

UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES
RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS
AT
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

THIRD ANNUAL JOINT ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY

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THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014
FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
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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 First Class Travis Odom

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

Dr. F. King Alexander
President and Chancellor
Louisiana State University

Lieutenant Colonel Dwight W. Pertuit, Jr.,
United States Air Force
Commanding Officer and Professor of Aerospace Studies
AFROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence M. Burns, United States Army
Commanding Officer and Professor of Military Science
AROTC Unit, Louisiana State University

Commander Tremayne G. Criner, United States Navy
Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science (Acting)
NROTC Unit, Southern University

INVOCATION

Cadet First Class John Presswood

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. F. King Alexander
President and Chancellor
Louisiana State University

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Midshipman 1st Class Robert Marshall

RECEPTION

Hosted by Cadets of the Ole War Skule



Welcome to the third annual Joint ROTC Awards presentation ceremony. Today, we recognize excellence in both military and academic performance. Given that this is a joint ceremony, 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 Villanueva, 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 Jocelin Heymann.

Army Cadets are represented in the Army Class B Uniform, blue trousers and white shirt. 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 Mr. Garrett Templet or Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Garrett Templet, MS IV.



Dr. F. King Alexander

*President and Chancellor
Louisiana State University*

Dr. F. King Alexander was recently named the President and Chancellor of Louisiana State University, which has an annual budget of \$3.3 billion and more than 43,000 students.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Alexander was president of California State University, Long Beach (2005-2013) one of the nation's largest public universities located in southern California. During his more than seven-year tenure at California State University, Long Beach, Dr. Alexander was twice named the California State University Student Association (CSSA) "President of the Year," which represents all 23 California State Universities and its over 440,000 students.

Prior to becoming president of California State University, Long Beach, Dr. Alexander was president of Murray State University in Kentucky (2001-2005) and was a faculty member at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, where he was the director of the graduate higher education program.

A Kentucky native who grew up in north Florida, Dr. Alexander received his Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in higher education administration with a focus on finance and educational policy analysis, and a Master of Science degree from the University of Oxford, Oxford, England in comparative educational studies.

As a teacher and administrator, Dr. Alexander has received many honors, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education Alumni Achievement Award (2002) and has research university faculty affiliations at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for the Study of Postsecondary Education (WISCAPE) and Cornell University Higher Education Research Institute (CHERI).

Dr. Alexander also has been asked to represent public higher education colleges and universities on numerous occasions to the United States Congress on issues of college affordability, student indebtedness, and institutional efficiency and effectiveness in efforts to address many of the growing challenges facing American higher education. Due to his national recognition and involvement on higher education issues, Dr. Alexander has served on numerous U.S. higher education and statewide organizational leadership boards where he remains very active.

Dr. Alexander and his wife, Shenette, have three children: Kylie, Savannah and Madison.



Commander Tremayne G. Criner, USN

*Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science (Acting)
Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps,
Southern University*

Commander Tremayne Criner, a native of Bellwood, IL, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1994 with B.S. in Computer Science.

His initial sea assignment was onboard the USS AMERICA (CV-66) where he served as A-Division Officer deploying to the Adriatic Sea and the Arabian Sea. He later served as Auxiliaries Officer onboard USS SIMPSON (FFG-56) where he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as part of the Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean (SNFM). He served as Officer-in-Charge of the Military Detachment aboard the USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (T-AO 195) where he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea. He served as Engineer Officer on USS UNDERWOOD (FFG-45) where he deployed to the North Atlantic. He served as the Executive Officer of USS DE WERT (FFG-45) where he deployed to Fourth Fleet in support of counter-narcotics in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and to Fifth Fleet in support of counter-piracy in the Indian Ocean.

Commander Criner attended the Naval Postgraduate School where he studied Information Systems and Operations and received his Joint Professional Military Education Phase I. His shore assignments include serving as N82 Engineering Training Team Lead for Afloat Training Group (ATG), San Diego. He served as Operations Officer at Assault Craft Unit-Five. He served overseas on the Logistic Forces, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/CTF-53 staff as the N3/Operations Officer in Bahrain.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, plus various other personal and unit decorations.



Lieutenant Colonel Dwight W. Pertuit, Jr.

*Commander of AFROTC Detachment 310
Louisiana State University*

Lieutenant Colonel Dwight W. Pertuit Jr. is the Commander of AF ROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He entered the Air Force after graduating from Mississippi State University with a bachelor's in Business Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis, with a minor in Military Studies. He assumed his current position in September of 2013.

In this capacity, he commands the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps detachment at Louisiana State University, the state's flagship institution. He is responsible for leadership and administration of the AFROTC program at LSU; preparation, education, and training of 93 cadets for active duty; instruction of 2 college courses in USAF Foundations and Leadership; and representation of the USAF to the university and people of southern Louisiana.

EDUCATION:

2013 AF ROTC PAS Course
2010 Joint and Combined Warfighting School
2009 Air War College (correspondence)
2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2002 Information Operations Integration Course
2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2000 Orbital Analyst Training Course
1996 Master of Human Resources Management, Lesley University
1993 Undergraduate Missile Training
1992 Bachelor of Business Info Sys and Quantitative Analysis, Mississippi State University

SELECT ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Sep 13-Present, Commander, AF ROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University
2. Sep 10-Sep 13, Chief, AFRICOM-EUCOM Regional-Adversary Team Branch/Space & Missile Defense Branch, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, NE
3. Jun 07-Sep 10, Director of Instruction/Course Director for Joint Air & Space Operations, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

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4. Jul 06-Jun 07, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
5. Aug 04-Jul 06, Chief, Current Operations, Air Forces Europe, Warfighting Headquarters, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany
6. Dec 02-Aug 04, Chief, Special Technical Operations, 32nd Information Warfare Flight, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany
7. Jun 00-Dec 02, Orbital Analyst/Evaluator, 1st Space Control Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain, CO
8. Aug 99-Jun 00, Launch Weapons Officer/Weapons and Tactics Officer, 50th Operations Support Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO
9. Feb 98-Aug 99, Crew Commander, 55th Space Weather Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO
10. Dec 93-Feb 98, Missile Combat Crew Deputy/Commander/Instructor/Flight Commander, 319th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
11. Aug 93-Dec 93, Student, Undergraduate Missile Training, Vandenberg AFB, CA

AWARDS & DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal, 1 OLC

AF Commendation Medal, 2 OLC

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal, 1 Device

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal



**Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence M. Burns,
US ARMY**

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

Lieutenant Colonel Burns enlisted in the Louisiana Army National Guard in August 1987 and was commissioned in the Regular Army as a Second Lieutenant from Tulane University Army ROTC on 20 May 1993. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of New Orleans and a Master's Degree in Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Lieutenant Colonel Burns initially served as a Single Channel Radio Operator as an enlisted soldier and NCO. After commissioning, he served as a Platoon Leader and Operations Officer for 501st Signal Company (Camp Humphries, Korea); Platoon Leader and Battalion Signal Officer for Headquarters Support Company, 311th Military Intelligence Battalion (Fort Campbell, KY); Battalion Signal Officer for 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment (Fort Campbell, KY) and 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment (Schofield Barracks, HI); Brigade Signal Officer, 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Schofield Barracks, HI); Commander, C Company, 125th Signal Battalion (Helemano Military Reservation, HI); Battalion S3 and Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 309th Regiment (Fort Dix, NJ); G6, 1st Corps Support Command (Fort Bragg, NC); Brigade S3, 507th Corps Support Group (Fort Bragg); Future Operations Plans Officer, Counterinsurgency Center, Combined Arms Center (Fort Leavenworth, KS) and Advanced Operations Course Instructor, Command and General Staff College (Fort Leavenworth, KS) . Lieutenant Colonel Burns recently served as a Signal Observer/ Trainer for Operations Group Sierra, Mission Command Training Program (Fort Leavenworth, KS). Lieutenant Colonel Burns was assigned as the Professor of Military Science at Louisiana State University on 1 June 2012.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal (2nd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, Korea Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (4th award), Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Citation (2nd Award), Air Assault

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Lieutenant Colonel Burns' military education includes Single Channel Radio Operator's Advanced Individual Training, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Primary Leadership Development Course, Signal Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School and Command and General Staff College.

Lieutenant Colonel Burns is married to the former Evelyn Moffat and they reside in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. They have three children, Michael, Ryne and Jacob.



JOINT ROTC AWARDS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014

American Legion Military Excellence Award

Air Force: Cadet Cadet Fourth Class Kathryn Carter
Army: Cadet Loutori Williams, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Joseph Yott

American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award

Air Force: Cadet Cadet First Class Jocelin Heymann
Army: Cadet Marcos Chavez, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Mitchell Mason

American Legion Scholarship Award

Air Force: Cadet Cadet Second Class Ethan Houk
Army: Cadet Loutori Williams, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Isaiah Jones

American Veterans Award

Air Force: Cadet Cadet Fourth Class Sarah Mai
Army: Cadet JaQuentin Wallace, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Terrence Curry

Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Educational Foundation ROTC Mr. Mort Marks Memorial Scholarship

Air Force: Cadet Second Class James Gegenheimer

Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Honor Award

Air Force: Cadet Second Class James Gegenheimer
Army: Cadet Arianna Bailley, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Stephen Capella

Carlos G. Spaht Memorial Scholarship

Air Force: Cadet Third Class Todd Dixon
Army: Cadet Lucas Drezka, MS I
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Ryan Wood

Major General Harry Conrad ROTC Scholarship

Air Force: Cadet Second Class Cameron Burchak
Army: Cadet Andrea Kelly, MS II
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Jason Xu



Daughters of the Confederacy Award

Air Force:	Cadet Second Class James Gegenheimer
Army:	Cadet Alan Verdin, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 1/C Andrea Villanueva

Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award

Air Force:	Cadet Third Class Ashley Bacon
Army:	Cadet Wendy Martin, MS I
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 3/C Nsombi Roberts

Daughters of the American Revolution Award

Air Force:	Cadet First Class John Presswood
Army:	Cadet Dana Diesi, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 1/C Emily Hodyna

Knights of Columbus Patriotic Award

Air Force:	Cadet Second Class Gabe Stelly
Army:	Cadet Zachary Oliver, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 2/C Mitchell Mason

Military Officers Association of America Award

Air Force:	Cadet Second Class Gabe Stelly
Army:	Cadet Brittany Haggett, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 2/C Isaiah Jones

Military Order of the Purple Heart Award

Air Force:	Cadet Second Class James Gegenheimer
Army:	Cadet Deryk Blanchard, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 3/C David Jimenez

Military Order of the World Wars Award

Air Force:	Cadet Fourth Class Louis Catiller Cadet Third Class Brady Sperier Cadet Second Class Ethan Houk Cadet First Class John Joseph Mafnas
Army:	Cadet Dillon Mathies, MS IV Cadet Paul Clady, MS III Cadet Nathaniel Duxbury, MS II Cadet Alice Huang, MS I



Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Emily Hodyna
 Midshipman 2/C Ian Mack
 Midshipman 2/C Dae Jin Kim
 Midshipman 3/C Jonathan Bennett
 Midshipman 4/C Christopher Dedo

National Defense Industrial Association Award

Air Force: Cadet First Class Nicholas Ronci
 Army: Cadet Charles Medick, MS IV
 Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Matthew Williams

National Defense Transportation Association Award

Air Force: Cadet First Class Nanlisha Bradford
 Army: Cadet Drake Broussard, MS IV

National Sojourners Award for Americanism

Air Force: Cadet Third Class Roberto Duran
 Army: Cadet Ariel Hector, MS III
 Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Travoll Payne

Reserve Officers Association Award

Air Force: Cadet First Class Rachel Salpietra
 Cadet Second Class Ethan Houk
 Cadet Third Class James Rogers
 Army: Cadet Alan Verdin, MS IV
 Cadet Connor Cloninger, MS III
 Cadet David Cariker, MS II
 Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Nicole Searcy
 Midshipman 2/C Rodriguez Manuel
 Midshipman 3/C Xanthus Vasquez

Scottish Rite Award

Air Force: Cadet Third Class Brian Schilleci
 Army: Cadet Nathaniel Yantis, MS III
 Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Mitchell Mason

Society of American Military Engineers Award

Air Force: Cadet First Class Jocelin Heymann

General Society of the War of 1812 Award

Air Force: Cadet Third Class Michael Cahill
 Army: Cadet Braxton Henry, MS II
 Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C David Jimenez



Sons of the American Revolution Award

Air Force:	Cadet Second Class Cameron Burchak
Army:	Cadet Lane Falcon, MS I
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 3/C David Jimenez

USAA Spirit Award

Air Force:	Cadet First Class Gerald Montgomery
Army:	Cadet Nathaniel Yantis, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 4/C Thomas Kendrick

Veterans of Foreign Wars Award

Air Force:	Cadet Third Class Jacob Hughes
Army:	Cadet Steven Honore, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 4/C Terry Kozlow

Navy League Award

Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 1/C Andrea Villanueva
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SERVICE SPECIFIC AWARDS

AIR FORCE

Above and Beyond Award	Cadet First Class Zachary Harris
AFA Award	Cadet Second Class James Gegenheimer
The LTC John Trigg Wood, III Memorial Scholarship	Cadet Third Class Ashley Bacon
The Harvey Jay and Betty Adele Jacobs Schwartzberg Scholarship	Cadet Third Class Michael Cahill
Colonial Dames of the 17th Century	Cadet First Class Rachel Salpietra
Order of Daedalians 60th Flight Flying Tigers Award	Cadet First Class Timothy Turner
J. L. Hendrickson Scholarship	Cadet Third Class Todd Dixon
Major General O. B. Johnson Scholarship	Cadet Second Class Shane Smith
AFROTC Meritorious Service Award	Cadet Second Class Cameron Burchak Cadet First Class John Presswood
AFROTC Commendation Award	Cadet Fourth Class Louis Catiller Cadet Fourth Class Sarah Mai Cadet Third Class Roberto Duran
AFROTC Achievement Award	Cadet Fourth Class Christopher Henry Cadet Third Class Brady Sperier Cadet Third Class Brian Schilleci Cadet Second Class James Gegenheimer Cadet First Class Timothy Turner
AFROTC Warrior Spirit Award	Cadet Fourth Class Gabriel Emerson Cadet Third Class Ashley Bacon Cadet Second Class Ethan Houk Cadet First Class Nicholas Ronci



ARMY

George C. Marshall Award	Aaron Vanya, MS IV
Association of the United States Army Leadership Excellence Award	Cadet Cindy Chauvin, MS III
Legion of Valor Bronze Cross	Cadet Cody Crager, MS IV
Pallas Athene Award	Cadet Dana Diesi, MS IV
Retired Officers' Association Award	Cadet William Welsh, MS III
Superior Cadet Decoration Award	Cadet Dylan Smith, MS IV Cadet Matthew Teamant, MS III Cadet Marc Thibodeaux, MS II Cadet Matthew Kinsey, MS I
Simultaneous Membership Program Award	Cadet Shandricka Jackson, MS III
USMA Mission Command Conference	Cadet Dylan Smith, MS IV

NAVY/MARINE CORPS

CNO Distinguished Midshipman Graduate Award	Midshipman 1/C Robert Marshall
Marine Corps Association Award	Midshipman 1/C Alejandro Gonzalez
Montford Point Marine Association Award	Midshipman 2/C Dae Jin Kim
National Naval Officers Association Award	Midshipman 1/C Gilleon Gillis
Navy Club Award	Midshipman 1/C Andrew Holley
Freshman Achievement Award	Midshipman 4/C Joshua Womack
Sophomore Achievement Award	Midshipman 3/C David Jimenez
Junior Achievement Award	Midshipman 2/C Matthew Williams
Athletic Achievement Award	Midshipman 2/C Isaiah Jones
Aptitude Achievement Award	Midshipman 1/C Andrew Holley
Most Improved Midshipman Award	Midshipman 2/C Rodriguez Manuel
Professor of Naval Science Award	Midshipman 1/C Robert Marshall
Midshipman of the Year Award	Midshipman 1/C Andrea Villanueva

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