

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

FIFTH ANNUAL JOINT ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY

LSU



THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016
FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
MEMORIAL OAK GROVE
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 war's 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 Colonel Ashley N. Bacon
LSU Corps Commander

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

Dr. F. King Alexander
President
Louisiana State University

Captain Anthony P. Chatham, United States Navy
Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science
NROTC Unit, Southern University and A&M College

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

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

INVOCATION

Midshipman 1/C Corbin Heath

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. F. King Alexander, LSU President

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Cadet Colonel Ashley N. Bacon, LSU Corps Commander

INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR SYMPOSIUM FINALISTS

John W. Milazzo, Jr., President, Cadets of the Ole War Skule

RECEPTION

Live Oak Terrace - Hosted by Cadets of the Ole War Skule



Welcome to the Fifth Annual Joint ROTC Awards 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 Midshipmen are addressed by their class within the University. Our Battalion Commanding Officer is Midshipman First Class Xanthus Vasquez.

Air Force Cadets are represented in their 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. Our current Cadet Wing Commander is Cadet Colonel Ashley N. Bacon.

Army Cadets are represented in the blue Army Service Uniform. Their rank is signified by chevrons for underclassmen and ovals and diamonds for seniors. Cadets are addressed as Cadet, rank and last name followed by their military science year in the program in writing. Our Battalion Commander is Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Lisa Lewis, MS IV.



Dr. F. King Alexander

President

Louisiana State University and A&M College

Dr. F. King Alexander is the President 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.



Captain Anthony P. Chatham, USN

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

Captain Chatham is a native of LaPlace, Louisiana and a graduate of East St. John High School in Reserve, Louisiana. He received his commission through the Naval ROTC program after graduating from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA in May of 1987.

Upon designation as a Naval Aviator in June of 1989, he reported to Patrol Squadron FORTY (VP-40), NAS Moffett Field, California. There he earned designations as Patrol Plane Instructor Pilot and Patrol Plane Mission Commander. Subsequent flying tours include instructor pilot duties at Training Squadron TWO (VT-2) in Milton, Florida, and Department Head tour in Patrol Squadron FORTY-SEVEN (VP-47) based at Marine Corps Air Facility Kaneohe, Hawaii. Captain Chatham served aboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) from June 1996 to June 1998 as the Air Department Catapult and Arresting Gear (V-2) Division Officer.

Captain Chatham's shore assignments include duty at Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Atlantic (CPRFL), where he served as the Force Maintenance and Logistics Officer (N4). Captain Chatham also served on the staff of Commander, U.S. Navy Central Command in Manama, Bahrain as Department Head for Policy, Plans and Pol-Mil, Theatre Security Cooperation and Exercises (N5).

Following this tour, he attended the Joint Advanced Warfighter School at the National Defense University. He graduated in June 2007, earning a Master of Science degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy. Upon graduation, he reported to Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia where he served as the Joint Capability Development, Joint Management Office Division Head (J82). In July 2003, Captain Chatham joined Advanced Multi-Engine Training Squadron THIRTYONE (VT-31) in Corpus Christi, Texas as Executive Officer and subsequently assumed command in February 2004. During his tour as Commanding Officer, he led his squadron in receipt of both the CNO Safety and the Admiral John H. Towers Safety awards. From June 2010 to June 2011, Captain Chatham served as the 33rd Commanding Officer of U.S. Navy Support Facility, Diego Garcia, enabling forward deployed U.S. and coalition operational forces and directly supporting four Combatant Commanders from this strategically critical location.

From June 2011 to June 2014, Captain Chatham served as Commanding Officer of Tulane University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) in New Orleans, Louisiana. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal (3), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal (4) and various unit commendations and campaign awards.



Lieutenant Colonel Dwight W. Pertuit, Jr.

*Commander of AFROTC Detachment 310
Louisiana State University*

Lieutenant Colonel Dwight W. Pertuit, Jr., is the Commander of AFROTC 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 50 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 AFROTC 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: SELECT ASSIGNMENTS: Sep 13-Present, Commander, AF ROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University; Sep 10-Sep 13, Chief, AFRICOM-EUCOM Regional-Adversary Team Branch/Space & Missile Defense Branch, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, NE; Jun 07-Sep 10, Director of Instruction/Course Director for Joint Air & Space Operations, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL; Jul 06-Jun 07, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL; Aug 04-Jul 06, Chief, Current Operations, Air Forces Europe, Warfighting Headquarters, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany; Dec 02-Aug 04, Chief, Special Technical Operations, 32nd Information Warfare Flight, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany; Jun 00-Dec 02, Orbital Analyst/Evaluator, 1st Space Control Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain, CO; Aug 99-Jun 00, Launch Weapons Officer/Weapons and Tactics Officer, 50th Operations Support Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO; Feb 98-Aug 99, Crew Commander, 55th Space Weather Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO; Dec 93-Feb 98, Missile Combat Crew Deputy/Commander/Instructor/Flight Commander, 319th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY; 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 P. House III, US ARMY

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

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence House III is a native of Asheville, North Carolina. He was commissioned in the Regular Army Transportation Corps from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee in May 1995. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from East Tennessee State University and a Master's Degree in Management from Webster University. Lieutenant Colonel House III is a graduate of the Transportation Corps Officer Basic and Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School, and the Command and General Staff College. He has served in key developmental positions in the United States, Korea and Iraq. His key assignments include:

Platoon Leader for 782nd Main Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division and Movement Control Officer for 82nd Division Support Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina;

Company Commander of Headquarters Company, 25th Transportation Battalion, 19th Theater Support Command in Yongsan, Korea;

Mobility Officer and Inspector General for 184th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Mississippi Army National Guard in Laurel, Mississippi;

Brigade Transportation Officer for 155th Separate Armored Brigade (Forward), 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force in Iraq;

Battalion Executive Officer and Support Operations Officer, 180th Transportation Battalion, 15th Sustainment Brigade in Fort Hood, Texas;

Lieutenant Colonel Assignment Officer, Strategic Initiatives Officer, and Chief, Command Management Branch with the US Army Human Resources Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Lieutenant Colonel House was selected by the Department of the Army to serve as a Professor of Military Science and was assigned to Louisiana State University, Department of Military Science in July 2014.

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence House III has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal (with two Campaign Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Korean Defense Service Medal, a Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel House III is married to the former Cristy Kolwe and they reside in Prairieville, LA with their four children: Gavin, Amelia, Della, and Cora.



JOINT ROTC AWARDS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016

American Legion Military Excellence Award

Air Force:	Cadet 4th Class Collean Hebert Cadet 3rd Class Cole Wolf Cadet Captain Blake Stewart Cadet Captain Griffin McDonald
Army:	Cadet Shayna Wilcox, MS I
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 1/C Nsombi Roberts Midshipman 2/C Melissa Montano Midshipman 3/C Mercedes Holland Midshipman 4/C Steven Lewis

American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award

Air Force:	Cadet 4th Class Joel DeRobertis Cadet 3rd Class Corey Kuhn Cadet Captain Tammy Chau Cadet Colonel Roberto Duran
Army:	Cadet Lane Falcon, MS II
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 2/C Nathan Graham

American Legion Scholarship Award

Air Force:	Cadet Major Gabriel Emerson
Army:	Cadet Shayna Wilcox, MS I
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 2/C Melissa Montano

American Veterans Award

Air Force:	Cadet 4th Class Joel DeRobertis
Army:	Cadet Jacob McConnell, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 4/C Zackary Blackburn

Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Honor Award

Air Force:	Cadet Captain Khoa Nguyen
Army:	Cadet Jarrett Logan, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 2/C Candace Jackson



Carlos G. Spaht Memorial Scholarship

Air Force: Cadet 4th Class Zeyad Alaidroos
Army: Cadet Andrea Dent, MS I
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Renee Hill

Major General Harry Conrad ROTC Scholarship

Air Force: Cadet Captain Sarah Mai
Army: Cadet Todd Dixon, MS III

James W. Nicholson Excellence in Mathematics Award of the United Daughters of the Confederacy - Joanna Waddill Chapter

Air Force: Cadet 4th Class Zeyad Alaidroos
Army: Cadet Kalin Menard, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Candace Jackson

Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award

Air Force: Cadet 3rd Class Jacob Hughes
Army: Cadet Olivia Colton, MS II
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Julia Freeman

Daughters of the American Revolution Award

Air Force: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Contessa Monroe
Army: Cadet Destiny Kennedy, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C David Jimenez

John W. Milazzo, Jr. Honorary ROTC Scholarship

Air Force: Cadet Major Gabriel Emerson
Army: Cadet Alice Huang, MS III

Knights of Columbus Patriotic Award

Air Force: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Lauren Hafer
Army: Cadet Patrick Williamson, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Christopher Dedo

Military Officers Association of America Award

Air Force: Cadet Captain Sarah Mai
Army: Cadet Frank Fontenot, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Wesley Norton

Military Order of the Purple Heart Award

Air Force: Cadet Captain Tammy Chau
Army: Cadet Kathryn Winski, MS II
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Renee Hill



Military Order of the World Wars Award

Air Force:	Cadet 4th Class Jesse St. Clergy Cadet 3rd Class Kaylin Hankerson Cadet Major Gabriel Emerson Cadet Captain Griffin McDonald
Army:	Cadet Nathaniel Duxbury, MS IV Cadet Lukas Dretzka, MS III Cadet Kazimira Karwowski, MS II Cadet Jordan Zeringue, MS I
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 1/C Joseph Yott Midshipman 2/C Mark Tran Midshipman 3/C Conner Black Midshipman 4/C Nathan Istre

National Defense Industrial Association Award

Air Force:	Cadet Colonel Roberto Duran
Army:	Cadet Braxton Henry, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 1/C Corbin Heath

National Defense Transportation Association Award

Air Force:	Cadet Colonel Ashley Bacon
Army:	Cadet Curtis Crenshaw, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 1/C James-Austin Whittlesey

**National Society United States Daughters of 1812,
General Robert McCausland Chapter**

Air Force:	Cadet Major Brian Schilleci
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National Sojourners Award for Americanism

Air Force:	Cadet Captain Stephanie Benton
Army:	Cadet Cody A. Nash, MS II
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 2/C Candace Jackson

Reserve Officers Association Award

Air Force:	Cadet 3rd Class Kathleen Dickerson Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Lauren Hafer Cadet Major Brian Schilleci
Army:	Cadet Jared Neeb, MS II Cadet Matthew Kinsey, MS III Cadet Brennan West, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 1/C James-Austin Whittlesey Midshipman 2/C Matthew Mason Midshipman 3/C Zachary Spears



Scottish Rite Award

Air Force: Cadet 3rd Class Nikolaus Bihlmeyer
Army: Cadet Zachary Powers, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Terry Kozlow

Society of American Military Engineers Award

Air Force: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel
James Gegenheimer

General Society of the War of 1812 Award

Air Force: Cadet 3rd Class Cameron Robertson
Army: Cadet Elijah Jones, MS II
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Julia Freeman

Sons of the American Revolution Award

Air Force: Cadet Captain Blake Stewart
Army: Cadet Evan Wesslund, MS II
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Keneisha Brown

USAA Spirit Award

Air Force: Cadet 4th Class Austin Beckermeyer
Army: Cadet Katharina Beliveau, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Nathan Graham

Veterans of Foreign Wars Award

Air Force: Cadet Captain Kyrie Collins
Army: Cadet Nathaniel Yantis, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Jacob Pikul



SERVICE SPECIFIC AWARDS

AIR FORCE

AFROTC Distinguished Graduate	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel James Gegenheimer
Above and Beyond Award	Cadet 3rd Class Dane Ivy
Air Force Association Award	Cadet Captain Blake Stewart
The LTC John Trigg Wood, III Memorial Scholarship	Cadet 4th Class Jenna Meadors
Colonial Dames of the 17th Century	Cadet Colonel Ashley Bacon
The Colonel Charles J. "Chuck" Dumas AFROTC Scholarship	Cadet 3rd Class Kathleen Dickerson Cadet 4th Class Jesse St. Clergy
Order of Daedalians 60th Flight Flying Tigers Award	Cadet Colonel Roberto Duran
J. L. Hendrickson Scholarship	Cadet 4th Class Madison Morse
Major General O. B. Johnson Scholarship	Cadet 3rd Class Kaylin Hankerson
AFROTC Meritorious Service Award	Cadet Colonel Michael Cahill Cadet Captain Griffin McDonald Cadet Captain Blake Stewart
AFROTC Commendation Award	Cadet Colonel Ashley Bacon Cadet Colonel Roberto Duran Cadet 3rd Class Jacob Hughes Cadet Captain Sarah Mai Cadet 4th Class Jenna Meadors Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Contessa Monroe



AFROTC Achievement Award	Cadet 4th Class Austin Beckermeyer Cadet Captain Stephanie Benton Cadet Captain Kyrie Collins Cadet Captain Tammy Chau Cadet Major Gabriel Emerson Cadet 3rd Class Kaylin Hankerson Cadet 3rd Class Dane Ivy Cadet 3rd Class Harry Nordyke Cadet 4th Class Tyler Rossel
AFROTC Warrior Spirit Award	Cadet 4th Class Payton Poole Cadet 3rd Class Jacob Hughes Cadet Captain Kyrie Collins Cadet Colonel Michael Cahill

ARMY

George C. Marshall Award	Cadet Lisa Lewis, MS IV
Cadet of the Year	Cadet Lisa Lewis, MS IV
Association of the United States Army Leadership Excellence Award	Cadet Matthew McKay, MS III
Harvey & Betty Schwartzberg Scholarship	Cadet Richard Weaver, MS I
Superior Cadet Decoration Award	Cadet Marc Thibodeaux, MS IV Cadet Grant Carrier, MS III Cadet Matthew Cavell, MS II Cadet David Kelley, MS I
Simultaneous Membership Program Award	Cadet Mason Mayeaux, MS III
Top Military Science Cadets	Cadet Thomas Stremlau, MS I Cadet Michael Orgeron, MS II Cadet Spencer Lewis, MS III Cadet Lisa Lewis, MS IV



NAVY/MARINE CORPS

CNO Distinguished Midshipman Graduate Award	Midshipman 1/C James-Austin Whittlesey
Marine Corps Association Award	Midshipman 1/C Ryan Christmas
Montford Point Marine Association Award	Midshipman 3/C Michael Nickelotte
National Naval Officers Association Award	Midshipman 1/C Corbin Heath
National Submarine League Award	Midshipman 1/C Stephen Capella
Freshman Achievement Award	Midshipman 4/C Steven Lewis
Sophomore Achievement Award	Midshipman 3/C Jeremy Spears
Junior Achievement Award	Midshipman 2/C Melissa Montano
Athletic Achievement Award	SSgt Luke Boyd
Aptitude Achievement Award	Midshipman 4/C Tyler Hernandez
Most Improved Midshipman Award	Midshipman 4/C Joshua Deboisblanc
Professor of Naval Science Award	Midshipman 1/C James-Austin Whittlesey
Midshipman of the Year Award	Midshipman 1/C James-Austin Whittlesey

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