

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

1989

MAJ Troy V. Harrison is the Administrative Officer and XO for 1-131 Aviation in Hope Hull, Alabama. He has returned home to the Alabama Army National Guard after spending 17 years in the frozen tundra (Wisconsin & Minnesota ARNG). He is a former Wisconsin State Trooper and he has been AGR since May 1997. In 2002, he went on Title 10 AGR orders and served as the TRADOC Reserve Components Liaison Officer at Fort Rucker, Alabama, followed by tours at NGB-AVS and G-3 Aviation at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.. He employed with OSACOM as a C-12 Pilot for OIF 06-08, and commanded A Company, 2-228th Aviation in theatre. He is extremely happy to be back in Alabama flying Blackhawks, and he continues to tell anyone who will listen that "It is Christmas everyday in America". You can contact him at troy.v.harrison@us.army.mil.

1998

CPT Jason D. Holmes was college roommates and a good friend of **1LT Robert Charles Oneto-Sikorski** who was killed in Iraq. He served in Iraq as a Company Executive Officer with the 890th EN CBT BN of the Mississippi Army National Guard from March 2003 to March 2004. Since then, he has served as the 890th EN BN S-4 during Hurricane KATRINA and Company Commander for the 857th Horizontal Company, 890th EN BN. He was serving on the Pre-mobilization Training Assistant Element (PTAE) for the MSARNG to prepare HSC 890th EN BN for deployment when the Battalion Commander requested that he volunteer to deploy with the BN. He is currently at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and will be in Baghdad, Iraq very soon as the S-2 for the 890th EN BN. He has a wife and three boys: Jonathon-11, Austin-8 and Nicklas-3. The companies under their Battalion during this deployment will be conducting route recon/clearance R2C for Baghdad.

1999

CPT Justin H. Ezell is currently in the Medical Specialist Corps stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He graduated from the Chemical Officer Basic Course in February 2000, the IPAP Phase I in April 2004 and the IPAP Phase II in May 2005.

2002

CPT Regina Roberts deployed to Iraq in April with the 115th CSH to Camp Cropper, Iraq. She is doing detainee health care there and will be there for 6 months.

2004

CPT Michael Venafro will give up command of an Infantry Company in July 08. He will then attend three months of training at Fort Riley, Kansas to be part of a MTT team going to Afghanistan.

2006

1LT Lucy (Diegmann) Oliphant is currently the XO for a fuel and ammo Company in the North Carolina National Guard. Her husband is PCSing to Fort McPherson, Georgia and she is trying to work an inter-state transfer to join the Georgia National Guard. Their son Wyatt is almost seven months old.

1LT Shannon Entrekin is currently the XO for the 128th Ambulance Company in the Alabama National Guard out of Ashland, Alabama. She is also working Active Duty Special Work with the National Guard Bureau as an AMEDD recruiter. Her unit is currently preparing for mobilization.

1LT Jessica Moore is currently deployed to Iraq as the Company Commander of the 1207th Quartermaster Company of the Alabama National Guard out of Ashland, Alabama.

2007

2LT Jonathan Byrd is currently in Baghdad and work for **CPT Sean Tennimon**, an alumnus of the Jaguar Battalion (class of 2002), in 7-10 CAV S3 shop. His wife, **Vicky Tennimon**, also an alumnus (class of 2004), found out that he was going to be assigned to 7-10 CAV and helped 2LT Byrd get assigned to the S3 shop working for CPT Tennimon. 2LT Byrd should be moving soon to take a scout platoon in B TRP.

2LT Chad Nelson is currently stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. He is a Scout Platoon Leader with the 5-4 CAV. He just finished a rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California and will be deploying to Iraq later this year.

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 Summer Commissioning Ceremony will be held at 1700 on Monday 21 July at the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center at USA. We will commission a 2LT Mitchell Salter (Adjutant General Corps). After commissioning 2LT Salter will assigned the USA Army ROTC program until September 2008 to assist with recruiting. All are welcome to attend and we'd love to see you there.

OTHER INFORMATION

We have currently awarded 45 four-year scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year. We currently have 22 high school students from around the nation who have accepted an offer to attend USA on a National four-year Army ROTC scholarship, and 23 more that will be given an On-Campus four-year Army ROTC scholarship. These students come from 10 different states (18 out of state scholarships), have ACT scores from 19 to 31 and want to major in everything from Music to Pre-Med. Seven of those students will be attending school at Spring Hill College, one will be attending UM and the rest will attend school at South.

We were at 125 cadets for the spring 2008 semester. It looks like we may have 160-170 in the program next fall. The goal is to start commissioning 20+ Lieutenants a year starting in 2010.

ALUMNI ENCOUNTERS

COL (RET) Greg King ran into one of his classmates from 1979 this past week in San Diego at the annual UAS conference. **Bill Jones** graduated with LTC **(RET) Frank Barrow, Kirsch** and I in 1979. Bill has been working at Fort Rucker for the TRADOC Capabilities Manager for UAS for several years.

DEPLOYED ALUMNI

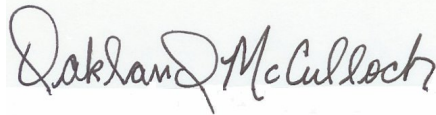
I am sure we currently have many of our Alumni deployed around the world. We would like to keep track of those deployed, so if you are deployed or know of someone who is, please send name, unit and an address of where to send mail while deployed.

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”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oakland McCulloch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'O' and 'M'.

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University of South Alabama**

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<http://www.southalabama.edu/armyrotc/index.html>

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information sheet or just e-mail me your update.**