Bowling Green State University
United States Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps

Awards Ceremony and Army ROTC 100th Anniversary Commemoration
15 April 2016

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Sequence of Events

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Provost/Senior Vice President
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2016 Hall of Fame Induction
Colonel Theodore G. Jenkins, USMC (Retired)
Closing Remarks
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Masters of Ceremony
   CPT Brian Owens
   Cadet Valerie Stearns
   Cadet Richard Schubert

Color Guard
   Cadet Jeffrey Pendleton
      Color Sergeant
   Cadet Shane Rowlands
      Guard
   Cadet Timothy Shimrock
      Color Bearer, U.S. Flag
   Cadet Anthony Snyder
      Color Bearer, Army Flag
   Cadet Lucas Wertman
      Color Bearer, Ohio Flag
   Cadet Christopher Hicks
      Guard

Invocation
   Cadet Guy Leygraff

Cadet Creed
   Cadet Brenten Wiley
Colonel Theodore G. Jenkins enlisted in the US Marine Corps during World War II. After basic training at Parris Island, S.C., Jenkins was assigned to an engineer battalion. He attained the rank of sergeant and, after WW II and the end of his enlistment, Jenkins transferred to the USMC Reserve. At this time he also entered Bowling Green State University under the WW II G.I. Bill.

When hostilities broke out in Korea, Jenkins was recalled to active duty in 1950 during his junior year at BGSU. He was commissioned from the ranks and served with the USMC Combat Engineers in Korea in 1951 and 1952.

After the Korean War, Jenkins returned to BGSU and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1954. After graduation, he worked for Libbey-Owens-Ford (Pilkington NA) for 35 years and retired as the Corporate Director of Human Resources.

Jenkins remained in the USMC Reserve and retired as a Colonel in 1988. He served as the commanding officer of two Toledo Reserve units. During his service, he graduated from the USMC Command and Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and the Naval War College. Jenkins was a senior member of the 9th District Policy Board (14 Midwestern States) and the USMC Policy Board, reporting to the Secretary of the Navy.

Highlights of Jenkins’ community activities include: eight years on the Oregon, Ohio, Board of Education; serving on boards for the Toledo Chamber of Commerce (Chair: Military Affairs Committee); the United Way; Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts; chairing the Toledo Area YMCA & Eastern Community YMCA; chairing the St. Charles Hospital & Mercy Health Partners Board; serving on the first Swan Creek Board; and chairing the Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services Board.
Jenkins’ BGSU activities began with his membership in the Theta Chi and Omicron Delta Kappa fraternities as a student. As an alumnus he has chaired the BGSU Alumni Board of Trustees, was vice chair of the BGSU Alumni Foundation, and is a member of the Presidents Club. He was the recipient of the Alumni Service Award in 1992 and the Alumni Community Award in 1995. Jenkins was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2009.

Most recently, Jenkins organized and funded the BGSU MIA/POW Chairs of Honor. POW/MIA Chairs were installed and dedicated in 2015 in Doyt Perry Stadium, Stroh Arena, and the Ice Arena. Two additional chairs (mobile, not fixed) were dedicated for use at other events such as baseball, soccer, swimming, etc. BGSU may be the only campus in the United States with three or more POW/MIA chairs.

Jenkins has also initiated a committee for honoring BGSU Fallen Heroes in the planning, design and construction of the BGSU Veterans Memorial Garden. This memorial is currently in the planning stages and will be announced to the BGSU community in the very near future. This committee is also engaged in the promotion and assistance of the BGSU Student Veterans community.
The Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC)

100 Years of Service to the Nation, 1916-2016

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) was created on June 3, 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Defense Act of 1916. The first ROTC units were established in the autumn of 1916 at 46 schools with a combined enrollment of about 40,000. By the time the United States entered World War II, ROTC had produced more than 100,000 officers. In September 1972, the Army enrolled 200 women in ROTC at 10 colleges. In April 1986, the U.S. Army Cadet Command was formed with Major General Robert E. Wagner as its first commander. Headquartered at Fort Monroe, Va., U.S. Army Cadet Command assumed responsibility for more than 400 senior ROTC units, four regional headquarters, and more than 800 Junior ROTC (JROTC) programs in high schools across the country.

In June 2011, Cadet Command moved to Fort Knox, Ky. In January 2012, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Cadet Command was designated the Senior Commander, Fort Knox, Ky. In March 2014, ROTC achieved another milestone when Major General Peggy C. Combs, a 1985 graduate of the University of Syracuse ROTC program, became the first female General Officer to lead U.S. Army Cadet Command & Fort Knox. On June 3, 2016, ROTC will celebrate its Centennial Anniversary. Army ROTC has commissioned more than 500,000 second lieutenants over the last 100 years. It has become the largest producer of officers in the U.S. Army, commissioning more than 5,350 second lieutenants each year. Approximately 70 percent of the second lieutenants who join the active Army, the Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve are commissioned through ROTC.
BGSU Army ROTC Cadre & Staff

Professor of Military Science
Lieutenant Colonel Steven T. Hopingardner

Senior Military Instructor
Master Sergeant Jose M. Salas

Assistant Professor of Military Science
Major Joseph W. Kolczynski

Assistant Professor of Military Science
CPT Brian P. Owens

Military Science Instructor
Sergeant First Class Mario J. Luna, Jr.

Senior Military Science Instructor
Mr. Nathan A. Davis

Recruiting Operations Officer
Mrs. Marilyn A. DeWalt

Supply Technician
Mr. David N. Pfleger

Human Resources Assistant
Ms. Kerrie L. Kreisher

Military Personnel Assistant
Ms. Tamara A. Behnfeldt
The Army Song

CEREMONIAL

Verse:
March along, sing our song,
with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true,
who have fought to victory.
We’re the Army and proud of our name!
We’re the Army and proudly proclaim.

Chorus:
First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation’s might,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle’s won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Refrain:
Then it’s hi! hi! hey!
The Army’s on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong;
For where’er we go, You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Cadet Creed

I am an Army Cadet.
Soon I will take an oath and become
an Army officer committed to defending
the values which make this Nation great.
Honor is my touchstone.
I understand mission first and people always.

I am the past — the spirit of those warriors
who made the final sacrifice.

I am the present — the scholar
and apprentice soldier enhancing
my skills in the science of warfare and
the art of leadership.

But above all, I am the future — the future
warrior leader of the United States Army.
May God give me the compassion and judgment
to lead and the gallantry in battle to win.

I will do my duty.