Sixth Annual Joint ROTC Awards Ceremony

Thursday, April 20, 2017
Four o’clock
Cotillion Ballroom
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

The US Army Cadet Command partners with universities to recruit, educate, develop, and inspire Senior ROTC Cadets in order to commission officers of character for the Total Army; and partner with high schools to conduct JROTC in order to develop citizens of character for a lifetime of commitment and service to the nation.

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.
WELCOME
Midshipman CAPTAIN Christopher J. Dedo
LSU Corps Commander

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY
Dr. F. King Alexander
President
Louisiana State University and A&M College

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence P. House III, United States Army
Commandant and Professor of Military Science
AROTC Unit, Louisiana State University and A&M College

Lieutenant Colonel William D. Magee, United States Air Force
Commanding Officer and Professor of Aerospace Studies
AFROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University & A&M College

Commander James R. Thomas, United States Navy
Executive Officer of Naval Science
NROTC Unit, Southern University and A&M College

INVOCATION
Midshipman 1/C Keneisha Brown

OPENING REMARKS
Dr. F. King Alexander
LSU President

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
Midshipman CAPTAIN Christopher J. Dedo
LSU Corps Commander

INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR SYMPOSIUM FINALISTS
John W. Milazzo, Jr., President
Cadets of the Ole War Skule

Reception Cotillion Ballroom
Provided by Cadets of the Ole War Skule
Welcome to the Sixth 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 Matthew Mason.

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 Sarah R. Mai.

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 Alice Huang.
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 Lawrence P. House III, US ARMY

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

Biography LTC Lawrence House as of August 2014
Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence House 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 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 has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (with three 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 is married to the former Cristy Kolwe and they reside in Prairieville, LA with their four children: Gavin, Amelia, Della, and Cora.
Lieutenant Colonel William D. Magee
Commander of AFROTC Detachment 310
Louisiana State University and A&M College

Lt Col William D. Magee is the Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 310, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA the state’s flagship institution. He was commissioned through the Deserving Airman Program in May 2000 after 10 years of enlisted service in the Air Force Reserve and Louisiana Army National Guard. Lt Col William D. Magee is a career aircraft maintenance officer and has participated in numerous deployments supporting Operations DESERT STORM, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

EDUCATION
1994 Bachelor of Arts, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2008 Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Officer School, Nellis AFB, NV
2011 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL
2013 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

COMMAND ASSIGNMENTS
1. Aug 2008-Feb 2010, Commander, 917th Maintenance Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
2. Feb 2010-Jul 2010, Commander, 44th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM
3. Jul 2010-Mar 2013, Deputy Commander, 44th Fighter Group, Holloman AFB, NM
4. Feb 2012-Aug 2012, Deputy Commander, 325th Maintenance Group, Tyndall AFB, FL
7. Jul 2016-present, Commander, AF ROTC Det 310, Louisiana State University, LA
## Joint ROTC Awards
### Academic Year 2016-2017

### American Legion Military Excellence Award
- **Air Force:** Cadet 4th Class Elena Bihlmeyer, Cadet 3rd Class Nicolas Smith, Cadet Captain Stephanie Benton, Cadet Captain Jacob Hughes
- **Army:** Cadet Alice Huang
- **Navy/Marine Corps:** Midshipman 1/C Candace Jackson, Midshipman 2/C Jeremy Spears, Midshipman 3/C Patrick Cadoret, Midshipman 4/C Edgar Perez

### American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award
- **Air Force:** Cadet 4th Class Jack Neelis, Cadet 3rd Class Chloe Tillis, Cadet Captain Tammy Chau, Cadet Captain Cole Wolf
- **Army:** Cadet Evan Wesslund

### American Legion Scholarship Award
- **Air Force:** Cadet 3rd Class Corey Kuhn
- **Army:** Cadet Alice Huang
- **Navy/Marine Corps:** PFC Michael Nickelotte Jr.

### American Veterans Award
- **Air Force:** Cadet 4th Class Jack Spriggs
- **Army:** Cadet Ryan Mixon
- **Navy/Marine Corps:** Midshipman 1/C Terry Kozlow

### Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Honor Award
- **Air Force:** Cadet Captain Harry Nordyke
- **Army:** Cadet Cody Nash
Carlos G. Spaht Memorial Scholarship

Air Force: Cadet 4th Class Lauren Skarupsky
Army: Cadet Lerone Owens
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Edgar Perez

Major General Harry Conrad ROTC Scholarship

Air Force: Cadet 3rd Class Jana St. Germain

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

Air Force: Cadet 3rd Class Tyler Rossell
Army: Cadet Kazimira Karwowski
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Edgar Perez

Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award

Air Force: Cadet 3rd Class Tyler Rossell
Army: Cadet Catherine Torry
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Zackary Blackburn

Daughters of the American Revolution Award

Air Force: Cadet Major Blake Stewart
Army: Cadet Wendy Martin
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Jason Xu

John W. Milazzo, Jr. Honorary ROTC Scholarship

Air Force: Cadet 3rd Class Zeyad Alaidroos
Army: Cadet Frank Fontenot

Knights of Columbus Patriotic Award

Air Force: Cadet Major Dane Ivy
Army: Cadet Jared Neeb
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Jesse Robinson

Military Officers Association of America Award

Air Force: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kathleen Dickerson
Army: Cadet Thomas Stremlau
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Daniel Nguyen
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## Reserve Officers Association Award

| Air Force          | Cadet 3rd Class Dominic Centanni  
|                   | Cadet 3rd Class Ashley Merriweather  
|                   | Cadet Colonel Sarah Mai  
| Army:             | Cadet Donald Loving  
|                   | Cadet Caelan Lebleu  
|                   | Cadet Lukas Dretzka  
| Navy/Marine Corps:| Midshipman 1/C Matthew Mason  
|                   | Midshipman 2/C Mercedes Holland  
|                   | Midshipman 3/C Steven Lewis  

## Scottish Rite Award

| Air Force          | Cadet 3rd Class Austin Beckermeyer  
|                   | Cadet Johnathon Price  
| Navy/Marine Corps:| Midshipman 2/C Renee Hill  

## Society of American Military Engineers Award

| Air Force          | Cadet Colonel Sarah Mai  

## General Society of the War of 1812 Award

| Air Force          | Cadet 3rd Class Collean Hebert  
|                   | Cadet Andrea Dent  
| Navy/Marine Corps:| Midshipman 3/C Patrick Cadoret  

## Sons of the American Revolution Award

| Air Force          | Cadet Major Dane Ivy  
|                   | Cadet Don Hunter  
| Navy/Marine Corps:| Midshipman 1/C Matthew Mason  

## USAA Spirit Award

| Air Force          | Cadet 3rd Class Matthew Dysart  
|                   | Cadet Jacob Coronel  
| Navy/Marine Corps:| Midshipman 2/C Mercedes Holland  

## Veterans of Foreign Wars Award

| Air Force          | Cadet 3rd Class Stefien Dollar  
|                   | Cadet Victoria Buquet  
| Navy/Marine Corps:| Midshipman 1/C Candace Jackson  

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

### AIR FORCE
- **Top Cadet**
  Cadet Major Blake Stewart

### ARMY
- **Cadet of the Year**
  Cadet Matthew Kinsey

### NAVY
- **CNO Distinguished MIDN Graduate**
  Midshipman 1/C Christopher Dedo

### SERVICE SPECIFIC AWARDS

#### AIR FORCE

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|                                      | Cadet Captain Jacob Hughes  
|                                      | Cadet Captain Harry Nordyke  
|                                      | Cadet Colonel Austin Beckermeyer |
| **AFROTC Achievement Award**         | Cadet 4th Class Kevin Caster  
|                                      | Cadet 4th Class Philip Phavorabout  
|                                      | Cadet 3rd Class Stefen Dollar  
|                                      | Cadet 3rd Class Matthew Dysart  
|                                      | Cadet 3rd Class Adrienna Payton  
|                                      | Cadet 3rd Class Jesse St. Clergy  
|                                      | Cadet 3rd Class Jana St. Germain  
|                                      | Cadet 3rd Class Lorin Wales  
|                                      | Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kathleen Dickerson  
|                                      | Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Nationa Young |
| **AFROTC Warrior Spirit Award**      | Cadet 4th Class Elena Bihlmeyer  
|                                      | Cadet 3rd Class Stefen Dollar  
|                                      | Cadet 3rd Class Jana St. Germain  
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|                                      | Cadet Michael Orgeron  
|                                      | Cadet Matthew Kinsey |
| **Simultaneous Membership Program Award** | Cadet Jarrett Logan |
| **Top Military Science Cadets**      | Cadet Ashley Crespo  
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