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A NEW CADET COMMANDER

On 26 January 2017 the Bulldog Battalion had a change of command ceremony where C/LTC Connie Sherow relinquished command and C/LTC Andy Michel assumed command.

(From left to right) C/LTC Connie Sherow, C/CSM Cadet Miller Johnson, C/LTC Cadet Andy Michel, LTC Folden Peterson
The Army’s Newest Second Lieutenants

Congratulations are in order for the Army’s newest Second Lieutenants, Charlie Wright (above), K’Darrie Ravanell and Malay Pigford (L to R).

While fellowshipping, Professor of Military Science, LTC Peterson told the bulldogs of four traits that make up a great leader. They should always; Take Charge, Supervise, Motivate, and Communicate.

Cadets take first APFT of the Semester.

Bulldog Battalion Icebreaker

On January 25, 2017, the Bulldog Battalion held their semester Icebreaker in South Carolina State’s Cafeteria. This was the first time the Battalion had a Breakfast Icebreaker.

Former Bulldog Battalion Graduate becomes a proud Industrial Engineering Technology Graduate!

Mr. Heyward, a junior officer (1LT) of the SCARNG’s 1053rd Transportation Company, is currently pursuing his Ph.D. degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering at North Carolina A&T University after he earned an MS degree in Transportation at SCSU in 2015. He says that his love for sciences and problem-solving method made him select our IET program and Transportation at SCSU. Due to the guidance from SCSU professors and the opportunity to speak with NC A&T staff he decided to enroll in the Ph.D. program with a university fellowship in 2016. He wants to say to the current SCSU students, “The SC State experience is one like no other. Enjoy it, make the most of it and good luck. Go Bulldogs!”
FORT KNOX, Ky. (Feb. 3, 2017) -- A Soldier, similarly to any sturdy structure, is only as strong as the foundation laid at the beginning of the building process. That concept is one of the driving concepts behind some of the changes Cadets can expect to see at Cadet Summer Training this year. Most of the changes to the training will be seen in Advanced Camp, with a few minor adjustments to Basic Camp. The changes are results of direction from Maj. Gen. Christopher Hughes, commander of U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox, said Lt. Col. Robert Schiller, Chief, G37 Cadet Summer Training. "The GG's guidance was to get back to a little more fieldcraft, so all of the things that are changing this summer get back to that -- putting some of the challenges and grit back into the Cadet's life during Cadet Summer Training," he said. "There's balance between challenging a Cadet to where they are just surviving, or challenging them to where they can thrive."

**Cadet Command Enduring Messages**

- Army ROTC produces over 70 percent of the officers entering the Army each year and is available through nearly 1,000 college campuses nationwide. It is not only the nation's largest source of Army officers - it is also the most flexible. ROTC commissions lieutenants for the active Army, the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve.
- As of 6 September 2016 a total of 27,036 Cadets were enrolled in the college-level Army ROTC program. In FY 15 the Army ROTC program commissioned 5,593 officers.
- There are more than 300,000 Cadets enrolled in 1,701 Army JROTC programs around the nation.
- All Army ROTC Cadets will be given the same opportunities to succeed in any Army branch for which they physically qualify.
- There will be no quotas for assigning female Cadets to Infantry, Armor or other Combat Arms positions per Department of Defense guidance.
It is indeed a great honor to inform you and recognize the following Bulldogs for their professional achievement on being selected principal or alternate for Brigade and Battalion-Level Command and Key Billet positions.

- COL Camilla A. White ’94 has been selected for Brigade Level PM Command and Key Billet on the Primary List

- COL Mark Danner ’96 has been selected for Brigade Command on the Alternate List

- LTC Laverne O. Stanley ’99 has been selected for Battalion Level PM Command and Key Billet on the Primary List.

- MAJ(P) Clarisse Toney-Scott ’99 has been selected for Battalion Command on the Primary List.

- MAJ(P) Travis Sept ’00 has been selected for Battalion Command on the Alternate List.

- LTC Folden Peterson who currently serving as the PMS for our ROTC Dept has been selected for Battalion Command on the Primary List.
Remembering One of the Original “6”

Early Saturday February 4, 2017 surrounded by family, Fred Dowdy Jr. drew his last breath and our hearts lost their joy. May 27, 1926 our patriarch was born to Fred and Fannie Dowdy in Eastover SC. He attended Webber School and later transferred to Scofield School in Aiken, SC in the hopes of receiving what his father felt was a superior education. Colonel Dowdy began his collegiate career at South Carolina State University and shortly, after his enrollment was drafted into the army. Colonel Dowdy elected to join the marines. After serving in the marines during World War II he returned to SC State College enrolled in ROTC and met the love of his life, Cleola Clarke. Music brought them together and a long and enduring love blossomed. Colonel Dowdy graduated with a BS degree in chemistry and biology and continued his career with the United States Army. After serving in Germany for several years he returned to the United States where he taught ROTC at Tuskegee University. While at Tuskegee he received a Master’s Degree in Education Administration and Supervision and was promoted to Major. Having served in World War II and the Korean Conflict Colonel Dowdy returned to combat duty during the Vietnam War. After serving in Vietnam he returned to Germany and obtained a Masters in International Relations from Central Michigan University. After several different tours of duty Colonel Dowdy was assigned to Walter Reed Hospital and promoted to Full Colonel. Colonel Dowdy received yet another Master’s degree in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University and was invited to join the American College of Health Care professionals. During his time in the Washington, DC area he worked on the inauguration of President Carter, participated in ceremonies for visiting Heads of State and developed and maintained support plans at the White House. After over thirty years of service in the United States Military and being the recipient of numerous awards such as the Bronze star, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, W/1 OLC, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal W/1 OLC, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and the American Campaign Medal. He was also one of first Black Colonels in the Medical Service Corp. He defied the odds. After retiring from the army Colonel Dowdy began a second career utilizing his talent, expertise and experience in Health Care at Johns Hopkins hospital. He served as Deputy Administrator until his retirement in 1990. In retirement Colonel Dowdy focused on his family and his many travels dividing his time between his homes in Willingboro, NJ and Eastover, SC. Colonel Dowdy is survived by his wife of over seventy years Cleola Clarke-Dowdy, his Daughters; Crissandra Holmes (Richard) and Deborah Moore (Charles), Granddaughters; Randi Bhatti (Babur) and Danielle, Grandson Reginald Holmes (Elizabeth), Great Grandchildren; Chloe, Jaylin, Jayden, Kamran, Amaya, Zain and Adaline, Eight siblings; William Dowdy, Ernest Dowdy, Allen Dowdy, Ojetta Robinson, David Dowdy, Donald Dowdy, Roberta Ward and Elaine Melvin and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.
Congratulations to our new Hall of Fame Inductees!!

Anthony Watson  
LTC(Ret.) U.S. Army  
Class of 1984

Larry C. Boyd, Sr.  
COL(Ret.) U.S. Army  
Class of 1980

John S. McLeod, Jr.  
LTC(Ret.) U.S. Army  
Class of 1984
(Change of Command Ceremony Continued…)

**Words from the Outgoing Commander…**

Upon relinquishing command C/LTC Sherow felt as if the Battalion became closer & cadets were given the opportunity to really get to know one another & distinguish everyone's strengths & weaknesses.

“As far as advice for the new Battalion Commander, I’d say for him to carry himself with confidence at all times and never be afraid to make on the spot corrections with the Cadets, especially peers because it’s difficult to do that when you're friends outside of uniform.”

**Words from the Incoming Commander…**

C/LTC Michel would like for all the Bulldogs to know that, as Commander his top priorities are promoting military discipline, professionalism, and development.

“By practicing military discipline and professionalism we as a battalion will develop into the Army’s sharpest leaders. It’s our expectation that the Battalion will be in the hands of the Cadets, with cadre supervision and training.”
C/CPT Brittany Singletary recently attended the George C. Marshall Conference, where she received the George C. Marshall Award. During the conference, C/CPT Singletary was fortunate enough to take part in workshops and roundtable discussions with some of the Army and Cadet Command’s foremost leaders. We at the Bulldog Battalion are extremely proud of our Distinguished Military Graduate!
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Did you know?

- Over the past five years, the Army ROTC programs at HBCUs have produced about 37% of all African American second lieutenants commissioned through our program. To put a finer point on it, that’s 1,328 second lieutenants—79 of which came from right here at South Carolina State University.

- We project to commission 20 2LT for FY17

- The oldest HBCU ROTC Program is Tuskegee’s which began pushing out Airmen in 1941 in support of WWII.

- Bulldog ROTC celebrates its 70th Anniversary
Keep Up With The Bulldog Battalion

Upcoming Dates to Remember
South Carolina State University
28 February 2017 - Black History Month Calendar of Events More Than a Month: Celebrating Black Hi
5 March 2017 - Founders’ Day
8-11 March 2017 - Mid-Term Examination
12-19 March - Spring Vacation (Students Only)
20 March 2017 - Classes Resume
21 March 2017 Early Advisement and Registration Begin for Summer and Fall 2017 semester
24 March 2017 - A grade of “WF” will be awarded
25 March 2017 - Professional Comprehensive Examination for Graduate Students
1 April 2017 - Subject-Matter Comprehensive Exam for Graduate Students
4 April 2017- Honors and Awards Convocation
28 April 2017 - Last Day to Apply for July 2017 Graduation
2 May 2017 - Last Day of Classes
3-11 May 2017 - Final Exam Period for Graduating Students May 3 - 11
12 May 2017 - Commencement Convocation
31 July 2017 - Last Day to Apply for December 2017 Graduation

Claflin University
27 February 2017 - Mid-Semester Examinations
3 March 2017 - Residence Halls close for Spring Break
6-12 March 2017 - Spring Break
13 March 2017 – Classes Resume
16 March 2017- Senior Exit Exams
28 March 2017 - Honors Awards and Convocation 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
3 April - CALA - Bash
13 April 2017 - Good Friday
27 April 2017 - Last Day of Classes
12 May 2017 – Baccalaureate Services
13 May 2017 – Commencement Services

Voorhees College
27 February 2017 – Mid-Semester Examinations
6-12 March – Spring Break
13 March 2017 – Classes Resume
24 March 2017 – Presidential Scholarship Gala
14-16 April 2017 – Easter Break
ROTC Calendar
23 Feb/1530 (LAB): ROTC Awards Ceremony ~ Dr. Frederick M.G. Evans (Dean/Guest Speaker)
3 March 2017 - PT w/ Cadets (LTG Twitty)
4 March 2017 - Founder’s Day Gala
5 March 2017 - Founders Day & Installation of the 12th President of SCSU, James Clark
3-20 March 2017 - Mar Spring Break for all Institutions
24 - 26 March 2017 - (Spring JFTX): USC, Presbyterian, Wofford, UNC-Charlotte, and SC State (Lead) ~ Ft Jackson
7 April 2017 - SCSU Military Hall of Fame Inductees for 2017 and ROTC Ball
21 April 2017 - Staff-Ride to Cowpens, SC (MSIVs)
11 May 2017 - Spring Commissioning ~ LTG Twitty (Guest Speaker) 1400hrs-Smith Hammond Middleton.
12 May 2017 - SC State Graduation (1800)
13 May 2017 - Claflin and Voorhees Graduation
Jun/Jul: Camp at Fort Knox, KY
31 Aug 2017 – Summer Commissioning – Guest Speaker (request made)