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## Ralph Thompson Brown

### Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army



The late Ralph Thompson Brown, a native of Port Sulphur, La., entered LSU in 1933 on a working scholarship – caring for cattle in return for tuition, books, and a room in the cattle barn – and tutored students in chemistry to earn food and spending money. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural education in 1937 and a master's degree in horticulture in 1938 and was commissioned through LSU ROTC.

Brown entered active duty as a Second Lieutenant in 1942 and ended his military career as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves in 1962. During World War II, he saw combat in the European, African, and Middle Eastern theaters. He was not a person to talk about his accomplishments, and his family did not understand the significance of his awards until after his death when they received copies of memoirs that recalled his actions – *Ugly Duckling, History of the 94th Infantry Division in World War II*, and *Patton's Ghost Corps*.

For his leadership and bravery, Brown received the Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Theater Service Medal, and Combat Infantryman Badge. He was one of eight recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross in the 94th Infantry, which consisted of more than 40,000 men.

After the war, Brown returned to his job with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Cairo, Ga., and in 1949 accepted a position as superintendent – and the first employee – of the LSU Plaquemines Parish Experiment Station, now the LSU Citrus Research Station. He retired as full professor in 1978. Brown's research helped develop new varieties of the Satsuma, one being the La 4-40, which LSU named for him. Called the Brown Select, it is one of the mainstays of the Louisiana citrus industry.

Brown was active with the Plaquemines Parish Lions Club, serving in numerous offices and active with the club's eyeglass program and special needs camp. He was named Lion of the Year in 1966, 1974-75, and 1988-89.

The LSU Alumni Association awarded Brown the Leadership Legion award from 1982-1991, and upon his death, family and friends established the Ralph Brown Endowed Scholarship in the College of Agriculture. Five of his children and five of his grandchildren have degrees from LSU and two grandchildren and a great-grandchild are currently enrolled in the University.



## Lane Anderson Carson

### First Lieutenant, U.S. Army



Lane Carson, of Covington, La., graduated from LSU in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in business and public administration. While at the University, he held a student government office in the business college and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He holds a law degree from Tulane Law School.

Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through LSU Army ROTC, he graduated from Infantry Officer Basic School in Fort Benning, Ga., was a Basic Combat Training Officer in Fort Lewis, Wash., and was assigned to the 5th Mechanized Infantry Division at Khe Sahn, South Vietnam. He was wounded while leading his platoon during Lam Son 719 (Dewey Canyon II).

His military awards include the Purple Heart, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

The first Vietnam War veteran elected to the Louisiana Legislature, Carson served from 1976 to 1982 in the House of Representatives, representing New Orleans. He served on the House and Governmental, Civil Law and Health and Welfare committees and the Veterans and Elderly sub-committees. In 1982, Carson was named assistant secretary at the Louisiana Department of Health & Human Resources and later began work as an assistant district attorney in St. Tammany Parish, where he has served as the Chief of the Civil Division, 22nd Judicial District Court, for more than 20 years.

In 2001, he was appointed to the Louisiana Veterans Affairs Commission representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was appointed Secretary of Veterans Affairs by Gov. Bobby Jindal in 2007.

Carson also previously served on the Veterans Administration's Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans. President Ronald Reagan later appointed Carson to serve on the Architectural and Transportation Barrier's Compliance Board. In 2003, Carson was appointed by President Bush to serve on the National Institute of Building Sciences.

Carson and his wife, Laura, a 1967 LSU alumna and a retired educator, have two children, Christopher, who is serving in the U.S. Navy, and Rebecca Parks, and one grandchild, Harper Parks.



## **Richard D. Chappuis, Sr.** **Colonel, U.S. Army**



The late Richard D. Chappuis, Sr., entered LSU as a 16-year-old freshman and graduated from the University with a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering in 1933. He was a Cadet Colonel in LSU ROTC.

Chappuis entered the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant and rose through the ranks to become Commander of the 48th Infantry Battalion of the Seventh Armored Division. He was personally promoted to Lieutenant Colonel by Gen. George S. Patton during maneuvers at Tidworth Barracks, England, just before the Normandy Invasion. He fought at Omaha-Utah beaches, Chartres, Melun, Chateau Thierry, Reims, Verdun, and Metz and with the British 2nd Army in Holland. He also saw action in the Battle of the Bulge at St. Vith and in Germany throughout the Rhine Area, the Ruhr Pocket, and the Baltic Sea. His battalion was the first American troops to cross the Seine River in World War II. Following the war, he remained in the Army Reserve, attaining the rank of Colonel.

Chappuis was awarded the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Combat Infantry Badge, Belgium Fourrage, and WW II Victory Medal, as well as numerous lesser citations.

After graduating from LSU, Chappuis worked for the Texas Company (now Texaco) as head engineer on the first directional well ever drilled. Following the war, he returned to Lafayette to farm and ranch and was heavily involved in banking and real estate. He formed and served as first president of the Lafayette Parish Cattlemen's Association.

A Lafayette, La., resident, Chappuis served on the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry, was a director of the First National Bank of Lafayette, past president of Cathedral High School Boosters Club, and chairman of the fundraising effort to start St. Thomas More Catholic High School. He was active in many capacities with the Evangeline Area Boy Scout Council and served as chairman of the Camping and Activities Committee.

An active LSU alumnus, he was president of the Lafayette Parish Alumni Chapter, chairman of the Lafayette Parish LSU Alumni Fund, and received the LSU Alumni Association Service Award in 1979. A charter member of the LSU Foundation, he served two terms as president.

Chappuis and his wife, Bella Nickerson Chappuis, had four children, Richard D. Chappuis, Jr., Elisabeth Chappuis Kraft, John Nickerson Chappuis, and Edward Randolph Chappuis, and seven grandchildren, Elise Chappuis Danner, Richard D. Chappuis, III, Cameron C. Chappuis, Elisabeth Kraft Cortez, Scott Brantley Chappuis, Sarah Nickerson Chappuis, and Amy Louise Chappuis.



## Steve Archie Chappuis

Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Ret.)



The late Steve A. Chappuis earned a bachelor's degree in business from LSU in 1936 and was commissioned through LSU ROTC in the U.S. Army.

In 1941, Chappuis was assigned to the 502nd Parachute Infantry Battalion. At the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, he participated in the airborne invasion of Normandy and Holland as commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. In December 1944, as commanding officer of the 502nd PIR, he played a key role in the defense of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge and in liberating the town of Eindhoven, Holland. He earned the nickname "Silent Steve" for his determination, reserve, and humility as an officer.

General George S. Patton awarded Chappuis the Distinguished Service Cross for his role in the defense of Bastogne, and he was knighted by royal Decree of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, who appointed him a Knight of the Military Order Willems. His other military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, 101st Airborne Unit Citation, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Croix de Guerre with Palm (France), Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgium), Order of Leopold with Palm (Belgium), and Commander in order of Orange Nassau (Netherlands).

Following World War II, Chappuis served with Army Ground Forces, Department of the Army General Staff, Department Defense Staff, and attended the Canadian Army Staff College and Army War College. His assignments included Defense Department, The Hague, Netherlands; Headquarters Allied Forces Southern Group, Naples, Italy; the XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C.; 1st Corps Group, Korea; 4th Infantry Division Brigade; 4th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Headquarters, U.S. Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Va.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; X U.S. Army Corps, Fort Lawton, Wash.; and Command and General Staff College.

Upon retirement from the military at the rank of Brigadier General, Chappuis served as assistant vice president at the National Bank of Washington in Tacoma, Wash.

Chappuis was a member of the Kiwanis Club, a member and board member of the Chamber of Commerce, and, with his wife, Kathryn, an active member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church. He was also a member of the LSU Alumni Federation (now Association).



## George L.J. Dalferes

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



The late George L.J. Dalferes graduated from LSU in 1943 with a bachelor's degree in political science and earned a J.D. in 1949. He earned a master of laws degree from Georgetown University in 1965. While an LSU undergraduate, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and served as president of the Student Bar Association and as an officer in Student Government and the Interfraternity Council. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army through LSU ROTC.

Dalferes served as an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon leader in the 84th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, during World War II. In 1952 he was mobilized for the Korean War in the U.S. Air Force. He served as an aide to Lieutenant General Frank Armstrong, commander of the Alaskan Command. His other assignments included attorney/counselor, Supreme Court of the United States; Judge Advocate General, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Staff Advocate Judge, Clark Air Base, Philippines; deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon; and director/legal assistance and chief, International Law Division, Office of the Command Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Force Command. He graduated from the War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., in 1967 and retired from the military in 1973.

His awards include the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Legion of Merit, Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Custer, and the Outstanding Exponent of the Rule of Law Award. He was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

After retirement from the Air Force, Dalferes joined Martin Marietta Corporation as vice president of government affairs. He received the Michoud Award for his work on the space shuttle fuel tank program and was named to *Who's Who in Government* in 1971.

A member of the Louisiana and U.S. Supreme Court bars, Dalferes served as legislative counsel for president George H. W. Bush's 1990 Space Exploration Initiative's Staff Commission. He served on the boards of DCI Communications, Inc., and Nyumbani Children of God Relief Fund (COGRF) U.S. Board. He was president of the COGRF U.S. Board (1995-1998), the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Air Force Association and the Washington Chapter of the National Security Industrial Association, and a Century Club member of the LSU Alumni Association.





## Billy H. Ezell

Captain, U.S. Army



Billy H. Ezell earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from LSU in 1966 and received his J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1970. While at LSU, he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and was a quarterback for the Tiger football team in the early 1960s, when he was known as Captain Easy.

Commissioned through LSU ROTC, Ezell attended Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Okla., in 1970 and served nine months in Vietnam before his discharge in 1971.

His military awards include National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Dev Rifle M-16 (Exp) He received the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in ground operation against hostile forces in the fall of 1970.

Ezell has been a judge on the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal for nine years. Previously, he was a judge for the 14th Judicial District's Family and Juvenile Division for eighteen years. An activist for juvenile justice, he created several programs to benefit juveniles in southwest Louisiana. He was president of the Family Law Association and received the Richard Ware Award from the Louisiana Childrens Trust Fund. He is active in his church community through the Mens ACTS Program, and he is a member of the LSU Alumni Association, LSU L Cub, and the Clifford Ourso Foundation.

Ezell has been married to Bernell Thibodeaux Ezell for 23 years. They reside in Lake Charles, La., and have between them six children – Bart Ezell, Britt Ezell, Brookes Ezell, Christie DeMarce, Natalie Zahm, and Jean Paul Zahm.



## **Dexter Allen Gary** **Captain, U.S. Army**



Dexter Allen Gary, a native of Kaplan, La., and resident of Baton Rouge, earned his undergraduate degree from LSU in 1963 and his M.D. from LSU Medical School in 1966.

An outstanding student-athlete in high school, Gary relinquished academic scholarships to LSU to attend the University on a full football athletic scholarship. He played on the 1960 SEC Championship team and helped lead the team to victory over Colorado in the 1962 Orange Bowl. He lettered in football and was a member of numerous academic organizations.

During his years in medical school, he served as assistant clinical director of Charity Hospital and was head orthopedic resident on a team of four doctors that performed the first-ever hip replacement surgery in the state.

Gary volunteered for service in the U.S. Army in 1966, first interning at Letterman General in San Francisco, Calif. In 1966 he was head of dispensaries and the outpatient clinic at Fort Polk, La., and in 1968 saw service in Vietnam with the 27th Surgical Hospital in Chu Lai, the 95th Evac in Da Nang, and as battalion surgeon with the 5th Mechanized Division. He received the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Medal.

An orthopedic surgeon, Gary was cofounder of Houma Orthopedic Clinic, served as chief of surgery and chief of staff at Terrebonne General Medical Center, and served on the hospital's board of directors. He also owns and breeds thoroughbred race horses.

Gary is a member of and serves on the board of directors of the Tiger Athletic Foundation and was inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Distinction and named TAF Man of the Year. He is also a member of the 1860 Society and the LSU Alumni Association.

Gary and his wife, Sandra, have three children, all of whom graduated from LSU.



**Paul M. Hebert**  
**Colonel, U.S. Army/U.S. Army Reserve**



The late Paul M. Hebert, a graduate of Catholic High School in Baton Rouge, attended LSU from 1924-29, earning A.B. and LL.B. degrees and achieving Order of the Coif at the LSU Law School. While at LSU, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, the Friars Club, ODK national leadership honor society, and Phi Delta Phi and Phi Kappa Phi honor fraternities.

He won a Sterling Fellowship to Yale Law School and received the J.S.D. in 1930.

Hebert received a direct commission through the Judge Advocate General Corps and served on active duty from 1942-46 as member of JAG and chief of the Industrial Law Branch during World War II.

Following the war, he served as Civilian Judge in the Nuremburg Tribunal in Germany. He was a member of the board of visitors of the Army JAG School at the University of Virginia and continued his military service in the 1960s in the U.S. Army Reserve, rising through the ranks to Colonel.

Hebert was the longest serving dean of the LSU Law School (now Paul M. Hebert Law Center), serving in that role with brief interruptions from 1937 until his death in 1977. He also served as dean of administration at LSU from 1936-37, as acting president from 1939-41, as professor of law, and as adviser to Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, held faculty status at Loyola Law School, and served as dean of that institution.

He was an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse, Wilson and Hebert Law Firm in Baton Rouge.

A devout and active Catholic, he was appointed by Pope Pius XII to the Knights of St. Gregory, the church's highest honor, and was president of the Baton Rouge Serra Club, a Catholic organization.

Hebert and his wife, the late Olive Estelle "Sunshine" Lejeune, had two children, Mary McCowan and Paul Hebert, Jr., both graduates of LSU and residents of Baton Rouge.



## **Norman V. Kinsey** **Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Corps**



The late Norman V. Kinsey, of Shreveport, La., attended LSU from 1938-42 and earned a bachelor's degree in business and an LL.B. in 1947 from the University. He received his J.D. in 1968. While at LSU, he was a member of Phi Delta Phi and Phi Kappa Phi honor fraternities, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Kinsey was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps (later U.S. Air Force) through LSU ROTC in 1942 and served in Georgia and South Carolina before joining the invasion force that landed in Morocco, North Africa, that November. He served as an administrative officer in North Africa, Palestine, Italy, and Southern France. He was awarded a Bronze Star for exceptional service in support of combat operations, and his unit earned numerous citations.

In civilian life, Kinsey was a member and director of the founding groups of Transco Energy Company, Pacific Northwest Pipeline, Texas-Illinois Natural Gas Pipeline, and Piedmont Natural Gas Company and was involved in management and operations in the oil and gas industry.

Kinsey was active in community affairs and served as president of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (PAR), the Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL), Norwela Council Boy Scouts of America, and Culver Fathers Association in Indiana.

He was cofounder of two Montessori schools, earned the Distinguished Eagle Award and Distinguished Citizens Award from the Boy Scouts of America, and the United Way Award for Community Service. He was named Businessman of the Year by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, and LSU-Shreveport Pilot of the Year for his support of the university.

A strong supporter of the E.J. Ourso College of Business, Kinsey donated to the Dean's Excellence Fund, Partners for Excellence, and several professorships and chairs in the college and was named to the Ourso College Hall of Distinction. He is a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule, the LSU Foundation, and the LSU Alumni Association and was a contributor to the Army ROTC Marksmanship Program. He was inducted to the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction in 2008 and named a Louisiana Legend by Louisiana Public Broadcasting in 2011.

Kinsey passed away on Sept. 11, 2011. He and his wife, the former Margaret "Peggy" Mary Wright, had four children.



## Lloyd F. Love

Major, U.S Army Air Corps



The late Lloyd F. Love entered LSU in 1938 and earned his L.L.B. from LSU Law School in 1942. He served as president of the student body in 1941-42 and first enrolled in the civilian pilot training program while a student at the University.

Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps (later the U.S. Air Force) through LSU ROTC, Love entered active duty at Fort Knox, Ky., and continued pilot training at Aloe Field in Victoria, Texas, and Barksdale Field in Shreveport, La., training on the Martin-Marauder B-26, also known as the "Widow Maker." In December 1943, he deployed to Europe (Sardinia) via North Africa and was assigned to the 37th Bomb Squadron, 17th Bomb Group. He flew 73 combat missions in Europe – thought to be the most of any member of the military from Concordia Parish – providing support for the Anzio beachhead and the D-Day Invasion, among other missions. Love survived many close calls during his tour of duty but none more fondly remembered than a blown-out tire during take off with a live bomb loose in the bomb bay.

On returning to the United States, Love was assigned to Laughlin Field in Del Rio, Texas, and he was honorably discharged at Chennault Field in Lake Charles, La., after meeting his soon-to-be wife on a blind date to an LSU football game. Designated an expert in Aerial Gunnery, he was awarded the Air Medal with Eighteen Oak Leaf Clusters.

After the war, Love opened a private law practice in Ferriday, La., which he maintained for 47 years. He served as Ferriday city attorney and as chairman of the Concordia Parish Recreation Board and was instrumental in introducing legislation and securing federal funding to build the ring levee in the parish. In 2003 he was honored by the Louisiana Bar Association for his *pro bono* work.

Love was an honorary assistant football coach to the 1958 national champions; a member of the Ferriday Rotary Club, serving as president and district governor; a member of the Boy Scouts of America, serving as scoutmaster and national council representative and receiving the Silver Beaver Award; a member of the Louisiana Bar Association House of Delegates, receiving the Crystal Gavel Award; and was active in the Sevier United Methodist Church. He was named Concordia Parish Man of the Year.

Love was a generous contributor to the LSU Foundation and the LSU Law School. He served as president of the LSU Alumni Association and was an original member of the Foundation board of directors. He remained active in the Association of Past Presidents of the LSU Student Body until his passing in 2005.

He loved LSU with his heart and soul, and according to his family, no award would honor him more than to be accepted into the LSU military Hall of Honor.



## Ralph W. Stephenson, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)



Ralph W. Stephenson, Jr., of Baton Rouge, attended LSU in 1942-43 before entering the U.S. Army Air Corps Cadet Training Program. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant bombardier in 1945 and served on a B-29 air crew until the end of World War II. He entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. As a cadet he was also a member of the Army Reserve and was promoted to First Lieutenant. He graduated in 1950 as a Second Lieutenant in the newly created U.S. Air Force and entered pilot training at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. He received his Pilot Wings at

Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Okla., and was assigned to a B-29 crew in the Far East.

Based at Yokota Air Base, Japan, he flew 45 combat missions over North Korea then returned to Roswell, N.M., to the Sixth Bomb Wing, flying the B-36. He entered navigator training at James Connally Air Force Base, Texas, and in 1955 became a jet pilot flying the RB-47 at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. In 1959, the first class graduated from the new Air Force Academy, and he was selected for duty as Air Officer Commanding, supervising the training and discipline of a squadron of Air Force Cadets. Stephenson was tapped for duty in the Far East in 1962, assigned again to Yokota, flying the B-57.

In 1965 he was assigned as assistant professor of aerospace studies at LSU Air Force ROTC Detachment 310, where he served for three years until ordered to Vietnam as a C-47 pilot flying classified missions in 1968-69. He was then assigned to the Alternate National Military Command Center and in 1972 was named Commander of the 1369th Photo Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Among his many awards are the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with Five Oak Leaf Cluster, USAF Combat Readiness Medal, U.S. Vietnam Service Medal with Four Bronze Stars, Korean Defense Service Medal, World War Two Victory Medal, and Asiatic Pacific Victory Medal.

He retired from the Air Force in 1974 and earned a J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1977. Following a period of private practice, he joined the Department of Public Safety as a staff attorney and served as an administrative law judge until his retirement in 1985.

Stephenson served as president, vice president, and secretary of the Baton Rouge Air Force Association chapter and was instrumental in starting a chapter in New Orleans. He was for many years an active member of Friends of the LSU Library and today provides *pro bono* legal counseling to residents of St. James Retirement Center.

Stephenson and his wife, the late June McFarland, had two daughters, both of whom are graduates of LSU.



## Carl F. Weiss

Captain, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy



Carl F. Weiss, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., graduated from LSU in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in finance. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy through Naval ROTC at Southern University.

On active duty for 23 years, Weiss is Director, ERP Functional Integration at Naval Supply System Command Headquarters in Mechanicsburg.

After graduation from LSU, he attended Navy Supply Corps School and was assigned to the *U.S.S. Aubrey Fitch* as Disbursing Officer. He served in various capacities until his next assignment as pre-commissioning Supply Officer of the *U.S.S. Ramage* then earned a master's degree in Systems Inventory Management at Naval Postgraduate School.

He returned to sea as Assistant Supply Officer, *U.S.S. Kitty Hawk*, and subsequently acted as Afloat Management Systems Officer, Naval Supply Systems Command Headquarters.

He earned another master's degree, in National Security and Strategic Studies, at Naval War College and served as Associate Fellow on CNO's Strategic Studies Group XXIII. He returned to sea as Supply Officer, *U.S.S. Essex*, and prior to his current assignment was Director, Logistic Sustainment Division, U.S. Transportation Command.

Among his numerous military awards are the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals and various campaign and unit awards.

Weiss attends Daybreak Church in Mechanicsburg. He is married to the former Connie Murphey of New Iberia, LA, and they have two daughters, Courtney and Whitney. He is a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule, the LSU Alumni Association, and the Tiger Athletic Foundation.





## 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 who have served and are serving their country in the armed forces.

The LSU Military Museum will augment and complement LSU's other military memorials: The LSU 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 LSU Military Endowment Campaign, Memorial Tower, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Telephone: 225-578-0420; e-mail: [cadets@lsu.edu](mailto:cadets@lsu.edu) or visit the Cadets of the Ole War Skule website at [www.olewarskule.lsu.edu](http://www.olewarskule.lsu.edu).











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