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Robert J. Barham

Specialist 4, U.S. Army



Louisiana Secretary of Wildlife and Fisheries Robert J. Barham earned a bachelor's degree in management from LSU in 1970. He holds a master's degree in history from the University of Louisiana-Monroe and is a graduate of the LSU AgCenter Leadership School. While at LSU he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and Army ROTC.

Barham served as a medic in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1972, providing the civilian population in South Vietnam with medical and preventative care. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Specialist 4, E4. His military honors include the Army Commendation Award, Presidential Unit Citation, and Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with two stars.

Barham served as the state senator from Louisiana's 33rd District from 1994 to 2008, when he was appointed to his current position by Gov. Bobby Jindal. In the senate, he chaired the Homeland Security Committee and was a member of several committees – Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development; Natural Resources; and Retirement; and served on the Legislative Rural Task Force. He chaired the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee for eight years.

Barham began his public service as a councilman for the town of Oak Ridge, Louisiana, from 1989 to 1994 and as mayor from 1982 to 1988.

In 1999, Barham received the Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award from the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and the National Award for Conservation of Natural Resources from the Daughters of the American Revolution. He was awarded the Outstanding Individual in Agriculture Award by the Louisiana Ag Council in 2000 and received the Legislator of the Year Award from the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce in 2002. He has also been honored with the John D. Newsom Award for Wildlife Stewardship and the LSU Extension Service Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Barham is a member of the LSU AgCenter Advisory Committee for Northeast Louisiana and is a past chairman of the LSU College of Agriculture Development Committee. He was inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction in 2007, and his family sponsored a scholarship in wildlife management and an exhibit in the LSU Museum of Natural History. He is a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule, and he recently donated his class ring to the Association's LSU Ring Collection.

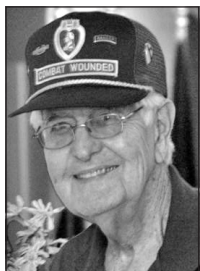
Active in civic affairs, Barham is a member of Rotary Club of Monroe and has served on the board of directors of the Bank of Oak Ridge and as a Deacon of the Oak Ridge First Baptist Church.

Barham and his wife, the former Melba Pipes, live in Oak Ridge, Louisiana. They have three children, Robert Erle, Rebecca, and Henry, and four grandchildren.



James Logan Brown

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



James Brown graduated from LSU in 1950 with a degree in history. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Psi Chi and Alpha Phi Omega honor societies, and in Army ROTC, was a member of Scabbard and Blade and a Distinguished Military Graduate. He holds degrees in economics from the University of Oklahoma and psychology from the University of Texas, and he completed Command and General Staff College. At UT, he was named to Phi Kappa Phi.

Brown was commissioned in the regular U.S. Army and assigned as a second lieutenant to the Seventh Infantry Regiment. He was soon posted to the Eighth Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division for combat in Korea. Wounded in action, he spent time recovering in the hospital at Ft. Sam Houston. After survival training in Alaska, he successfully completed Ranger School at Ft. Benning. Next, he attended jump school. On a jump, the main parachute did not open, but he was able to deploy the reserve chute seconds before he hit the ground. He was injured, not severely, but the medics disqualified him from further parachute duty. He was then posted to Berlin with the Sixth Infantry Regiment as a company commander and later transferred to the Office of U.S. Commander. After three years in Berlin, he returned to Ft. Benning for the Advanced Infantry Officer Course, then went to the University of Oklahoma as assistant professor of military science. Brown transferred from infantry, a combat arm, to quartermaster, a support service, due to difficulty with his combat wounds and parachute injuries.

In logistics, Brown was posted to Germany, France, Vietnam, Okinawa, and to Philadelphia with DOD. He retired after twenty-six years of service. His honors include the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, occupation ribbons for Europe/Far East and Korea, and United Nations Medal.

After retiring from the military, Brown worked for the State of Texas. He resides in Austin, Texas, and is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite – KCCH, First Cavalry Division Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, DAV, Military Officers of America, and the USA Association of Berlin Veterans. A supporter and founder of the LSU alumni chapter in Austin, he is a lifetime member of the LSU Alumni Association. Recently, he traveled to Washington, D.C., with Honor Flight to see the World War II, Korea, and Vietnam memorials. In 2008, he visited Berlin for eight days as a guest of the German government's Checkpoint Charlie organization.

James and his wife, Glenda, have two children, Susan and Jennifer, both of whom are graduates of Rice University.



Louis D. Curet

First Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force



Louis Curet, born in New Roads, Louisiana, earned a bachelor's degree from the College of Arts & Sciences in 1947 and a juris doctorate from the LSU Law School in 1950. As a student, he was a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. He served as a justice on the Student Honor Court, as morale commissioner for Student Government, as president of the College of Arts & Sciences, and as regional president of the National Student Association. He was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*, recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate, and served as president of Omicron Kappa Delta.

He was commissioned through LSU Air Force ROTC and served two years on active duty assigned to the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate Department. He was honorably discharged at the rank of first lieutenant.

Curet practiced law from 1950 to 2005 with Sam J. D'Amico in Baton Rouge. During his career he served as president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association, was named a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and was recognized as a Distinguished Attorney by the Louisiana Bar Foundation in 2004.

Active with civic, educational, and philanthropic organizations, Curet sits on the board of the Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society; served on the boards of Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, Our Lady of the Lake Foundation, Society of St. Vincent DePaul, and the Baton Rouge Area Foundation; and has been a member of Downtown Kiwanis Club for sixty-three years. He was the 2006 recipient of the prestigious Golden Deeds Award, Baton Rouge's top community service award.

He is a member of the Sigma Chi Alumni Association, Cadets of the Ole War Skule, Friends of the Library, the LSU Alumni Association, and the LSU Foundation. Under his leadership and encouragement he and colleagues formed the Friends of LSU French Studies, and he established the Louis D. Curet Endowed Scholarship in the Department of French Studies. For his demonstrated commitment to his *alma mater* and generous support of University programs, he was inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction in 2002.

Curet was married to the late Jean Harvey Curet, and their daughter, Jeanne Curet James, and her husband, David, gave him four grandchildren children, Sally James, William James, Carter James, and David James, Jr., deceased.



James Edward Gerace Chief Warrant Officer 4



James Gerace attended LSU from 1964 to 1968 and participated in the LSU Army ROTC program. Upon his return from Vietnam in 1971, Gerace re-enrolled at LSU and earned a bachelor's degree in 1972.

In 1969, Gerace enlisted in the U.S. Army and received his commission. He served in the military for thirty-seven years – two years on active duty and thirty-five years in the Louisiana National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve – as a company commander, platoon leader, helicopter pilot, safety officer, and publications officer.

His assignments included service with the 128th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter) U.S. Pacific, Republic of Vietnam in 1970. Upon his return in 1971, he transferred to the 256th Aviation Company Louisiana National Guard in New Orleans and later transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve. He retired from military service in 2007.

For his service to his country, Gerace was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Senior Army Aviator Wings, Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with Device, Armed Forces Reserve and National Guard medals, Humanitarian Service Medal, Honorable Service Medal, and Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal.

Gerace is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker TEC Realtors in Slidell. In his community he serves as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church; is a member of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; is the St. Tammany Parish commissioner in charge of parish, state, and federal public elections; and was a Boy Scouts of America Webelos leader. He is a member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule and the LSU Foundation.

Gerace and his wife, the former Janet Elizabeth Reinhardt, a 1968 LSU alumna, live in Pearl River, Louisiana. They have two children, Scott Gerace and Jennifer Gerace Dupont, and two grandchildren, Henry and Hallie Gerace.



John J. Killeen, Sr.

Captain, U.S. Army



The late John Killeen graduated from LSU in 1939 with a bachelor's degree in political science. While attending school during the Great Depression, he financed his education through a variety of jobs, such as working in the cafeteria in Foster Hall, and he was a member of Alpha Alpha Alpha fraternity. Among his favorite memories was meeting Mike Chambers, the athletic trainer for whom LSU's mascot is named.

Killeen served on active duty from 1942 to 1946 and in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1956 to 1963. He graduated from Armored Training School and received his commission as a second lieutenant through Office Candidate School in 1943 at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He saw active combat service from July 1944 to May 1945 as a company commander, reconnaissance unit commander, tank maintenance officer, and platoon leader, and during that time he was promoted to first lieutenant then captain. He served in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, and Germany, where he commanded a prisoner of war camp for German military officers during occupation.

For service to his country, Killeen was honored with the Silver Star, Bronze Star with V for Heroism, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster (two), Presidential Unit Citation (4th Armored Division), European-North African-Middle Eastern Campaign Badge, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Badge, Army of Occupation Medal (German), French Croix de Guerre with Palm-Unit Citation (4th Armored Division).

Killeen was appointed undersecretary of the Louisiana Department of Labor and served as metro-area supervisor for the Division of Employment Security. In 1997, he was appointed by then-New Orleans Mayor Moon Landrieu to serve on the Jobs for Veterans Task Force.

He was a charter member of the National D-Day Museum (now World War II Museum) in New Orleans and was an active member of American Legion Post 77. He was recognized as a distinguished honoree at the inaugural LSU Salutes event in 1995, and in 1997 the Louisiana Secretary of State paid tribute to his contributions to the state in civilian life and in wartime service with a six-month-long exhibit of Killeen's World War II memorabilia at Louisiana State Archives. His World War II exploits were cited in the *Times-Picayune* (January 2, 1995) and in *War Stories, Remembering WWII* by Elizabeth Mullener (LSU Press 2002).

Killeen and his wife, the late Ana Mae Bencaz Killeen, had three children – John J. Killeen, Jr., Marleen K. Garritty, and Timothy P. Killeen, all LSU graduates, and four grandchildren, one of whom graduated from LSU. Killeen died in 2000.



Maxwell Melville Merritt

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army



The late Maxwell Merritt matriculated at the Ole War Skule on the original LSU campus in 1915 and voluntarily put his college career on hold in 1918 to join the U.S. Army and serve his country during World War I.

Merritt served in the 348th Infantry Regiment, 87th Division and saw action at Chateau Thierry. For bravery and heroics during the Battle of Argonne Forest, he received a battlefield commission to First Lieutenant. His service ended following the Armistice of November 11, 1918.

His military records were destroyed in an Army facility fire, but among his documented military honors are the World War I Victory Medal with two Battle Clasps, Army of Occupation of Germany Medal, and the World War I Victory Button.

Merritt returned to LSU in 1919 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1920. He was a resident of Pentagon Barracks and was one of the original members of the Friars Club. In 1925, he returned to campus to be initiated into Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

After receiving his degree, Merritt joined Standard Oil (EXXON) as a chemist. He worked in Baton Rouge, Uruguay, and Argentina, serving as vice president of Esso in Argentina and president of the Esso Corporation in Uruguay.

He retired in 1954 to the Mississippi Gulf Coast where he and his wife, Agnes, enjoyed sailing and golfing at Pass Christian Golf Club. Upon his death in 1970, his extensive personal library was donated to the Troy H. Middleton Library as a testament to his love for and dedication to the University.

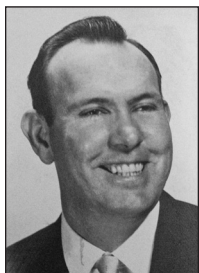
The Merritts three children – Mary Merritt Rodrigue, Peter Maxwell Merritt, and Henry Richard Merritt – graduated from LSU, as did four of their grandchildren – Michelle Merritt Lorusso, Melanie Merritt Hebert, Marsha Merritt Sperier, and Michael Maxwell Merritt. Two great grandchildren are currently enrolled at LSU – Joseph D. Hebert IV and Nicholas D. Lorusso II, who is a Delta Kappa Epsilon pledge.

The family legacy is documented by five bricks on Tiger Walk at the Lod Cook Alumni Center. Michelle Lorusso's husband, Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas J. Lorusso, is a Louisiana state representative and was inducted into the Hall of Honor during LSU Salutes in 2013.



Roy D. Mitchell

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army



Roy Mitchell entered LSU in 1941 on an LSU farms working scholarship to pay for tuition, books, room, and board. He was a captain in Army ROTC and a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He interrupted his education in 1943 to serve his country in World War II and returned to campus in 1946, graduating with a bachelor's degree in agriculture education in 1948. In 1955, he received his master's degree in extension education.

Mitchell entered active duty as a private (rifleman) in the infantry and saw action in Normandy, northern France, and the Rhineland. He was captured on Dec. 5, 1944, and remained a prisoner of war until the war ended. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve after World War II and reported for active duty in 1950 to train an artillery unit for the Korean Conflict. He was discharged on May 13, 1954.

For his service, he was awarded the Bronze Star, Ex-POW Medal, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.

After graduation from LSU, Mitchell taught vocational agriculture education at Zachary High School then began a thirty-nine year career with Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service. Following an initial assignment as assistant county agent in Leesville, Louisiana, and two additional locations and promotions, he was named county agent for Tangipahoa Parish in Amite, Louisiana. During his tenure he served as state president of the Louisiana County Agents Association, and he received the Distinguished Service Award from the National County Agents Association.

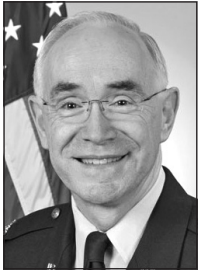
In his community, Mitchell served as president and past-president of the local Kiwanis Club, on the board of the Tangipahoa Parish Fair and was Grand Marshal of the Tangipahoa Parish Fair Parade, and worked with the Tangipahoa Forestry Board of Directors. He was an active member of the Amite First Baptist Church, coached Little League Baseball and was the announcer for Dixie League Baseball. He was well known for his outstanding work with the dairy industry and strawberry farmers in the Tangipahoa Parish.

Mitchell and his wife, Erline, had six children – Deborah M. O'Shee, Linda M. Tycer, Alan R. Mitchell, Ronald C. Mitchell, Janet L. Mitchell, and Jason G. Mitchell. He and his brother were instrumental in establishing the Dr. Guy C. Mitchell Scholarship in the College of Education (Humanities and Social Sciences).



Bobby V. Page

Chaplain (Brigadier General), Deputy Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Air Force



Bobby V. Page graduated from LSU in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in history and was commissioned through LSU Air Force ROTC. He earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Golden Gate University, a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Page is Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Pentagon. A member of the special staff of the Chief of Staff, he assists the Chief of Chaplains in all matters pertaining to the religious and moral welfare of Air Force personnel and their dependents and directing a Chaplain Corps of more than 2,200 chaplains and chaplain assistants.

Page earned his wings in January 1975 and served as a navigator, instructor navigator, and senior navigator. He separated from the Air Force in 1980 to attend Southwestern Theological Seminary and after graduation served pastorates in Arkansas and North Carolina. During that time he also served as a chaplain in the Air National Guard in Arkansas and Georgia, then in the Air Force Reserve in South Carolina. He returned to active duty in 1989 and has served a variety of chaplain assignments at the wing, two major commands, and Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

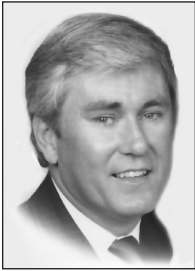
Page has significant deployed experience, twice serving as wing chaplain at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia and leading the largest Air Force chapel team in the Central Command area of responsibility during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also established the first Air Force chaplain ministry at the Baghdad International Airport.

He has garnered numerous awards and decorations, among them the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and five Oak Leaf Clusters. He will retire after more than thirty-three years of service on December 31, 2015.

Page and his wife, Ruth Alewine, who reside in Washington, D.C., have two married daughters, Anne King and Allison Woodland.



Vaughn Robert Ross, Sr. Captain, U.S. Army



Vaughn Ross attended LSU from 1962 to 1966 and participated in Army ROTC. He was drafted in 1966 and after completing his service and establishing himself in business, he re-entered the University and earned a degree in general studies in 1985.

Ross attended basic training and was accepted for Infantry Officers Candidate School while at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, before attending Leaders Preparation Course at Ft. Ord, California. Assigned to the 82nd Officers Candidate Company at Ft. Benning's Infantry School, he graduated and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1967. He was promoted to first lieutenant a year later and to captain in 1969.

After graduating from Officers Rotary Wing Flight School, he was assigned as an aviator with the 182nd Aviation Company at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He was ordered to Instructor Pilot School and deployed to Vietnam in 1969, assigned to the 57th Assault Helicopter Company, 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Brigade to support the highly secret Special Forces Studies and Observation Group. He served as first platoon leader and flight operations officer, accumulated 1,056 combat flying hours, was shot down twice, and wounded once. He returned to the States in 1970, and was assigned as executive officer to an aviation support company at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. He separated from active duty in 1971 and served in the U.S. Army Reserve until 1982 when he was honorably discharged at the rank of captain.

For service to his country, Ross was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal with twenty-six Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, and various campaign medals associated with service in Vietnam and stateside.

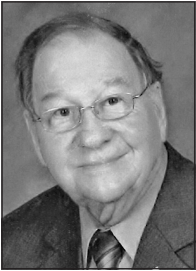
Ross is president of V.R. Ross Associates, an independent professional aviation and transportation consulting service. He served as undersecretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development from 1984 to 1988 and was previously cofounder, vice president, and director of operations of Commercial Helicopters, Inc., based in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Ross holds an Airline Transport Pilots Rating in Rotorcraft – with more than 4,000 hours of accident-free flying – and an Aviation Safety Certificate from the University of Southern California Viterbi School of Engineering. He is a former member of the Greater Baton Rouge Airport Board of Commissioners, a Certified Aircraft Accident Investigator with more than forty-seven years of experience in aviation, and a member of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators.

Ross resides in Baton Rouge. He has two children, Katherine, an LSU graduate, and Vaughn, Jr., a U.S. Navy veteran, and a granddaughter, six-year-old Isla Alexandria.



William Dickson Shaffer, Jr. Captain, U.S. Army



William Shaffer attended LSU for two semesters in 1940 and pledged Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Late that year he enlisted in the Louisiana National Guard, was commissioned through Officer Training School, and attended Advanced Officers Course in 1941. Shaffer was serving as Officer of the Day at Camp Hulen, Texas, when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He served on active duty for the duration of World War II.

He deployed to New Orleans with the 51st Coast Artillery Transport Detachment. Assigned to a requisitioned passenger ship reconditioned for troop transport (the *U.S.S. McAndrew*), Shaffer was the U.S. Army officer in charge of anti-aircraft weapons on the vessel. The ship took troops through the Panama Canal to New Caledonia and Melbourne, Australia, picked up wounded from the Battle of Coral Sea, and returned to the States. As replacement detachment officer, he made multiple trans-Atlantic trips bringing troops to Sierra Leone, Cape Town, Aden, Suez, England, and France.

Shaffer was promoted to captain and completed his service in New York as marine inspection officer. He was released from active duty in 1946. Recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict, he attended Anti-Aircraft School at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and from 1951 to 1953 served as an anti-aircraft battery commander in Munich and Augsburg, Germany.

Shaffer's military awards include the American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Army Occupation Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and "Honorary Spurs" under the Order of the Spurs 2nd Squadron, 108th Cavalry Regiment, U.S. Army National Guard.

In civilian life, Shaffer was a salesman with Interstate School Supply Co. in Baton Rouge. He is a member of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and Cadets of the Ole War Skule. He belongs to Friends of the Atchafalaya and is a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church. A longtime member of Kiwanis International, he served as lieutenant governor, Division B, was named a George F. Hixon Fellow of Kiwanis International, included on the Kiwanis International Tablet of Honor, and received the Distinguished Club President Award. He received the Crystal Apple Award from Volunteers in Public Schools for work with the Northdale Magnet Academy and established the William Rodney Cline Philosophy of Education Scholarship. Shaffer and his wife cofounded the Baton Rouge Student Art Show at the Annual Kiwanis Pancake Festival, still in existence after nearly fifty years.

Shaffer and his late wife, Captain Helen Tuckwiller of the Women's Army Corps, met in London during World War II and married soon after. They had five children, two of whom are LSU graduates. Today, he has five grandchildren – including another LSU graduate – and three great-grandchildren.



Daniel Mark Waghelstein

Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force; Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps



Daniel Waghelstein, of Baton Rouge, graduated from LSU in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

He served for thirteen years as a Special Operations Forces operator for the U.S. Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency, with Marine Corps Reconnaissance from 1981 to 1984, and with Air Force Pararescue from 1996 to 2003. As a reconnaissance marine, Waghelstein collected and reported intelligence through clandestine surveillance essential to Marine Corps operations and conducted tactical recovery of aircraft personnel and maritime interdiction operations. As a pararescue specialist, he applied emergency and lifesaving medical treatments during search-and-rescue operations, recovering downed aircrews, aerospace hardware and supporting NASA Space Shuttle launches. Waghelstein conducted special tactics to support joint special operations forces during peace and combat operations.

In 2003, he was selected for a special operations team that supported various initiatives in Baghdad, Iraq. As a CIA Blackwater contractor, he provided the intelligence community operational support in developing countermeasures to secular and insurgency threats and provided protective security detail protection to dignitaries and other high-risk individuals in combat areas of operation. He returned to Louisiana in 2006.

In 2007, Waghelstein went to work for Booz Allen & Hamilton, U.S. Defense Department contractor for the U.S. Marine Forces Reserve Command in New Orleans. He was the continuity of operations manager for the G-3/5 and an anti-terrorism officer until 2009. From 2010 to 2013, as a national security specialist with the U.S. Department of Justice Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, Waghelstein provided security and emergency liaison between the executive office and seven presidentially appointed attorneys in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

His military awards include the Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal, Air Medal, USAF Commendation Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, USAF Achievement Medal, USAF Outstanding Unit Award, USAF Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, US Air Force Longevity Service Medal, U.S. National Defense Medal, USAF Reserve Ribbon with "M" Device, USAF Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He also received the USAF Eagle Grant Award for Academic Achievement and USAF Airman Leadership School Distinguished Graduate Award, was an Honor Graduate of the Marine Corps Non-Commissioned Officers Leadership School, and received a Meritorious Promotion to a Non-Commissioned Officer.

He is a member of the 2D Reconnaissance Battalion Association, Force Reconnaissance Association, American Legion, and Cadets of the Ole War Skule.

Waghelstein is the son of retired U.S. Army Col. John D. Waghelstein.



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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 thirty 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 Legacy of Military Excellence Commission, Memorial Tower, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Telephone: 225-578-0420; e-mail: cadets@lsu.edu or visit the Cadets of the Ole War Skule website at olewarskule.lsu.edu.



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