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CAMPUS NEWS

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE 2021

The University of Tennessee at Martin hosted its first ever Veterans Week events. This included a performance in the Fine Arts building by the 129th Army Band, a visit to the Humboldt Veterans Home to spend time with local Veterans, and the first ever campus Veterans walk led by the Provost with members of the faculty, staff, and students. The traditional Veterans Day program featured guest speaker, Tennessee Veteran Services Assistant Commissioner Patrick Rice. The week concluded with the first Veterans Bowl flag football game between ROTC cadets and student veterans.



WATCH THE VETERANS DAY EVENT [HERE!](#)

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In other news, the campus hosted a Virtual Veteran Day Event on Nov. 11, 2021. The goal of this event was to take time to remember the service of veterans in all wars. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all staff behind the scenes and the students, faculty, and staff that took the time to honor our Veterans. A special thanks to our guest speaker, West Tennessee Veteran Services Assistant Commissioner Patrick Rice.

PATRICK L. RICE SR.

Patrick Rice graduated from McGavock High School in Nashville Tennessee in 1995.

In 1996, Patrick enlisted in the United States Army/Reserves as a Military Police soldier where he has served on a number of deployments. Patrick was honorably discharged from the Army Reserves in 2005.

Patrick earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with minors in Psychology and Business Administration in 2005 from Middle Tennessee State University.

In 2001, Patrick became a police officer in Smyrna Tennessee where he served as a patrolman, Field Training Officer, Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor and a member of the STORM Team. During his Tenure at Smyrna Police Department, Patrick went on to obtain a Juris Doctorate in 2011 from Nashville School of Law and obtained his law license in 2012. Patrick has been admitted to practice in Tennessee, US Federal District Court 6th Circuit-Middle District, US Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, and US Court of Veteran Claims. Patrick retired from law enforcement in December 2013.

Patrick began with the State of Tennessee in January 2014 at the Tennessee Department of



Safety and Homeland Security as an Attorney 3 in the Knoxville Field Office where he litigated Civil Forfeiture cases and provided training to law enforcement agencies across the state.

In February 2018, he began his career with the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services as the East Tennessee Regional Director. In April 2019, Patrick was appointed to Assistant Commissioner of the West Tennessee Region.

Patrick is married to Jodi and they have three children, PJ, Sydney, and Ward.

129TH ARMY BAND OF THE TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

“The 129th Army Band of the Tennessee Army National Guard has a long and distinguished history serving Tennessee and the United States in peacetime as well as during armed conflict. The group traces its lineage back to the earliest units of the Tennessee Militia that protected the early colonial settlements and routed the British at the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780. The band was called to active duty during Operation Desert Storm. They have performed for presidents, world fairs, and overseas in countries including Colombia and Turkey. The 129th Army Band has been the official band for the Tennessee inaugural since Governor Gordon Browning and represented Tennessee in the 1992 Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, DC. The 129th Army Band

is headquartered at Houston Barracks in Nashville, Tennessee, and is led by Chief Warrant Officer Billy Stepp and First Sergeant Tim Keyser.”

HISTORY

“The 129 Army Band traces its lineage back to the earliest units of the Tennessee Militia that protected the early colonial settlements and routed the British at the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780. Their predecessors supported the Third Tennessee Infantry Regiment during the Mexican War (1846-1848), the Spanish-American War (1898-1900), and the Mexican Border Campaign of 1916. Redesignated as the 117 Infantry Regiment Band, they were activated in 1917 as part of the 30 Infantry Division. The 30 ID served in WWI with the American

Expeditionary Force during the battles of Somme, Le Selle, Ypres, Saint-Mihiel, and in the Meuse-Argonne. After WWI, the 30 ID was deactivated and resumed their roles in the National Guards of their respective states. The 30 Infantry Division was reactivated in September 1940 with the onset of WWII. On June 10, 1944, troops from Tennessee, Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, and Georgia were deployed as a replacement division to compensate for the losses suffered by the 29 ID during the D-Day invasion and were committed almost immediately against the German Army. The 30 ID distinguished itself during the French campaign by spearheading Operation Cobra, opening the way for Patton's Third Army to drive into Brittany. It was during this campaign that the 30 ID earned the name "Roosevelt's SS" by the German High Command, due to their constant pressure on the German 1 SS Division. The 30 was also an integral part of stopping the 1 SS's drive through the Ardennes in the Battle of the Bulge, extracting so many casualties on the elite 1 SS Division that they were no longer able to do battle. The 30 ID was deactivated November 25, 1945, at Camp Jackson, NC.

After deactivation, the individual units of the 30 ID returned to their states. Troops from Tennessee formed the 30 Armored Division where they served proudly from 1945 to 1973. When the 30 AD was disbanded, many units were formed under 30th Troop Command including the 129 Army Band.

Since its inception, the 129 Army Band has represented the state of Tennessee and the

Tennessee Army National Guard proudly. From playing at two World's Fairs to marching in a Presidential Inaugural Parade, the 129 Army Band has been called on to perform countless times across the globe. On two occasions they played for the US Ambassador of Columbia, South America. Additionally, they performed in Izmir, Turkey, in support of NATO and have relieved numerous active duty bands at such places as Ft. Monroe, Virginia, the United States Military Academy at West Point, and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. In addition, the 129 Army Band was one of two reserve bands called to active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm.

The 129 Army Band's most rewarding job, however, is supporting the troops and families of the Tennessee National Guard. Without question, the 129 has established itself as a premier National Guard Band and will continue to perform at the highest level of professionalism every time they are called upon to represent the state of Tennessee and the United States of America."



SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association for completing our flag raising for the ceremony. This organization can be seen around West Tennessee raising money to assist Veterans.



Since the first edition of the newsletter in fall 2019, we have provided a poem as a symbol of a younger generation taking time to articulate their understanding of those who serve and have served this country. A special thanks to Mrs. Danielle VanCleave and her students of Sharon Elementary for sharing her students' artistic abilities while paying homage to the military.



A Special thanks to the UTM Margaret N. Perry Children's Center for the many cards and artwork provided to Veterans all over campus.

Silence for Soldiers

Soldiers, the greatest people of all time
 Gunfire like the beat
 Of a nursery rhyme

You're at the end of battle
 Feeling sweeter than key lime pie
 Now grab your gun and get on the saddle
 There's still a little way to fly

No matter how rude or mean
 Don't say anything they'll still be seen
 Not so clean not so dirty
 But their battles will stay sturdy

By: Trey Galey



LIEUTENANT COLONEL BERNARD HOUSE

Lieutenant Colonel Bernard House is a native of Lexa, Arkansas and commissioned into the United States Army in 1997 from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff where he graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. He has a Master of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, the Field Artillery Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School (CAS3), Paladin Commander's Course (PCC), Joint Operational Fires and Effect Course (JOFEC), Intermediate Level Education (ILE), Joint Firepower Course (JFC), Military Assistant Security Advisor (MASA) and Security Force Assistant Advisory Team (SFAAT) Training and Transition (TT) Team Resident Course and The Inspector General School.

Lieutenant Colonel House's initial assignment was

Vilseck, Germany, September 1998, where he served as Company Fire Support Officer, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor and Battalion Targeting Officer for 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor. From November 1999 to July 2000, Lieutenant Colonel House deployed with 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division where he served as Battalion Targeting Officer, Force Protection Officer, and Paladin Platoon Fire Direction Officer in support of Task Force Falcon, Multinational Brigade (East) for Kosovo Forces (KFOR) 1B. Other assignments include Paladin Platoon Leader, Battalion Fire Direction Officer and Assistant Battalion Operations Officer for the 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery in Bamberg, Germany.

From October 2002 to September 2003, Lieutenant Colonel House commanded Echo Battery, 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. From September 2003 to January 2004, he served

as Battalion Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery. Lieutenant Colonel House commanded Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery from January 2004 to May 2005. From May 2005 to May 2006, he served as Battalion Military Transition Team Operations Officer, Iraqi Assistance Group, Baghdad, Iraq. He then served as Observer Controller/Team Chief and Battalion Operations Officer for 2nd Battalion, 410th Field Artillery at Fort Knox, Kentucky. From July 2009 to July 2010, Lieutenant Colonel House served as Assistant Division Fire Support Coordinator (AFSCOORD) for 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Korea, and then was assigned to 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division as Stability Transition Team Chief for 6 months, prior to deploying as part of TF Duke (3/1 IBCT), FOB Salerno, Afghanistan as 3/1 IBCT Task Force Duke Plans Officer. Lieutenant Colonel House served as Battalion Operations Officer (S3) for 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division from March 2012 to December 2012. Lieutenant Colonel House served as Battalion Executive Officer (XO) for 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division from December 2012 to December 2013. In June 2013, Lieutenant Colonel House deployed to FOB Spin Boldak, Afghanistan as Combined Task Force Centaur Executive Officer (XO). Following deployment, Lieutenant Colonel House was assigned to the Department of the Army Inspector General's Office, Washington, D.C. Lieutenant Colonel House assumed command of the 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment in May 2015. In September of 2015, he deployed the Battalion (Task Force Centaur) to Northern Iraq (Makhmur) in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Upon return in May 2016, LTC House prepared and trained the Battalion to execute a Decisive Action Training Environment rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center in March 2017. LTC House relinquished command of the 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery in May 2017 and assumed duties as the Deputy Fire Support Coordination Officer until March 2018. From April 2018 until June 2019, LTC House served as the Combined Joint Fires Element (CJFE) Chief of Dynamic Targeting for United States Forces Korea (USFK) and Combined Forces Command (CFC). Following Korea, he served as the Field Artillery Branch Chief, Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate (EPMD), and the Deputy Fire Support Coordination Officer (DFSCOORD), V



Corps, Fort Knox, Kentucky. LTC House currently serves as the Professor of Military Science, University of Tennessee at Martin.

Lieutenant Colonel House's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (3 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (Silver OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the Korean Defense Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 x Campaign Star), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 x Campaign Star), Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal (2 x Campaign Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal (with Bronze Star - Kosovo/Afghanistan), Meritorious Unit Citation (MUC w/ 2 OLC), Army Superior Unit Award (ASUA), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA) and the Overseas Service Ribbon w/number 6. He wears the Combat Action Badge, Army Staff Badge and Parachutist Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel House is married to the former Andrea Marshall of West Helena, Arkansas. They have two children, a daughter, Arriana (17) and a son, Christopher (22).

ArmyIgnited

In Fall 2021, the U.S. Army introduced a new platform meant to replace the well-known GoArmyEd. It is known as ArmyIgnited and it presented a new host of challenges for students and campus Veterans representatives. As of Spring 22 semester, many of the issues are beginning to get resolved and course enrollments are input by the veteran's office for each student. Please be sure to submit Tennessee Strong applications or contact the Veteran office in the event your utilizing tuitions assistance in the ArmyIgnited platform.

SEE MORE INFO [HERE!](#)

NOTABLE ORGANIZATIONS FOR VETERANS

DARKHORSE LODGE

Coming in 2023 in Paris, Tennessee will be a the new Darkhorse Lodge. This facility is currently under construction. Once completed, there will be five guest cabins with five rooms per cabin, each room named for one of the 25 men lost from the Marine Corps 3/5, Darkhorse unit. "When our 19-year old son, LCpl Alec E Catherwood, was killed in action on October 14, 2010, it felt as if the world had ended for us. After realizing that we had no choice but to go on, I stayed up nights, wondering what I could do for those who did come home". The lodge owners intend on hiring employees that are combat veterans. Their cabins will be handicapped accessible and they are currently accepting donations to continue making this dream a reality. For more information on the lodge plans or providing donations.

Visit <http://www.darkhorselodge.org/> for more information.

"The most important thing I learned is that soldiers watch what their leaders do. You can give them classes and lecture them forever, but it is your personal example they will follow."

- General Colin Powell

LINKS FOR STUDENT VETERANS

<http://www.utm.edu/departments/veteranaffairs/committee.php>
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/UTMVeteranServices/>
<https://www.instagram.com/utmvetanservices/>
<https://twitter.com/UtmVeteran>

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Deferment Forms

In addition to the early Veteran registration it is always important for all military affiliated students utilizing GI Bill benefits to complete their deferment forms. This form is utilized to defer payment of fees until benefits are received. It is also utilized to inform Veteran Services to complete certifications.

FIND DEFERMENT FORMS [HERE!](#)

IN MEMORY

A common theme among Veterans and Family members is to "Never Forget" and in the spirit of that promise our newsletter will strive to share stories of great patriots that served their country.

SGT JACOB BUTLER



SGT Jacob Butler was a teammate of mine within the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment. He served in the U.S. Army 1998-2003. More information can be reviewed about SGT Butler at the following link: <https://militaryhallofhonor.com/honoree-record.php?id=3713>.