

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY ARMY ROTC

ROTC Alumni Newsletter Summer 2017

Legacy of Excellence Continues



Colonel (Retired) Garrett Bourne began his career after graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Eastern Kentucky University. He commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery from Eastern Kentucky University in 1968.

His first tour of duty was with the 82nd Airborne Division. Throughout his career, Colonel Bourne has expertly met the many challenges of military service as an Army officer. He faithfully served his Nation in a variety of command and staff assignments throughout the world including the continental United States, Vietnam, Europe, Southwest Asia, and Panama. From 1987-1990, joining the Army Legislative Liaison Office to the U.S. Senate. During those three years he became a dedicated officer who tirelessly worked to represent the interests of the Army to members of Congress.



Colonel (Ret) Gary Bourne is an EKU ROTC Alumnus who had a highly successful 28-year Army career and served in the upper levels of the Frost Bank in Texas after his Army retirement.

Spring 2017 Commissionees



Jason Begley; Transportation Corps, **Melissa Bellamy**; Medical Services, **Alexander Bush**; Signal Corps, **Alicyn Buttry**; Military Intelligence, **Melissa Clough**; Chemical Corps, **Andrew Covert**; Field Artillery, **Ryan Griffis**; Engineer, **Sean Haller**; Engineer, **Bryce Hollon**; Engineer, **Dylan Jernigen**; Armor, **Andrew Kolodziejczyk**; Transportation Corps, **Colvin Meredith**; Adjutant General, **Aaron Morris**; TBD, **Mitchell Plowman**; Infantry, **Austin Powell**; Chemical Corps, **Alex Schwartz**; Engineer, **Wesley Watkins**; Military Intelligence



Alumni are always welcome to attend to the Ceremonies, Appreciation Days and the Military Ball.

If you would like to see your Cadets in action call
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“Colonels’ Pride”



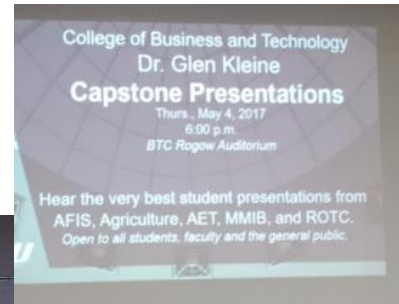
Upcoming Events:

- Homecoming21 October 2017
- Veteran Alumni Banquet.....10 November 2017
- Dedication of the Soldiers Cross Statue
..... 10 November 2017*
- Alumni Veterans Appreciation Day
.....11 November 2017
- 79th Annual Military Ball.....2 March 2018
- JROTC Drill Meet.....24 March 2018
- Spring Commissioning 10 May 2018



You do not have to attend the game to participate in the Halftime Tribute. All Veterans welcome.

Capstone Presentation *The Battle of Mogadishu*



Team consisting of Alexander Schwartz, Alicyn Buttry, Dylan Jernigen and Tyler Meredith took second place.



Unveiling of the Soldiers' Cross Memorial. This ceremony will be held on Saturday, 11 November 2017. The dedication will take place at EKU in the plaza next to the EKU's Veterans Memorial Wall.

Other events on campus that day are ARMY ROTC tailgating located in the Alumni Coliseum parking lot starting at 11:30 a.m. along with a football game Eastern vs Austin Peay State University. Veterans will be recognized during the football game.

Awards & Recognition Ceremony 2017



BG (Ret) John Heltzel speaks to Cadets about Officership

