

UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES  
RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS  
AT  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE  
AND  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE

# INAUGURAL JOINT ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY



THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012  
FOUR O'CLOCK  
LSU UNION THEATER  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA





## AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS MISSION

Consistent with the finest traditions of Louisiana State University, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 310 attracts, educates, and trains Air Force officers of character who are dedicated to serving the nation, while administering USAF programs and proudly representing the Air Force to the people of the State of Louisiana.



## ARMY RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS MISSION

To recruit, train, and commission lieutenants to support the Army's mission of fighting and winning our nation's wars across the full range of military operations and spectrum of conflict in support of combatant commanders.



## NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS MISSION

To develop young men and women morally, mentally, and physically, imbue them with the highest ideals of honor, courage and commitment, and to commission college graduates as Naval and Marine Corps Officers who possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the Naval Service, and have potential for further development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of leadership in the military, community and government.



## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

### WELCOME

**Cadet Lt Col Kevin J. Steuterman**

### ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

**Dr. Michael V. Martin**

*Chancellor*

*Louisiana State University and A&M College*

**Captain Alton E. Ross, Jr. United States Navy**

*Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science*

*NROTC Unit, Southern University and A&M College*

**Lieutenant Colonel Mary L. “Marston” McKeon, United States Air Force**

*Commanding Officer and Professor of Aerospace Studies*

*AFROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University & A&M College*

**Lieutenant Colonel John A. Wright, United States Army**

*Commanding Officer and Professor of Military Science*

*AROTC Unit, Louisiana State University and A&M College*

### INVOCATION

**Cadet Col Caleb Shotwell**

### OPENING REMARKS

**Chancellor Martin**

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

**Cadet Steuterman**

### RECEPTION

Hosted by Cadets of the Ole War Skule

LSU Memorial Oak Grove



Welcome to the first annual Joint ROTC Awards presentation ceremony. Today, we recognize excellence in both military and academic performance. Given that this is the first time a joint ceremony has been conducted at LSU, all services are represented. As such, you will note various differences in uniforms, rank, insignia and customs.

Naval Midshipmen are represented today in Summer White uniforms. Their rank is signified by any number of gold bars, depending on billet assigned. Regardless of rank or billet, all MIDN are addressed by their class within the University. For example, MIDN 1st Class Davis, our Battalion Commanding Officer, is a Senior.

Air Force Cadets are represented in service dress blue uniforms. Their rank is signified by either chevrons for underclassmen or bars for upperclassmen. Underclassmen are addressed as Cadet Fourth Class or Cadet Third Class, depending on their program year, while juniors and seniors are addressed by the rank of their leadership position within the cadet wing. For example, our current Cadet Wing Commander is Cadet Colonel Shotwell.

Army Cadets are represented in the green Class A Uniform. Their rank is signified by chevrons for underclassmen and ovals and diamonds for seniors. Cadets are addressed as Mister or Miss in speech and as Cadet, rank and name followed by their year in the program in writing. Our Battalion Commander is Ms. Roa or Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Roa, MS IV.



## Dr. Michael V. Martin

Chancellor

Louisiana State University and A&M College



Dr. Michael V. Martin assumed the chancellorship of Louisiana State University and A&M College on August 1, 2008. Prior to his appointment as LSU's eighth chancellor, Dr. Martin established a distinguished career in higher education, serving most recently as president of New Mexico State University.

Before arriving at NMSU in 2004, Dr. Martin served for six years as vice president for agriculture and natural resources at the University of Florida, leading the university's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences with more than 3,000 employees statewide. He was elevated to senior vice president of the University of Florida shortly before being selected as NMSU's president. Previously, he was vice president for agricultural policy and the dean of the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences at the University of Minnesota. He began his academic career at Oregon State University as a faculty member in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

An academic leader dedicated to the land-grant mission of teaching, research, and extension service, Dr. Martin is recognized as a strong voice for education and the agriculture industry. In 2007, he received the Justin Smith Morrill Memorial Award, named after the author of the bill creating land-grant universities, which honors outstanding service on behalf of the land-grant mission. Only six individuals have been designated to receive this award since it was first given in 1980. For his leadership in improving the quality of life for New Mexico citizens and future generations, he was awarded the 2008 Distinguished Leadership Award by Leadership New Mexico.

Other awards include his recognition as a powerbroker by *The New Mexico Business Weekly* in 2006, being named Outstanding Alumnus of Minnesota State University Mankato in 2006, and receiving the NMSU Social Justice Award in 2005.

Dr. Martin's professional and community service organizations include the Farm Foundation's Bennett Agricultural Round Table, the National Agricultural



Biotechnology Council, and the Florida Agricultural Resource Mobilization Foundation. He is a member of the American Economic Association, the American Agricultural Economics Association, the International Association of Agricultural Economics, the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium, Sigma XI Scientific Research Society, and the Economic History Association.

An active scholar, Dr. Martin has authored numerous book chapters and articles for academic journals, trade publications, and the popular press and recently published pieces for *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *University Business*.

Some of his philosophy is summed up in the following quote: "It is the tradition of land-grant universities to be non-traditional," written as part of a 2001 article titled "The Land-Grant University in the 21st Century," published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. He traced the history of the land-grant movement from the mid-1800s and concluded that "the fundamental land-grant principles of accessibility, practical as well as classical education, research and discovery in the public interest, and connectedness to all the people remain powerful and profound."

A native of Crosby, Minnesota, Dr. Martin earned a bachelor's degree in business and economics and a master's degree in economics at Mankato State College (Minnesota State University) in Minnesota. He received his Ph.D. in applied economics from the University of Minnesota in 1977. His areas of specialization are prices, international trade, public policy, transportation and business logistics.

Dr. Martin and his wife, Jan, have two children, both adopted from South Korea. Amanda, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, is a graphic artist in Saint Paul, Minn. Sam, who holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's from Sarah Lawrence College, is a genetics counselor at Beth Israel Hospital in New York City.



## Captain Alton E. “Rosco” Ross, Jr., USN

*Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science  
Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps,  
Southern University and A&M College*



Captain Ross is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and graduate of Louisiana State University. Captain Ross entered Naval Service via Aviation Officer Candidate School and was designated Naval Aviator in July 1986.

Following initial F-14 Fleet Replacement Pilot training with the “Gunfighters” of VF-101, he was assigned to the “Ghostriders” of VF-142 flying the F-14 Tomcat as a Branch and Training Officer. Captain Ross’ subsequent sea tours included assignments flying the F-14 Tomcat with the “Swordsmen” of VF-32 as Quality Assurance and Training Officer, the “Black Lions” of VF-213 as the Operations and Maintenance Officer and the “Tophatters” of VF-14 as Executive Officer. Additionally, he led the initial F-14 Tomcat to F/A-18E Super Hornet transition serving as Commanding Officer of newly designated VFA-14. In his most recent Operational tour, Captain Ross served as Deputy Commander and Commander, Carrier Air Wing TWO from August 2007 through August 2010 flying all variants of the F/A-18. As Strike Warfare Commander, he was responsible for providing airborne power projection from the sea, in support of Carrier Strike Group Operations. Over the course of Captain Ross’ operational assignments he has made eight extended deployments to various peacetime and combat theaters around the world supporting numerous operations including DESERT SHIELD, DENY FLIGHT/PROVIDE PROMISE, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

Ashore, Captain Ross has served as an adversary instructor pilot flying the F-16 Falcon, F-5 Tigershark and A-4 Skyhawk acting as Fleet Fighter Air Combat Maneuvering Readiness Program Phase Lead and Operations Officer with the “Challengers” of VF-43 and again flying the F-14 Tomcat as Operations Officer with the “Gunfighters” of VF-101. His staff tours include service on staff of Commander, Fighter Wing Atlantic, as Chief Staff Officer, on staff U.S. Joint Forces Command, as Deputy Chief of Plans and Future Operations Division, on staff of Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, as Director of Carrier Strike Group Training and Readiness, and on staff Commander Naval Operations, OPNAV, as Battle Watch Captain. Additionally, Captain Ross





attended Air Command Staff College in Montgomery, Alabama, concurrently completing his Masters in Public Administration at Auburn University.

Captain Ross has logged over 5900 flight hours in eight different aircraft and achieved 1402 carrier arrested landings. He is a graduate of the Navy Fighter Weapons School (Topgun), Wing Qualified LSO and NATO FAC(A) qualified. He has been recognized as; 1997 Fighter Wing Atlantic, Fighter Pilot of the Year, 1998 Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific, Aviator of the Year and recipient of the 1998 Order of Daedalians U.S. Navy Exceptional Pilot Award.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (3), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Air Medal with Combat V (1 individual/7 strike/flight), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3), Navy and Marine Achievement Medal (3) and numerous unit commendations and awards.



## Lieutenant Colonel Mary L. “Marston” McKeon

*Commander of AFROTC Detachment 310*

*Louisiana State University and A&M College*



Lieutenant Colonel McKeon entered the Air Force after graduating from the US Air Force Academy in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in biology. She assumed her current position in July 2010. In this capacity, she commands the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps detachment at Louisiana State University, the state's flagship institution. She is responsible for the leadership and administration of the AFROTC program at LSU: preparation, education, and training of 59 cadets; junior and senior level course instruction; and representation of the USAF to the university and people of southern Louisiana.

Lieutenant Colonel McKeon is married to Major Tim Wallace, USAF, retired, and they have three children: Samantha (Wallace) Stanley, Alexandria Wallace, and James Michael McKeon.

### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal, 1 OLC

AF Meritorious Service Medal, 2 OLC

AF Commendation Medal, 2 OLC

AF Achievement Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal, 1 Device

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

### ASSIGNMENTS:

Jul 88-Nov 88, Student, Undergraduate Space Training, Lowry AFB, CO

Nov 88-Jul 92, Satellite Operations Crew Commander/Trainer/Chief, Standardization and Evaluation, 5th Space Operations Squadron, Fairchild AFB, WA



Jul 92-Jul 93, Undergraduate Space Training Instructor, 319th Space Training Squadron, Lowry AFB, CO

Jul 93-Jun 96, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training Instructor/Chief, Spacelift Operations Element, 392nd Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA

Jun 96-Aug 00, Deputy for Operations/Range Standardization and Evaluation Test Director, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center/Operating Location-Patrick FL, Patrick AFB, FL

Aug 00-Nov 01, Flight Commander, Operations Support Flight, 1st Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO

Nov 01-Sept 02, Deputy Chief, 50th Space Wing Plans and Programs Office, Schriever AFB, CO

Sept 02-Aug 03, Chief, Operations Wargames Branch, Space Training Division, Air and Space Operations Directorate, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, CO

Aug 03-Jun 05, Chief, Innovation and Space Ops Requirements Branch, Air and Space Operations Requirements Division, Air and Space Operations Directorate, Headquarters United States Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

Jun 05-Oct 05, Chief, Air Expeditionary Forces Branch, AEF Policy and Joint Exercises Division, Air and Space Operations Directorate, Headquarters United States Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

Oct 05-Mar 06, NATO/ISAF Transition and Partnering Plans Officer, Office of Security Cooperation-Afghanistan, USCENTCOM, Kabul, Afghanistan

Mar 06-Oct 07, Deputy Director of Staff/Legislative Liaison, Headquarters United States Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Oct 07-Jul 10, Strategic Planner, Joint Staff J5 Deputy Directorate for Information and Cyberspace Policy/Strategic Effects, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

July 10-Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University



## Lieutenant Colonel John A. Wright, US ARMY

*Commanding Officer and Professor of Military Science  
Army Reserve Officers Training Corps  
Louisiana State University and A&M College*



Lieutenant Colonel John A. Wright assumed duties as LSU's Professor of Military Science in July 2009. Prior to coming to LSU, LTC Wright served a two-year tour in Stuttgart, Germany in the newly formed U.S. Africa Command as the Chief of Sustainment, Operations and Logistics Directorate.

Lieutenant Colonel Wright's military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic and the Combined Logistics Officer's Advanced Course, Combined Arms Service Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Support Operations Course and the Army Airborne, Air Assault and Pathfinder courses. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Louisiana Monroe; and a master's degree in history from Louisiana State University.

In his first Assignments as an Army officer, LTC Wright served as the platoon leader and maintenance control officer with the 801st Main Support Battalion and the 311th Military Intelligence Battalion, 101st Airborne Division Air Assault. He subsequently served as the Commander of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 142nd Corps Support Battalion, Fort Polk, Louisiana; Assistant Professor of Military Science with the University of South Florida; Commander of the 95th Maintenance Company, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; Battalion Executive Officer for the Phoenix Army Recruiting Battalion; and Support Operations Officer for the 3d Battalion, 2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Baghdad, Iraq.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Army Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Iraqi Service Medal and the Basic Parachutist (Airborne), Air Assault and Pathfinder badges.



Lieutenant Colonel Wright was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the ROTC program at the University of Louisiana Monroe in 1990. He is married to the former Sondra Stephens of Wisner, Louisiana, and they have three children: Caroline, Mackenzie and Morgan.

Lieutenant Colonel Wright is scheduled to retire from military service on 1 October 2012 after 24 years, 4 months of loyal and dedicated service.



## JOINT ROTC AWARDS ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012

### **American Legion Military Excellence Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Jonathan Beran  
Army: Cadet Gerard Conklin, MS 3  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Ryan Volk

### **American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award**

Air Force: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Jessica Pham  
Army: Cadet Conor Cloninger, MS 1  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Leila Robles

### **American Legion Scholarship Award**

Air Force: Cadet Third Class Felix Carrillo  
Army: Cadet Alan Verdin, MS 2  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Ryan Gueho

### **American Veterans Award**

Air Force: Cadet Fourth Class Jace Courville  
Army: Cadet Daniel Cardella, MS 1  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Andrea Villanueva

### **Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Honor Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Daniel Anding  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Javon Felder

### **Carlos G. Spaht Memorial Scholarship**

Air Force: Cadet Third Class Matthew Carpenter  
Army: Cadet Victor Cooks, MS 1  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Gavin Chestnut

### **Major General Harry Conrad ROTC Scholarship**

Air Force: Cadet Third Class Samantha Kinsey  
Army: Cadet David Mathies, MS 2  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Jakob Martin



### **Daughters of the Confederacy Award**

Air Force: Cadet Fourth Class James Gegenheimer  
Army: Cadet Nolan Knight, MS 1  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Allison Lenzi

### **Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award**

Air Force: Cadet Third Class Gerald Montgomery  
Army: Cadet Christina Peutz, MS 1  
(California Polytechnic University)  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Jon Alexander

### **Daughters of the American Revolution Award**

Air Force: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Steuterman  
Army: Cadet Cherie Jones, MS 4  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Leila Robles

### **Knights of Columbus Patriotic Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Albert Steen  
Army: Cadet Sheena Poole, MS 3  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Kyle Wolfson

### **Military Officers Association of America Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Kyle Simmons  
Army: Cadet Robert Brown, MS 3  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Katherine MacMurray

### **Military Order of the Purple Heart Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Ariel Rollins  
Army: Cadet Robert Spears, MS 2  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Tremayne Williams

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### **Military Order of the World Wars Award**

Air Force: Cadet Fourth Class Cameron Burchak  
Cadet Third Class Zachary Harris  
Cadet Captain Chad Douse  
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Chauvin

Army: Cadet Paxton Haydel, MS 4  
Cadet Nicholas Duffel, MS 3  
Cadet Matthew Pennison, MS 2  
Cadet Cole Pattison, MS 1

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Joshua Mason  
Midshipman 1/C Jermie Joseph  
Midshipman 2/C Samara Griffin  
Midshipman 3/C Robert Marshall  
Midshipman 4/C Stephen Capella

### **National Defense Industrial Association Award**

Air Force: Cadet Major Julie Quach

Army: Cadet Michael Gaul, MS 4

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Kristen Scally

### **National Defense Transportation Association Award**

Army: Cadet Cameron Laurent, MS 4

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Philip Taylor

### **National Sojourners Award for Americanism**

Army: Cadet Jessica Wildes, MS 2

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Jakob Martin

### **Reserve Officers Association Award**

Air Force: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Perry Van Zandt  
Cadet Captain Daniel Anding  
Cadet Third Class Sharie Mahler

Army: Cadet Ann-Marie Roa, MS 4  
Cadet Kyle Meariman, MS 3  
Cadet Zachary Jongema, MS 2

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C April Pickens  
Midshipman 2/C Bryson Alexander  
Midshipman 3/C Moses Ortiz





### **Scottish Rite Award**

Air Force: Cadet Third Class Johnjoseph Mafnas  
Army: Cadet John Canal, MS 2  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Allison Lenzi

### **Society of American Military Engineers Award**

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Brandon Heasley

### **General Society of the War of 1812 Award**

Air Force: Cadet Third Class Nicholas Ronci  
Army: Cadet Steven Honore, MS 2  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Thomas Foster

### **Sons of the American Revolution Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Chloe Ward  
Army: Cadet Christopher Gause, MS 1  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Ryan Volk

### **USAA Spirit Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Albert Steen  
Army: Cadet Aaron Vanya, MS 2  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Philip Fasone

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars Award**

Air Force: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Travis Odom  
Army: Cadet Charles Medick, MS 2  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Jonathan Delatte



## SERVICE SPECIFIC AWARDS

### AIR FORCE

Above and Beyond Award	Cadet Third Class John Presswood
AFA Award	Cadet Captain Chloe Ward
Colonial Dames of the 17th Century	Cadet Captain Kori Johnson
Guy Pulliam Leadership Award	Cadet Third Class John Presswood
Order of Daedalians Scholarship	Cadet Captain Jason Brewer
Order of Daedalians 60th Flight Flying Tigers Scholarship	Cadet Colonel Caleb Shotwell
J. L. Hendrickson Scholarship	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Greg Huete
Major General O. B. Johnson Scholarship	Cadet Captain Denisse Paz
Lieutenant Colonel Edward B. Landry Scholarship	Cadet Fourth Class Shane Smith

### ARMY

George C. Marshall Award	Cadet David Moll, MS 4
Association of the United States Army Leadership Excellence Award	Cadet Cody Cannon, MS 3
Superior Cadet Decoration Award	Cadet Cameron Laurent, MS 4
	Cadet Kathleen Keller, MS 3
	Cadet David Slyvest, MS 2
	Cadet Zachary Oliver, MS 1
Simultaneous Membership Program Award	Cadet Justin M. Bryson, MS 4



## NAVY/MARINE CORPS

CNO Distinguished Midshipman Graduate Award	Midshipman 1/C Brittany Davis
Marine Corps Association Award	Midshipman 1/C Kaitlin Nickelotte
Montford Point Marine Association Award	Midshipman 1/C Jermie Joseph
National Naval Officers Association Award	Midshipman 1/C Brittany Davis
National Submarine League Award	Midshipman 1/C Brandon Heasley
Navy Club Award	Midshipman 2/C Nicole Gailliot
Navy League Award	Midshipman 1/C Brandon Heasley
Freshman Achievement Award	Midshipman 4/C Matthew Williams
Sophomore Achievement Award	Midshipman 3/C Robert Marshall
Junior Achievement Award	Midshipman 2/C Ryan Gueho
Athletic Achievement Award	Midshipman 3/C Robert Marshall
Aptitude Achievement Award	Midshipman 3/C Daniel Gonzalez
Most Improved Midshipman Award	Midshipman 2/C Katherine MacMurray
Professor of Naval Science Award	Midshipman 1/C Kristen Scally
Midshipman of the Year Award	Midshipman 1/C Brittany Davis

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