Georgia Military College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate Degrees.
We remain focused on building character in our students and, to that end, we invited Dr. Kevin Ryan (Boston University) and several other ethicists from West Point to visit our campus for the purposes of evaluating our efforts in this area and, too, suggesting ways by which we might improve our programs and assessment tools. As you may know, most public institutions across our country have abdicated their original mission of including the elevation of character as an integral part of education. We are not among that group. In many ways, this makes our task more difficult in that there is precious little thought devoted to this aspect of education that would promote discussion and, hence, serve to create new and better ways of accomplishing this task.

I considered that you might be interested in two of the initiatives we have created.

• Participation in Ethics Bowl Competitions: We have created teams at the college level (soon to be duplicated in the prep school) to compete across the nation in ethics bowl competitions. These are debate-like contests in which the participating teams are judged on their responses to posed ethics dilemmas. We recently competed at the University of Colorado as the only two year college in the U.S. with a team. We did place in the competition which made me very proud of our students and what we are doing in character education.

• Recognizing Virtue in Students and Faculty: We continue to conduct ceremonies throughout the academic year that recognize displays of good character in both the college and the prep school. It is heart-warming to watch the students who receive such recognition. There is none of “Aw Shucks” slouching across the stage, but rather we see students proudly striding forward to receive their merited recognition who are applauded by their peers. Extraordinary....

As we age, it seems that we come to recognize more acutely the role that our character has played in structuring our lives. Certainly, our intellects have influenced who it is that we have become and what we have accomplished. But it is our character that has, in most important ways, influenced how our intellects functioned. We have created an Ethics Endowment that aims at ensuring that our programs grow and become more influential in their impact on our students. I hope that you will consider helping us grow that endowment in its capability to continue and improve our character building initiatives.

Peter J. Boylan
Major General, USA (Ret.)
President
GMC’s mission stands apart, and in many cases, alone among its counterparts in the public education arena. As you walk along the main campus in Milledgeville, GMC’s focus stands tall and clear upon the light post banners featuring the imprinted words “Character Above All,” and in the exemplary achievements of its students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Development of character is woven in the fabric of GMC, in its institution-wide programs, curriculum, character education training, and recognition of character excellence. Forging into the future, GMC continues to look for new ways and opportunities to support its holistic development of intellect and character.

It recently hosted a strategic meeting with Kevin Ryan, PhD, founder and director emeritus of the Center for the Advancement of Ethics and Character at Boston University. A teacher and author, Dr. Ryan has received numerous national awards for his efforts and contributions toward character and education. He was joined in the discussion with several other ethicists from West Point to evaluate GMC’s efforts in character development and suggest ways to expand and improve. “I have come to believe that the essence of a successful program is that students come away, first, with a deep, lifelong commitment to the crafting of their own characters, and, second, with an understanding of how to craft their characters. In other words, they have a goal and know how to get to that goal,” wrote Dr. Ryan in a follow-up report to GMC. “For most students, getting a good education is very hard work. It is filled with disappointments, continual bumping up against one’s limitations and an occasional success. On the other hand, the very process of becoming disciplined students, if cast correctly, is the perfect ground or arena for ridding oneself of vice, i.e., laziness, lack of focus, excessive TV, texting, and other escapist diversions] and building up the habits of academic achievement [i.e., focused study time, assignments on time and well done, persistence till mastery]. I am convinced that this perspective of combining the forging of one’s character and becoming a successful student is understandable and attractive to students.”

GMC President Peter Boylan is excited about the next phase of character development at GMC. “Dr. Kevin Ryan’s visit was instructive in that he commented on the uniqueness of the breadth and depth of our programs. We are almost alone in what we do to strengthen the character of our students and its relationship to creating citizen leaders.”

One major development that came from the meeting is the renaming of the Peter J. Boylan Chair of Ethics to the Peter J. Boylan Endowment for Ethics. “Dr. Ryan discouraged us from finding a person to occupy the Chair of Ethics,” explained MG Boylan. “He pointed out that we really didn’t need someone to write exhaustive treatises on the value of ethics to the good life. Rather, he noted that the ethics programs we have created require the leadership and involvement of the President of the college, which is the way we are presently functioning.”

The renaming of this important ethics/character development program and still honor MG Boylan and his leadership at GMC. It may also open the door for additional sponsorship and grant opportunities.

If you are interested in supporting and strengthening the character of GMC students, and the future leaders of our nation, please contact the GMC Office of Advancement. Gifts designated to the Peter J. Boylan Endowment for Ethics of $100 or more are eligible to be matched by Title III funds (as long as funds remain available). These donations must be made to the GMC Foundation before September 30, 2011. Call Elizabeth Shepard, Vice President for Advancement at (478) 387-4882; mail your gift of any amount to the GMC Foundation at 201 E. Greene Street, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061; or give online at www.gmcfoundation.org.

Character in Action … GMC’s mission and overarching culture of character is supported through multiple character education components and programs:

- Ethics Across the Curriculum: The program focuses on providing students with the tools and opportunities to study, discuss and think about and through ethical issues they will encounter personally and professionally. This includes the Character Above All Course — a prerequisite for graduation for junior college students that introduces the values and character development expectations of the college, the moral theories of philosophers such as Aristotle, Immanuel Kant and John Stuart Mill.
- Message to Garcia: The book by Elbert Hubbard is recommended reading for every member of the GMC family. Students who participate in community service projects receive credit for their efforts on their transcript. The Distinguished Order of the Servant Leader Award is awarded to any student or employee who demonstrates outstanding, selfless service by completing 100 hours of volunteer work during a calendar year. Since 1996, GMC has participated in the annual nation-wide community service project, Make A Difference Day, and received recognition in 1999 by USA Today Weekend as one of the two best projects in Georgia.
- Patriotic Ceremonies: Strengthening students’ love for their country and the nation’s founding principles, GMC’s Millidgeville campus hosts numerous ceremonies (i.e., military parades, command retreats, the annual Grand Tattoo) in which the students participate.
- Participation in Ethics Bowl Competitions: An Ethics Bowl combines the excitement and fun of a competitive tournament with a valuable educational experience and models the best methods of reasoning in practical and professional ethics. Students at the college level compete across the nation in debate-like contests in which the participating teams are judged on their responses to posed ethics dilemmas. GMC recently competed at the University of Colorado as the only two-year college in the U.S. with a team. The team placed in the competition. In the future, each GMC junior college campus will field an Ethics Bowl team. Efforts are also underway to create a similar initiative in the Prep School.
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Noteworthy Investment News

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"I am very excited about having all of our cadets in the same building for the first time in many years. The care and expertise that has gone into this building has been an effort embraced by all of our stakeholders. It is a facility that will give proper respect to the name of William J. Usery and Georgia Military College. All involved in making this happen have laid the groundwork for ensuring that future students who attend Georgia Military College Prep School will be equipped with the tools to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world. The realization of this dream is at our fingertips and the labor of so many will come to fruition in a very short period of time."

-- COL John Thornton, Principal

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Faculty members MAJ Amy Lee, MAJ Patty Anderson, MAJ Christopher Graddick and MAJ Kim Leben give students a preview of one of the classrooms in Usery Hall.
Don’t Fear the Reaper

Zipperer Receives National Accolades

Congratulations to GMC Adjunct Instructor Eddie Zipperer whose one-act play, The Jocas Administration, was announced as the winner of the national McLaren Memorial One-Act Comedy Competition on August 15, 2009 in Midland, Texas. Zipperer’s recently published play, Don’t Fear the Reaper (Dramatic Publishing Company) has upcoming and recent productions in Georgia, Connecticut, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Colorado, New York, California, Ontario, New Zealand, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. In addition, his play Jupiter Jones, will soon be published by Pioneer Drama. Eddie Zipperer teaches English at Georgia Military College. He received his M.F.A. in creative writing from Georgia College & State University and is a member of The Dramatists of America.

GMC Prep Honor Council visits Usery Center

On September 23 the GMC Prep Honor Council visited the Usery Center for the Workplace, located on the campus of Georgia State University in Atlanta. The group was given a personal tour of the facility by Mr. W. J. Usery, Jr. with the assistance of his wife, Fran, his personal assistant, Jeff Gordon, and his administrative assistant, Judy Archer. The group viewed memorabilia from Mr. Usery’s years as U.S. Secretary of Labor, the time he spent with NASA, and his close relationships with numerous politicians and former presidents. The highlight of the day was a question and answer session with Mr. Usery where he gave the group valuable insight in negotiating conflicts and finding solutions.

GMC Principal COL John Thornton said, “The advice Mr. Usery gave our kids was based on the same thought process that helped disputes involved with the AFL-CIO, Teamsters, and the Major League Baseball strike of the mid 90’s just to mention a few. The group was served lunch and during the meal Mr. Usery shared his memories of the Civil Rights Movement and how it is relevant today. The students enjoyed their visit and appreciated the fact Mr. Usery was willing to spend time at his prestigious center with our group.” Also during the luncheon, Mr. Usery presented each student with hardback copies of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

Mr. W. J. Usery, Jr. is a 1940 graduate of GMC.

Record Enrollment at Georgia Military College

Winter Quarter 2010 enrollment set a new record with 6,095 students at campuses throughout the State of Georgia. Enrollment for Winter Quarter 2010 exceeded enrollment in Winter Quarter 2009 by 11.76% with an addition of 638 students. Additionally, students who enrolled at GMC for Winter 2010 took more credit hours than in Winter 2009. A total of 73,146 credit hours were produced reflecting 12.08 credit hours per student and an overall increase of 12.66%.

Of special interest is the continued growth at the Fairburn, Robins, and Valdosta campuses. After relocating to a new facility in October 2009, the Fairburn Campus has experienced unprecedented growth. Winter Quarter 2010 was no exception. Head Count for Winter 2010 was 792 more than Winter 2009. More significantly, credit hour production was up 21.2% with 12,668 credit hours. With an increase in enrollment of 415% since 2007 the Robins campus has immediate plans to expand the existing facility. Enrollment for Winter Quarter 2010 at GMC Valdosta also set a new record with 1163 students. This reflects an increase of 146 students or 13.36% over Winter 2009. Credit hour production also increased from Winter 2009 with 13,848 credit hours that represents an increase of 13.16%. Although GMC Valdosta relocated to a new, larger facility just four years ago, the overall growth of 51.43% since 2007 has resulted in yet another expansion of the Valdosta Campus.

Martin Luther King Parade 2010—Bruce Thomas, speaker

“Giving honor to my Lord and Savior Christ Jesus, to the president of Georgia Military College (Major General Boylan), my wife (Evelyn), faculty and staff, corps of cadets, students, family and friends, it is indeed an honor to stand before you and behold the beauty of a dream fulfilled. It is truly a day I will remember for the rest of my life. Seeing the faces of so many young people of diverse backgrounds, ethnicities and origins, opinionated and serene, short, tall, male and female all standing together on the same parade ground striving to achieve the same goals, separated only by their desire to excel.

And to be a part of a team of administrators and educators, and support personnel who really care about one another, the school, the community, and most of all, the students. This means a great deal to me, especially when you consider that my old playground area is now occupied by Baugh Barracks; the neighborhood store is now a tennis court, what used to be our swimming hole now has a river walk; and the gates which were once guarded now stand open wide to any and all that will come.

Too often when we celebrate this occasion we like to go back and bring up the struggles of the past. Though there may be occasions where we should talk about those struggles, today I choose to press on because the past is over and we should look towards the future. Therefore, I challenge you to birth forth workable solutions to the problems that we face. To do here with our lives.

We must strive to be proactive and doing our best. Let us learn to apply the knowledge we gain. Continue to share with others. Let us walk in faith and integrity, keeping hope alive. Let love rule our hearts and minds so that we can achieve a world of peace, prosperity, and unity. Let us always strive to seek truth. Let us be good listeners. Continue to be proactive and doing our best. Let us learn to apply the knowledge we gain. Continue to share with others. Let us walk in faith and integrity, keeping hope alive.

Instead let me implore you to use this opportunity to behold what the future can be when there is vision, strong leadership, professionalism, and dedication. Where ‘Character Above All’ is above all and not just a slogan. Where community involvement is not what we talk about; it’s what we do.

Whether we choose to accept it or not, we are a beacon to which other institutions look, families depend, and individuals strive to be a part of. We are our nation’s hope. This occasion should not be taken lightly because our future, the future of our families, the future of our communities and the future of our country is dependent upon what we do here with our lives.

As we go forth and engage in the politics of our society, let us do so with meaningful and purposeful debates, discussions, and discoveries to bring forth workable solutions to the problems that we face.

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If we can imagine it and believe it, then we can achieve it. Have a great Martin Luther King Day. May God continue to bless America and may America Bless God!”
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On Thursday, September 24, the GMC Middle School softball team traveled to Eagles Landing Christian Academy, whose varsity softball team has been state champions for three years, in hopes of completing an undefeated regular season. Macy Watkins pitched a complete game for the Lady Dawgs, striking out nine and walking two. The Lady Dawgs scored two runs early, led by Kearah Rambo at the plate, 2-3 with two singles and a run scored. Eagles Landing came back in the bottom of the fourth and tied the game 2-2, scoring two runs early, led by Karlie Harding at the plate, 2-2, three RBI’s, 1-2, RBI, Ashley Vinson, 1-3, and Katie Harding, 1-2.

With the Lady Dawgs highly spirited after winning game one, Ashley Vinson pitched a complete game in the final game of the double-header, striking out three and walking one. GMC took an early 6-0 lead in the first inning and never looked back, defeating Eagles Landing, 9-4. Leading hitters for the Lady Dawgs were Kaylie Harding, 2-2, three RBI’s, Kearah Rambo, 2-3, RBI, Ashley Vinson, 1-3, RBI, Sutton Long, 1-2, RBI, Sarah Margaret Mason, 1-2, and Montana Pippin, 1-1, RBI. Congratulations to the MS Softball Lady Dawgs on their UNDEFEATED regular season!

Not Just a Lot of Hot Air

Maj Clay McElheny’s physics class recently demonstrated Newton’s Laws of Motion and the properties of air by building hovercrafts. This allowed the students to see the principles and laws in action. Hovercrafts are vehicles designed to travel close to but above the ground. One of the hovercrafts actually traveled the entire distance of the gymnasium!

Happily Never After

Over 200 patrons gathered in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday evening to watch the GMC Drama Club’s production of Happily Never After, a collection of short plays written by Amy Zipperer, GMC Assistant Professor of English and Drama Club Advisor, and directed by Caitlin Pendley. The play featured a small ensemble cast of actors (Krystynaana Ransom, Tony Bullard, Jessie Clement, Jennifer Brouer, Stefan Jones), all students at GMC.

Zipperer said, “They kept the audience in hysterics as they portrayed characters as diverse as an intoxicated Snow White, a very sweet Wicked Queen, a divorced Cinderella, an overworked waitress, and a very ‘toad-y’ prince. It was truly a fairy-tale production!”

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GMC Junior College Football Prepares for Challenging 2010

The 2009 GMC JC Football season is in the record books and while 6-4 is a good record for many, it falls below the expectations of the JC Bulldogs. The season certainly had its challenges – opening with three Top 5 opponents and having the youngest team in recent memory among a few. The Bulldogs, however, have many promising things going their way for 2010.

Among the many positives are the returning players from last year’s young team. Offensively, the Bulldogs returns several key players who will be needed to build a strong foundation for the Bulldogs. Up front, Darvel Nelson and Kaleb Broome look to anchor the line at the tackle positions, and they will be flanked by two very talented tight ends in Terrell Mitchell and Tyler Knight. Josh Harris returns as a likely starter at tailback after an injury plagued 2009 and Joseph Davis return as the most experienced wide receiver. Sophomore Tony Guidugli will have the opportunity to cement himself in the quarterback position but will need a good spring practice to begin working toward the challenges of 2010.

Adding to the returning group, the Bulldogs had an excellent signing class, especially in the offensive skill positions. Wide receivers were an especially strong need, and GMC lured several widely recruited players in Lonnie Outlaw (6’2, 200), Corey Washington (6’4, 210), and tight end Brandon McKinney (6’5, 260) among others. Running backs RJ Robinson (6’2, 225) and Jarrett Neely (6’1, 200) and a couple others bring big play potential to the offense. Defensively, Jalen Fields (6’5, 260), Fra’Shard Hunter (6’, 265), and several other highly regarded defensive linemen are heading to Milledgeville to join the Bulldogs. The coaching staff did an excellent job filling critical need areas for 2010, and the Bulldogs are looking to return to form in 2010!

The returning players have been hard at work in the off season and are looking forward to getting into spring football practice to begin working toward the challenges of 2010. “The returning players have been hard at work in the off season and are looking forward to getting into spring football practice to begin working toward the challenges of 2010.” - Bert Williams, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach

Almost halfway thru the season GMC softball is off to a good start with 13 wins and 7 losses thus far. Defensively, the team is very athletic and very quick. The outfielders have been tracking down many balls and making diving catches to save games. Even though the infield is young, they too have been stepping up to play great defense this season. Offensively, the Bulldogs will be a tough team to beat with all 9 hitters in the lineup proving to be a tough out. GMC’s three pitchers will combine to be a very strong pitching staff. Kasey Durden, Katie Maddox, and Sarah Ray are all unique pitchers, each dominating a different part of the plate. They complement each other very well and together they keep many hitters off-balance.

The 2010 team is very young overall, with only three returning players from last year’s team. With the addition of transfers Katie Maddox and Sarah Ray, the Bulldogs have a total of five sophomores leading the young group. The freshmen are learning quickly and will continue to get stronger over the course of the season. Returning for the Bulldogs is All-Region pitcher and infielder Kasey Durden who has already collected six of the Bulldog wins on the mound. Newcomers Kayla Cooper, Mallory Long, Sarah Ray, and Korie Wilson have all hit their first career home run this season and also provide consistency at the plate for the Bulldogs. Since the start of the season, Ray has led not only the Bulldog hitters but also all hitters in the conference with 42 hits and .562 batting average. Freshman Mallory Long leads the Bulldogs with 32 runs batted in just in front of Korie Wilson who has 23 RBIs of her own.

The Bulldogs move well on the bases and have outscored their opponents 129-84. Speedy Kayla Cooper has scored an impressive 30 runs with Sarah Ray close behind with 21 runs scored. GMC is also outpitching their opponents 197-135, maintaining a team batting average of .340 thus far.

The Bulldogs will dive into difficult conference play for the second half of the season. GMC needs to finish top 6 in the conference to earn a spot in the tournament at the end of the season for a chance to compete in the National Tournament. Four of GMC’s wins are come-from-behind wins and two of those wins have been taken in extra innings, which proves the team is maturing fast and is ready to take on the tough competition they will soon be facing in conference play. The team is small but has great depth and when they play together they are a force to be reckoned with.

Spring Season for GMC Golf

Georgia Military College began its spring season with the Ron Marshall Spring Fling at Goose Pond in Scottsboro, Alabama. The team, composed of six players, finished 15th in a very competitive field. Among those entering were former National Champions in all three NJCAA Divisions. Darton CC, John Logan, from Illinois, and GMC were among the field of twenty-one teams.

The Bulldogs Steve Amerson, finished with rounds of 74, 71, 76 (5 over) to lead the team and finish 19 in the field of 121 golfers. Georgia Military College will be playing at the ABAD Spring Invitational, the Meridian CC Invitational and the Division 17 Regional before entering the Nationals in Chautauqua, N.Y. The Bulldogs expect to be very competitive in Division III for 2010, with the addition of Augusta’s Patrick McBride. Players this season include Patrick, Steve (Gray), Robert Herndon (Macon) Jeff O’Neil (Atlanta), Hayden Lewis (Atlanta) John Jackson (Milledgeville) and Staff Rogers (Milledgeville).
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These donors have helped sustain the level of excellence at GMC for years, and they continue to provide ways for GMC to maintain its ideals and carry on its mission into a solid future.

Many of these supporters and visionaries choose to give unrestricted funds, enabling GMC to use their contributions where they are needed most. For this reason, they may not get specific recognition every time a new program is instituted, an old building is repaired or a computer gets a simple upgrade.

But their generosity never goes unnoticed. Each year, the president of GMC hosts a black-tie gala reception and dinner to formally recognize the school’s leading donors. It’s an opportunity for them to enjoy an elegant evening of good food, good company and good entertainment in a gloriously-decorated Legislative Chamber.

But more importantly, it’s an opportunity for the school and its leadership to show proper appreciation for those whose contributions to GMC have qualified them to join The President’s Circle or The Oak Leaf Society, and to honor these members’ continued dedication to the institution.

This year’s dinner, held on December 11 and organized with the help of corporate event planner Steve Rogers, was a visual splendor of well-appointed décor integrated with subtle trappings of the holiday season. Softly-lit garland draped along the Chamber’s columns and mantelpiece, and oversized wreaths on its windows complimented the tables’ natural centerpieces and floral arrangements, made of ivory roses, pine cones and green apples, interspersed with golden ornaments.

MG Peter J. Boylan, USA (Ret.) welcomed the more than 130 in attendance at this year’s President’s Dinner and thanked them for their generosity and commitment to GMC.
Membership

President’s Circle:
The President’s Circle is a special membership group that fosters annual unrestricted leadership gifts. Membership in the President’s Circle also includes donors whose gifts of $1,000 or more are targeted for endowment, scholarships, facilities and a wide range of programs and services at Georgia Military College.

The Oak Leaf Society:
The Oak Leaf Society recognizes alumni and friends who have included the Georgia Military College Foundation in their estate plans. Their gifts for the college’s future are made through wills or trusts, or by naming the GMC Foundation as the beneficiary of life insurance policies, retirement fund accounts or other financial investments.

For more information regarding membership in either of these organizations, please contact Elizabeth Sheppard (esheppard@gmc.cc.ga.us) or Sally Thrower (sthower@gmc.cc.ga.us) at (478) 387-4840.

Holiday Concert

Joe Gransden returns to GMC

Following a blessing given by Dr. George L. Echols, Trustee of the GMC Foundation, guests enjoyed an elaborate dinner buffet prepared by Loper Brothers Catering of Milledgeville. Live music from an accomplished string quartet was provided through the Peter J. Boylan Concert Series by Mr. and Mrs. Winston H. Sibley. Mr. William R. Craig, Chairman of the GMC Foundation, concluded the evening with several acknowledgments while guests sampled items from a dessert buffet and warmed up with a cup of coffee.

Holiday Concert

Joe Gransden wowed a local audience with his smooth and classic musical style. In December, he returned with his “Smokin’ 16-piece Big Band” to jazz up the holiday season with a sensational performance at GMC’s Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. With a powerful voice, and trumpet to match, Gransden was backed by a seeming sea of saxophones, trombones and trumpets, a grand piano, bass and drums. He was able to showcase his vocal range with mellow favorites like “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” and “Silver Bells,” and kept toes tapping with upbeat numbers like “I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm” and “Let It Snow.”

Originally from New York, Gransden has traveled and performed with musical legends Barry White, Aretha Franklin, The Moody Blues and Kenny Rogers. His new CD “Close to My Heart,” produced by Kenny G, was released in October. He now lives in Atlanta and performs regularly at various venues throughout the city.

The Holiday Concert was part of GMC’s Steinway Concert Series, and was presented in part by Allied Arts of Milledgeville.

Making a Difference

The Steinway Concert Series is designed to bring outstanding musical and artistic performances to GMC and the surrounding community. Supporting the arts at GMC by becoming a member of the Steinway Society ensures the continuation of these performances throughout the year. To join the Steinway Society, contact the Office of Advancement at (478) 387-4840 or visit www.GMCFoundation.org for more information.

Platinum Sponsor - $1,000 and up
• Premier reserved seating at Steinway Series concerts
• Four complimentary tickets to all Steinway Series concerts
• Listing on all Steinway Concert Series programs
• Invitation for two for the annual President’s Dinner

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Expanding Educational Opportunities

Georgia Military College defines itself by its ability to provide students with the skills they need to succeed, all built on a foundation that emphasizes moral integrity, personal responsibility, and service to the community. The cost of attending should not hinder deserving young people from accomplishing their life's goals. Scholarships are often the only means by which many of these future success stories can attain the high quality education they need and deserve.

Current Scholarship Recipients

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS:

John A. Sibley
Jeffery Duckworth
Elmer Mills
Tobias Palmer
Olin B. King
Macie Lee
David Sanders

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Frances Wood Wilson
Lydia Coley
Khanyidiya Coome
J.W. Johnson Denson
Grant Duffy
Michael Elubanks
Annaita Grimes
Ophelia Moore Bell
Garrett Hall
Tiana Kennedy

Al and Charlotte Gandy Annual Scholarship
Kari Trapani
Military Endowment Annual Scholarship
Chyi Hysthon
Fred and Peggy Tucker Annual Scholarship
William Wyler
Holly Zant

John T. Moore Annual Scholarship
Kip Goss

James Woods Memorial Annual Scholarship
Hamiton Jakia
Michael Stokely Annual Scholarship
Chris Henry

Chad Mercer Annual Scholarship
Gavin Whitfield

Daniel Granv Annual Scholarship
Demetuss Jackson

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Gil Bolivar

Kevin Cusze Annual Memorial Fund
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Georgia Civil War Commission Scholarship Check Presentation

Georgia Military College recently awarded the Georgia Civil War Commission Annual Scholarship to Cadet Bolivar Gil, of Milledgeville, Ga. Mr. Gil, the first recipient of this scholarship, is a member of the 131st Corps of Cadets and a sophomore at GMC where he is studying criminal justice. “This scholarship gives me greater enthusiasm to continue with my studies because it lets me know others care about my future and the value of my education, said Gil.” He plans to continue his education at Mercer University and pursue a career in the criminal justice field.

WILL ROBINSON MEMORIAL RUN

The 14th Annual Will Robinson Memorial Run was held on November 21, 2009. This race is a joint project between the Alumni Association and the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Department to honor the memory of Will Robinson, an alumnus of GMC. Robinson lost his life while serving and protecting the Milledgeville community, and this event gives back to that community. The proceeds from the race go to the 1879 Circle of Friends (GMC) Alumni Scholarship Fund, the Will Robinson Scholarship Fund, also at GMC, and the C.H.A.M.P.S. (Choosing Healthy Activities & Methods Promoting Safety) Program.

One hundred percent of every donation goes to provide scholarships for deserving students.

For more information on how to become part of the 1879 Circle of Friends, contact the Foundation office at (478) 387-4840 or visit www.GMFoundation.org to make an online gift.

Suzanne Ratliff, GMC Alumni Board Secretary and co-chairman of the race committee, shared some comments about the event: “I was very pleased with our race this past year. We had 24 sponsors for the event and 431 runners participated. This was the largest turnout that we have ever had in the 14 years of the race, which is great. A large number of participants were students, faculty/staff and alumni of GMC. It is a family event and a community event. I enjoy getting together with the deputies, fellow alumni, and friends who knew Will as we remember him each year.”

The next Will Robinson Memorial Run is set for November 20, 2010.

1879 Circle of Friends Scholarship Fund nearing $50,000 milestone

To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Georgia Military College, a unique scholarship opportunity was initiated to support deserving prep school and junior college students who are children and/or grandchildren of GMC alumni.

The 1879 Circle of Friends scholarship endowment has grown substantially since 2004 and is nearing a $50,000 milestone. Thanks to the commitment of alumni and friends, students who have the potential for academic success and wish to attend GMC are now able to receive the financial assistance to do so. Membership in the 1879 Circle of Friends is awarded and maintained with a tax-deductible donation of $10, 78 or more during each fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Many donors choose to make this a monthly contribution or choose to make larger gifts of $100, $500 or $1,000. While gifts of any size are welcome, these larger gifts will help accelerate the growth of the endowment toward its next milestone of $100,000.

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ESTABLISHING ENDOWMENTS FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Thousands of alumni have benefited from their time at GMC – proud, accomplished men and women who possess the potential to make a difference in society and have learned the value of serving others. We invite you as alumni and friends of GMC to leave a legacy by joining us in our commitment to building endowments that will benefit future generations through scholarships opportunities.

How to Establish a Scholarship Endowment:

- Make a contribution to the GMC Foundation in the form of cash, appreciated securities or other charitable gifts.
- Make a single gift of $2,500 or a gift of at least $5,000-$10,000 and a pledge of the remaining amount over a period of up to five years.
- Select a name for your endowment – your own or that of someone you wish to honor.
- Set up criteria for selection of recipients.

Funds intended for endowment are invested by the GMC Foundation, which serves as steward of the endowed funds. Funds intended for endowment are invested by the GMC Foundation.

ESTABLISHING ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

It is simple to create an annual scholarship through the GMC Foundation.

- Notify the Office of Advancement of your intent.
- Determine the amount you wish to offer annually for student support – typically, $500 to $1,000 annually.
- If you wish, select a name for your scholarship.
- Set up criteria for selection of recipients.
- Send a check or make a gift online at www.gmcfoundation.org.

Contact Sally Thrower, Director of Development, at (478) 387-4845 for information on how you can assist deserving students through providing scholarships.

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Today, Georgia Military College encourages its incoming students to “Start here. Go anywhere.” And each year, the school offers evidence of that truth as it welcomes former students home during Alumni Weekend. Alumni Weekend provides an opportunity for graduates to return to their roots, reflect on how far they’ve come, and serve as an inspiration for today’s cadets. It’s a chance to introduce GMC to new generations and reconnect with older ones.

For many, the road back to GMC can evoke a sense of pride and play upon the senses—the familiar sights of the Old Capitol Building, the stone gates, Davenport field; the sounds of reveille, a sergeant major’s command; the smells of a new classroom, basketball gym or library—even for those least expecting it. There’s a certain comfort to be found amongst all things familiar—a part of human nature that seeks out constants in life.

This fall, Alumni Weekend 2009 brought close to 400 alumni back to GMC. A full schedule awaited, made up of campus tours, receptions, dinners and reunions. Several alumni kicked off the weekend Friday morning with the annual Alumni Golf Tournament at the Milledgeville Country Club. The winning foursome included Ryan Stillman, Charles Wilcher, Royce Sanders and Louie Sanders.

On campus, a ribbon cutting ceremony and champagne punch reception was held at the Old Capital Museum to open the GMC exhibit “Duty, Honor, Country.” Tours of the museum, along with the Old Capitol Building, New Academic Building, Baugh Barracks and Ruark Athletic Complex, were held throughout the remainder of the day Friday and on Saturday. In the Sibley-Cone Library, an historic slide-show chronicling the establishment and development of GMC was presented over the course of the weekend.

Once again, this year’s Alumni Weekend coincided with the Deep Roots Festival, formerly known as Sweetwater, Milledgeville’s annual cultural arts and music festival in downtown. Visiting alumni were able to get a sneak peek at the sanctioned BBQ cook-off contest that draws connoisseurs from around the Southeast.

Each evening, a social event was planned to allow alumni of all ages to catch up, reminisce and share a few laughs with family and friends.

Plans are already underway for next year’s Alumni Weekend, to be held October 22 and October 23. For details, visit www.gmc.cc.ga.us, or contact the Office of Advancement at (478) 387-4881 or ehamilto@gmc.cc.ga.us.

To view additional photos, or order prints from Alumni Weekend 2009, visit www.dianekirklandphoto.com.
Following Friday afternoon’s Alumni Awards Presentation and Oak Leaf Society Induction, alumni and friends were invited to join award recipients, inductees and Alumni Board and Foundation Board members under the tent at the South Gate for an Italian feast catered by The Willis House. Musical entertainment was provided by the Bob Huellemeier Orchestra.

As a result of their planned gifts to GMC, Leigh Scott and Terry Baggett were inducted during the weekend into the Oak Leaf Society.
Elizabeth Jarvis Fabian (HS 1978) served as guest speaker for the Alumni Parade. Liz has distinguished herself as a prominent journalist and currently anchors news on the Mix in the Morning radio/television talk show on Macon WPGA-TV and broadcasts on www.macon.com, the Internet home of The Telegraph, where she works as a reporter. The former hurricane chaser and news anchor for The Weather Channel began studying journalism at GMC where she wrote for The Sabre newspaper before graduating. Liz has also working in the Macon television newswrooms of WMZL, WMGT and WGXA and anchored the evening news at WSB radio in Atlanta. Through her performance in these assignments, Fabian has carved a unique niche for herself as the newspaper’s premiere video journalist and earned from her colleagues the moniker “the most trusted journalist in all of Middle Georgia.”

In her speech, this distinguished alumna shared her reflections upon the strong foundation GMC provides its graduates and charged current cadets with seeking to build character that will serve them for a lifetime.

“There is no greater time to follow the path that you’ve taken to study here at Georgia Military College than these increasingly important and yet dangerous days ahead. The difficult decisions will lie ahead for all of you. For those of us who have already graduated, it is just as important for us to think back to those days of discipline. Shining shoes, polishing brass, following orders, living up to expectations and building character above all. . . .

For what is discipline but the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behaviors? But let us all rise above and take a step beyond and learn what is right and do what is right in the eyes of God, above all.

In this life, just about everything we have can be taken from us. Someone can steal our money, eliminate our job or take our life. The only thing we have that is truly ours to keep is our integrity – our ability to do the right thing. . . .

May the fires and trials of your life strengthen and refine your character.  And may you never forget that the path that takes you away can lead you back (to GMC).”

Liz Fabian, guest speaker 2009 Alumni Parade
A GMC Alumni Weekend wouldn’t be complete without a Bulldog tailgate party. Football fans gathered before the game on Saturday to enjoy a BBQ lunch and all the “fixins” catered by Sticky Fingers of Macon and live music by the Monty Cole Quintet under the tent outside Davenport Field. Then, following the Junior College Pre-Game Show, alumni and friends helped cheer the Bulldogs on to a 55-3 victory over Louisburg College.

Alumni Weekend 2009 provided an ideal opportunity to celebrate the literary successes of two alumni authors who were on-hand to sign copies of their recently-published books. George D. N. Coletti (HS 1957, JC 1959) introduced his work of historical fiction, Stone Mountain: The Granite Sentinel. The novel, set in Stone Mountain, traces the lives of the fictitious Jernigan family from the days leading up to, during, and following the Civil War. Milledgeville native and photographer Bailey Davidson (HS 1990) also debuted his compilation of historical photographic essays, Milledgeville Then and Now. Through photographs, Davidson documents the evolution and transformation of the city of Milledgeville from a frontier capital to the modern, collegiate city that exists today. The book contains images dating as far back as the 19th Century, many of which Davidson re-photographed from the same point of view.
The weekend’s festivities culminated with the Annual Alumni Dinner and Dance held under the main tent Saturday evening.

Lavishly decorated with fresh flowers, the tables overflowed with heavy hors’d’oeuvres catered by Pig in a Pit of Milledgeville. Returning alumni didn’t forget to pack their dancing shoes and took to the floor to enjoy live entertainment by The Grapevine from Macon.

The much-anticipated main event serves as one last chance for GMC alumni to reminisce, reconnect, share a memory and share a laugh. Many alumni return each year and others organize special reunions to coincide with the dinner and dance.

Next year’s Alumni Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday, October 23 during GMC’s Alumni Weekend 2010.

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Save the date!!
A Golden Opportunity: 

Class of ’59 reconnects after 50 years

There’s a special bond that forms between people who spend some of their most formative years as not only classmates, but roommates. For cadets living in the barracks at GMC, their education continued long after the final bell rang, as they learned to work together for the greater good and learned to depend on one another for everyday survival. They shared in each other’s successes, they shared in plenty of mischief, and they shared in the punishment.

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In fact, one of the highlights of the weekend was being able to come out in support of their classmate Don Taylor who received this year’s Alumni Award for outstanding Community Service. “The presentation of awards was a very nice part of Alumni Weekend,” said Thomas, “and I was very proud that GMC makes it a point to honor the contribution of men we are.”

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With a core group that rarely misses an Alumni Weekend at GMC, many out-of-towners said they are planning to follow their classmates’ footsteps and return each year for an “on-going” reunion.

“Everybody I talked to said this was the best alumni reunion they had ever been to,” said Thomas. “GMC does such a good job with organizing the weekend that it makes it easy for people to want to come back.”

For several members of the Class of 1959, Alumni Weekend provided not only a time to return to a place that helped shape their future, but a time to reflect on the people who had made a difference in their lives along the way.

While planning a trip back for his 50th reunion, Larry Stafford spent some time recalling the people he felt made a significant contribution to his education in one way or another. He kept coming back to COL Gordon “Bill” Ragan, his senior English teacher, winner of many distinguished awards and one of the strictest teachers he had ever known.

“I remember Bill Ragan as a man who would hold your feet to the fire,” said Stafford. “If you wrote a paper for him, there was no excuse for misspelled words. He certainly contributed to the fact that I didn’t have to take freshman English in college.”

Stafford had the idea of establishing an annual scholarship named in honor of Bill Ragan, much like other GMC classes have done through the GMC Foundation in the past. He ran the idea by COL Ragan’s wife, Ann, then pitched it to some fellow classmates, finding much support from others who had survived Senior English.

“Bill dedicated his life to teaching and especially to GMC, and I was so pleased to hear how much he had influenced their lives,” said Ann Ragan. “I am so grateful they chose to honor his teaching and, to express their appreciation through a scholarship, I think it is very appropriate.”

She remembered her husband saying at the end of the day that he didn’t expect his students to appreciate him while they were in his class, but he wanted them to look back in a couple of years and realize that what he was teaching them was more than just English.

“He was very strict,” she said, “but he had a knack of seeing into the lives of each cadet and discovering what they needed, whether it was love and encouragement or discipline.”

The Gordon “Bill” Ragan Annual Scholarship will be awarded this fall to a Junior College student with a 2.5 GPA or greater. Funds from the scholarship will be used to offset the cost of tuition and books. The recipient will be selected by the GMC Scholarship Committee.

“I hope this scholarship will be able to help students learn as much as they can from COL,” said Ragan. “That’s what Bill would want.”

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Gordon “Bill” Ragan Annual Scholarship may contact Sally Thrower, Director of Development, at (478) 387-4885 or stthrower@gmc.cc.ga.us.

Visit www.GMC1959reunion.blogspot.com and find:
• Additional photos from Alumni Weekend 2009
• “Loyal Sons Are We!” slideshow of the weekend’s events
• A link to the recently digitized 1959 GMC “Recall” yearbook
• Old photos and recent updates on members of the High School and Junior College Class of 1959
Getting the Band Back Together: Alumni Weekend—The perfect venue for a reunion tour

When Terry “Falstaff” Johnson left GMC in 1962, he swore he would never return. He’s the first to admit he despised the military and was “never much on taking orders.”

But his friend Cliff Owdom was different. He welcomed the chance to get back to GMC and had been coming to Alumni Weekend ever since the days his daughter Lily was small enough to still dance on his shoes.

With so many stories to tell, he enjoyed sharing some of his greatest, and/or funniest, moments at GMC. But what he really wanted was to re-live those moments with the people who were there in Band Company along with him. If everybody could just get one person to come back, Owdom knew, it could be a weekend from which legends were made.

He went to work on Johnson, always being met with same response: “I didn’t lose anything over there and don’t have any reason to go back over there.”

But 20 years later, Johnson caved.

Now Johnson is one of the most active promoters of GMC’s Alumni Weekend—a man on a mission to gather as many former Band Company members as possible throughout the year. “Once you get far enough away, you can look back on what you had,” said Johnson. “And what we had was a brotherhood.”

Band Company is definitely a close-knit group, and it’s easy to see when they come together each year for Alumni Weekend. “We have so much fun, other people come up to us and ask if they could join our reunion,” laughed Owdom.

Band Company always has a table reserved under the main tent at Alumni Weekend for its returning members. It started out with a specific reunion group, but over the years it has expanded to include several class years. Now Johnson is working with various class agents to reach out to even more Band Company alumni.

“I would just encourage everyone to get in touch with their class agent and really make the effort to come back for Alumni Weekend. Things change so much and, over the years, you forget about all the petty differences between people, and you just get to relax with a bunch of friends and have fun,” said Johnson.

“And if you can’t have fun at this event, you can’t have fun anywhere.”

Going on Tour: Former Band mates hit the road for GMC

It’s not exactly how they imagined going on tour would be, but former Band Company members Cliff Owdom and Terry Johnson had plenty of excitement when they hit the road this summer, making stops at cities throughout South Georgia and down to Florida.

They left their cymbals and trumpet at home, fortunately, because on this tour, they were just roadies — out helping set up for the headliner, GMC’s Alumni Weekend.

The two had decided to be more proactive in reaching out to fellow Band Company members from the 1960s era. It was easy for people to make excuses over the phone not to come back for Alumni Weekend, but it might be harder if an old friend was standing on their front porch. So, this summer, they took a road trip.

Owdom left his home in South Carolina and picked Johnson up at his Rocky Comfort Plantation in Warrenton to begin their 1,150-mile journey. Johnson had a GPS and a list of addresses; Owdom had the tour bus — or at least a roomy SUV. “Cliff did all the driving,” said Johnson, “and all the talking.”

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Getting the Band Back Together: Alumni Weekend—The perfect venue for a reunion tour

Going on Tour: Former Band mates hit the road for GMC

It’s not exactly how they imagined going on tour would be, but former Band Company members Cliff Owdom and Terry Johnson had plenty of excitement when they hit the road this summer, making stops at cities throughout South Georgia and down to Florida.

They left their cymbals and trumpet at home, fortunately, because on this tour, they were just roadies — out helping set up for the headliner, GMC’s Alumni Weekend.

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Class of 1979 reconnects after 30 years

The gang’s all here and smiling. Front row, from left, Beth Mullis, Lindi Goggans Simmons, Claire Duke Garret, Marsha McRae Jones, Lyn Hamilton Rutherford and Ginny Wray. Back row, from left, Mike Blizzard, Walter Green, Frank Baugh, Lori Lavender Riddle, Russell Harding and Glenda Brookins Chandler.

Distinguished Alumni Award
Dr. William H. Prosser HS 1980
Pooquoson, Virginia

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni whose lives have embodied the ideals of Georgia Military College including discipline, moral character, and learning, whose accomplishments have made a conspicuous and positive impression on those who will follow their lead, and whose lives are examples of extraordinary accomplishment.

Dr. Prosser is a Milledgeville native who followed in the footsteps of his father, Brad Prosser (HS 1954) and older brother, Randy Prosser (HS 1976) in attending GMC. He subsequently received his B.S. degree in Math and Physics from Western Carolina University, his M.S. degree in Materials Science and Engineering from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Prosser joined NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC) in 1987 as an Aerospace Vehicle Systems Technologist in the Nondestructive Evaluation Sciences Branch. In 2005, he joined the NASA Engineering and Safety Center as Discipline Expert for Structural Health Monitoring: An International Journal, his work contributed to the successful development and implementation of a system to detect impacts on the Space Shuttle wing leading edge in response to the Shuttle Columbia accident. He has led NASA, industry, university and government agency teams to implement NDE and SHM systems for a variety of NASA programs including the Space Shuttle, International Space Station, X-33, and Aircraft/Vehicle Systems Technology Program.

Dr. Prosser was the 1997 recipient of the NASA Floyd Thompson Fellowship, a 2003 recipient of a NASA Superior Accomplishment Award for efforts during the Columbia Accident Investigation, and a 2005 recipient of NASA’s Exceptional Achievement Medal. He is past Chair and a Fellow of the Acoustic Engineering Commission of the Acoustic Society of America.
Mr. Goldstein was born in Milledgeville and attended GMC from the age of five, going through elementary school, high school, and junior college. He then attended the University of Georgia, graduating from there with a B.A. degree in history.

During W.W.II, he served as a Captain in Patton's Third Army and led the Board to new heights as, together, they have joined in furthering the cause of education and service. He is a lifetime member of the Kiwanis Club; has served on several governmental boards and commissions; and internationally in the Kiwanis Club; the Booster Club, or the GMC Foundation, Inc.

Tremendously active in organizations in the community, Mr. Goldstein has held leadership positions in the Chamber of Commerce and both locally and internationally in the Kiwanis Club, has served on several governmental bodies both at local and state levels, is actively involved with the Democratic Party and is a co-founder of Harriet's Closet, which provides items for patients undergoing cancer treatment, just to mention a few of his many involvements.

It is, however, his commitment to GMC for which he is receiving this award. Mr. Goldstein and his wife Marie were recognized in 2005 for their legacy gift with the naming of the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts and again in 2007 for their generous donation toward the purchase of additional stage curtains along with many-needed microphone systems, selected to enhance choral and band performances as well as theatrical performances. Currently, they are providing for the refurbishment and furnishing of the dressing rooms in the Center. Their generosity and their dedication to excellence continue to impact GMC in meaningful ways.

In addition to generously supporting GMC, Mr. Goldstein has been integrally involved with volunteer service to the school. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees, past president of the Alumni Association, and former chairman of the GMC Foundation. Yet, according to him, the gifts he and his wife have received from GMC total a debt they have yet to truly repay, in fact, he feels it can never truly be paid in full.

Mr. Randy A. New, a GMC graduate and the chairman of the GMC Board of Trustees, was selected as the first recipient of the President’s Award, an announcement following the GMC Alumni Awards presentation.

The President’s Award is given to an alumnus or friend of Georgia Military College who has rendered exceptional service to Georgia Military College, to the community, and to the nation. The recipient will have demonstrated excellence in the areas of character and exemplary leadership, serving as an inspiration to others and exerting a positive influence over their lives.

Mr. New, a life-long resident of Baldwin County, graduated from GMC Prep School in 1971 and from the Junior College in 1973. He subsequently received his Bachelor of Science in Economics and Management from Georgia College & State University. Following three years of service in the U.S. Army, he settled in his hometown of Milledgeville where he is currently vice president and co-owner of Bayton’s Army Store as well as co-owner and managing partner for B & N Investments.

Mr. New’s service to Georgia Military College in his current role as chair of the Board of Trustees has been exemplary. He has served on the Board since 1982 and has been chairman since 1998. In the past ten years, he has led the Board to new heights as, together, they have joined in furthering the mission of GMC, overlooking unprecedented growth and improvement for the institution. This GMC graduate has truly come home to serve his alma mater and has been a community in ways that have made a tremendous difference. Moreover, he has become a member of the Oak Leaf Society at GMC through his generous commitment toward securing the future of the institution.

Lastly, but no less importantly, he has faithfully served his country in the U.S. Army. Although he seeks no recognition or glory, the first recipient of the President’s Award is truly deserving of this honor and any recognition that accompanies it. In character, leadership, and service, he continues to excel and to impact his world in positive and lasting ways.
We invite your nominations for the 2010 GMC Alumni Awards. Alumni, friends of the school, and non-alumni supporters of GMC and its ancillary organizations may qualify. The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2010.

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Advancement at (478) 387-4840.

Nomination Criteria

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Outstanding Recent Alumnus
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GMC Graduate HS ______ and/or JC ______

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May we reveal your name? YES NO Is the nominee aware of this nomination? YES NO

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'43 Harold Isaac Goodrich (HS 1943, JC 1947) and his wife Nathalie hosted a reception in September 2009 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Harold’s Tuxedos and Ready-to-Wear in downtown Milledgeville. The reception was a forum for local business leaders to congratulate the couple for their contribution to Milledgeville and Baldwin County through the years as well as an opportunity for other downtown business owners, customers, family, friends, and even former employees to stop in and be part of the “Diamond Anniversary” celebration.

'47 John W. Grant, Jr. (JC 1947) and family celebrated J. C. Grant Company’s 100 years of business in Milledgeville in November 2009 with a ribbon cutting and party marking the milestone. The downtown Milledgeville jewelry store was filled with friends, family and well-wishers who stopped in to celebrate the achievement with the company. Daughter Joan Graham addressed those gathered to celebrate the business’ centennial and traced the earliest advertisement placed in The Union Recorder to September 7, 1909.

'54 John E. Daugherty II, HS 1954, JC 1956 sponsored a hole in the Bob Canady (JC 1955) Memorial Golf Tournament held this past October recognizing GMC in memory of Canady, GMC alumnus. The tournament’s proceeds were donated to the Lake Area Ministries building fund for a new building that will allow the Lake Region’s chief food pantry to better serve the needs of local residents in need.

'56 Dwight R. Weathers (HS 1956) has been recognized by Butler Lexus of Macon as the 2009 Sales Associate of the Year. Weathers has worked for Sterling Ford of Macon for 15 years and was recognized for outstanding service and sales ability.

'66 James Alfred Thigpen (HS 1966) is a music critic for the Washington Post. Thigpen’s "Jim" Erroll Miller (HS 1966) has been recognized by Butler Lexus of Macon as the 2009 Sales Associate of the Year.
LTC Neal Bloodworth (HS 1983, JC 1982) assumed command on 19 October 2009 of the 5th Signal Brigade, US Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia as the CENTCOM Logistics Plans Officer. He retired from active duty in 2010.

Robert Wooden, Jr. (UC 1994) was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 Administrator for the State of Georgia.

Billy Grizzard (HS 1997) and his wife Nichole announce the birth of Anisae Gisao Grizzard on October 13, 2009. Maddy is her big sister.

CPT Jeremiah Jones (UC 2008) took command of Bravo Company, 3 Brigade Support Battalion, 143BCT, 3ID at Ft. Stewart in September 2009 and will be deploying to Iraq with them as their company commander.

Haya Maynard, (HS 2001) was recently promoted to the rank of U.S. Navy Lieutenant. Maynard currently resides in Oahu, Hawaii with her husband, and newborn daughter, Peyton. She is a member of the Electronics Attack Squadron 130 and is due to embark on the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) sometime this spring.

Braxton Cotton (UC 2002) holds the rank of TFC with the Georgia Department of Public Safety and serves on the Executive Protection Detail for the Office of Governor Sonny Perdue.

Loretta C. Jordan (UC 1997) has received a B.A. in General Studies and Minor in African Studies and a B.A. in History and Minor in Creative Writing from Valdosta State University. She has also received an online Master in Education, with a concentration in Assessment and Evaluation from American Intercontinental University and is presently in a Ph.D. program at Argosy University online.

Jordan was a Valdosta State Literary Magazine staff member in 2000 and was published in this magazine. She is author of the inner Shafl Chapbook and author of the poem “Georgia” found on plaques and T-shirts. Jordan just finished her autobiography, Humming and Singing the Gospel and also has self-published The Turpentina Era From 1924-1936 and a children’s book, The Turpentina Era From 1924-1936 and a children’s book.

Charles Scott Barrett (UC 2003) and Laura Chambers were married on November 15, 2008 in First Baptist Church in Macon, Ga. They honeymooned in Jamaica. Both are employed at Atlantic Southern Bank, where they met. Scott, who received his B.A. in Information Technology from Macon State, is a network analyst, and Laura is a customer service representative.

Randall S. Sumbles (UC 2003) and his wife, Emily, announce the December arrival of Lily, their first child.

Isaac Butts (HS 2007) is doing well at Appalachian State. During a game in November of 2009, he scored 10 first-half points and six of the team’s first seven after the intermission as he finished with a career-best 22 in Appalachian State University men’s basketball’s 77-44 win against Lees-McRae. Butts led the team on the boards as well with nine rebounds as ASU held a commanding 44-32 edge on the glass.

Tina M. Wright (UC 2008) graduated from Valdosta State University December 12, 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Education.

Clint Lasseter (HS 2008) is a sophomore at Presbyterian College (PC) in Clinton, S.C. and an ROTC contracted cadet in his second year of Leadership Training at PC. He will be studying abroad during a PC Menswear program in England and Scotland for the month of May 2010, earning three credits in English and three credits in History. Lasseter will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in his senior year, one day prior to his graduation. He is pictured here on a weekend FTX (field training exercise) with PC Highlander Battalion during his freshman year. The FTX weekends are held each semester at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Mary Kathryn Mason (HS 2008) was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, on February 7, 2010. Ph.Eta Sigma is a national honor society for college first-year students. Mason is a freshman at Georgia Southern University and has declared a major in Business with a minor in Spanish.

David Privett (UC 2009) and his wife, Sharelle Jackson Privett (UC 2009), announce the birth of Gabriel Nathaniel Privett on September 5, 2009.
**An Unlikely Reunion**

Early Commissioning Program graduates meet up in Iraq

For one unique moment last fall, on the outskirts of Baghdad, the sands of time and winds of chance shifted to create an unlikely reunion of GMC graduates.

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**WJ, ‘Bill’ Usery Jr. honored by the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers**

The documentary detailed Usery’s beginnings as an activist on behalf of workers’ rights, his five separate Presidential appointments, including Assistant Secretary of Labor, National Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and Secretary of Labor, along with his service as special Assistant to both President Nixon and President Ford. Later that evening, Usery was honored at the College’s 14th Annual Induction Dinner at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. The College presented Usery with a crystal trophy, citing his numerous contributions to the fields of labor-manage- ment relations and labor and employment law. Usery was the first honorary Fellow of the College at its inception.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a fellowship of accomplished members of the labor and employment law community. Its mission is to promote achievement, advancement and excellence in the practice of labor and employment law, in addition to recognizing and honoring distinguished members of the law community.

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**CLYDE**

It was hot in late August 1961. The old state capital building loomed over the campus of Georgia Military College. The cocky bantam corporal inspected his squad.

Cadet Corporal Clyde B. Hallauer, Band Company, high school junior, I was a sick and skinny rookie with a uniform that was new and wouldn’t hold starch past noon.

Two years passed, and I found myself as Clyde’s roommate. I was now the company commander, and Clyde was my first sergeant. We had a plan. Our rule for the year was to be as military as possible outside our room and as non-military as possible in it and to take every advantage of our rank and privilege.

Clyde never heard the bugle at reveille. Clyde placed the utmost trust in his roommates to get him up. Without their assistance he would have never made formation. Every morning he would say the same thing as I would wake him. “What? Bugle blown?” he would exclaim. My reply varied from morning to morning but with the learned sarcasm it went something like “no, dumb head, I just like getting up at 6 a.m. and putting on my uniform for the fun of it.”

As I reminisce, I feel a sense of having returned to that moment in time. My mind drifts to the days, weeks, and months of 1961 and 1963. Clyde and I were good roommates and kindred spirits. I am sad that he is gone. I regret that I never saw him again after graduating. I am sure that he is gone. I regret that I never saw him again after graduating. He is with me in that military part of my mind that will never leave the halls of GMC.

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