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REMEMBER THE CORPS!



North Georgia Corps of Cadets Association

FROM THE BOARD...

By Alan Ware, Chairman NGCCA



Your Association continues positive momentum in 2016. The great news in this second issue of the GUIDON is that the inaugural Boar's Head-Corps Alumni Weekend was an amazing success! We will detail individual events later in this issue. In UNG's 143 year history, there's never been, until now, an alumni gathering centered exclusively on the Corps of Cadets! The details of how it was accomplished are many. At the top of the list is the fact that almost 70 Corps Alumni, including every member of the Corps Advisory Council, engaged and interacted with Cadets during the Saturday, September 10th events. Corps alumni represented decades as far back as the 50's forward through the 2000's. We held career-oriented seminars attended by non-commissioning Junior & Senior Cadets for many prime career interests, and military oriented seminars staffed with Corps Alumni and active duty leaders. The consistent message delivered to both groups focused around how the NG Corps leadership experience translates into career success!! Freshmen & Sophomores were addressed in the context of advantages of staying in the Corps until completion and how that experience helps the UNG graduate. Again, the participation and passion of Corps Alumni while interacting with Cadets was overwhelmingly positive and fulfilling for all that attended and participated.

Read on about the Friday night address to the Corps by one of the heroes of Benghazi exactly four years ago, special operator Kris "Tanto" Paronto, the amazing Saturday night DMS Dinner honoring 25 Distinguished Military Students, the picnic lunch with the Corps, and the DMS ceremony and remembrance of the 9/11/2001 events on Sunday, 9/11. Every event was a home run! Our challenge going forward will be to duplicate the quality, great personal interaction via networking / mentoring, and great weather the entire weekend!

Please remember to keep your membership current as well as being on the lookout for new members! On behalf of our Board and Association Members, **"Remember the Corps!"**

NGCCA MEMBERSHIP

By Mike Webb



Membership continues to grow at a steady pace from 245 members in January to **622** in October! We need your help to continue growing. Please reach out to your classmates and encourage them to join online at www.ngcorpsofcadetsassn.org or contact Mike Webb (Membership Director) at cmac.webb@hotmail.com or call him at (435) 776-6257. Thank you for your support! **"Remember the Corps!"**

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BOAR'S HEAD WEEKEND BEGINS WITH A BANG!

By Bob Babich

Friday, September 9th marked a special spot in UNG history! The inaugural Boar's Head-Corps Alumni Weekend opened with a talk from soldier, hero, warrior, leader and survivor of the 9/11/12 Benghazi attack, Kris "Tanto" Paronto. Tanto told his story to a spellbound audience of over 1,000 people including the entire Corps and over 200 alumni guests. In the words of Commandant Tom Palmer, **"Tanto was the most relevant speaker (for cadets) we have had in 15 years. Every student in the gym locked onto him like a tractor beam!"**

The special arrangements for Tanto's visit and talk was courtesy of Ms. Rose Proctor, Director of the BB&T Center for Ethical Leadership. Rose was also instrumental in the **Honor to Lead** live simulcast from the Dahlonga campus in 2015. UNG's Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies leader, Dr. Billy Wells, seconded the Commandant's remarks: **"Bottom line...I don't think we have ever had that much energy and enthusiasm in any university event. Thanks to all and especially you, Rose!"**

Tanto's exceptionally motivating message and personal visit with our cadets was the catalyst for the rest of the weekend. It created a great platform for bonding between Cadets & Corps Alumni.

Special thanks goes out to all NGCCA planners, Corps Advisory Council members, UNG staff & support personnel for their commitment and tireless efforts to make this event come off flawlessly. Remember the Corps!

“ GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS. JOHN 15:13. ”

STEP UP FOR THE CORPS!

By Phil Collins



After almost one year of discussion and planning, a bold funding initiative was launched in April for the benefit of the Corps of Cadets. The Georgia Gold, American Treasure development initiative (GGAT) recognizes the impact that the Corps has on Georgia and our nation through the exemplary record of service by Corps Alumni. It is the first time in the history of the University that a fundraising program has been created for the sole benefit of the Corps. Here are a few nuggets of information regarding GGAT:

1. The Corps of Cadets is the consistent thread that binds the fabric of North Georgia since 1873.
2. UNG & the Corps will celebrate our 150-year anniversary in 2023.
3. New generations of Cadets are responding to our nation's call and will proudly serve in same way as those who have gone before them.
4. This is our opportunity to assure the Corps continues to attract and retain these future leaders, and provides them with the best training, support and facilities for another 150 years.
5. Three priority categories of this initiative are:
 - a. Cadet Scholarships,
 - b. Program Enhancement & Operational Support
 - c. Facilities and Infrastructure
6. GGAT initiative video link:
<http://bit.ly/GGATUNG>
7. Online support website link:
<http://bit.ly/UNGCorpsSupport>
8. Contact Phil Collins (Director of Development, Corps of Cadets) for more information at: phil.collins@ung.edu or call him at 706-864-1999. **Remember the Corps!**



Corps Alumni met with & offered counsel to Cadets during the Boar's Head Weekend Picnic



2016 DMS DINNER

By Buddy Bridges, Vice Chairman NGCCA



On the Saturday night of our recent Boar's Head Corps Alumni Weekend, your NGCCA co-sponsored the Distinguished Military Student Dinner along with the University of North Georgia-Dahlonega Alumni Shared Interest Group. Over 200 guests gathered in the Dahlonega campus dining hall to formally recognize 25 Cadets who earned the title of Distinguished Military Student for 2016. Each of these outstanding, young leaders has excelled—simultaneously—in the arenas of academics, physical fitness and the demanding environment of the US Army...No easy task.

NGCCA Vice Chairman Buddy Bridges served as the event's Master of Ceremonies. The evening was full of well-earned adulation for our Cadets, and celebration of the rich 143-year history of our Corps of Cadets. Several UNG principals commented that this DMS Dinner was the best of these affairs that they've ever attended. We'll take that.

"KEEPER OF THE CORPS"

By Bob Babich



The NGCCA presented the "Keeper of the Corps" saber to the Cadet Brigade Commander during the recent DMS Review. This is the 3d year the NGCCA presented the saber.

The Cadet Brigade Commander carries this saber throughout the entire school year as a permanent reminder of the NGCCA's commitment and support to our Corps of Cadets!



Alan Ware ('77) & other NGCCA members present the Saber to c/COL Reed Johnston ('17) of Forsyth County, GA.

By Mark Agerton

We're on the Web!

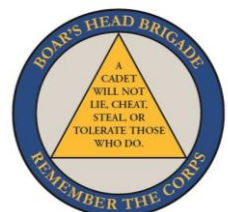
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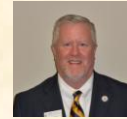
NETWORKING AND MENTORING UPDATE

By John Cox

The Boar's Head Corps Alumni weekend included Networking / Mentoring sessions between Corps Alumni and UNG Non-Commissioning and National Guard Cadets across six career track sessions. These sessions provided the opportunity for Corps Alumni to share valuable counsel and insight to cadets into various career paths, offered excellent networking time for alumni and cadets, and helped cadets begin to think about life post graduation.

The day also included military training sessions for cadets on the commissioning track, and other sessions for Freshmen and Sophomores focusing on the value of staying in the Corps.

We would like to thank all Corps Alumni that participated in this inaugural event. It established the foundation for future key weekend events in the spring and fall. Your future participation will be critical to the success of this program.



John Cox ('80) explains the new Networking & Mentoring Program offered by the NGCCA

Look for more information and other Networking / Mentoring opportunities in future issues of the Guidon and on LinkedIn. In the meantime, please connect with us and other Corps Alumni at:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8401056>

ALUMNI NAMED TO THE NATIONAL ROTC HALL OF FAME

By Bob Babich

Three UNG alumni are among the inaugural class of inductees into the U.S. Army ROTC Hall of Fame. LTG(R) Burton Patrick ('57), Bob Mathews ('71), and LTC(R) Jon Segars ('86) were inducted by Cadet Command at Fort Knox in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of ROTC.

From Thomson, GA, LTG(R) Patrick earned a bachelor's degree in PE and commissioned as a 2LT in the Infantry. During his 31-year Army career, Patrick commanded soldiers at every level from platoon through field army. He served in around the world, including Vietnam and Korea. He also commanded the elite 101st Airborne Division.

His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, three Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge.

Bob Mathews is president & CEO of Colliers International-Atlanta. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1971, commissioned as a U.S. Army 2LT, and served six years. In 1984, he entered commercial the real estate market. He joined Colliers in 1991, where he has served as CEO since 2004.

His professional accomplishments include the Silver Phoenix Award from the Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors, and Realtor of the Year award in '09. He has served on the firm's Board of Advisors since '07. Mathews is past president of the UNG Alumni Association and currently serves as chairman for the UNG Real Estate Foundation.

LTC(R) Jon Segars retired from the Army after serving 27-years in Armor, Cavalry, & Infantry positions. Segars earned a BBA from NG, a master's from Kansas State, and a doctorate from Auburn. He also graduated from the Army Command & General Staff College and the National Defense University.

Segars deployed and served in Operations Enduring Freedom, Desert Spring, and Iraqi Freedom. Jon's final active duty assignment was Professor of Military Science at Auburn.

After retiring, LTC(R) Segars continued serving the Army Cadet Command as Senior Army Instructor for the JROTC program at Auburn High School.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star for valor in combat with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab, & Parachutist Badge.

ROTC alumni were selected "whose character, distinguished service, and stature draws wholesome comparison to the qualities for which ROTC strives, in keeping with the spirit of 'Duty, Honor, Country.'"



LTG(R) Burton Patrick ('57)



Bob Mathews('71)



LTC(R) Jon Segars ('86)

GEORGIA MILITARY VETERANS HALL OF FAME

By Bob Babich

The Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose objective is to publicly emphasize the honor brought to our state and nation by the sacrifice of Georgia Military Veterans and their families. They honor Georgia Military Veterans, educate Georgia citizens (especially young citizens) of the sacrifices for freedom, and inform the public of the Inductee's outstanding accomplishments. The NGCCA is now the representative body for nominating NG alumni.

The Class of 2015 includes three NG alumni: MG(R) Edison Earl Scholes ('61), COL(R) Gerald Lord ('61), and COL(R) Robert L. "Cold Steel" Powell ('65).

The Class of 2016 will include LTG(R) Burton Dewayne Patrick ('57). Patrick was an extremely accomplished student athlete (Varsity Baseball & Basketball, Letterman's Club-VP, Intramural Football-Captain & Coach, Most Outstanding Football Player, Most Athletic, Most Versatile, Rex Fraternity-Sgt. at Arms, Scabbard & Blade, O Club, NCO Club, YMCA, Westminster Fellowship, Cadet Bugler Staff, DMS, UNG Athletic Hall of Fame) and soldier (Para 3 in the ROTC Hall of Fame article on pg 3 for details)!

This year's banquet is 5 NOV (1800) at Saint Luke Ministry Center, 301 11th St, Columbus. It's open to the public, and tickets may be purchased through PayPal by visiting www.gmvhof.org/, or by mailing a check (Ga. Military Veterans' Hall of Fame, PO Box 475, Pine Mountain, GA 31822).



LTG(R) Burton Patrick
'57



Patrick and Coleman



Patrick, D.



MG(R) Scholes
'61



COL(R) Lord
'61



COL(R) Powell
'65



Burton DeWayne Patrick



INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

By LTC(R) Keith Antonia

On 1 SEP 16, the ILSS turned one! Without question, it's proven great value to UNG's Strategic Plan. As a new innovative organizational structure, the ILSS has made significant progress enhancing the curricular & co-curricular opportunities for our Corps of Cadets...the most unique signature program at UNG! Many of these also serve UNG students at large.

Major accomplishments during its first year:

- *The Corps of Cadets increased in number and diversity
- *New opportunities in cyber education/security & strategic studies
- *Nationally recognized as a NSA/DHS National Center of Academic Excellence for Cyber Defense Education
- *New partnerships with foreign military academies
- *New internship opportunities
- *Increased external giving/support from Corps affiliated organizations

The ILSS looks forward to consolidating this year's gains, and making more progress toward UNG's Strategic Plan goals. Here is a link to the ILSS annual report draft for your review:

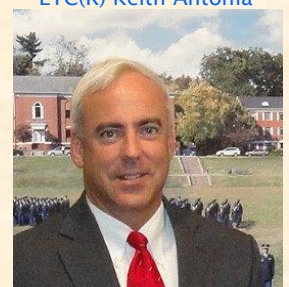
<http://ung.edu/institute-leadership-strategic-studies/index.php>

Click on "ILSS Updates and Reports" on the left-hand menu. This report details the ILSS activities from inception through the end of August, 2016.

Dr. Billy Wells



LTC(R) Keith Antonia



FROM THE COMMANDANT...

By COL(R) Tom Palmer

1. Fall, 2016 Corps strength is 775 Cadets...or 1 platoon larger than fall, 2015.
2. Corps GPA is 3.17...highest recorded average GPA in our history!
3. We recognized 25 Distinguished Military Students in September!
4. MG Christopher Hughes (Infantry) is the new CG of US Army Cadet Command.
5. 223 new FROGs are trained & assigned to cadet companies. As Of 1 OCT, only 1 freshman has left.
6. 123 cadets participated in advanced camp & received an OER (many earned top block)! Your UNG contingent easily outperformed the other 5 SMC's! Col Cummings is doing a fantastic job as our PMS! COL(R) Tom Palmer ('73)
7. The PMS, Commandant, & Dir of Cadet Admissions have a coordination line to Col(R) Billy Wells. This "on campus" unity of command serves as the HQ for military, faculty and student support, issue resolution, curriculum & scheduling.
8. UNG sent 85 students to 26 foreign countries for study abroad / Army programs over the spring and summer! We now have 4 military exchange students from Poland, Ukraine & Taiwan living in UNG barracks!
9. THANKS to all NGCCA members who participated in the 1st annual Boar's Head Weekend! For the first time in our history, alumni spent many hours with our cadets counseling them on job search! The panels, guest speakers, DMS banquet, picnic and parade were supported by scores of alumni. Please send AAR comments to your Chairman, Alan Ware to make the weekend even better next year.
10. The Corps appreciates your support! If you are able to support our new fundraising initiative, "Georgia Gold, American Treasure" that was launched by the CAC, please contact Phil Collins at 706-864-1999.



LTG(R) TERRY RECEIVES UNG PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

By Bob Babich

UNG's fourth annual Scholarship Gala was held 30 APR in Bogart, GA. During the event, the 2016 Presidential Leadership Award was presented to retired Lt. Gen. James L. Terry, an alumnus who served nearly 38 years in the U.S. Army.

Terry earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing and management and commissioned as a U.S. Army Infantry officer upon his graduation in 1978. During his career he had eight operational deployments — including five that were combat operations. He commanded troops in combat during three of those operations. Terry commanded at multiple levels across the Army, including commanding General of The United State Army Central, commander of V Corps, Commander of the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command as well as commander of the 10th Mountain Division.

LTG(R) Terry talked about his journey at North Georgia, leadership and the importance of scholarships. "I want to thank all of you here tonight for your generosity in providing scholarships. I was a recipient of a three-year Army ROTC scholarship that certainly helped me along my path," Terry said. "There is no doubt that the University of North Georgia is a state and national treasure that has a long-standing record of producing leaders of character for America."

Many of Terry's classmates, students from his time on the Dahlonega campus as instructor and APMS, and friends were present as a show of support for his unique and impactful leadership.

Some of LTG(R) Terry's awards and decorations include: the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with four oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal. He also earned the Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.



LTG(R) James L. Terry accepting award

Rt-Friends for life: Terry, Webb, Dickens
Btm-Alumni celebrating with LTG(R) Terry



TAPS

By Bob Babich

Col(R) Jack Peevy ('64) loved North Georgia. He served 30 years in the Army, was a Vietnam veteran that was wounded seven times. As a soldier, he earned the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with V Device, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Special Forces Tab. He was also successful in real estate. In 2012, he started the Col Jack Peevy scholarship with a \$100,000 commitment to help nursing students cover rising costs. Col Peevy was recognized in 2013 as a UNG Distinguished Alumnus. Upon his passing, UNG received more than \$4 million dollars from his estate, all of which has been invested to support cadets. After the investment matures, the yield will be approximately \$160,000 annually and in perpetuity. This is the largest military endowment in our history. We are indeed saddened by his loss, and humbled by his generosity. His legacy will remain with NG forever!



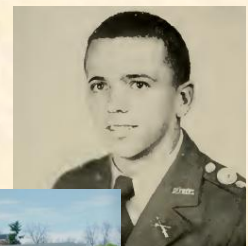
James H. Matthews Sr. ('51), passed away 13 JUN 16. Upon graduating, he commissioned and served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He retired from Rich's Department Stores in 1994 after almost 30 years of service. Hoss, as we all knew him, never failed to get emotional when talking about his beloved NGC, his journey and his NG friends. He never met a stranger! Hoss served on the Alumni Council, was the organizer, leader, host & personality behind the "Friends are Forever" group (classmates and friends from the 50's & 60's) for more than 20 years, and was also recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2008. A giant of a man, humble, ever positive, upbeat and always full of life! Hoss would smile from above if you would consider donating to a scholarship set up in his name (UNG Foundation, reference line Hoss Matthews Memorial Fund) Office of University Advancement, P.O. Box 1599, Dahlonega, GA 30533 or online:



<https://unggive.org/give/2014-donation-form-2> Choose "other" in the drop down menu and type the fund name "Hoss Matthews Memorial Fund). We miss you, Hoss!

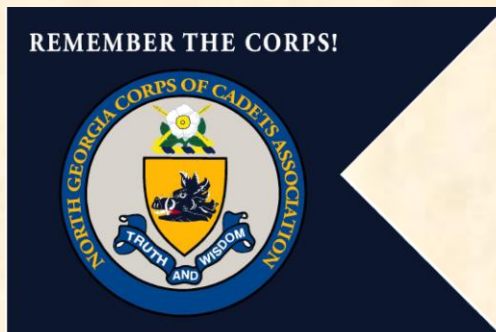


Our hearts go out to the Livsey family. GEN(R) William J. "Lipp" Livsey ('52) passed away 18 JUN 16. To date, GEN(R) Livsey is NG's only 4-Star General, and served in the U.S. Army for 35 years. In recognition of his outstanding professional achievements, service to country, and loyalty and dedication to North Georgia, the drill field was named in his honor on April 18, 2009. As a soldier, he earned the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with 3 oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with V Device, Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal with V Device with 2 oak leaf clusters, Combat Infantryman's Badge (2nd Award), Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. Here are a few pictures as a remembrance of his service.



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UNG Cadets, Alumni & Friends listen to Kris "Tanto" Paronto



COL(R) Tom Palmer & Kris "Tanto" Paronto

