



THE

ROCKET



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

For more than 30 years, the ROCKS, Inc., a not-for-profit professional organization, comprised of active duty, reserve components, and retired commissioned officers, has continued to meet the leadership, professional development and mentoring challenges facing our young military officers and ROTC cadets. At no time in our history, has there been a greater need to participate in the growth and development of the youth, that is so key to the future needs of our military. The threat of terrorism, war in Iraq, operations in Afghanistan and other deployments around the globe places additional strains on our young officers, cadets, and their families.

On 4 December, we hosted a meeting of retired and active duty General Officers, Colonels, Lieutenants Colonels, Majors and Captains. The purpose of the meeting was to revitalize the General Officers to lead teams to visit and assist with ROTC programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. At the meeting, General Officers volunteered to form and lead teams to visit and work with the leadership of all the Historically Black Colleges and Universities that have ROTC programs. In the past, these teams have had enormous impact on the programs at the colleges and universities that they visited.

As an organization, we are receiving strong support from senior General Officers, both active and retired, in supporting professional development, leadership, and mentoring initiatives.

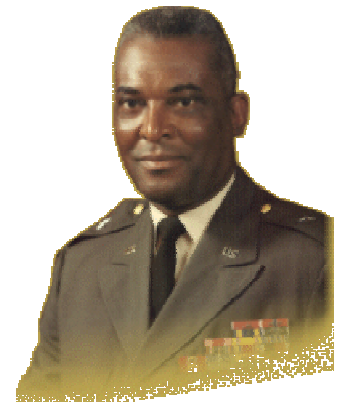
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To assist us in placing greater emphasis on these initiatives in the future, we have selected several Senior General Officers as "Honorary Rock of the Year". These selections include three former Chiefs of Staff of the Army, a former Commanding General of the European Theater and two former Commanders of US Army Training & Doctrine Command.

We cherish our accomplishments of the past and look forward to the greater contributions we must make in the future. In this regard, we are well on the way in planning for the Fifth National Leadership and Training conference planned for March 2006. For the fifth time, LTG Edward Honor, USA (Ret), National Vice President, Programs and Strategic Planning, has agreed to lead this initiative. *We look forward to your input, active support, and participation – all key components in making this important program a success.*

We are challenging all members of the ROCKS to continue to participate in our professional development initiatives from precommissioning (cadets) through post transition (retirees). Through our efforts today, we are making important long term contributions to the future needs of our armed forces.



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Do you have material for the next issue of the ROCKET? If you would like to publish your chapter article or photo in the next issue of the ROCKET, material should be submitted via email to THEROCKS@aol.com to arrive no later than September 30, 2005. Send all photographs in a JPEG format. The next ROCKET will be posted online no later than October 15, 2005. Questions regarding the ROCKET can be emailed to COL Dorene Hurt at dorene.hurt@us.army.mil.

**"CONCERN, PROFESSIONALISM, DEDICATION:
Spotlight on a ROCK Making a Difference"**



LTC Rogers along with Col Craig Price (Cdr DCMA-Middle East and Mr Craig Biddle(Quality Control Engineer for Pratt Whitney) reviewing the components for the F100 PW 220 engine which is used in the F-15 Eagle Fighter Aircraft. LTC Rogers' DCMA team is responsible for the quality assurance and acceptance for these engines on behalf of the Saudi Royal Air Force.

A very active life member of the ROCKS, LTC Rogers started two separate ROCKS Chapters at both FT Lewis and FT Gordon, was very active in the European Chapter, and has initiated a an informal ROCKS Interest Group in Saudi Arabia. LTC Michael Rogers assumed his duties as Commander of the Defense Contracting Management Agency in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in July 2004. His organization provides contract administration support for 58 foreign military sales contracts valued at 1.74 billion dollars which directly supports the combat capabilities of the Saudi Arabian Armed Forces and U.S. Forces in the execution of national military strategy in the Middle East. he also serves in a program integrator capacity for Air Force, Army, and Navy security assistance buying commands with Saudi Ministry of Defense and Aviation (MODA) customers and the contractors who deliver the products and services. Commissioned in 1986 from UNC, LTC Rogers has excelled in a multitude of assignments from ambulance platoon leader to his current position in Saudi Arabia. No stranger to deployments in harm's way, he deployed to Somalia serving as the Chief, Medical Supply Operations for Medical Task Force 42nd in 1994. Dedicated to the Rocks creed of selfless service and going beyond the call of duty, his key accomplishments in his command have been: He was hand-picked by Maj Gen Larry Twitchell, Chief, USMTM to lead a capstone delegation of twelve U.S. flag officers representing the Army, Air

Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard on a Saudi plant visit to Advanced Electronics Corporation (AEC). This visit served to market DCMA's combat support agency role on Foreign military sales contracts and to demonstrate AEC's capability to support defense contracts while breaking new ground with respect to the Kingdom's Saudization efforts. He transformed his command to Performance Based Management (PBM). Raised the bar in the Contract Management Office by establishing a Campaign Plan for the implementation of PBM, and then executed the implementation. First to develop Customer Relations Plans (CRPs) with metrics for all program managers he supports. He also educated the five largest customers (AMCOM-Patriot and RSLFAC, TACOM, ESC, and WRALC) during personal visits with PCOs on PBM which solidified their buy-in and support. Maintained timely and effective communication with his customers as he transitioned to PBM which resulted in the highest customer satisfaction survey scores in the CMO (perfect 6s across the board). He conducted the first ever FMS contract update to the Ministry of Defense and Aviation to inform them about what his unit was doing in support of every major program he administers. This update received laudatory comments from all of the 6 Saudi general officers representing each service who attended and the state-side program managers. Additionally, he established the Joint Contracting Initiative in Saudi Arabia pulling together four different contracting organizations (DCMA-SA, USMTM Contracting, OPM-SANG Acquisition Division, and ARCENT-SWA Contracting) to capitalize on training and workforce development opportunities for the acquisition workforce employees in each organization. Despite being deployed away from his wife LTC Ruth W. Rogers and 2 children, Michelle age 7, and Jared 3, he is very active in his Parish in Saudi Arabia and participates in several Joint Catholic and Protestant service fundraisers to aid local Third County National shelters in the Riyadh area.



Giving Back

Lieutenant Shares his Experiences with HR Chapter

by T.C. Mooney, LTC(R), VP-Operations

The Hampton Roads (HR) Chapter of the Rocks, Inc., had a special guest participate in their June 7th General Membership Meeting, and Officer Professional Development Program. 1LT Avon Cornelius (pictured), a 2003 Army ROTC Graduate of Hampton University (HU), and a native of Hampton, Va., was home for two weeks R&R from Iraq, where he has been since August 2004. 1LT Cornelius is an Infantry Platoon Leader, with the 2nd Infantry Division. Commissioned in May 2003, 1LT Cornelius completed his Infantry Basis Course in Dec 2003, attended a couple of follow-on courses, such as the Mortar Leaders Course, and the Mechanized Leaders Course, then was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division's Second Brigade, in Korea. However, shortly after arriving in Korea in Jun 2004, his brigade was deployed to Iraq, where he has been since then.

1LT Cornelius took the time out of his tight schedule to come back to HU, where the HR Chapter meets, and shared with the Chapter Members and guest, his experiences during his 24 month career, which includes 10 months in combat. He recalled how he and his fellow cadets at Hampton University would sometimes complain about how hard training was, especially training administered by MAJ Barry Flye, a former HU Grad, who was his MSIII instructor. However, he is now glad for that tough training, as it has served him well in the combat zone. Asked what advice he would give new lieutenants, Cornelius said: Train Hard; Be

Prepared; Listen to your Platoon Sergeant; Don't make changes to soon; Observe first, then adjust as needed.

1LT Cornelius will return to Iraq next week to join his unit, following which time he will soon begin redeployment back to CONUS. His 2nd Brigade Combat Team will be stationed at Ft. Carson, Co.

Below, LTC Wendell Turner, incoming President of the HR Chapter and 1LT Cornelius' former Professor of Military Science presents 1LT Cornelius with an engraved Pen Set, as a token of appreciation for speaking at their General Membership Meeting.



Madigan Changes Command



MICHAEL GILBERT; The News Tribune

Published: June 8th, 2005

A new General arrived Tuesday to lead Madigan Army Medical Center through what will likely be a time of change at one of the U.S. military's busiest hospitals.

Brig. Gen. Sheila Baxter assumed command from Brig. Gen. Michael Dunn, who is retiring to lead genetic research in Pennsylvania and advise the

Bush administration on homeland security issues. In Dunn, 58, the region is losing "a great leader, a great commander and a great physician," said Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, the Army Surgeon General. But he said Baxter is "a highly trained, bright and capable officer, as you will come to know here."

The new commander, 50, is a native of small-town Virginia, a college basketball star, the first woman to lead Madigan and in her private life a licensed evangelist in the Church of God in Christ.

Baxter also is a medical logistics officer; most Army hospital commanders are doctors.

Retired Brig. Gen. Mack Hill - one of the more than 20 active and retired general officers who turned out for Tuesday's change of command ceremony - was the first non doctor to run Madigan. He led the center from 1998-2000.

In the mid-1990s Army medical leaders took a cue from the civilian world, he said. "If we have trained and properly developed leaders, why not open it up - to not just doctors, but nurses, medical service officers, what have you?" Hill said.

Lt. Col. Mike Ryan, Madigan's assistant chief of staff for logistics, was Baxter's executive officer when she commanded the 229th Medical Logistics Battalion in Pirmasens, Germany. He said relating with people is her strength.

"She's really good in the community. People will like her," Ryan said.

The local government honored her for her community service after a second tour in Pirmasens as commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe.

Baxter comes to Madigan from Fort Sam Houston, where she was assistant surgeon general and deputy chief of staff for force sustainment at the U.S. Army Medical Command. She's a veteran of the first Persian Gulf war and peacekeeping operations in Bosnia.

It's her first assignment at Fort Lewis in her 27-year career.

Madigan serves the more than 60,000 military retirees who live in the area and the 22,000 or so active-duty soldiers and their families at Fort Lewis.

But wounded and injured soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan are the hospital's biggest priority these days. Madigan has cared for more than 7,000 soldiers who were either hurt or fell ill while serving in the war.

Meantime, Madigan also is working to keep up with deployments among its staff of more than 1,200 doctors and nurses and the arrival of new units at Fort Lewis.

By this fall, the hospital likely will have to roll out controversial new work rules - the National Security Personnel System - for its 1,900 civilian federal employees.

And Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has proposed that Madigan take over management of medical care at neighboring McChord Air Force Base. The Base Closure and Realignment Commission is considering the recommendation.

Baxter said she's confident Madigan will be able to manage whatever turbulence the changes might bring.

The Madigan commander also leads the Western Regional Medical Command, with responsibility for active-duty Army health care in six Western states, and the military's TriCare health-care plan across all service branches in the Puget Sound region.

Baxter said she began her ministry while she was stationed in Germany and expects she will pursue it as a second career when she leaves the military. She said she feels called by God "to do my best to help people."

The new commander made the rounds on the graveyard shift Saturday and in her four days here has begun to get to know the people and the place. She said when her new posting was first announced last month, "I got 10 e-mails from people saying, 'You're going to a great place.'"

2005 ROTC R.C. CARTWRIGHT AWARD WINNERS



Pauline Carney
Senior Recipient
Alabama A&M University

Cadet Pauline Carney is a Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) from Alabama A&M University. She is a senior majoring in Biology with a 3.8 grade point average. She currently serves as the Battalion Operations Officer (S-3) for the corps of cadets. She completed Leadership Development and Assessment Course in the top third and is also a Leader's Training Course graduate. Cadet Carney has been branched Medical Service Corps and will receive her commission in May 2005.

Cadet Carney is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society. She also was a member of Alabama A&M University's Maroon Mirage Basketball Dance Team (2002-2003) and Cheerleader 2001-2002. She serves the community as a March of Dimes volunteer, supports Meridian Street Clean-up, volunteers at West Mastin Lake Elementary School and supports her church's Nursery. Cadet Carney's awards include: President's Cup Award (4.0 GPA) 2004; Dean's List and Honor Roll Fall 2001 – present; Distinguished Military Graduate (top 10%) and Physical Fitness Badge (270 and above).



Melissa Hejlik
Senior Recipient
University of NC Greensboro

Cadet Melissa K. Hejlik, the daughter of Greg and Mary Hejlik, is a native of Quincy, Illinois. Cadet Hejlik Graduated from Quincy Senior High School. On June 29, 2000, she enrolled in West Point Academy. After two years at the academy, she transferred to the University of North Carolina Greensboro with a two year Army ROTC Scholarship. Cadet Hejlik is currently a second semester senior, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy with a concentration in

Pre-Law and a minor in Chemistry. She has a cumulative grade point average of 3.93. She has maintained academic excellence throughout her education. Her academic achievements have earned her numerous recognitions and honors. Cadet Hejlik, a Varsity Diving Team participant and ROTC Ranger Challenge Team member, is in excellent physical condition. She has excellent time management skills as evidenced by her participation in ROTC, university and community activities, working a part-time job and maintaining academic excellence. Cadet Hejlik is anticipated to graduate Suma Cum Laude in May 2005 and received an appointment in the United States Army as a second lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps.



Elizabeth Cantrell
Senior Recipient
Prairie View A&M University

Cadet Elizabeth Cantrell is articulate and presents a positive appearance, while representing the Army ROTC and herself on and off campus. Cadet Cantrell is one of the student leaders of the Prairie View A&M University's nursing club. She is also a member of these NAACP and a teen mentor for the Juvenile Justice Department. Cadet Cantrell is a highly self-disciplined student who is committed to excelling in every area. Her assumption of many leadership roles allowed her to strive for excellence as she makes personal sacrifices for the good of the organization. Cadet Cantrell is driven by challenges. Without hesitation, she jumped at the opportunity to participate in and complete the Army Airborne School.



Andrew Benbow
Junior Recipient
Hampton University

Cadet Andrew Benbow is a distinguished graduate of Anacostia Senior High School, Washington, D.C. During his time there, he participated on the football team and was trombonist in the marching band. Also participating in the Junior Reserve

Officer Training Corps where, over four years, he rose through the ranks, he eventually attained the position of cadet battalion commander (c/LTC), the highest-ranking cadet in the battalion. While still in his senior year, October of 2000, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Entry Program. After graduation, he successfully completed Basic Combat and Advance Individual Training (AIT) with the U. S. Army. He began his studies at Hampton University in January 2002, immediately following his graduation of AIT from the Army Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Virginia. At Hampton, he eagerly enrolled in the Army Senior ROTC program to pursue his ambition of becoming a U. S. Army officer. Political science was intriguing enough to him that he declared it as a major.

Currently, he is a junior and an ROTC cadet under the Simultaneous Membership Program with the Army Reserve. He is a member of several organizations and honor societies including Scabbard and Blade, a contributing writer with the university newspaper, a member of the Political Science Club, and its honor society.

Maintaining a 3.57 GPA, after graduation, he plans to attend law school at the University of Virginia. His ultimate goals are to eventually enter into the political arena, and eventually lead America as its president.



Dave Gordula
Sophomore Recipient
Hampton University

Cadet David Gordula is a 4-year ROTC scholar who has distinguished himself in the ROTC program. Cadet Gordula is majoring in Electrical Engineering and is currently maintaining a 3.78 GPA. His goal is to become an Army engineer. Cadet Gordula is equally committed to helping others in the community. He is a member of Beulah Tabernacle Church where he participates in the Church's Cell Group Ministry. He has also been selected for membership to the Scabbard and Blade military Honor Society.

For more information about the R.C. Cartwright Scholarship program and the U.S. Army ROTC 4-Year College Scholarship Program for High School Students visit our website at www.rocksinc.org/scholarshippage.htm or contact MG Ike Smith at ismith00@aol.com.

**CONGRATULATIONS to ROCKS 2005
 ROTC 4-Year Scholarship Winners**

- Timothy Bailey - Central State University
- Perrance Hughes - Central State University
- Paul Rice - Citadel
- Sean Hunt - Florida A&M University
- Rafael McCloud - Florida A&M University
- Schrese Tucker - Florida A&M University
- Lonna McCants - Hampton University
- Roger Garay - Lincoln University
- Robyd Johnson - Lincoln University
- Michelle Clobert - Morgan State University
- Shamika Welch - Texas A&M University
- Alvin Gary - University of Arkansas
- Ebony Jones - University of Arkansas
- Ryan Merriweath - University of Arkansas
- Colandus Metcalf - University of Arkansas
- Phantress Newburn - University of Arkansas

**Number of 4-Year Scholarship
 Winners in Previous Years**

2004	10
2003	10
2002	10
2001	10
2000	10
1999	09
1998	10
1997	05



The Hampton Roads Chapter, ROCKS, Inc. Presents its 3rd Annual Scholarship Banquet

The Hampton Roads (HR) Chapter of Rocks, Inc. held its 3rd Annual Scholarship Banquet on 7 May at the Ft. Eustis Club, Ft. Eustis, Va. The guest speaker, LTG Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., Commander General, US Army Accessions Command and Deputy Commanding General for Initial Military Training, US Army TRADOC, Ft. Monroe, Va., offered words of wisdom and encouragement to three very deserving Junior ROTC Cadets.

Cadet Depree R. Foster, Gloucester High School, Cadet India Y. Overby, Hampton High School, and Cadet Robert J. May, Menchville High School, received \$500 scholarships which are only small tokens of reward for the efforts of these outstanding local high school seniors. The cadets plan to attend Longwood University, Farmville, Va., the US Air Force Academy Preparatory School, USAF Academy, Co., and the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. respectively.

The scholarship banquet gives the HR Chapter of the ROCKS, Inc. the opportunity to give to the local future leaders of the community in a setting which included family and friends. Mrs. Robin Butler, wife of chapter member CPT Tim Butler, gave a beautiful rendition of the national anthem. Family members of the awardees as well as high school mentors shared the spot light and beamed with pride as their seniors received their scholarships.

LTG Van Antwerp and COL Maxie Joye, Acting President of the Chapter, not only congratulated the Cadets, but thanked everybody who contributed to the success and future success of the young Cadets.



European ROCKS Present Five Scholarships at Annual Scholarship Luncheon

The European ROCKS Chapter held its 6th Annual Scholarship Luncheon on 6 May 2005. Turn out for the event was tremendous.

The speaker for the event was Mrs. Yolanda Mason, wife of COL Jim Mason. The theme of her speech dealt with mentorship of our young people.

This year, the chapter awarded a total of 5 scholarships. Three \$1000.00 scholarships went to Sarah Billiar, Brennon Relaford and Alexander Eng. Two \$500 scholarships went to Adrian Perry and James Trice.

The competition for the scholarship was tough. The selection criteria focused not only on the candidates' academic achievements but also their participation in extra curricula activities (within and outside of school), JROTC involvement, leadership abilities and standardized test scores.

This event is held annually on the first Saturday in May



From L to R: CPT Lashonda Ellis Ramsey, LTC(R) Toney Mooney, LTC Weldon Harris, Cadet Andrew Benbow, LTC Linwood Wright, Cadet David Gordula, CPT Terrence Henry, MAJ(R) Hubert Becton, LTC Wendell Turner, COL Maxie Joye

Two Hampton University Cadets Win Roscoe C. Cartwright Scholarships

by LTC Wendell Turner Jr.

COL Maxie Joye, Acting President of the Hampton Roads Chapter (HRC) of the of the ROCKS, Inc. and members of the HRC Executive Committee formally presented the Roscoe C. Cartwright Scholarship to two cadets of the Hampton University Pirate Battalion: Cadet David Gordula, and Cadet Andrew Benbow.

Both Cadets were unable to attend the annual ROCKS Spring Gala ceremony in Washington D.C. due to the Annual Brigade FTX, a requirement for MSIIIs and selected MSII Cadets in preparation for the Leadership Development Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, WA.

Cadet David Gordula is a MSII and an Electrical Engineering Major, maintaining an impressive 3.81 GPA. His grades reflect the expected performance of a recipient of the ROCKS 4 year Scholarship awarded to entering freshmen. "David is the kind of young man I wish we could carbon copy. He attends all required events enthusiastically and gives 100% when called upon to serve and lead", said LTC Wendell Turner, former PMS at Hampton University.



Cadet David Gordula and HRC Acting President, COL Maxie Joye

Andrew Benbow is not your typical cadet. He is a decorated combat veteran who served with distinction with the USAR's 200th Transportation Division at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait from the opening of conflict in Iraq through the fall of Baghdad. A proven soldier, Cadet Benbow maintains a 3.61 GPA in Political Science in his MSIII year in the battalion and is member of the SMP program. CPT Anthony Jarrett, MSIII instructor at HU calls Cadet Benbow "my most reliable leader." As the designated Pirate Battalion S-3 in SY 2005/2006, Cadet Benbow will undoubtedly continue to enhance the University's ROTC program.



Cadet Andrew Benbow and COL Maxie Joye, Interim President HRC

Both cadets possess qualities the Army needs in future officers. The HRC of the ROCKS, Inc. salutes their accomplishments and anxiously anticipates bigger and better results in their futures.

Fallen ROCKS

Anita Williams McMiller ROCKS Historian

COL McMiller succumbed to cancer in March of this year after a long battle. A Life Member of the ROCKS she headed the committee that developed the first written history of the ROCKS. She had an insatiable appetite for history and in this regard, she chaired another committee to sell a print commissioned by the ROCKS entitled "The Promise." She raised almost 100 thousand dollars from the sale of this print. This was the most successful fundraiser in the 30-year history of the ROCKS.

Her family and friends are memorializing her by establishing the Anita Williams McMiller Scholarship fund to assist needy young Americans attend college. Your tax-exempt donations would be greatly appreciated. Please forward your check to the following address:

Anita Williams McMiller Scholarship Fund
c/o Janice Williams Burns
Post Office Box 4112
Joliet, IL 60434

Wereth Belgium Annual Memorial Dedication

On 23 May 2004, LTG William E. Ward, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army deputy commanding general and 2LT LaShonda White lay a wreath at the newly dedicated monument to African-American World War II Soldiers in Wereth, Belgium. The monument is located on the site where 11 African-American Soldiers were massacred by German SS soldiers on December 11, 1944. The monument is currently the only monument dedicated to African-American World War II Soldiers.

This year, the European chapter took the opportunity to improve upon the site. Members planted flowers, spread mulch and greatly improved upon the memorial. On 21 May, the current President, LTC Richard Dix and Mrs. Rikin, the President of the U.S. Wereth Memorial Foundation all laid a wreath.

Some of those who participated in the memorial improvement project are ROCKS members, LTC Richard Dix, MSG Williams, MAJ Troy Mosley. Mrs. Rikin and members of the U.S. Wereth Memorial Foundation also participated.



European ROCKS Elect New Officers

On 26 March 2005, the European Chapter of The ROCKS, Inc elected the following members to serve on its board:

- President - LTC Richard Dix
- VP of Operations - MAJ Troy Mosley
- VP of Administration - MAJ Joseph Ladner
- Secretary - 2LT Shirley Bush
- Parliamentarian/Asst Secretary - MAJ Anita Greenlee
- Membership Chairperson - CPT Michelle Pope
- Publicity Chairperson -CPT Yvette McCrea
- Scholarship Chairperson -1LT Lashonda White
- Hospitality Chairperson - LTC Wendy Sawyer
- Chaplain - COL Jerry Robinson

They are looking forward to taking the chapter to another level of professionalism. Their focus will be on mentorship of its officers at all levels.



Special congratulations to BG(R) Clara Adams-Ender

Governor Warner recently appointed BG(R) Adams-Ender onto his Virginia Board of medicine for the next four years. The major duties and responsibilities of the VA BoM are licensing, regulation, disciplining and providing practitioner information to all health care professionals in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Save the Date

**2006 National Leadership and
Training Conference**
23 - 25 March 2006
Fort Belvoir, VA

**2006 Annual Spring Gala and
Awards Ceremony**
Hosted by ROCKS DC Chapter
25 March 2006
Fort Belvoir O'Club

For more information about these upcoming events contact visit our website at www.rocksync.org.

PRINTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

The ROCKS, Inc.
Limited Edition Print
"A Legacy of Leadership and Excellence"
by Don Stivers

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To order your copy of this print, visit our website at www.rocksync.org and click on "STIVER'S PRINT" to view the print and to print an order form. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 301-669-9407. The cost for a limited edition print is \$150 + \$15 for shipping and handling (per two prints ordered). If you are interested in receiving an artist proof, there are a limited number at a cost of \$285 each + \$15 for shipping and handling (per two prints ordered).

2005 Spring Gala Photo Gallery



General James K. Klugh, USA (Ret)
Chairman, National Board of Directors, ROCKS, Inc.



Guest Speaker, Ms. Linda Gooden, President,
Lockheed Martin Information Technology



Colonel Robert S. Ferrell, USA
ROCK of the Year



General B. B. Bell, USA
Honorary
ROCK of the Year



Captain Myles B. Caggins III, USA
COL Robert B. Burke Award Receipt



COL Frank Francois III, USA (Ret)
ROCK of the Year



ROCK of the Year
LTG Larry R. Jordon, USA (Ret)



Lifetime Achievement Receptient
BG Clara Adams-Ender USA (Ret)



RCCS Scholarship Recipient Cadet Pauline Carney took the ROCKS trophy back to Alabama A&M University for display



LTC Marilyn Willis, USA
Mistress of Ceremonies



BG Clara Adams-Ender and other guests



Color Guard

**The ROCKS, Inc.,
Membership Application**

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Service: USA USN USMC USAF USCG Other Branch/Specialty: _____

Rank: _____ Status: Active Duty Reserve Retired Former est PCS: _____

Source of Commission: ROTC Service Academy OCS Direct Other

College/University Attended: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____

Home Address: _____

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History of the ROCKS, Inc.

During the mid 1960s, a group of Army officers assigned to the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, began to meet informally in order to get to know each other better. Many of these officers had known each other in college or during other assignments. They, of course, had one additional thing in common at the time – how to “survive” at Fort Leavenworth. The group jokingly dubbed itself the “BLUE GEESE,” a term well known at CGSC as the vehicle used to convey a special assignment to a student officer. When the school year ended, the group discovered that many were being assigned to the pentagon and other places in the greater Washington area.

Upon reaching Washington, several informal meetings followed. However, the emphasis was modified to deal with survival in the National Capitol Region and to address other issues of interest to the members. During the years which followed, many officers were reassigned in and out of the Washington area so the group continued to grow. The need for a more structured organization was also seen, so a formal meeting was held on October 9, 1974, to get the group formalized. Those present decided to call themselves the “No Name Club.”

One of the later meetings was held on December 1, 1974, with the expressed purpose of naming the group. General Roscoe (Rock) C. Cartwright and his wife, Gloria, had been in Columbus, Ohio visiting their daughter and Rock was expected at the meeting. It was then that the group received the shocking news that the plane on which the Cartwrights were returning had crashed enroute to Dulles airport with no survivors. During the period of mourning, the Cartwright family requested that instead of flowers, a scholarship fund be established in the name of their parents. This resulted in the establishment of the Roscoe C. Cartwright Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to students who excel academically.

During the month of December 1974, at a special meeting following the funeral, the organization gathered and voted unanimously to administer the Roscoe C. Cartwright Scholarship Fund and to name itself the “ROCKS,” the name that we affectionately knew as one of our Geese and Charter member, Brigadier General Roscoe C. Cartwright.



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