avery (5). From 1993-1997 he served in the Marine Corps, Echo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune N.C. His MOS was "0861 Scout Observer" for both field artillery and naval gunfire. He was honorably discharged in 1997 with the rank of Corporal.

Area Mixers Engage Alumni

Fall Alumni & Friends mixers held throughout Alabama gave guests the opportunity to reminisce about Marion, share stories, and hear about the current state of the campus and Corps of Cadets. Door prizes and delicious fare were plentiful at each venue. The West Alabama Alumni & Friends Mixer, held at the Gateway Inn in Marion, kicked off the series of events in September. The local community was well-represented at the event, which highlighted recent news and renovation projects at MMI. Other successful events followed: Birmingham (hosted by Ashley and Dan Moran '95), Mobile (hosted by Norman Pitman '77), Maryland/D.C. (hosted by Shivers McCollum '46), and Tuscaloosa (hosted by Rex Zeanah '63 and Christina Bennert Green '73).



◀ Dean Susan Stevenson and Preston Sanders, MMI Trustee, at the West Alabama Area Mixer

LTC Pat Rudicell '85 accepting his door prize at the Mobile Area Mixer ▼



◀ Scott Hawk '91, "Most Junior Alumnus" in Mobile

Louise and Sharp Gillespy '47 show off their door prizes at the Birmingham Area Mixer ▶



◀ Birmingham hosts Ashley & Dan Moran '95 accepting their gifts from MMI President Col. David Mollahan

Additional mixers will be scheduled for 2011 and announced on the Alumni section of www.marionmilitary.edu. Interested in hosting an alumni event in your area? Contact Carrie Williams, Director of Alumni Affairs, at 334-683-2350 or cwilliams@marionmilitary.edu.

COL Dave Luders '86JC and Katherine Elka Luders announce the birth of Anna Katherine Luders (5 lbs. 12 oz. 17 inches) and Kristopher August Luders (5 lbs. 14 oz. 17 ½ inches). The twins were born at Crestwood Medical Center in Huntsville, Ala. on September 1, 2010. They join sister Karmin Alexandria (2).

Heather Hargrave Howle '89JC married Harry Gandy Howle III on May 31, 2009 and had a brunch wedding at the Moorings Club in Vero Beach, Fla. She has her A.A. degree from Tallahassee Community College and has advanced education from the Aveda and Goldwell institutes. She is a colorist/stylist at Sur La Mer Salon. Following "dual" wedding trips to Charleston, S.C., and Carlsbad, Calif., the couple reside in Vero Beach with their 3 1/3-year-old dog, Pucci.



Steve Tipton '89JC, of Ariton, Ala., recently started taking banjo lessons.

Michelle Morazan Hobbs '89JC was honorably discharged from the US Army Reserves in January 2001

Tipton, '89

as a Captain. She writes: "I left the Army to raise my children and hope to send my son, now 12, to MMI one day. I am currently employed with Northrop Grumman as a Quality Control Advisor, due in large part to my military service and experience. I am now living in the Greater New Orleans area." Fellow alumni with military experience who may be interested in working at Northrop Grumman may contact her through the MMI Alumni office.

1990s

Alan Brian Beck '90JC is the Information Technology Director for Greater Educational Opportunities Foundation, a Storage Network World Best Practices Award Winner. In June 2010, he was named an InfoWorld Top CTO 25 award winner, and he was the alumni speaker for the Storage Network World Fall Conference in October 2010.

Jim Young '93JC would like to share with everyone that he is not deceased as apparently reported in the past. He is alive and well and living in Pittsburg, Pa.

Annie Rankin Williams '97HS and her husband Brycen live in Auburn/Opelika with their son Rankin. Annie is in real estate with Prudential there, and Brycen owns a spray-foam insulation company and construction company.

MAJ Aaron Cummings '99JC says "The Swamp Fox organization did more for me than anything else to prepare me to know what is important, be aggressive in combat, and lead from the front." He was promoted to Major on July 1, 2010 and is currently learning Russian at DLI in Monterey. His next move is to become a Eurasian Foreign Affairs Officer. He notes that fellow Swamp Fox Commanders **Jose Vasquez '99** and **Brandon Tennimon '99** were also promoted to Major on July 1 of this year.

2000s

Brandon Goodwin '00JC married Melissa Westerly on April 10, 2010. The couple lives in Panama City, Fla., and he is employed with Boy Scouts of America as a District Executive.

Pablo Cardone '00HS is personal security and a professional driver for Warner Brothers' main lead roles in New Orleans.

CAPT Ruben A. Otero '02JC graduated the Maneuver Captain's Career Course on July 30, 2010 at Ft. Benning, Ga., then Ranger School on October 22. In November, he attended Airborne School and will soon take command at 16th Cav as part of the Armor School Move from Ft. Knox to Ft. Benning and standing up the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCOE) following Airborne School.

WO1 Kelsey Graves '02JC returned from Iraq on June 29, 2010 after serving with Task Force 38, the Corps Combat Aviation Brigade supporting aviation operations throughout Iraq. He is awaiting promotion to Chief Warrant Officer 2 and will report to Camp Atterbury, Indiana in December 2010 for an assignment as the Mobility Officer supporting mobilization and deployment/redeployment operations for the Army National Guard. He resides in Indianapolis.

Harry W. Reineke IV '04HS is continuing to take on more responsibilities at work, at PJ's Camera and Photo in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and at St. Joseph Orthodox Christian Church in Wheaton, Ill. He is currently a Sunday school teacher to

senior high students and also the parish photographer. His primary hobbies remain Ham Radio (General Class License, callsign KD5TMU) and photography.

CPT Brandon Bergmann '04JC is attending the University of Wisconsin Law School under the Army's Funded Legal Education Program.

Upon graduation from MMI, former Battalion Commander **Eric Lytle '06JC** was assigned as an Executive Officer with 1-124 IN based in Miami. In 2009, he was assigned as the full time Battalion Administrative Officer.



Then in January 2010, he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn and is scheduled to return to CONUS in December 2010. While deployed, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for engagement with the enemy. In December, he plans to return to his house in Ft Lauderdale, Fla., where he will continue to work as a member of 1-124 IN and will consider applying for one of various graduate school programs.

David Auge '07JC is finishing up his bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems through Excelsior College. He lives in Smithfield, N.C. with his parents. His post-graduation plans are to get a job and perhaps go OCS to a National Guard unit.

Kyle Robert Bush '10 JC is enrolled at the Citadel, where he is a defenseman on the Citadel Ice Hockey Team, a Member of the Rifle Legion, in the Marine Corps Contingent NROTC and pursuing a Marine contract, and a Criminal Justice major. He plans to receive his band of gold next year and will graduate/commission in May of 2013.

Join the Brigade!

Alumni, parents and friends of MMI have the opportunity to join our official alumni association, the MMI Alumni Brigade, for only \$25/year or \$500 for a lifetime membership. Brigade dues help fund special projects and initiatives that directly impact the Corps of Cadets. Join or renew your 2011 membership online at <http://www.marionmilitary.edu/alumni/join.da>.



Seeking Orange & Black Officers

MMI is pleased to announce that longtime staffer and alumnus David Ivey has taken over the position of Vice President for Enrollment. In addition to teaching Psychology to cadets, he now has his hand in the quality of the Corps we bring into the college. This fall, he launched a new recruiting initiative, asking MMI Alumni for their help.

Dear Alumni,

For more than 120 years, graduates of Marion Military Institute have made an impact on our communities, our nation, and our world. I am writing to you now to ask for your help to make an impact on the school that helped to make an impact on you to prepare you for the rigors of society.

I am looking for graduates of MMI who would be interested in becoming an Orange and Black Officer (similar to the Navy's Blue and Gold). MMI's Orange and Black Officers would assist in phone calls to potential cadets in their respected area, represent MMI at college fairs, host regional prospect functions, and so on.

If you choose to become an Orange and Black Officer you have taken a step that will help ensure the survival of an institution that continues to provide the whole-person approach to education. MMI's motto of Truth Honor Service that we all practiced as cadets and now as Alumni will remain a central focus for all our future cadets.

If you are willing to take on the challenge as an Orange and Black Officer or are interested in any area to help MMI, please contact me at (334) 683-2300, divey@marionmilitary.edu.

I look forward to working with you to help make MMI a success for the future generations of our nation. Thank you for your dedicated and selfless support to the school that means so much to all of us.

Sincerely,

David P. Ivey

MMI Class of 1988HS/1990JC
VP for Enrollment
Marion Military Institute
The Military College of Alabama

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In 1991, he joined Perot Systems Corp., where he worked his way up from sales to management. One particular incident demonstrates his gumption: While in Washington, D.C., and desperately needing to report some new sales leads to Ross Perot, he began cold calling all major banks in the yellow pages; secured a meeting with a bank president; and an hour later sold him on the idea of having an East Coast data center. The result was "landing the largest bank outsourcing contract that had been signed in the history of banking." Having proved himself to Perot, he was later named Country Manager for Ireland and led the Financial Services Operations in Europe.

Rodimon left Perot Systems to help with the start up of Corpay Solutions in Atlanta. After a brief development opportunity in West Point, Ga., he was recruited to work for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, where he is now Chief Community Planning and Development Officer. As such, he is responsible for managing the Tribe's housing, major construction, and public works.

Rodimon will tell you that a military education has served him tremendously. "I use my Marion training all the time—the basic principles of leadership, command, thinking logically, putting together a plan of action and managing that plan; how to stay focused, set objectives, assemble people," he says.

At age 71, life hasn't slowed down for Rodimon. Currently residing in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., he and Linda are avid horseback riders and love to travel. They are also the proud parents of three grown children (Elizabeth, Jim and Bill) and five grandchildren. Several years ago the couple toured Morocco. "We spent five or six hours a day hiking in the mountains and took long raft trips down the rivers," he recalls, adding that they avoid fancy hotels and prefer to stay with the local people. In December, they are planning a journey to Bhutan and Nepal.

Having settled everywhere from Dublin to Dallas, Rodimon stays rooted to his greatest accomplishment: his 50-year marriage. "We've lived in over 50 houses in our life together, and it's been an exciting adventure so far."

Schuman & Woods Classmates, Friends, Brothers-in-Law



▲ Schuman pulling security for the Chief of Naval Operations while in Djibouti, Africa

LTJG Adam M Schuman, USN '04JC (USNA '08) writes: "I recently returned from a 7-month deployment aboard the USS COLE (DDG-67), serving with NATO forces of 11 other countries to deter and end piracy in the Gulf of Aden and around the Horn of Africa. I was one of two boarding officers who lead teams of

12 enlisted Sailors in more than 10 boardings of suspected pirate vessels. When not deployed/combatting piracy I serve as a Surface Warfare Officer and Officer of the Deck underway aboard the USS COLE (Guided Missile Destroyer) which recently honored the 17 Sailors who lost their lives in the terrorist attack 10 years ago this 12OCT10.

"In other great news, 1LT James W. Woods III, USMC '04JC (USNA '08) also recently returned from a 9-month deployment to Afghanistan, providing support for the 1st Battalion 6th Marines. Though he is specialized as an artillery officer, he augmented 1/6 an infantry battalion and was a vital asset in conducting security patrols, providing protection and stability to the citizens of Marjah, but also conducting Census Patrols to better understand where the locals live and how they support their families.

"Most importantly about James "Beau" Woods (my best friend, whom I met at MMI in 2004) on 11 October 2009 became my brother-in-law when he married my younger sister, the former Emily Quinn Schuman (2008 graduate from FSU). The two had a trying first year with Beau being deployed for the majority of 2010; however, she's a strong woman and successfully moved all of her/his personal effects from Tallahassee, Fla., and Marietta, Ga., respectively to Camp LeJune, N.C., where they currently live in their beautiful home. Beau is awaiting another deployment to Afghanistan in the coming months."



Emily and Beau Woods on the day he returned from deployment

Last Roll Call

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

- Charles W. Allen..... 1964 Birmingham, Ala.
- John C. Bardwell..... 1976 Stuttgart, Ark.
- Allen R. Blackburn..... Friend..... Marion, Ala.
- Alice Bradford Friend..... Pensacola, Fla.
- Edward M. Bradford Friend..... Pensacola, Fla.
- Walter F. Buchan..... 1944 Tallahassee, Fla.
- Hayward H. Burnet..... 1958 Waycross, Ga.
- John C. Caine, Jr. 1959 Pensacola, Fla.
- William F. Cowart..... 1952..... Elba, Ala.
- Earl E. Daly..... 1948 Springfield, Va.
- John H. Daniels, Jr..... 1944 Belzoni, Miss.
- Dennis D. Dees..... 1955..... Huntsville, Ala.
- James A. DeFoor..... 1944 Lakeland, Fla.
- Sherry McCauley Doran Friend..... Dallas, Tex.
- James M. Earle..... 1947 Daphne, Ala.
- Leslie M. Edwards, Jr..... 1944 Anniston, Ala.
- Keith Neal Eiland..... Friend..... Sprott, Ala.
- Paul W. Engstrom 1959 Los Angeles, Ca.
- M. R. Etheridge 1939 Simsbury, Conn.
- Wayne Friday..... Friend..... Marion, Ala.
- John L. Godwin, Jr. 1954 Magnolia Springs, Ala.
- Julian Hart, Jr..... 1942 Guntersville, Ala.
- Maurice S. Hines 1982 Rome, Ga.
- George E. Hoffman, Jr. 1941 Gulf Breeze, Fla.
- John O'Connell Jackson, Jr. ... 1970 Fairhope, Ala.
- William K. Klingler 1971 Fitzpatrick, Ala.
- Rufus G. Lister..... 1952..... Birmingham, Ala.
- Robert W. Lyerly..... 1951 Smyrna, Ga.
- Warren G. McCrummen..... 1960 Jonesboro, Ga.
- Evelyn McNeil Friend..... Mobile, Ala.
- John J. Moore..... 1969 Coconut Creek, Fla.
- Richard J. Murphy..... 1967 Pike Road, Ala.
- Tom B. O' Bryan 1937 Wichita Falls, Tex.
- Martha P. Pegues..... 1983 Prattville, Ala.
- Harry K. Reid..... 1958 South Bend, Ind.
- Lewis William Powell, Sr. 1964 Birmingham, Ala.
- William W. Renshaw, Jr. 1954 Indian Springs, Ala.
- Otto M. Simon 1971 Theodore, Ala.
- Eugene R. Smith..... 1953..... Destin, Fla.
- William H. Turner..... 1969 Auburn, Ala.
- Michael E. White 1969 Anniston, Ala.
- Jack R. Wood 1980 Lillian, Ala.

The MMI Alumni Office strives to maintain accurate records of alumni, living and deceased. Please send notices to Carrie Williams, 1101 Washington St., Marion, AL 36756, cwilliams@marionmilitary.edu or call 334-683-2350.

Families Reconnect: Parents' Weekend 2010

More than 600 guests attended MMI Parents' Weekend, held October 15-16. The festivities began Friday morning with parents and guests attending classes with their cadets, guided tours of the Alabama Military Hall of Honor, and an historic tour of Marion. Friday afternoon saw Alpha Company take home the gold as the winner of the Cadet Company Drill Competition. Friday's events also included a tour of the President's Quarters and an evening cookout enjoyed by parents and guests, cadets, faculty, and staff.

Highlights from Saturday included a welcome address by MMI President Col. David J. Mollahan, baseball and basketball games, and demonstrations by the MMI Band, White Knights and Swamp Foxes. The culminating event of the weekend was the traditional Mothers' Review, dedicated to all the mothers of the Corps.

"What a great group of people with real vision and purpose for the future! Thank you for all the hard work and letting us as families rejoice with you over what has been accomplished. May God bless each of you!"

*-Deborah Renfroe,
MMI parent*



"Our aim is to send your sons and daughters out our doors better educated, better people, ready to succeed, ready to lead, and at least one, if not two or three steps ahead of their peers wherever they go. If they complete the program that they are here for, these are exactly the advantages that they will have."

*-Col. David J. Mollahan,
address to parents*

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