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Alden L. Andre

Captain, U.S. Army



Alden L. Andre, a native and resident of Point Coupee Parish, graduated from LSU in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in basic sciences. Commissioned that same year in the U.S. Army, he served two years on active duty and four years in the Army Reserve, achieving the rank of captain.

Following military duty, Mr. Andre joined Baton Rouge Allied Chemical Plant and rose through management ranks until 1978, when the plant was sold to Imperial Chemicals (ICI), and he was immediately promoted to operations manager. ICI was sold to Formosa Plastics in 1981, and he held a number of positions, including plant manager, vice president of operations for Formosa Plastics Corporation USA, vice president of environmental/safety affairs, vice president for new business development, and vice president/general manager of the Baton Rouge plant. He is currently vice president for new business development.

Active in community affairs and professional associations, Mr. Andre served in several capacities in the Louisiana Chemical Association and was also a member of the Chlorine Institute Board of Directors. He was a board member of the Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce and the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation and served as chairman of the Louisiana Process Technology Committee of Governor Mike Foster's Workforce Development Commission.

He is a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Economic Development Committee and the Baton Rouge Community College Chancellor's Roundtable. Andre served the Capital Area United Way as a member of the Board of Directors, campaign chairman 2001, and chairman of the Board of Directors in 2003. He served on the boards of the American Red Cross and Baton Rouge Center for World Affairs and is a member of Rotary Club of Baton Rouge. He was a founding board member of False River Academy and is vice chair of Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center Board of Directors.

Alden Andre served as chairman of the LSU College of Engineering Dean's Advisory Council, co-chair of the Industrial Advisory Council for the Department of Chemical Engineering, and as search committee member for the College of Engineering Dean and the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development. He was named to the Engineering Hall of Distinction in 2003.

Mr. Andre is married to the former Theresa Pourciau. They have two children and one granddaughter.



Thomas O. Blakeney

Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.)



The late Thomas O. Blakeney, a native of Stephenville, Texas, served with distinction for 30 years of active commissioned service in the U.S. Army. He studied pre-med at LSU, earning a bachelor's degree in 1939. He was commissioned through LSU ROTC, serving as Cadet Lieutenant Colonel.

As a Combat Arms Officer in Armor, he served in a variety of command and staff positions during war and peace. During World War II, Col. Blakeney participated in the invasion of North Africa, fighting with his tank battalion across North Africa prior to invading Sicily and the Italian mainland. He rose to the position of Tank Battalion Executive Officer.

A professional soldier, Col. Blakeney remained on active duty after the war, serving in a succession of Armor assignments. In 1947 he was assigned to a tank cold weather testing initiative in Alaska, where he was involved in an aircraft crash that nearly took his life. Severely frostbitten and crippled, he refused medical retirement and taught himself to walk without a cane, despite partial amputation of one foot. Convincing his superiors he was fit for duty, he went on to successive assignments, including attendance at both Command and General Staff College and Army War College.

Promotion to Colonel brought him brigade command in Germany. He was then assigned to Air War College and deployed to Vietnam in 1963 to lead the Vietnamese Army advisory effort. Following an assignment at Fort Belvoir, Va., Col. Blakeney returned to his alma mater as Commandant of Cadets, where he remained until his retirement in 1969.

Military awards include the Legion of Merit Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, and numerous combat campaign medals.

After retirement, Col. Blakeney consulted with several local businesses and served as executive director of the Baton Rouge Goals Congress.

He and his wife, May "Girlie" Carville, had four sons, one daughter, and several grandchildren. Three of his sons graduated from LSU and received commissions through LSU ROTC.



William G. “Bill” Bowdon, III

Major General, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)



William G. Bowdon, III, a native of Alexandria and a 1970 LSU business graduate, served as an aviator and general officer in the U.S. Marine Corps for 34 years. Commissioned in 1970, he received his wings in 1972 and served in a variety of fighter/attack squadron billets as a squadron pilot and instructor. He was promoted to Major in 1981, to Lieutenant Colonel in 1987, and commanded an F/A-18 squadron from 1988 through 2000.

In 1988, he assumed command of VMFA-333 and deployed the “Shamrocks” to the Western Pacific. Having attended career-level schools throughout his years of service, he next attended the National War College in Washington, D.C., and was subsequently assigned to the Joint Staff, Logistics Directorate, the Pentagon. He was promoted to Colonel in 1992 and in 1994 took command of Marine Aircraft Group-11 with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Calif.

He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1996 and served as the Assistant Wing Commander, Second Marine Aircraft Wing, Cherry Point, N.C.; Commander, Marine Corps Air Base East and Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point; and Deputy Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans, while in that grade. He was promoted to Major General in 2001 and served as Commander, Marine Corps Air Base West and Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

General Bowdon’s awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

In August 2004, Gen. Bowdon was named president and chief executive officer of the LSU Foundation.

In civilian life, Gen. Bowdon is an active member of the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, the Association of Fund Raising Professionals, the LSU Alumni Association, Tiger Athletic Foundation and serves on the Board of Directors of Cadets of the Ole War Skule.

He resides in Baton Rouge with his wife, Sally, and they have two sons.



William Haskell Brown

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army



William Haskell Brown is a native of Wagoner, Okla. and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Among his leadership positions in ROTC, he was one of the only athletes to serve as a battalion officer.

Following his commissioning through ROTC, he graduated from Artillery and Paratrooper schools and served on active and reserve duty for more than seven years in the Oklahoma National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, and Louisiana Special Forces. Among his other accomplishments at the University of Oklahoma, he was a varsity football letterman during his 47 game winning streak. In 1958-59, he served as a freshman coach under then former LSU head coach and later athletic director, Paul Dietzel. Judge Brown received his Juris Doctorate degree from the LSU Law School in 1962.

During his career, Judge Brown practiced law and served as City Court judge; 19th Judicial District Court judge, including two years as Chief Judge; and administrative law judge. He also served on the LSU Law School faculty as an adjunct professor.

An active member of the Baton Rouge community, Judge Brown has served on the boards or as chairperson of numerous organizations, among them, the Salvation Army, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Ingleside United Methodist Church, Camp Fire Girls, Baton Rouge Kids Baseball Clinic, and Boy Scouts. He is also a former member of Baton Rouge Optimist Club.

He served as Grand Master of Masons for Louisiana in 1998, past Master of St. James Lodge # 47, Venerable Master of the Baton Rouge Consistory and is a 33rd degree Mason. He is the recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He currently serves as chair of the Baton Rouge District Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church and the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center. He is a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule, and in 1997, he received the John G. Tower Distinguished Alumni Award from Kappa Sigma Fraternity, one of the highest awards presented to Kappa Sigma alumni.

Judge Brown and his wife, the former Mary Ann Adcock, have one daughter.



Claire Lee Chennault

Lieutenant General, U.S. Army Air Corps



Claire Lee Chennault was born in 1893 in Commerce, Texas, and moved at age 3 to northeast Louisiana. After attending LSU for two semesters in 1909, he taught and coached baseball at a one-room school in Athens, La., in 1910. He taught at other schools between 1911 and 1917, when he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry Reserve. In April 1920, he was discharged as a fighter pilot and in July of that year accepted a regular commission as a First Lieutenant in the new Air Service.

From 1923-26, Gen. Chennault commanded the Nineteenth Fighter Squadron, the “Fighting Cocks,” at Pearl Harbor. It was here that he began to develop his visionary view on fighter tactics. During the next five years, he was promoted to captain; served as a flight instructor at Brooks Field, Texas; graduated from the Air Corps Tactical School and served as an instructor at Langley Field, Va.; and, as the founding member of an aerial acrobatics team – “Three Men on a Flying Trapeze” – performed in air shows across the country.

He retired from the U.S. Army Air Corps at the rank of Captain in April 1937, assumed an advisory position with the Chinese Air Force (CAF) and offered his services to Chinese political and military leader Chiang Kai-shek. From 1937-40, he directed the CAF in its war against Japan. He returned to the United States in late 1940 to procure planes and pilots, and in 1941 the American Volunteer Group (AVG), better known as the “Flying Tigers,” arrived in Burma to undergo training by Chennault. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Chennault’s AVG pilots engaged the Japanese for the first time on Dec. 20, 1941, and scored a major victory against Japanese bombers and fighters over Rangoon on Christmas Day. In less than six months, the Flying Tigers would destroy 299 Japanese planes in the air and another 153 probables.

The Army reinstated Chennault as a Brigadier General in the U.S. Army Air Corps in April 1942. The AVG was disbanded and replaced with the China Air Task Force (CATF) in July, and in March 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt dissolved CATE, creating the China-based Fourteenth Air Force with Major General Chennault at its head. The Fourteenth destroyed more than 2,600 Japanese planes and another 1,500 probables, sank 44 ships, knocked out 600 bridges, and wiped out nearly 67,000 enemy troops before World War II’s end.

General Chennault left China in August 1945 and retired from military service that October. He died in New Orleans on July 27, 1958, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



Dave J. DeFelice, Sr. Colonel, U.S. Army



The late Dave J. DeFelice, Sr., a native of Cut Off and resident of Raceland, attended LSU from 1933-36, earning bachelor's degrees in forestry and education and a master's in education plus 45 hours. He was commissioned through LSU ROTC.

A member of "The Old Guard" 3rd Infantry Division, Col. DeFelice served four years in the European Theatre in World War II as a platoon leader and company commander. He remained in the Army Reserves for 29 years. He completed the U.S. Army Reserve Division course of Army Command and General Staff College and also graduated from C&GS College. He received certificates for the Field Grade Officer Refresher Course from the Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.; the Logistics Management Course at Fort Lee, Va.; and the Industrial College of Armed Forces National Security Seminar.

His military awards include the World War II, Army of Occupation/Germany, European, African, Middle Eastern Campaigns, American Campaign, and Good Conduct medals, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

A career teacher and principal, Col. DeFelice was also CEO of DeFelice Cattle Company and DeFelice Boat Company and a director of Community Bank of Lafourche, Inc.

Colonel DeFelice was a charter member of the Battle of Normandy Foundation and Central Lafourche (now Bayou Region) Chamber of Commerce. An ardent community activist, he was a member of the Grand Marshalls Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Forty and Eight, Knights of Columbus, Raceland Lions Club, Council for Development of French in Louisiana, Italian Society, Oyster Festival Association, Lafourche Parish Teachers Association, Inc., Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, Ducks Unlimited, and the U.S. Army Retired Officers Association.

Colonel DeFelice was named "Citizen of the Year 1991" by the Chamber of Commerce, selected as Grand Marshall of the Raceland Volunteer Firemen District 1, and received the VFW Citation for Meritorious Service to the community.

Colonel DeFelice was a Century Club member and a Traveling Tiger of the LSU Alumni Association, an "Endow an Oak" donor to the LSU Foundation, and a member of the Tiger Athletic Foundation. The DeFelice name appears on bricks at both the Lod Cook Alumni Center and the Mike the Tiger Habitat. He was a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule and was awarded the "Golden Tiger 50th Anniversary Medal for veterans of the Ole War Skule.

Colonel DeFelice died in December 2004. He is survived by his wife, Lolita, and a son.



Huntington B. “Hunt” Downer, Jr. Major General, U.S. Army Reserves



Major General Huntington B. Downer, Jr., assumed duties as Louisiana’s Assistant Adjutant General on Sept. 1, 2001 and was promoted to Major General in January 2007. He serves as the principal assistant to the Adjutant General for all Army National Guard issues. He is also responsible for assisting the Adjutant General in all matters pertaining to the supervision and management of the Louisiana Department of Military Affairs, the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and the State Partnership Program. At the request of the Governor, he has been detailed as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the State of Louisiana, a cabinet-level position.

A native of New Orleans, Gen. Downer attended LSU in 1964, received his bachelor’s degree from Nicholls State College in 1968, and his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University in 1972. He graduated from U.S. Army War College in 1999.

General Downer began his military career as an enlisted soldier, U.S. Army Reserves, in 1968 and received a direct appointment to Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in 1971. He later joined the Louisiana Army National Guard and was commissioned as a First Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General Corps. During Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Gen. Downer was activated with the 256th Infantry Brigade and assigned to the Staff Judge Advocate’s Office, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Polk. During the Southwest Asia Cease Fire Campaign, he participated with the 377th Theater Area Command, United States Army Reserves in an ODT to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Prior to his current assignment, Gen. Downer served as Special Assistant to the Adjutant General responsible for monitoring civil-military relations at the federal, state, and local government levels.

Among his numerous military awards are the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, national Defense Service Medal with bronze service star and Southwest Asia Service Medal among others.

General Downer served 28 years in the Louisiana House of Representatives, serving as Speaker Pro Tempore from 1988-92 and Speaker of the House from 1996-2000. He was also “of counsel” with the law firm of Waitz & Downer until 2003. During his public service career, he received six Legislator of the Year awards and was named Public Official of the Year by *Governing Magazine* in 1997.

General Downer and his wife, Linda, have two children. They reside in Houma.



Terry L. Gabreski

Lieutenant General, U.S. Air Force



Lieutenant General Terry L. Gabreski, a 1973 graduate of LSU and a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule, is Vice Commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. She was commissioned in 1974 as a graduate of Officer Training School. Promoted to Lieutenant General in 2005, she is one of few females to achieve three-star rank and the only female LSU graduate who has achieved this status.

General Gabreski also served as Director of Maintenance for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics at Headquarters U.S. Air Force. She has directed two aircraft maintenance units, served as a squadron maintenance supervisor in three units, commanded three maintenance squadrons and a logistics group, and twice served as a major air command director of logistics. She has served at the Air Staff, Secretary of the Air Force, and Joint Staff levels. During Operation Allied Force in the 1999 air war over Serbia, Gen. Gabreski directed logistics efforts as the A-4 for the air war across the entire theater. Prior to her current position, she was Commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

General Gabreski holds a master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University, is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Executive Program for Senior Officials in National Security, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.; and The General Manager Program, Harvard Business School, Cambridge, Mass. She is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Fellow and holds a master aircraft maintenance badge and a basic parachute rating.

Her awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Recognition Ribbon with oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars, Korea Defense Service Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal.

In 1983, she was named USAF Aircraft Maintenance Company Grade Officer of the Year and in 1999 received the 1999 Eugene M. Zuckert Management Award. She was named to the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction in 1992.



George H. Jones Captain, U.S. Army



Dr. George H. Jones of Baton Rouge earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from LSU in 1942. He was commissioned through LSU ROTC and spent more than three years on active duty and five years in the Army Reserves. After he received his M.D. from LSU Medical School in 1953, he resigned at the rank of Captain.

After training at BOC 79, Dr. Jones was assigned to the 16th Field Artillery Observation Battalion as a Flash Platoon Leader and Battalion Survey Officer. Following breakthrough at Saint-Lô, he took part in the Brittany Campaign, then joined the VIII Corps in the Eiffel Mountains Campaign. After the Battle of the Bulge, he was assigned to form the 523 Forward Operation Base as Battery Commander and served in that position until the surrender of Japan.

His military awards include the European Theater of Operations Service Ribbon with three battle stars, American Campaign Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. Dr. Jones also took top honors in the Battery Officers Course and Sound and Flash School in Fort Sill, Okla.

A consulting engineer before he attended medical school, Dr. Jones developed and installed the Civil Service System for East Baton Rouge Parish and co-founded the American Biotechnological Corporation. He was in the private practice of ophthalmology in Baton Rouge for 37 years.

Dr. Jones has been a member of First Methodist Church for 75 years and regularly taught college-age Sunday school classes, sang in the choir for 50 years, and served on the church's board, as well as on the board of State Social Concerns. An active member of the community, he has been an officer or board member of the Baton Rouge Symphony, Baton Rouge Little Theater, and Community Concert; president of the La-Miss Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Society and the Louisiana Ophthalmology Society; chairman of the Public Policy & Legislation Committee of the State Medical Society; local president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians; international president of Sigma Chi Fraternity and vice president of the National Interfraternity Conference. He is a 62-year member and master of the St. James Masonic Lodge of Baton Rouge.

Dr. Jones served as a track and field official at LSU for a number of years, is a member of the LSU Foundation's 1860 Society and a donor to the School of Music and its opera program. He has served on the College of Basic Sciences Advisory Committee, the LSU Union Board of Directors, and the Sigma Chi House Corporation. He is also a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule.

He is married to the former Klileen Leister, an LSU alumna.



Louis Kent Lancaster

Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)



Colonel Louis Kent Lancaster, a native of Meridian, Miss., graduated from LSU in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in architecture and earned an M.A. from Central Michigan University in 1977. He was commissioned through LSU ROTC, where he was a member of Arnold Air Society, Cadet Colonel, Cadet Group Commander, Commander of Scabbard and Blade and a Distinguished Military Graduate.

Colonel Lancaster retired from active duty in 2005 with 30 years of service. During his career, he was Deputy Command Civil Engineer, HQ Air Education and Training Command (AETC); Group Commander, Civil Engineering Group, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas; Civil Engineering Squadron Commander, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and McChord Air Force Base, Wash.; Chief of Programs, Directorate of The Civil Engineer, HQ Pacific Air Forces, Hickam, Air Force Base, Hawaii; Chief of Engineering and Chief of Operation, Directorate of The Civil Engineer, HQ, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; Senior Civil Engineering Officer, Inspector General, HQ Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; and Base Civil Engineer at five locations around the globe. Other active duty assignments included stints in Germany, Hawaii, Oman, and the Middle East during the Gulf War, as well as Johnston Island.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six Air Force Meritorious Service medals, and two Air Force Commendation medals.

After his retirement, Col. Lancaster joined Booz Allen Hamilton, was promoted to senior associate in October 2006, and is the company's market lead for AETC-civil engineering work.

Colonel Lancaster is a life member of the Air Force Association and the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) and was named SAME Fellow in 2007. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the SAME San Antonio Post and is past vice-president of the Fort Bragg/ Fayetteville and Mt. Tacoma posts. He is a long-time member of Jaycees and served as an officer in the Goldsboro, N.C., and Lexington, Ky., chapters. He is a member of the LSU Alumni Association's San Antonio and Austin chapters and was a charter member and on the first Board of Directors of the North Carolina chapter. Colonel Lancaster is also a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule and Tiger Athletic Foundation and is a contributor to the LSU Foundation.

Colonel Lancaster and his wife, the former Janet Ursery – an LSU alumna – live in San Antonio, where both are active in LSU-related activities. They have two sons, both of whom are LSU alumni.



Denver T. Loupe

U.S. Navy



Denver T. Loupe, a native of Gonzales, received three degrees from LSU – bachelor's and master's degrees in vocational agriculture in 1949 and 1957, respectively, and a Ph.D. in botany and plant pathology in 1961.

He attended Northwestern State University on an athletic scholarship. He volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving 21 months in 1945-46. Following boot camp and service on the training staff at the San Diego Naval Station, he served aboard the destroyer escort *U.S.S. Cross 448* in the Pacific. He was selected to participate in the Officer Training Program at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, but the program was discontinued with the sudden ending of the war in 1945.

Dr. Loupe resumed his college career at Northwestern, but in 1948 transferred to LSU, where he began a 40-year career in education and academic endeavors. He taught vocational agriculture in Ascension Parish and in 1952 joined the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service as an assistant county agent. He transferred to the state staff at LSU and was promoted from assistant to full specialist and was named Plant Science Division Leader in 1972. In 1978, he was named Vice-Chancellor of the LSU Agricultural Center and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service. He retired as Vice-Chancellor Emeritus in 1993.

Dr. Loupe has made distinguished contributions in state, national, and international agriculture in the areas of leadership, membership in honor societies and professional organizations, and in authorship of publications and articles in professional journals. An international authority in sugar cane production, he has been an officer and organizer for the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists meetings since 1961 and for each Congress of the International Society since 1965.

He has served as president of Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society and American Legion Boyd-Ewing Post #58; is a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule, for which he serves as chair of the LSU Military Museum Committee; is a member of the LSU Retired Faculty and Staff Organization; and is an honorary member and past president of Audubon Kiwanis.

Dr. Loupe has been recognized with numerous honors, among them the 1982 4-H Service Award, the 1992 Progressive Farmer's Man of the Year award, and the 1992 Louisiana Agricultural Award for outstanding service to the Louisiana Agricultural Cooperative.

In retirement, he has worked to create the Denver T. Loupe Fellowship and to establish the Denver T. Loupe and ASSCT Joint Professorship.

Dr. Loupe and his wife, Ferne, are the parents of two children and have three grandchildren.



Gilbert M. Slaughter, Sr. Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)



Gilbert M. Slaughter, Sr., a native of Port Hickey and resident of Baker, received his degree from LSU in 1938 and was commissioned through LSU ROTC. One of nine men commissioned in the field artillery, he completed both primary and advanced flying training at LSU from 1938-41.

During his military career, Lt. Col. Slaughter served in key positions as unit commander, executive officer, wing staff liaison officer, adjutant, and personnel officer. He was called to active duty in 1941 with the 8th Division, 36th Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, N.C., and assigned to 14th School Squadron, navigator training. He received his pilot's wings in 1942. Six months later, he was assigned to 52TCW as the wing liaison officer for glider pilots, then to Maxton, N.C., for combat operations training. Assigned to Membury, England, as a combat glider, he took part in a 73-day battle that was perhaps the most savagely fought single action in the history of the U.S. Army's 101st and 82nd airborne divisions. He returned to the States in 1945 and was discharged from active duty. He served as a member of the Reserves from 1945-50 and was a member of the Ready Reserves from 1950-75, when he retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

His military awards include the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal with four bronze stars, European African Middle Eastern Campaign, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Star plus Indian Arrowhead (for landing behind enemy lines), Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, Military Order of William Yellow Lanyard for liberating Holland.

In civilian life, Lt. Col. Slaughter worked for Louisiana Agricultural Supply Company, was in private business in sports apparel, and worked with Anderson and Dunham Concrete and Pipe (now Dolese Brothers).

Instrumental in the creation of the World War II Glider Pilots Association, Lt. Col. Slaughter served as its national chairman, was named Glider Pilot of the Year in 1975, and received the association's Charles Bickett Ellington Memorial Award for outstanding service in 1998. A member of the Lions Club for 62 continuous years, he served two terms as president of the local club and won the Melvin Jones Sellor Award, the group's highest recognition.

Lieutenant Col. Slaughter has been a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule since 1993. In addition, he is a long-time member of the Air Force Association, Maj. Gen. Oris B. Johnson Chapter, Baton Rouge, and in that capacity has been instrumental in supporting the LSU Air Force ROTC, Arnold Air Society, and Silver Wings.



Covert A. Soulé, Jr. Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)



Covert A. Soulé, Jr., a native of New Orleans, graduated from LSU in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. He also holds a master's degree from Webster University, St. Louis, Mo. He was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force through LSU ROTC, in which he served as Squadron First Sergeant and Squadron Executive Officer.

Colonel Soulé served on active duty for 30 years, retiring in 1986. He was a Master Navigator, logging more than 6,700 accident-free flying hours, including 209 combat missions in South Vietnam. During his career, he was a Navigator Flight Instructor; assistant professor of aerospace studies and faculty adviser to LSU AFROTC Arnold Air Society and Angel Flight; Executive Officer; Chief, Requirement Division, Directorate of Manpower & Organization, Military Airlift Command; Director of Manpower & Organization, Military Airlift Command; and Deputy Chief of Staff of Manpower & Organization, Alaskan Air Command.

His awards include the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters, Antarctica Service Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with six oak leaf clusters, National Security Service Medal, Air Force Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

On leaving the military, Colonel Soulé served as associate director, Central United States Earthquake Consortium and district manager of TRW's St. Louis District Office.

Colonel Soulé is a life member of and served on the national Board of Directors of the Military Officers Association of America. In this role, he lobbied Congress for six years for increased military retiree healthcare, an effort which culminated in the passage of the Tri-Care for Life system now in place.

A member of the Air Force Association, he was named a Jimmy Doolittle Fellow by the Aerospace Education Foundation of the association for effort in furthering the group's student scholarship program. He is a member of the American Legion, the LSU Alumni Association, and Cadets of the Ole War Skule.

He and his wife, the former Iris Jean Altrogge, an LSU alumna, reside in O'Fallon, Ill. They have three children and seven grandchildren.



Kenneth Warren Tipton

Captain, U.S. Air Force



Kenneth Warren Tipton, a native of Belleville, Ill., earned a B.S. in 1955 and an M.S. in 1959 from LSU and a Ph.D. in 1969 from Mississippi State University. He was commissioned in 1955 as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

He reported for duty at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and later was in 3605th Navigation training at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas, before earning his Navigation Wings in 1956. He served three years on active duty during the Cold War, as Navigator with 2nd Air Force, Strategic Air Command, 301st Bomb Wing, 376th Aerial Refueling Squadron and logged 548 flying hours in KC-97G tankers at Barksdale Air Force Base, Shreveport; Ramsey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico; Ben Guirer Air Base, Morocco; North Africa; and Iceland. He retired in 1962 as Captain.

Dr. Tipton began his LSU career as a teaching graduate assistant in agronomy, moving up the ranks to assistant, associate, and full professor. He served as superintendent of the LSU Agriculture Experiment Station-Red River and as associate director and director of the LSU Agriculture Experiment Station, and retired as Vice Chancellor for Research, LSU AgCenter, and director of the Louisiana Agriculture Experiment Station.

He served as a member, chairman, and officer of many academic and professional societies during his career, among them the American Society of Agronomy, Louisiana Association of Agronomists, Crop Science Society of America, and Council for Agriculture Science and Technology. Dr. Tipton authored numerous articles for publication in professional journals and directed several M.S. and Ph.D. theses and dissertations. He represented the LSU AgCenter at local, state, and national levels.

A leader in community, church, and youth activities, he has served as a Sunday School teacher for youth and college departments and as deacon at University Baptist Church and at Broadmoor Baptist in Shreveport. He has coached American Legion baseball teams and served as scout master for Boys Scouts of America.

Dr. Tipton is a member of the Board of Directors of Cadets of the Ole War Skule and organizes the group's annual "Welcome Back BBQ" for ROTC cadets and cadre. He is also a member of the LSU Alumni Association and LSU Foundation. The Tipton Team Research Award, created in honor of his service to the Louisiana Agriculture Experiment Station, is presented annually at the group's annual conference. He received the 2002 College of Agriculture Outstanding Alumni Award and was a Golden Tiger 2005.

He and his wife, Barbara, reside in Baton Rouge. They have two children and four grandchildren.



Walter Scott White

Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.)



Walter Scott White, a Baton Rouge native, earned a bachelor's degree in 1957 and a master's degree in 1960 from LSU. He was commissioned through LSU ROTC in 1956 in the U.S. Army.

Colonel White entered active duty in 1960 at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. He was Company Commander, Training Company A, at Fort Gordon, Ga., and graduated from Microwave School and was commissioned as a Regular Army Officer in 1961. He was parachute and ranger qualified over the next year. He commanded the 362nd Signal Troop Company to Vietnam and served in Company Command Headquarters. After completing the signal Career Course in 1963, he was assigned to 7th Special Forces Group, Airborne, Fort Bragg, N.C. and commanded a Special Forces team in the Dominican Republic. That was followed by a second tour in Vietnam as a member of the 5th Special Forces Group, where he advised the Viet Ranger Company.

In 1967, he was assigned to 8th Special Forces Group, Panama, and was a member of the team that captured Che Guevara in Bolivia. He completed Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in 1969, and in 1972 was assigned as Commander of a Joint Communications Unit of NATO in Naples, Italy. From 1975-79, Col. White served as Troop Commander at Fort Richie, Md., then commanded the Joint Communications Support Element at MacDill Air Force Base. He was one of the commanders whose unit supported the raid into Iran to free the embassy hostages. In 1981, he was assigned as Operations Officer for communications in Korea.

His awards include three Legions of Merit, two Crosses of Gallantry Vietnamese, three Air Medals, two Bronze Stars, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Presidential Unit Citations, Combat Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, master parachutists Badge, and Jungle Expert Badge.

After his retirement from active duty in 1983, Col. White joined Electronic Data Systems, serving as senior manager for voice and data operations for General Motors throughout the United States and Europe.

Colonel White is a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule and the LSU Alumni Association and a contributor to the LSU Foundation.

He and his wife, Ladye, also an LSU alum, live in St. Francisville. They have two sons, both of whom serve in the armed forces reserves.





LSU MILITARY ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

THE HERITAGE

Louisiana State University boasts a long, proud history of educating leaders for the state, the nation, and the world. Among its alumni are CEOs of business, industry, government, and education; celebrated artists and distinguished politicians; religious leaders and prominent philanthropists.

LSU alumni are also counted among chief military leaders in the United States armed forces and are some of the country's most highly decorated heroes – a proud reflection of the University's military heritage that began in 1860. A great many of these men and women were members of the LSU Corps of Cadets. It was here they became part of the "long purple line," perpetuating LSU's military traditions.

THE TRIBUTE

The University wants to honor its military heroes and the men and women in the country's armed services – yesterday's, today's, and tomorrow's – and toward this end, has embarked upon a capital campaign to renovate and restore Memorial Tower to its original purpose by creating the LSU Military Museum.

The museum will be the repository for artifacts and memorabilia reflecting the University's rich military history and heritage. Its hallowed halls will offer a nostalgic stroll through University military history and will showcase the contributions of LSU men and women and who have served and are serving their country in the armed forces.

The Military Museum will augment and complement LSU's other military memorials: The War Memorial – honoring students, faculty, staff, and alumni killed or reported missing in action during World War II and subsequent military conflicts; Memorial Oak Grove – remembering the 30 LSU students and alumni who lost their lives in World War I; and the T-33 Jet – a memorial for all LSU graduates who have died in the defense of our nation during the "jet age."

LSU invites you to be part of restoring the glory of Memorial Tower. Prestigious naming opportunities for galleries and rooms and sponsorships of permanent and temporary exhibitions in the LSU Military Museum are available. For information, contact: The Military Endowment Campaign, Memorial Tower, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Telephone: 225-578-0420; e-mail: cadets@lsu.edu



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