



UAPB COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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News and Notes

Spring Meeting: The spring meeting of the UAPB Commissioned Officers' Association will be held in the **Conference Room of Childress Hall (old library)** at 1500 hours Central Standard Time on 15 April, 2011 on the Campus of UAPB in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Those who desire to participate via Telephone may dial 1-866-726-2935. During the meeting we will provide a status report on the Golden Lion Battalion and the Association's planned activities for the next year.

Call For Email Addresses:

If you know UAPB ROTC alumni who are not receiving a copy of this newsletter please forward it to them and send their email address to tvaughn449@aol.com



Appeal for Scholarship Pledges, Donations, and Annual Membership Dues

Continued support of the Association's Scholarship Fund is critical. Scholarship donations are fully tax deductible. Your donations qualify as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. If you have not paid your 2011 membership dues of \$50.00, please do so at the earliest opportunity. Your dues enables the organization to support the University and the ROTC Program.

Please make your donation and dues checks payable to the UAPB Commissioned Officers' Association and mail to P.O. Box 151421, Alexandria, VA 22315 c/o Grover L. Gibson, LTC (Ret.) President, Board of Directors

Condolences:

It is with sadness that I tell you of the passing of Mr. James L. Bosley, the father of COL (Ret.) James M. Bosley, on February 10, 2011, in Vicksburg, MS.

Mr. Bosley's funeral was held on Saturday, February 19, 2011, 2:00 p.m., at the Pleasant Green M.B. Church, 817 Bowman Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180.

2011 Military Ball

The keynote speaker for the UAPB 2011 Military Ball will be one of our own, Major (Ret) James Parker, a member of the Class of 1981.

MR. PARKER recently retired as Associate Director of Organizational Readiness and Strategy, Internal Revenue Service. Parker enrolled as a freshman and ROTC Military Science Cadet at UAPB in 1979. In December 1981, Parker graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of

Science Degree in Business Administration, and was commissioned as a Regular Army Second Lieutenant of Medical Services. Parker commanded a medical company in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, Desert Shield, and Desert Storm; and was a Platoon Leader in Fulda, Germany. His principal staff assignments have been Chief Medical Logistics, Medical Logistics Officers, and Assistant s-4. His last active duty position was Commander of the 131st Field Hospital.



He has received twenty military awards and decorations, holds a Masters of Business Administration from American University at Washington DC, and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

A Celebration of Life...

Col (Ret) Albert Russell Spaulding Jr. attended Hampton Institute in Hampton, VA earning a B.A. in Building Construction and Civil Engineering in 1958. Upon graduation Albert was commissioned as a 1LT in the United States Army.

He was sent to Lawton, Oklahoma for field artillery training and Met Virginia Horn. Virginia and Albert were married on April 24, 1959. Their union produced three daughters, Hazel Michelle, Sheila Marquette, and Alicia Nicole. During his military career Albert traveled extensively and

served as a field artillery officer during the Vietnam War. Albert received numerous medals and military honors among these the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. Albert was assistant PMS at UAPB from 1968-1970.

After retiring from the military Albert and Virginia founded Automation Research Systems, Limited (ARS) in 1983. ARS, Ltd. was a thriving and successful business. And despite the demand of his successful business career, Albert always took time to support local and national organizations that



focused on improving the plight of other minorities and the underprivileged.

He died November 20, 2010 at the age of 75.

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—LTC Walker

News from Professor of Military Service

LTC Tommie L. Walker—Commanders Unedited Comments: We just returned from a joint exercise with the University of Arkansas (UofA). Most Cadets performed well, we still need to tweak the Land Navigation, but all in all this was a great training opportunity for our Cadets. This is the first time this joint event has occurred, so I am told...with the turnover rate we are experiencing with our ROTC Cadre, who knows what constitutes as 1st anymore. Regardless, the training with UofA was a great opportunity to get our Cadets in squads with other Cadets from a different demographic. The culture shock of being only one or two African American Cadets in a squad, in my opinion, was devastating on our Cadets last year at the Joint State FTX as well as at LDAC.

We are trying to remedy that “Cultural Adjustment” early this go around. In fact we are planning another training event for 12 March 2011 with UCA in order to continue the attack on this culture shock challenge. I am not sure if I mentioned it in the last newsletter, but we had a Cadet to assess on Active Duty as a Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG)—top 20% in the nation. 2LT Ashley Bolden was an end of camp commissionee last summer. She assessed in September, Active Duty, Military Intelligence (her 1st Choice), DMG—awesome! Provided the 1st (there is that word again, no way to confirm or deny—unless you know the answer) all female color at the Chancellor’s Spring Convocation Ceremony. That went off very well. Speaking of females, currently 1/3 of the battalion is

now female. We also provided an all Freshman Color Guard for the YMTF ceremony where the Reverend Al Sharpton was the keynote speaker—that too went well. We have also initiated a new recruiting effort—opening up the Hazard Gym to campus students (basketball and weight room, mostly). I can explain in detail, if you like. Just give me a call. The effort is already paying dividends, but the investment comes with a cost. We could really use some more weight equipment. We now have a Facebook account—become a friend: <http://www.facebook.com/goldenlionbattalion> This might prove a great place to connect with some of the Cadets desiring mentorship.

Buffalo Soldier Salute

Buffalo Soldiers, Veterans, Friends...It is Tombstone, AZ time!

3rd Annual Salute to the Buffalo Soldiers in June 10, 11, 12, 2011.

Friday June 10, Meet and Greet at Big Nose Kate's Saloon

Food and Drinks 5p.m.—8p.m.
(after tour tombstone)

Saturday June 11, 2011. 11am street parade down Allen street.

(open to all)

On Allen Street-Noon-National

Anthem, Awards, Acknowledgements, street and bar shoot outs

1pm Bus and Ride tours to Fort Huachuca

(\$12), Buffalo Soldier Barracks, Museum, and Black Officers Club. Mine Tours ETC.

8pm Buffalo Soldier dance and Charity Event (Donation \$5).

Welcome event to Help Save the Black Officers Club—All are welcome to attend

Sunday June 12, 2011.

Breakfast Bike and Horse Rides

around Tombstone

11pm Planning Committee Meeting for next year.

Agenda is Tentative at this Time

Reserve Your Rooms ASAP. Big Fun. Bring the Family

For More Information Email
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Late Col. Rodney H. Medford 1950-2011

Col. (Ret) RHM died in Maryland, on Monday, January 31, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Gail Stewart Medford; two sons, Rodney Andrew (Rashidah) and Bryon Thomas; a brother, Thomas A. Medford, Jr.(Edna); a sister, Sandra McMullen; an aunt, Dorothy Kornegay; a mother-in-law, Mary Stewart; three sisters-in-law, Valeta Moore (Albert), Elaine Evans

(Michael), Jerrydette Joseph, and a host of other relatives and friends. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, February 8 at 10 a.m. at Capital Christian Fellowship, 10411 Greenbelt Road, Lanham, MD 20706. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Army Emergency Relief. Arrangements by McGUIRE.



2011 ROTC Military Ball

The Golden Lion Battalion Cadet Corps and Cadre cordially invite you to attend the 2011 ROTC Military Ball on Saturday the Sixteenth of April Two Thousand and Eleven at six o' clock in the evening at Harbor Oaks

1 Harbor Oaks Drive (Regional Park) - Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Military Dress: Blues, ASU or Class A with Bow Tie

Civilian: Formal / Semi Formal Dress

RSVP by April 04, 2011

Cost \$25 Per Person

Contact: 870-575-8446 or email
evanssr@uapb.edu

Scholarship Winners 2011

Scholarships for the spring semester 2011 were awarded by the UAPB Commissioned Officers' Association to the following students:

Sharay A. Morris
Amount: \$1,200.00

Harold R. Moore
Amount: \$1,200.00

Shawnie D. McCoy
Amount: \$1,200.00

Sherice S. Gadsden
Amount: \$1,200.00