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James E. Boutté

Colonel, Louisiana Army National Guard



Colonel James E. Boutté, a New Iberia native, graduated from LSU in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in industrial technology. He served four years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and is currently serving his 31st year in the Louisiana Army National Guard.

He was a squad NCO while on active duty and received his commission through Louisiana National Guard Officer Candidate School, from which he graduated with distinction. He is also a graduate of the Army Engineer School and Command and General Staff School and received a master's degree in strategic studies from the Army War College. His National Guard assignments have included platoon leader, company commander, and battalion commander, and he is currently J-2 intelligence staff officer for the Louisiana National Guard State Headquarters.

Colonel Boutté was deployed to Afghanistan in 2002 as the commander of engineer forces and deployed in support of hurricane operations during Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

For his accomplishments, Col. Boutté has received the Louisiana Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award, among other honors. He has also earned several LAARNG Outstanding Company Commander and Outstanding Unit citations.

A 28-year employee of ExxonMobil, Col. Boutté is a senior engineer technician involved in the planning, construction, and supervision of numerous refining projects across the country. He holds national certification and membership in the American Welding Society and the American Petroleum Institution.

Colonel Boutté is an active member of the National Guard Officer Association, is an honorable member of the Military Order of World Wars, serves on the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Parish Council, volunteers with the Big Buddy Program and ExxonMobil EXCITE, is a team leader for ExxonMobil School Ambassadors, and coaches youth athletic teams. He is also a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule and the LSU Alumni Association.

Colonel Boutté and his wife, Joannette – a former Lady Tiger basketball and volleyball player and LSU alumna – live in Port Allen with their two children, Jazmin and Joshua.



Alex Box

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army



Simeon Alexander Box of Quitman, Miss., arrived at LSU in 1938. He played football and baseball, served as vice president of the junior class in engineering, and was a member of several professional societies. Box pursued advanced ROTC studies in the engineering regiment and earned his petroleum engineering degree in 1942.

A popular figure on campus, he met and developed a close relationship with Earle Hubert of Plaquemine, a member of Delta Zeta sorority. They had an understanding that she would complete her elementary education degree while he was serving in the military then later marry. World War II changed those plans.

After being commissioned in the U.S. Army, Lt. Box made short stops at camps in Florida and Pennsylvania and went on to England in August, 1942. He was posted to the 1st Infantry Division, known as the "Big Red One", in North Africa. A tank commander, he displayed heroism on November 9, 1942, when he risked his life in helping destroy six enemy machine gun nests and an artillery emplacement near Arcole, Algeria. His bravery earned him the Distinguished Service Cross.

Two months later, during a fierce battle in Tunisia, Lt. Box's tank was shredded by a German mine. He was killed instantly on February 19, 1943, at the age of 22.

On the LSU campus, there was a spontaneous movement that spring to commemorate his sacrifice in some tangible way. At its May 28, 1943 meeting, the LSU Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to name the baseball stadium for Box. That was considered such an unusual decision that the student newspaper, *The Daily Reveille*, observed, "For the first time in the school's history, the service and memory of the military hero came to be esteemed so highly that a structure on the campus was named in his honor."



Richard E. Gerard

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army



The late Richard E. Gerard, a native of New Orleans, was a 1936 graduate of the LSU Law School. A campus leader, he served as president of his senior law class and as secretary/treasurer of the freshman class. He was a member of numerous honorary organizations, among them Order of the Coif, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Phi Sigma Alpha. Commissioned through LSU ROTC, he was 1st Sgt. of Company L, regimental adjutant, and captain.

During World War II, Maj. Gerard served with the 82nd Airborne Division, Commander 1st Battalion, 325th Glider Infantry. He participated in campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Holland, Ardennes, and the last campaign in the Rhineland – the liberation of a concentration camp at Wöbbelin. “Major Richard E. Gerard, a jumper from Lake Charles, La., was transferred from the Division G-3 Section to command the 1st Battalion. Gerard, an exceptionally fine staff officer, could now show his leadership in a command position.”*

He was awarded two Silver Stars (Italy and Battle of the Bulge) and two Purple Hearts.

An attorney with Liskow and Lewis in Lake Charles, Mr. Gerard was a past president of the Louisiana Bar Association, the Matrimonial Regimes Committee, and the committee to revise the state’s succession and donation laws. He also chaired the state judiciary committee presiding over conduct of state judges. Appointed to the council named to enact a mineral code for Louisiana, he was “responsible for many property concepts to oil and gas production. This body of law was eventually codified into the Louisiana Mineral Code . . . talk to the old timers in the Louisiana and gas industry and they’ll tell you that much of the legal handiwork can be traced to Dick Gerard.” **

Mr. Gerard was an avid reader, amateur woodworker, and enthusiastic sportsman. He supported Campanile Charities and LSU’s scholarship fund. He and his wife, Carol Malloy, had four children, all of whom graduated from LSU, and six grandchildren.

*Wayne Pierce, *Let’s Go*, Professional Press, Chapel Hill, 1997

** Michael Veron, *Shell Game: One Family’s Long Battle Against Big Oil*, Lyons Press, 2007



Judge John T. Hood, Jr.

Major, U.S. Army



Judge John T. Hood, Jr., was born in Hazelhurst, Miss., and arrived at LSU in 1928, earning his bachelor's degree in 1931 and his Juris Doctor in 1933. He completed ROTC at LSU in 1931, serving as both Commandant of the Corps of Cadets *and* Captain of the LSU Band. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve Corps that same year.

Judge Hood was called to active duty in July 1942 and commissioned as a First Lieutenant. During his career, he served as Judge Advocate at the New Orleans Port of Embarkation, Northeast Sector of East Coast Defense Command, East Cost Processing Center, and Africa-Middle East Theater of Operation. He returned to the United States and was discharged from active duty in June 1946 as a Major.

His decorations include the European-African-Middle East Campaign, American Campaign, and Victory medals, as well as the Legion of Merit.

Judge Hood retired as Chief Judge of the Third Circuit court of appeals in 1978, after 32 years on the bench, serving 14 years on the 14th Judicial District Court and 18 years on the Third Circuit. Highlights of his career include leadership roles with the Louisiana District Judges Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, and Louisiana Conference Court of Appeal Judges; membership on the Judicial Council of Louisiana Supreme Court and in the Appellate Judges Conference, American Judicature Society, and Institute of Judicial Administration and Scribes; and visiting professor of law, LSU Law School.

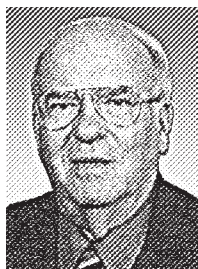
Active in numerous professional, civic, and religious organizations in Lake Charles and throughout the state, Judge Hood served as president of the LSU Alumni Federation (now Association) and president of the LSU Law School Alumni Federation. Among his many awards are the Presidential Citation, Kiwanis International, 1969; Civic Service Award of the Greater Lake Charles Chamber of Commerce, 1970; Legion of Honor, Order of Demolay, 1973; and Outstanding Public Servant Award, Calcasieu Council 1207 Knight of Columbus, 1974.

Judge Hood and his wife, Alvina Ruth Good, reared their children, Susan and John, in Lake Charles, where he died on March 20, 1980, at the age of 70.



Gary Garcia Kelly

Major, U.S. Air Force



The late Gary Garcia Kelly, a New Orleans native, earned a bachelor's degree in geography in 1955 from LSU. He completed all academic work for his Ph.D., lacking only the dissertation. He was commissioned through LSU ROTC and served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years.

Major Kelly's assignments included flying missions in Europe, South Asia, North Africa, and Cold War crisis missions in Lebanon and the Belgian Congo. He served as aircrew flight and squadron lead navigator, then, selected for the Air Force Institute of Technology, he earned a master's degree in geodesy at Ohio State University and served as Geodetic Survey Detachment commander. Other service included Cartographic and Geodetic Survey Service plans officer, aerial survey team manager, and lead navigator on multiple worldwide deployments. As master navigator for the 2nd Aerial Cartographic and Geodetic Squadron, he completed his career in the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron with the "Hurricane Hunters."

His awards include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, USAF Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, and Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars and Missile Badge, among others.

Following his retirement in 1976, Major Kelly joined the LSU geography/anthropology and civil/environmental engineering faculties, teaching the first Global Positioning Satellite courses at the University, introducing photo interpretation, and establishing the surveying minor curriculum. He was an active member of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and received the Distinguished Service Award for the Advancement of Spatial Analysis in Louisiana, a lifetime achievement award from Louisiana Remote Sensing and Geo Info Systems Workshop, the first given posthumously.

An enthusiastic volunteer, Maj. Kelly served his community generously through University and Highland Presbyterian churches and related religious organizations, and through Kiwanis. He was also active with the LSU Alumni Association, Cadets of the Ole War Skule, Boyd Ewing American Legion Post, and was a member of the Faculty Club Board of Directors.

Major Kelly and his wife, the former Joan Lee, a member of the LSU English faculty, had two children and four grandchildren.



James R. McCall

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.)



James R. McCall, a native of Ft. Benning, Ga., attended LSU from 1964-67, taking second year Army ROTC in 1966. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (University of Louisiana at Lafayette), earned in 1973.

LTC McCall enlisted in 1963 and was commissioned through the Louisiana Army National Guard Officer Candidate School. His service included Special Forces NCO 20th SFG; Platoon Leader/XO A/3/10 5th Mechanized Infantry Division; Combat Platoon Leader (D/2/506 PIR 101st Airborne Division); Company Commander, HHC 2/506 PIR 101st Airborne Division and HHC 3rd Brigade, Ft. Polk; Special Forces A-team Leader, C D 20th SFG; 256 Infantry Brigade Intelligence Officer; and Battalion Commander, 222nd Engineer Battalion and 205th Engineer Battalion.

His military awards include the Silver Star; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star with V device and Oak Leaf Cluster; Purple Heart; Air Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Commendation, Army Achievement, Humanitarian Service, and Vietnamese Humanitarian Service medals.

In civilian life, LTC McCall was counterdrug coordinator with the Louisiana National Guard; analytical supervisor-narcotics, Louisiana State Police; Citizens Corps manager, Homeland Security; Youth Challenge Program director, Louisiana National Guard; and operations manager at the Gillis Long Center.

His service in numerous community service capacities including the Emergency Operations Center during hurricanes Andrew and Katrina, the Southwest Regional Center for Drug Free Schools and Communities, Baton Rouge Community Partnership Coalition, Baton Rouge Anti-Drug Task Force and Louisiana Narcotics Officers Association, has garnered LTC McCall numerous awards for "outstanding contributions in the field of drug law enforcement." Under his direction of the Youth Challenge Program, more than 1,200 at-risk youth graduated from the school.

LTC McCall and his wife, the former Judith Sullivan, are the parents of two daughters and have four grandchildren.



Weldon C. McHugh

Colonel, U.S. Army



The late COL Weldon C. McHugh, a Zachary native, earned a bachelor's degree in geology from LSU in 1943. He entered the armed services that same year, completed Armored Officer Candidate School at Ft. Knox, Ky., and was assigned to the 10th Armored Division.

Career highlights include assignment as replacement officer, Oran, North Africa; platoon leader, 1st Armored; promotion to First Lieutenant in 1944; promotion to Captain and company commander and occupation duty in Germany, 1945; promotion to Major, 1947; assignment as Ordnance Supply Officer 4009 USAG in 1949; as Ordnance Officer 4009 USAG in 1960; and as Post Ordnance Officer, Ft. Polk, during the Berlin Crisis in 1961. He joined the U.S. Army Reserve in 1960 and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, then to Colonel in 1967. He retired from military service in 1981.

Colonel McHugh's military honors include the Bronze Star, European African Middle Eastern Campaign, Army of Occupation (Germany), World War II Victory, and Army Commendation medals, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Following his retirement, COL McHugh worked in the Motor Fuel Laboratory at LSU; Humble Oil & Refining Co.; J.W. McHugh & Son, Zachary; Gordon Baker Real Estate, Alexandria; and Devoe & Reynolds Paint, a division of Celanese Coatings Co.

He was a member of the Reserve Officers Association, Rotary Club, and the LSU Alumni Association. In a generous act of community service, COL McHugh and his sister, B.C. McHugh Collins in 1973 donated to the people of Zachary, the home that their parents acquired in 1919. Today, the residence is known as the McHugh House Museum & Cultural Center in Zachary Historic Village. The McHugh family also donated a chandelier to the LSU Anglo-American Art Museum (LSU Museum of Art).

Colonel McHugh and his wife, the late Margaret Lemmon, had three children, all of whom graduated from LSU, and nine grandchildren.



Ralph J. Melancon

Brigadier General, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)



Ralph J. Melancon, a native of Thibodaux, attended Nicholls Junior College (Nicholls State University) and earned his bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from LSU in 1955. While on campus, he held leadership positions in numerous social and honorary organizations and was a member of Scabbard & Blade while participating in Air Force ROTC, through which he was commissioned. He undertook pilot training in 1956 and graduated from Advanced Fighter-Interceptor School in 1957 and the Institute of Technology Base Civil Engineering School in 1963. He received a Juris Doctor from Loyola University in 1972.

Brigadier General Melancon retired in 1992, after more than 37 years of active duty and reserve service with the U.S. Air Force and the Louisiana Air National Guard. For more than five years prior to his retirement, he served as Assistant Adjutant General for Air and Commander of the Louisiana Air National Guard.

His military honors include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Air Force Combat Readiness Medal, among others. While assigned as Assistant Adjutant General, Air, all major units received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and his headquarters received the Air Force Distinguished Unit Award three times in a six-year period.

In his civilian service, Brig. Gen. Melancon joined the Department of the Interior Minerals Management Service as a regional supervisor of the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) region. He retired from federal service in 1995 and has since worked as an attorney and as an OCS oil and gas consultant.

Active in many military, professional, and civic groups, Brig. Gen. Melancon serves on the Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Fire Protection District No. 1 and as president of the Pastoral Council for St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. He is a lifetime member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule and the LSU Alumni Association.

Brigadier General Melancon and his wife, Marie Louise, reside in Raceland. They are the parents of one son, Ralph, Jr., and have a granddaughter, Maygan.



Frank Morat O'Quinn

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.)



Frank Morat O'Quinn, a native of Colfax, received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from LSU in 1950 and a master's in civil engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1965. A member of Scabbard and Blade, a Cadet Captain Company Commander, and a Distinguished Military Graduate, he was commissioned through LSU ROTC.

Lieutenant Colonel O'Quinn served 20 years 23 days active duty in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His first assignments in 1950 were in Guam and Korea, where he took part in six counteroffensives. Over the next two decades he served in supervisory positions in design, construction, and facilities maintenance and management in Florida, the Bahamas, Virginia, France, Louisiana, Thailand, New York, Kentucky, Germany, and Vietnam. He participated in the Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase IV and in the Tet Counteroffensive. He returned to the states in 1970, assigned as post engineering, Ft. Polk, retiring there March 31, 1970.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Korean Service Medal with six battle stars; Vietnam Service Medal; U. N. Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Following military retirement, LTC O'Quinn worked for South Central Bell in engineering and construction planning for 10 years and as an assistant professor in LSU's Department of Construction for 17 years. He is a Registered Professional Engineer (Mechanical), holding membership in the Louisiana Engineering Society.

He is also a member of the Retired Officers Association, Military Order of the World Wars, Knights of Columbus Council 9692, Baton Rouge Historical and Genealogical Society, LSU Retirees Club and Cadets of the Ole War Skule. Active in the community, he volunteers with St. Jude Church, Retarded Citizens Fund Drive, and other organizations.

Lieutenant Colonel O'Quinn and his wife, Jackie, also an LSU graduate, reside in Baton Rouge. They are the parents of eight children.



Alfred William Platte, Jr. **First Lieutenant, U.S. Army**



Alfred William Platte, Jr., a native of Vicksburg, Miss., graduated from LSU in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He was a member of the LSU Cadet and Marching bands, Scabbard & Blade, a First Lieutenant in the Cadet Corps, and a Distinguished Military Cadet. He was commissioned through LSU ROTC and served five years on active duty in the U.S. Army and two years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

During World War II, he served in the Combat Engineering Battalion in the European Theatre with the 99th Infantry Division, also known as the Checkerboard Division. In the Korean War, he served as an instructor in combined arms at Ft. Sill, Okla., and as a tactical officer and records officer in the Officer Candidate School at the company/battalion level.

Among Platte's military awards are the Good Conduct, Victory, American Defense, and North African-European Theatre medals. He was also a member of the 99th Infantry Division with three battle stars and the presidential Unit Citation.

In addition to his private CPA practice, Mr. Platte was also an accountant for the East Baton Rouge Parish Airport Commission, chief accountant for WAFB-TV, and assistant treasurer of Audubon Insurance Co. During his career, he served as treasurer, secretary, vice president, and president of the Baton Rouge Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Platte served as treasurer, deacon, trustee scout master, and assistant scout master at University Baptist, as treasurer of the Baton Rouge Camellia Society, and was a member and sergeant-at-arms of the Philemon Thomas Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution. He is a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule and member and contributor of military uniforms to the LSU Textile and Costume Museum. With his wife, he sponsored the establishment of the Col. James R. Nicholson Army ROTC Award for Excellence in Mathematics.

Mr. Platte is married to Frankie Broome, an LSU alumna who was a "Little Colonel" in 1947. Their son, daughter, and grandson are all LSU graduates.



Debra Conrad Rondem

Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.)



Debra Conrad Rondem, a Lafayette native, attended LSU from 1969-72, where she served as president and resident assistant of Evangeline Hall and was named outstanding pledge of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She earned B.A. and M.Ed. degrees from Houston State University and post-graduate certificates in counseling and education leadership from the University of Georgia. She is also a graduate of Adjutant General Officer Basic and Advanced courses,

Following two years of outstanding enlisted service, she was directly commissioned in 1977 and retired at the rank of Colonel in 2007. During her career, she served as area office manager, Selective Service System (SSS) in Houston, Texas, and Marietta, Ga., and commander, SSS, Smyrna, Ga., with oversight for a unit of officers from all of the services, as well as civilian volunteers.

Colonel Rondem's military honors include the Legion of Merit; Selective Service Meritorious Award with Silver Medal; Meritorious Service, Joint Service Commendation, Army Commendation, Army Achievement, National Defense Service, and Armed Forces Reserve medals, and Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, among other awards.

Colonel Rondem resides in Alpharetta, Ga., and is civilian head of the Selective Service for the state. Since her retirement from the military, she has served as director of student support services for the Forsyth County Board of Education. She was named Counselor Supervisor of the Year by the Georgia School Counselor Association in 2007; has served as president of the Georgia Association of Counselors, Educators, and Supervisors; on the advisory board of the Student Assistance Program Association; and as member and conference chair of the Student Support Team Association of Georgia Educators.

She is active in community affairs and has leadership roles with the Executive Women International Scholarship and Investment Committee, Family Haven Women's Shelter, Northeast Georgia Hospital, and Forsyth Council on Youth. She received the Jeff Townsend Award from the Georgia Council on Child Abuse.

Colonel Rondem is a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule and Tiger Athletic Foundation and takes part in LSU alumni functions in Atlanta. She and her husband, Ronnie, have one son, Christopher, a student at the University of Georgia.



John T. Shelton, Jr.
Captain, U.S. Army



John T. Shelton, Jr. of Houston, received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from LSU in 1953 and earned a Juris Doctor degree from South Texas College of Law in 1975. While at LSU, he served as president of Kappa Sigma fraternity and was a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers student chapter. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army through LSU ROTC and served on active duty from 1954-56.

A graduate of Basic Ordnance Officer Course at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, he was company commander of the 518th Ordnance Direct Support company during the 1955 Louisiana Sagebrush Armored Maneuvers. He was assigned to the 75th Maneuver Area Command, Houston and also served as an instructor in the Houston Reserve Ordnance Unit.

Mr. Shelton was vice chairman, executive vice president, director, and chief operations officer of Texas Olefins Company and its petrochemical subsidiary, Texas Petrochemical Corporation in Houston prior to his retirement. He joined Texas Olefins Company in 1983 after serving as general manager of Arco Chemical Company's Lyondell Petrochemical Complex and vice president of manufacturing for an Arco Chemical Joint Venture company, Oxirane Chemical Company.

A charter member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule, Mr. Shelton is also a member of the LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors and is a past member of the Tiger Athletic Foundation Board of Directors. He currently serves on the Cook Hotel Board of Directors, is past chair of the association's finance and nomination committees and was its representative on the LSU Athletic Council.

Mr. Shelton was named LSU's Alumnus of the Year in 1994, received the LSU Foundation's President's Award in 1992, and was selected for the Tiger Athletic Foundation's Hall of Distinction in 2005.

Mr. Shelton and his wife, Rose Ann, are the parents of three children, Sharon Shelton of Los Angeles, Shirley Meredith of Houston, and Tom Shelton of Austin.



Frank P. Simoneaux
Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.)



Frank P. Simoneaux, a native of Napoleonville and resident of Baton Rouge, attended LSU from 1954-56 and 1958-61, earning bachelor's and Juris Doctor degrees. In LSU ROTC, he was named Outstanding Cadet, was elected captain of Scabbard & Blade and served as Cadet Colonel and Regimental Commander. He was commissioned through LSU ROTC in 1956 as a Second Lieutenant, Artillery and U.S. Army Reserve.

He served on active duty for two years, assigned first to Ft. Bliss, Texas, then to 4013 ARSU, U.S. Army Garrison in Baton Rouge. He transferred from Artillery to Judge Advocate General Corps in 1961 and was recalled to active duty as Assistant Judge Advocate with the 4013 to Ft. Polk, La., during the Berlin Crisis. Subsequent assignments included attachments to the 4157 ARSU Baton Rouge School USAR; 215th JAG Detachment, New Orleans; and 31st JAG Detachment, Baton Rouge. He transferred to the Louisiana Army and Air National Guard in 1972 and separated from the Louisiana Army National Guard at the rank of Colonel in 1986.

His military awards include the Army Meritorious Service, Army National Guard Service, Army National Guard Achievement, Armed Forces Reserve, and Army Reserve CA medals, and Army Service Ribbon.

As an attorney, COL Simoneaux served as first vice president of the Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute; a member of the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute; American Arbitration Association; and American Judicature Society. He served in the Louisiana House of Representatives from 1972-82, including a two year-term as Speaker Pro Tempore; as Secretary of Natural Resources from 1982-84; chair of the Louisiana Environmental Control Commission and Louisiana Resource Recovery and Development Authority; and as a member of the Louisiana State Mineral Board.

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



Robert Roy Taylor, Jr. Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.)



Robert Roy Taylor, Jr., a Baton Rouge native, attended LSU for one quarter before enlisting in the Navy. A veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, he served in the Pacific Theater aboard the *U.S.S. Harcourt* as Quartermaster and at war's end participated in the Occupation of Japan. When discharged in 1946, he returned to LSU, served in ROTC, and was a member of Scabbard and Blade. Upon graduating in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in history, he was awarded the Distinguished Military Student Badge and a commission as Second Lieutenant Infantry in the Army Reserves.

At the outbreak of the Korean War, he was called to active duty with a Regular Army Commission in the Cavalry branch (later Armored Cavalry). A short duty in 2nd Armored Division was followed by orders to 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, where he served as a Tank Platoon Leader in 72nd Battalion in 1950-51, participating in the battles of Kunu-Ri and Heartbreak Ridge. Subsequent assignments included tours in Germany and an instructorship with LSU ROTC from 1958-61. In 1964 he transferred to the intelligence branch, and his final duty station was as Assistant G-2, US Army Pacific, Ft. Shafter, Hawaii where he retired in 1971.

His military awards include the Bronze Star with "V" Device (Korea), Bronze Star (Vietnam), Meritorious Service, Asiatic Pacific Campaign, American Campaign, WWII Victory, two National Defense Service, Occupation Service Japan, Occupation Service Germany, Korean Service, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, United Nations Korean Service, and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Service medals.

Lieutenant Colonel Taylor has devoted his post-military career to family and volunteer activities in Gulf Breeze, Fla. Active with the city's Development and Park Advisory board, he served as board member and chairman and was responsible for development of major park facilities. He is also an enthusiastic supporter of local veterans' organizations (VFW, MOAA) and volunteered with the local Red Cross for ten years, assisting active duty and reserve service personnel and their dependents aboard the Navy Hospital, Pensacola. He is a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule and the LSU Alumni Association Panhandle Bayou Bengals (Pensacola).

Lieutenant Colonel Taylor and his wife, the former Ella May (Pat) Fillastre, an LSU alumna, have three children: Patricia G. Taylor of Austin, Texas; Tracy L. Taylor of Mission Viejo, Calif.; and CMDR (USCGR) Troy S. Taylor of Memphis, Tenn.; and two grandchildren, Alexandra and Nikolas Taylor of Memphis.



William H. Waters

Colonel, U.S. Army and Louisiana Army National Guard



Colonel William H. Waters, a native of Starkville, Miss., earned master's and doctoral degrees from LSU in 1967 and 1971, respectively, after receiving a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University in 1954, where he was commissioned. At LSU, he was a member of Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta honorary agriculture societies, as well as Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa academic/leadership societies.

He served 32 years and nine months in the commissioned service, on active duty in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1954-57 and in the Louisiana Army National Guard. He joined the Guard in 1959 and served 13 years with the 204th Special Forces. He commanded the Baton Rouge unit, the 223rd Engineer Battalion, the 769th Engineer Battalion, and was executive officer for the 225th. Assigned to the Adjutant General's staff for four years, he served as state director of personnel, administration logistics, and services. In 1984, he assumed command of the 204th area support unit at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, and retired in 1987.

Colonel Waters' awards include two Legion of Merit awards, two Army Commendation medals, Meritorious Service Medal, two Armed Forces Reserve medals, two ARCAM medals, three Louisiana Commendation medals, four Louisiana Longevity medals, seven Louisiana Emergency Service medals and Special Forces Tab, among others.

A member of the LSU Dairy Science faculty from 1959-71, COL Waters was a dairy specialist and project leader from 1971-79. He joined the LSU AgCenter in 1979 as animal science division leader and livestock show manager and served as associate director of Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service from 1989-94.

Active in community affairs, COL Waters has taken leadership roles in Capital City Kiwanis, Louisiana Future Farmers of America, LSU Wesley Foundation, Baton Rouge Area Military Officers Association of America, Zachary United Methodist Church, and Cadets of the Ole War Skule.

Colonel Waters and his wife, Geneva, are the parents of five daughters and a son and have nine grandchildren. They reside in Zachary.



Dalton J. Woods

Major, U.S. Army



The late Dalton J. Woods of Shreveport received a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering in 1941 and a master's degree in geology in 1948, both from LSU. He was Cadet Lieutenant Colonel in ROTC and received the Corps Scholastic Award. Between degrees, he served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, attaining the rank of Major.

A highly successful independent oil operator, Mr. Woods formed and served as CEO of Dalwood Corporation and Woods Operating Company until his death in October 2001. He spent 53 years of his life in the oil industry, including 34 years as an independent producer and wildcatter in Louisiana and five other states. He also contributed to his profession through publications on fractured chalk reservoirs and on the Smackover Formation and served on the National Petroleum Council, the Shreveport Geological Society, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the U.S. Industrial Council, and the State Board of Commerce and Industry.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Woods was founding director of the Trinity Heights Christian Academy, founding president of Northwood High School PTA; and a member of the Shreveport Club. He also generously gave his time, talent, and financial resources to LSU. He was a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors, past chair of the LSU Foundation in Shreveport, recipient of the LSU Foundation President's Award for Lifetime Support at the Benefactor Level, and LSU Alumnus of the Year for 2000.

The Woods family's generosity is evident in projects across campus – the LSU War Memorial, the Lod & Carole Cook Conference Center, the Jack and Priscilla Andonie Museum, the Dalton J. Woods Auditorium in the Energy Coat & Environment Building, just to name a few.

Mr. Woods and his wife, Sugar, had two children, Michael and Mary, both of whom graduated from LSU and who, with their mother, continue the Woods family tradition of giving through service and support of the University.



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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