

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA, SPRING HILL COLLEGE and  
UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE ARMY ROTC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
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CLASS NEWS

1977

**MAJ Fred B. Shirah** is currently the Battalion Executive Officer for the 711th Signal Battalion, Mobile AL, National Guard. They are in the process of converting to a Brigade Support Battalion (BSB). He was deployed for OIF II, as the Company Commander, CO C, 711th Signal BN where his company received MUC medal for the deployment. He would love to hear from old classmates at [fred.shirah@us.army.mil](mailto:fred.shirah@us.army.mil).

1984

**SFC Joseph P. Fleming** is currently serving as an AGR with the Alabama National Guard. He reached the rank of Major in the Transportation Corps before enlisting in the Alabama National Guard in 1997. He has served as a Crew Chief, a Supply Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant and as a Company First Sergeant during OIF 06-08.

1985

**CW5 Raymond A. (Tony) Quiñones** is currently serving as the first Command Chief Warrant Officer for 2-4 Avn Regt, 4<sup>th</sup> ID, Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas. Tony was commissioned as a reserve officer in 1982, but entered active duty in 1990 as a warrant officer. His recent assignment was as the NTC Installation Aviation Safety Officer at Fort Irwin, California. He will attend the CH-47F qualification course in May and deploy with his unit to Iraq in support of OIF.

1990

**Billy L. Woodward** served six years in the Oregon National Guard after being commissioned from USA Army ROTC. Since leaving the Army Billy has been serving with the American Red Cross where he is now the Director, Emergency Services in Peoria, IL.

1996

**MAJ William W. Burch** is an Infantry/Strategic Intelligence Officer who is currently serving at SOUTHCOM in Miami, Florida. He graduated from the ILE-CC at Fort Belvoir, Virginia in December 2007 and the JPME2 at the JFSC in Norfolk, Virginia in March 2008.

## **2002**

**CPT Seannery Tennimon** is back in Iraq. His unit left in early March. He is serving as the assistant S-3 for 7-10 CAV, 1-4 ID, and is looking forward to taking over as a troop commander in the next few months.

**CPT Joseph Stuart Wier, Jr.** graduated from Special Forces Qualification Course (SFQC) on 11 Jan 2008 and he graduated from Ranger School on 4 April 2008. He is currently inprocessing into Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he will be a team leader in the 5th Special Forces Group.

## **2004**

**1LT Vicki Tennimon** is currently the BN S2 and acting as a PL for HHC, 7-158 AV (Res) at Fort Hood, Texas. She will be transferring to A Co, 7-158 AV in Victorville, CA in the next couple of months for a real PL slot and deploying with them to Kuwait in October as a Platoon Leader / Pilot.

## **JAGUAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

I would encourage all of you to take a look at the USA Army ROTC website. There is a section dedicated to the Alumni of this program. There is a lot of information about the program and plenty of photos of current cadets in action and quite a few Alumni photos as well. With a new school year beginning I would like to invite any of you in the area to stop by for a visit. We'd love to have you stop in to say hello and I know you will be impressed by the quality of our cadets.

The Spring Commissioning Ceremony will be held at 1800 on Saturday 03 May at the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center at USA. We will be commissioning four new Second Lieutenants. All are more than welcome to attend.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

We just finished the fourth round of scholarship offers for the 2008-2009 school year. We currently have 25 high school students from around the nation who have accepted an offer to attend USA on a National four-year Army ROTC scholarship, and 18 more that will be given an On-Campus four-year Army ROTC scholarship. These students come from 9 different states (17 out of state scholarships), have ACT scores from 19 to 31 and want to major in everything from Music to Pre-Med. Five of those students will be attending school at Spring Hill College, two will be attending UM and the rest will attend school at South.

We are currently at 125 cadets for the Spring 2008 semester. The goal is to have the program at 150 next fall and to start commissioning 20+ Lieutenants a year starting in 2010.

On Saturday 12 April we held a Joint Military Ball with the Air Force ROTC program. It was held at the Fort Whiting Armory and we had 285 people in attendance.

### **DEPLOYED ALUMNI**

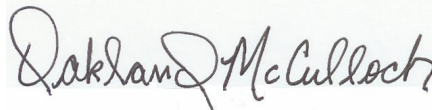
I am sure we currently have many of our Alumni deployed around the world. We would like to keep track of those deployed, so if you are deployed or know of someone who is, please send name, unit and an address of where to send mail while deployed.

### **FINAL THOUGHT**

This Alumni SITREP is only as good as the information you send in. We only had four Alumni and one Cadre update to report this month. I'd love to hear from more of our Alumni so I can make sure everyone is keeping in touch. Please pass this SITREP on to any alumni of the program that you believe might be interested. I would love to give their update in the next SITREP. This has always been and continues to be a great program and we'd like for you to continue to be a part of it.

**Best wishes to you and your families. Take Care.**

**"GO JAGS"**



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University of South Alabama**

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