



UAPB COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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Welcome! LTC Jeffrey L. Foster New Professor of Military Science



LTC Jeff Foster is a 1994 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin. He originally began his military career enlisting in the U.S. Army Reserve as an Armor Crewman through the Split-Option Program. Once enrolled in UTM, he contracted with ROTC through the Simultaneous Member Program. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps with branch detail to the Infantry on Active Duty. After completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle Commander's Course, LTC Foster was assigned to 2-91N(M), 1st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, South Korea. After eighteen months, he attended the Ordnance Officer Transition Course and was reassigned to 70th Ordnance Battalion and later 2-1 Air Defense Battalion, Fort Bliss, Texas where he served as a Maintenance Company Shop Officer, Executive Officer and Company Commander. Upon completion of Company Command, he attended the Captain's Career Course and was assigned to Raleigh Recruiting

Battalion as the Commander of the Raleigh Recruiting Company. He moved from Raleigh to Fort Hood, Texas in 2003. While at Fort Hood, he served as Assistant Brigade S4, IBCT, 1st Cavalry Division; Battalion Operations Officer, 515th Forward Support Battalion(Provisional), 5th BCT, ICD; Maintenance Management Officer, ICD Division Support Command; Deputy Support Operations Officer, Support Operations Officer, and Battalion Executive Officer, 15th Sustainment Brigade; and Materiel Readiness Division Chief, G4, III Corps Headquarters. He attended Intermediate Level Education (ILE) at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 2009. His deployed assignments to Operation Iraqi Freedom occurred in 2004-2005 with 5BCT, ICD; 2006-2007 with 15th Sustainment Brigade; and 2010-2011 with III Corps as HQ, USF-I. LTC Foster holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Tennessee at Martin, a Master of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University and a Master of Mil-

itary Arts and Science in Homeland Security Studies from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with 6 Campaign Stars, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, Basic Airborne Qualification Badge, and Basic Recruiter Badge. LTC Foster is married to the former Theresa Rerisi. They have four children, Payton (20), Cameron (11), Madisan (7), and Dylan (5). Theresa is a Civil Servant (GS) currently assigned to the Pine Bluff Arsenal Office of Business and Operations.

HOMEcomings OPEN HOUSE:

The Golden Lion Battalion will host an Open House at Hazard Gym with drinks and finger foods. Cadets will be there to meet/mingle with alumni. A tour of the facility will be provided.

The fall meeting of the UAPB Commissioned Officers' Association will be held at 1500 hours CST on October 26, 2012 also at Hazard Gym. A report will be provided on planned activities for the next year and officers' elected. If you are unable to attend and the meeting and would like to participate please call 218-339-3600 and enter Access Code: 593556.

After you enter the access code press “#” and wait for prompt. Press “1” if the code is correct. If you have any issues call Captain TJ Naylor 502-931-4139

Tentative timeline:

11:30-12:30 Black and Gold Luncheon

13:00-15:00 ROTC Open House at Hazard (Brief approx. 13:30)

15:00-UTC—COAA Annual Meeting

CALL FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES:

If you know UAPB ROTC alumni who do not receive a copy of this email please forward it to them and send their email address to:

tvaghn449@aol.com



General Piggee Gets 2nd Star

President Barack Obama nominated the Commander of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command for appointment to the rank of Major General earlier this year.

Brig. Gen. Aundre F. Piggee, a native of Stamps, Ark., assumed command of the 21st TSC, located in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Aug. 25, 2011.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Piggee served in Germany from January 1986 to April 1988 as Direct Support Maintenance Officer and Com-

mander of the 77th Maintenance Company, both in the 85th Maintenance Battalion, V Corps, respectively.

His previous duty assignments include plans officer, G3, 13th Corps Support Command, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas in 1994-'95. He commanded the 15th Sustainment Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, from July 2005 to February 2008. Prior to his current assignment in Germany, he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff J4, United States Forces Korea.

<http://youtu.be/C00GSUyj8Fc>



A Celebration of Life...

Arthell Moore Jr. entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. He was a Vietnam War Veteran and a dedicated deacon at Harris Temple Missionary Baptist Church. He's preceded in death by his father, Arthell Sr. and his sister, Anita. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Sandra; his children, Frank (Kayla), Latonya (Louis), Arthell III (Bridgett) and Chris (Tiffaney); his loving mother, Mable; his siblings, Mavis (James), Gloria, Mitchell, Sharon (Robert),

Dwight, Denise (Harold), Sonya (Tommy) and Roderick (Tawanna), 10 grandchildren and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Arthell was a member of the AM&N ROTC graduating class of 1970



Appeal for Scholarship Pledges, Donations, and Annual Membership Dues

Continued support of the Association's Scholarship donations are critical. Scholarship donations are fully tax deductible. Your donations qualify as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

If you have not paid your 2012 membership dues of \$50.00 please do so now. Your dues enables the organization to support the University ROTC Program and its students. Please make your donation and dues payable to the "Commissioned Officers' As-

sociation" and mail to P.O. Box 151421, Alexandria, VA 22315 Grover L. Gibson, LTC (Ret.) President, Board of Directors

PMS Tommie L. Walker Farewell

Team,

A few closing thoughts as I transition to my next duty assignment where I will perform the duties of Chief of Experimentation and Wargaming at the Battle Lab for the Fires Center of Excellence—Fort Sill Oklahoma.

First and foremost I want to take this opportunity to thank God for choosing/allowing me to serve at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff as the Professor of Military Science. My tour of duty at this wonderful university was a true blessing.

Secondly, thank you all for your unyielding and unwavering support (friendship, mentorship, tutoring, prayers, patience, understanding, honest feedback, guidance and the list goes on...). I was constantly amazed by the genuine efforts of support and availability demonstrated by Alumni, university personnel, local leaders, and numerous organizations. I am forever indebted to this university for allowing me to "Experience The Pride" of this incredible institution first hand. Indeed, this was a remarkably enjoyable experience --especially seeing our Cadets, these young future leaders, mature and start embracing core Army Values/Warrior Ethos/Duty, Honor, County.

I would like to give you a quick rundown on the status of the Battalion. For the sake of brevity I will use a bullet format:

Mission Set (MS12) We made our commission mission for MS12—first time in a decade. Our mission was six (6), we have commissioned eight (8) and I anticipate commissioning our ninth 2LT for MS12 tomorrow morning.

Conditions are set for mission success for MS13. Our commission mission remains unchanged at six. Our projected number for commissioning is nine and there is a strong po-

tential that we could commission 10 next year.

MS14 has more potential than MS12 and MS13 combined. We have 10 contracted cadets in this MS already and 5 to 10 more that expressed desires to contract next semester. If we are unable to get BDE to raise our contract mission, which is 13 right now, we could find ourselves in a position where we can only contract the best qualified. Those that do not exceed the standard will be at risk.

We sent nine cadets to the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC), the old Advanced Camp, this summer. All nine, 100%, successfully completed camp and received camp credit. We had 1 "E" (exceeds the standard); we had five "S" (meets the standard) and we had three "N" (needs improvement). Of the three Ns, one was for Prepares Self (too laid back, didn't present herself professionally enough. Of course I disagreed with this eval, the Cadet passed every single event and received "S" ratings on all of her evaluations). The other two "Ns" were legitimate—the Cadets (both males, one from UAPB and one from UAM) failed night land navigation twice, but passed on the third attempt.

Quick good news story: Last year with your support we started the Summer Housing and Training Initiative, where Cadets who were participating in summer training could live in the dorms and train during summer in preparation for their Army summer training (Thank you again for your support of this initiative). Last year every Cadet that took advantage of that program successfully completed camp. This year only one Cadet took advantage of that program and although she did not receive an overall "E" at

camp, she did receive the most dimensional "Es" in the battalion—receiving 13 of a possible 17 "Es".

I share that story to illustrate the power and influence your support provides this program. I believe that over the past 2+ years the ship has started to turn in the right direction. This year we experienced success that we had not seen in over a decade. Nevertheless, there is still much work to be done. If we truly want this program to get back on course, sail right, and reach its full potential every-one must continue to row.

In closing, I would have you all know that this duty assignment, was an eye opening experience for me, it was extremely challenging, I learned something new every day, and I met and worked with absolutely amazing people.

It has been said, "home is where the heart is." In the Army the feeling of home is often an elusive sense, but for me UAPB feels like home.

My forwarding email address is tommie.walker@us.army.mil, feel free to drop me a line anytime.

Final request: I would ask that you all continue to support our ROTC program and welcome LTC Jeff Foster into the UAPB family. I ask that you provide him the same level of insight, mentorship, guidance and feedback that you provided me.

Lastly, I truly thank you all for what you do. I pray that God continues to bless each of you, this university, our ROTC Battalion and the United States of America. August 10th, 2012 will be my last day at UAPB. Stay safe and God Bless.

Sincerely,

TOMMIE L. WALKER
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army

Volunteers for the Launch of Veterans Memorial Park Needed

Dear Alumni:

Our UAPB Army ROTC Commissioned Officers' Alumni Association (COAA) has undertaken the initiative to raise funds to construct the Veterans Memorial Park on the UAPB campus. Our goal includes a groundbreaking ceremony during the week of our UAPB Army ROTC 45th Anniversary Celebration and Founders' Day in April 2013 and a grand dedication ceremony as part of Homecoming 2013.

Our mission: To build an Armed Services Veterans Memorial Park to serve as a functional community gathering place to thank, honor, and celebrate the lives of all who participated in the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program and served in any of the five United States of America armed services by creating a place of respect, of pride, of hope, and a demonstration of patriotism on the UAPB campus.

Our goal is to raise at least \$50,000 for the design and construction of the memorial. To reach our goal, we need volunteers for our working groups. We can only sustain our initiative with

the help of volunteers, who are willing to spare at least a couple of hours every week. We appeal to all COAA through this letter to come forward and help us in this undertaking.

Our objectives:

Short Term – Create an inspirational memorial to celebrate and honor all who have served, past present and future

Medium Term - Support a memorial that is an integral part of the UAPB community and individual lives

Long Term - Inspire future generations to service beyond self

We need volunteers for three working groups to accomplish our mission:

Design Working Group to provide the steps needed to organize and outline the physical design and construction of the Veterans Memorial Park.

Public Relation Work Group to increase public awareness and understanding of the mission of the Veterans

Memorial Park Committee to design and build a veterans memorial to honor UAPB Army ROTC veterans and all veterans for their service during wars, conflicts and peace time service.

Fund Raising Working Group to provide the necessary funding and resources to construct and maintain the physical memorial and virtual memorial on-line for perpetuity.

If you are available to join one of our working groups, or would like to become active with the UAPB Army ROTC COAA, please contact James Parker, a 1982 graduate, at jcparke3@gmail.com or 972-510-7140 to add your name and get additional information about the working groups and the COAA.

(SEE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE)

Launch of the Veterans Memorial Park at UAPB

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Commissioned Officers Alumni Association is honored and pleased to introduce the launch of Veterans Memorial Park that is now in the planning stages, with an anticipated dedication to occur during Homecoming Week 2013. The park represents honor to our veterans as well as their ongoing, honorable contributions to our country.

Veterans Memorial Park requires the combined efforts of many, including contributions necessary to make it happen. Contributions are tax-

deductible, and will support the design and construction of the memorial as well as its maintenance for years to come. The park will be an inspirational location for all who seek to honor and pay tribute to those who have dedicated their lives for the safety and preservation of the United States of America.

We need your donations at levels of \$250.00, \$500.00, \$750.00 or \$1000.00 or more. Please contribute at a level commensurate with the impact your commission has had on your life. Whether you are a member of our UAPB Army ROTC COAA, UAPB alumni or the public, your donations are

gratefully received. Whether you are a veteran or the relative, friend or supporter, we hope that you will find this as an opportunity to pay tribute to the members of the five branches of the United States armed services.

Veterans Memorial Park will be dedicated to the hundreds of men and women commissioned through the UAPB Army ROTC Program for more than 40 years and UAPB veterans who have served and continue to serve through times of war and peace. All contributions are welcome and vitally necessary; we must reach our goals to honor this population.

UAPB ROTC VETERANS PARK MEMORIAL PROPOSED SITE DESIGN



Propose site design from information center view

Proposed site location from rear/ view 3



Propose site design from information center view

(PROPOSED)
UAPB ROTC
Memorial on
location/
University drive
near the
entrance

