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Rondem Award Established

At its executive retreat in June, the Student Support Team Association for Georgia Educators (SSTAGE) paid tribute to outgoing president COL Debbie Rondem, presenting her with a newly established award named in her honor.

She is the first recipient of the Debbie Rondem Award for Outstanding Leadership, which recognizes and celebrates the outstanding leadership qualities. The award will be presented annually. Rondem personified the ideals of SSTAGE leadership by her dedicated service on the board and her service to students in her role as student services director and school counselor.

Woodin Hall – A naming ceremony for Martin D. Woodin Hall, formerly the Agriculture Administration Building, was held in April. During his tenure at LSU, the late Martin D. Woodin served as president and executive vice president of the LSU System, dean of the College of Agriculture at LSU-Alexandria, and head of what is now the LSU Department of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness. Committed to serving LSU and the people of Louisiana, Woodin dedicated his professional career to academics, research, and public service and was recognized numerous times for his expertise in teaching and research in agricultural economics. He was inducted into the University's military Hall of Honor in 1999.

Rondem was an original member and vital part of the seminal Metro SST Consortium in 2000 and actively supported the creation of the SSTAGE association in 2007. She served as SSTAGE director-at-large, president-elect, and president and also served on the Georgia DOE RTI Task Force.

Rondem attended LSU from 1969-72 and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Sam Houston State University.

She joined Cadets of the Ole War Skule Board of Directors in 2010.

From the President...



Greetings to all former and present Cadets !
As this letter is being written, life at the Ole War Skule has never been more apparent. The spring semester concluded with a farewell dinner for departing Professor of Naval Science CAPT Gerard Hall and his wife, Martha, and son, Jordan. We are grateful for his tour at Southern University and for the many ways in which he contributed to the growth of Naval ROTC at SU as well as his strong support for LSU's many patriotic events and programs, including, the LSU Corps of Cadets. The commissioning ceremony for 23 new lieutenants and ensigns marked a significant accomplishment for them as they begin their full-time service in our armed forces. We congratulate them and wish them the best in their new careers. During the LSU Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30, with the support and participation of Chancellor Michael Martin, we paid tribute to alumnus CPL Nathan Brock Carse, who was killed in 2011 in Afghanistan. His name is now on the Wall of Honor along with others who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May we never forget.

The new fall semester will soon be underway, and the campus will be invaded by almost 30,000 new and continuing students. Among those will be young men and women who comprise the LSU Corps of Cadets under the capable leadership of the new Corps Commander C/Col Jason Brewer. We look forward to greeting those cadets who are returning and welcoming those who will be arriving for their first year at LSU. These young cadets represent the best and brightest for the future of our armed forces. We look forward to hosting them and the cadre at our annual "Welcome Back" event scheduled for September 1.

We welcome CAPT Alton E. "Roscoe" Ross, Jr. USN as the new Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science at Southern University. A graduate of Louisiana State University, CAPT Ross was designated a Naval Aviator in July 1986. We are fortunate to have him in Baton Rouge and look forward to working with him as together we strive to "Restore the Corps.... Restore the Glory" for the LSU Corps of Cadets. He assumed his duties during the summer, replacing CAPT Gerard W. Hall who assumed new duties at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. We wish him well.

As we move into this time of the year, membership renewals are high on our "To Do" list, closely followed by registration for LSU Salutes, scheduled for November 10-12. We hope you will not only renew your membership but also seek out others who might join with us in our efforts to support and grow the Corps. Through the board's efforts to promote more corporate membership involvement in the future, we are optimistic that we will experience new growth, both in numbers and in enthusiasm. We welcome your attendance during LSU Salutes. As in the past, a significant focus of this year's program will be when we again join the University in recognizing and honoring some very deserving military alumni as they are inducted into the Hall of Honor. You will soon be receiving more information on these honorees.

As the last few months of my term as president of this outstanding organization draw to a close, I wish to express my deep appreciation to you for the honor of serving you. I believe we have made great progress toward goals established under the capable leadership of our past presidents, and, with your continued dedication and support, Cadets of the Ole War Skule will continue to march forward and increase the awareness of LSU's rich military history and heritage.

For the Long Purple Line...
John W. Milazzo, Jr.
President

Gurie Recognized

Cadets of the Ole War Skule Executive Director Randy Gurie was among those honored by the LSU Greek Community at its seventh annual Greek Gala on March 17. Nominated by his fraternity, Kappa Sigma, Gurie was recognized for accomplishments during his career, in his community, and on behalf of his fraternity and the LSU Greek community. Gurie, who was student body president while at LSU, holds bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University.



Purple & Gold – From the Front

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Raiders. Our mission here in Iraq will end in December. The state department will take over. My boss is also a Tiger. Colonel Brian Winski, who earned a master's degree from the College of Arts & Sciences in 2000, is commander of 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

"When I hung the flag, it took all of two minutes to get the SEC fans going. Notice its location in front of Alabama's banner. In fact, it is up front where it belongs. I have a bet with the soldiers in my battalion to pick a team and at the end of the season, each soldier will do ten pushups for every loss his/her team takes. We have a few civilian contractors who are LSU and SEC fans. It will be a great college football year. I will try to get a photo of all of the LSU fans."



LTC Elward Cortez hangs an LSU flag in the dining facility at COS Marez in Mosul, Iraq.

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Name of LSU Alumnus Unveiled on Wall of Honor

As groups across America recalled the contributions and sacrifices of its military veterans, LSU paid special tribute to alumnus CPL Nathan Brock Carse, who was killed in Afghanistan earlier this year. Carse's name was unveiled on the LSU War Memorial Wall of Honor on May 30 during the annual LSU Memorial Day Ceremony sponsored by the University and Cadets of the Ole War Skule.

Carse, a native of Harrod, Ohio, earned a master's degree in civil engineering from LSU in 2007. He died Feb. 8 in Kandahar province, while serving with the 595th Engineer Company "Sapper."

After Carse's name was unveiled by LSU Corps Commander C/Col Jason Brewer, Chancellor Michael Martin and incoming Cadets of the Ole War Skule President Norman Deumite presented an etched rendering of his name to his mother, Janis Carse. Among the other family members attending the ceremony were Carse's sister Megan Brown, nephew Jackson Brown, and his uncle Rev. Richard Carse, who made remarks on behalf of the family. He was also honored with a moment of silence and the playing of "Taps."

MG Harry "Skip" Philips, past-president of Cadets of the Ole War Skule gave the keynote speech at the luncheon following the unveiling ceremony. Special guests at the event, held at the LSU Faculty Club, were Carse's fellow team members from the Baton Rouge Rugby Club and their families, including a dozen youngsters – perhaps future Tigers/ROTC cadets – who added a delightful note to the occasion. Rugby team member Hunter Guidry offered a remembrance of Nathan "Chuck Connors" Carse and presented his mother with a rugby jersey inscribed with an appropriate remembrance of their hero.

Music for the ceremony and the luncheon was provided by Bayou Brass Quintet.

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Norman Deumite, Janis Carse, and Chancellor Michael Martin.

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Hall Honored at Retirement Dinner

Captain Gerard W. Hall, commander of Naval ROTC and professor of naval science at Southern University, was honored by LSU and Cadets of the Ole War Skule at a retirement dinner at the LSU Faculty Club on May 4. Hall, who has been at Southern for three years, is moving to a new assignment at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Chancellor Michael Martin expressed appreciation for Hall's service to the University. Also making remarks were LSU Commandant of Cadets Lt Col Marston McKeon and Cadets of the Ole War Skule President John W. Milazzo, Jr., who thanked Hall for his efforts involving Naval ROTC's participation in LSU's various military programs and events, including LSU Salutes, Chancellor's Day Parade, LSU Memorial Day Ceremony, and commissioning ceremonies.

Hall was presented with a Louisiana-themed afghan as a reminder of his time in Baton Rouge.



Photo by Randy Gurie

LTC John Wright, LSU professor of military science, Captain Gerard W. Hall, commander of Naval ROTC and professor of naval science at Southern University, and Lt Col Marston McKeon, commandant and professor of aerospace studies at LSU.



Photo by Teddy Perez

Chancellor's Day Parade – Army, Air Force, and Navy ROTC Cadets from LSU and Southern University took part in the annual Chancellor's Day Parade at the LSU War Memorial on April 28. Taking part in the review of the Corps of Cadets were, from left, Chancellor Michael Martin; Lt Col Marston McKeon, commandant and professor of aerospace studies; Captain Gerard Hall, commander of Naval ROTC and professor of naval science at Southern University; LTC John Wright, commander of Tiger Battalion and professor of military science; and C/Col Michael Boutte, LSU Corps Commander.



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Board Retreat

Members of Cadets of the Ole War Skule Board of Directors gathered for a day-long retreat on April 18 at Burden Conference Center. Facilitator Tom Sylvest guided discussions concerning the organization's goals for the future, and Chancellor Michael Martin shared encouraging remarks concerning the planned Military Endowment Campaign. Pictured, left to right, are Dean of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences Gaines Foster, President-Elect Norman Deumite, Chancellor Martin, President John Milazzo, and COL Bill Waters.

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Dan Walsh, Terry Patrick Harris, Ruth Patrick, John Capdevielle, and Kingston Eversull.



Norman Deumite, Chancellor Mike Martin, Lt Col Marston McKeon, and CAPT Frank Foil.



Hunter Guidry of the Baton Rouge Rugby Club.



Megan Brown, Jackson Brown, Janis Carse.



Betty and Harvey Schwartzberg, Joyce and MG Harry Conrad.



The Wall of Honor.

Photos by Ray Dry

LSU Commissions 23 Cadets

BY MELISSA FOLEY

Twenty-three of LSU's ROTC cadets and midshipmen were commissioned on May 19 during the 2011 Spring Commissioning ceremony.

Twelve cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants from the Air Force ROTC program, including one who will graduate from Southern University; nine cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants from the Army ROTC program, including one who will graduate from Southeastern Louisiana University; and two LSU students were commissioned from Southern University's Navy ROTC program. The newly commissioned officers were acknowledged by Lt Col Marston McKeon, commander and chair of the Department of Aerospace Studies, at the Spring Commencement ceremony on May 20.

Among those commissioned, three were assigned to the Army Corps of Engineers, including two who will serve in Louisiana; six were classified as Air Force pilots; one will pilot

remotely controlled aircraft; and two will work in intelligence.

MG James E. Rogers, commander of the 1st Sustainment Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., was guest speaker

for the commissioning ceremony. His command is responsible for providing logistical support across the U.S. Central Command area of operations.



Photo by Jim Ziehr

Representing newly commissioned ROTC cadets and midshipmen at LSU's spring commencement ceremony were, left to right, 2nd LT Seth J. Long, U.S. Marine Corps; Ensign Aaron M. Smith, U.S. Navy; 2nd Lt Leon J. Green, III, U.S. Air Force, and 2nd LT Jonathan B. Gipson, U.S. Army.

LSU Pays Tribute to CFCU

LSU paid tribute earlier this year to Campus Federal Credit Union for its major contributions during the Forever LSU campaign and its other initiatives supporting University programs.

Campus Federal routinely replaces the U.S. Garrison Flag flown at the LSU War Memorial on the Parade Ground, and during a ceremony at Memorial Tower on Jan. 18, a granite marker recognizing CFCU's perpetual gift and its commitment to honor LSU's rich military tradition was unveiled. The marker will be installed on the LSU War Memorial.



Plaque photo by Jim Ziehr

Among those taking part in the presentation were, front, left to right, LSU Foundation President/ CEO MG Bill Bowdon, LSU AgCenter Chancellor Bill Richardson, Campus Federal Credit Union CEO and Cadets of the Ole War Skule President John Milazzo, Chancellor Mike Martin, Forever LSU Chair Congressman Henson Moore, and LSU Foundation Vice President for Development Jeff McLain; back, Campus Federal Credit Union employees and board members.

Group photo by Scott Madise