

# THE ROCKET

Winter 2005

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

MG (Ret) James R. Klugh

As the ROCKS, Inc., close out another successful year of *Concern, Dedication, and Professionalism*, I sincerely thank you for your support in 2005 - review the past with a sense of pride. But more importantly, I challenge you to look towards 2006 with an enthusiastic spirit and action-oriented commitment for there is much to be done.

First, let's be thankful for the many challenges that we have collectively and individually faced and overcome during 2005. Secondly, I sincerely thank you for your contributions. Many ROCKS have been making a difference at the forefront, supporting major world and Army events including several natural disasters. Deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other parts of the world have taken ROCKS into harms way, or away from family and friends for extended periods of time.

As you will see in this Rocket edition, ROCKS are continuing a legacy of community support, mentoring, and inclusion of ROTC cadets in various programs/events. Of special note is the Washington D.C. Chapter's donation to victims of Hurricane Katrina, a disaster which impacted a number of ROCKS personally or their family members. Also noteworthy is our success in facilitating young people in attaining 4 year ROTC scholarships. Special thanks to MG (Ret)

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Ike Smith, whose commitment to both HBCU programs and our youth is unwavering. One student, Cadet Paul Rice, has a short testimonial in this edition that describes his appreciation for the assistance he received from the ROCKS.

What's next? 2006 promises to be a year full of achievements and challenges where the ROCKS can play a major role. Some of the areas that we are specifically targeting include increasing our assistance to HBCU ROTC programs, many of which are facing difficulties that impact their viability. ROCKS must make a difference in ways that make the importance and added value of each HBCU ROTC program clear internally to their institutions, and to others externally.

Given numerous national and global commitments that have increased dispersion of ROCKS and potential ROCKS, more outreach is required to support them. I challenge you to develop innovative ways of accomplishing this and encourage you to share your methods and insights. We will tackle the dilemma of decreasing numbers of African American officers in the Army, particularly males, a challenge that has

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## **SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO COL (Ret) LUCRETIA MCCLENNEY!**

COL McClenney was recently confirmed by the White House to be the Director, Center for Minority Veterans. The Director serves as the principal adviser to the Veterans Affairs Secretary on the adoption and implementation of policies and programs affecting veterans who are minorities (African American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American/Alaskan Native). The Director is a member of the Senior Executive Service and is appointed for a term of 6 years.

### **The Knox ROCKS Is On The Move!**

*The Fort Knox Interest Group*

Revived early in 2005, the group is near completion of the requirements to become an official chapter, and expect to hear from the IRS soon.

Not waiting until we receive chapter status, the Knox ROCKS have already begun working on service to the officers here on post, as well as the community. In JUL05 we hosted a panel of 3 CSM's who spoke to those in attendance on issues that they felt were important for the Officer Corps to hear and understand.



In AUG05 the group participated in Future Leaders Day 2005, held in Keyes Park on Ft Knox. This annual event is sponsored by the Ft Knox Scouting Community ([www.knox-scouting.org](http://www.knox-scouting.org)) and is open to the world. The event, targeted at youth of all ages, offered an exercise for teens, titled the Scout Leadership and

Teamwork Simulation Exercise (SLT SIMEX) as one of its many activities. The Knox ROCKS provided the OIC, and OC's for the operation, which used the Americas Army Video Game to provide a lane training type experience where teams of 6 received and planned a mission, and after completing the basic training on the computer, executed the mission in the game against another team of 6.

In SEP05 the group hosted an OPD on Company Grade and Field Grade counseling, Support Form development, and expectations for the MAJ and CPT rank. Also discussed was the flawed practice of advising cadets and young officers to steer clear of the Combat Arms branches.

In OCT05 the group hosted an OPD where MG Mike Rochelle spoke about the concerning status of minority representation of those enlisting in today's Army. He asked the group to (and encourage others to) take the time to make a trip back to your home of record, and speak to those students, youth, and influencers in the area, and tell the Army story....tell YOUR story of success.

So you can see that our chapter. . .I mean group (but we're close).... Is UP and RUNNING. If you're in the area, stop by and have lunch with us. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Leaders Club on post, and you can visit us at <http://www.madservice.com/ROCKs/Main.htm> or drop us a line at [knox\\_rock@yahoo.com](mailto:knox_rock@yahoo.com).

### **Army General Officer Minority Report (As of Tuesday, November 01, 2005) GO Population = 316**

	Count	Percent
Black	26	8.23%
Hispanic	4	1.27%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	1.27%
Native American	1	0.32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11.08%</b>

(Note: Does not include Army Reserve Component General Officers)

### The Hampton Roads Chapter Bids Farewell to Acting President

by LTC (Ret) Toney C. Mooney, VP-Ops, HR Chap.

The Hampton Roads (HR) Chapter joined the Ft. Eustis military community in bidding a Farewell to COL and Mrs. Maxie Joye on 24 June 2005, during his retirement luncheon, held at the Ft. Eustis Club. COL Joye culminated a 27-year career as an Army Transportation Corps Officer. He return to his native South Carolina, where he leads the Wagener-Salley High School, Wagener, S.C., Junior ROTC Detachment, as their Senior Army Instructor.

COL Joye joined the HR Chapter in June 2002 and initially served as the Ways and Means Committee Chairman, then Vice Presidents for Operations, and most recently Acting President from December 2004, to June of this year. During his time as a HR Chapter Member, he led the Scholarship Fundraising drive three consecutive years, and raised over \$6,000.

*Shown in the picture below is MG Brian Geehan, Commanding General, US Army Transportation Center and School, bidding Farewell to COL and Mrs. Joye*



***Your input COUNTS!***

***Have a good idea for a Rocket article? Simply email your suggestion to me at: [hurtd@ndu.edu](mailto:hurtd@ndu.edu)***

### ROCKS Five Miler a Huge Success

*Washington, DC Chapter*

The Washington, D.C. Chapter of the ROCKS, Inc. successfully conducted its 14th Annual ROCKS Five Mile Race at Burke Lake Park, Virginia on Saturday September 17, 2005. BG Belinda Pinckney (Deputy Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service) served as the guest starter of the race. With over 180 runners and walkers registered and over \$4,000 raised, this year's event turned out to be one of the most successful in recent history. Supported by great weather and a cast of over 35 dedicated volunteers, the event also represented an opportunity for ROCKS members and friends to socialize with each other as well as members of the local community.



*Morgan State ROTC Team*

The male winner of the race was Mr. David Kessler of Manassas, Virginia, with a time of 28:54 while the female winner was Ms. Ann Tracy of Falls Church, Virginia with a time of 36:06. This year's participants in the ROTC competition included Morgan State University, Hampton University, Georgetown University, and Bowie State University with Georgetown winning this year's title, followed closely by Hampton University. Proceeds from the race will help contribute toward Chapter scholarships. The committee chairman for this year's race was LTC Chuck Harris. Chuck Harris has done a fantastic job as Chairman for the second year. Overall results are posted on the Chapter website at [www.therocksdc.org](http://www.therocksdc.org).

## Washington Chapter Town Hall Meeting



*BG Pinckney, Guest Race Starter and Washington DC Chapter President, BG (Ret) Richardson*



*Chapter President, BG (Ret) Velma Richardson addresses the membership at the Town Hall meeting*

During the OCT 05 Town Hall Meeting, the newly elected President of the DC Chapter challenged the members to think about what they expected from the chapter. She asked the members to separate into groups and developed action plans for the Mentorship, Fund Raising, Leadership Outreach, Membership and Programs. The meeting was full of enthusiastic members working together to share their ideas. A formal report from the Town Hall meeting was presented to the general membership at the November meeting to set action plans into motion.

*Members Working Together in Brainstorming Groups*

## D.C Chapter October Monthly Meeting Mentorship vs. Sponsorship



The D.C. Chapter was honored with a very informative discussion about Mentorship vs. Sponsorship: The Similarities and Differences. MG (Ret) Robert Harding, President and CEO, Harding Security Associates and long time ROCKS member and supporter, provided excellent insights regarding the need for and importance of a mentor. He also described the nature of a sponsor in his career success. MG (Ret) Harding credited many ROCKS senior members for personally mentoring and sponsoring him and expressed his deep gratitude for both.



**ROCKS Car Wash**  
*Hampton Roads Chapter*

On 2 September, LTC Linwood Wright volunteered and organized the efforts of a Car Wash, the chapter's second fund raiser of the year. He received outstanding support from the Hampton Roads ROCKS Chapter membership and they raised over \$300.00.



The car wash was held in Newport News, VA at Advance Auto Parts, strategically chosen because of the amount of traffic expected in the area.

Several members decided to make it a family affair and enlisted their family members to assist in the car wash.



Members who were unable to participate donated generously and/or promised to mail in or bring their donations to the next General Membership Meeting.

The HRC ROCKS will continue to use such venues as a means of supporting its efforts to mentor young officers, develop potential leaders,

and distribute scholarships to well deserving young men and women.

**DC Chapter Helps With Hurricane Katrina Relief**



*Chapter President, BG (Ret) Velma Richardson presents a check to Mr. Warren from PATT*

Like many other Americans, the members of the Washington Chapter of The ROCKS were horrified with the reports of the devastation to the US Gulf Coast Region after Hurricane Katrina. Many members answered the call to contribute to the Chapter's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. Generosity and caring were apparent with the outpouring of donations that exceeded \$2,100. The Chapter donated the contributions 50/50 to the Partners for Advancement in Training and Technology (PATT), an organization operated by two ROCKS members—Col (Ret) Bob Warren and MG (Ret) Fred Leigh and the Armed Forces Retirement Home Washington, which took in the residents from the Gulfport, Miss. Armed Forces Retirement Home. Helping others...just another day in the life of a true ROCK.

**Your input COUNTS!**

**Know of any deployed ROCKS whose story you'd like to share or who are willing to share it themselves?**

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## ROCKS ON THE MOVE

The Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld recently announced that the President has nominated Army Brig. Gen. John W. Morgan III for promotion to the grade of Major General. Morgan is currently serving as Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff, I Corps and Fort Lewis.

## WHERE ARE OUR GENERALS?

LTG William E. Ward (Nominated for his 4th Star) Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff United States Army Europe and Seventh Army with temporary duty as Security Coordinator for Palestinian Peace Negotiations, APO AE 09014

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Social a Big Hit

*By LTC(R) Toney C. Mooney, VP-Opns, HR Chap.*

The Hampton Roads Chapter held its first '1<sup>st</sup> Friday' social event on Friday, 5 August, at the Kiln Creek Recreation Center, Newport News, VA. 1st Friday is a quarterly gathering, and provides an opportunity to network, build professional relationships, and have fun. Attending the 5 Aug event were about 80 people, to include HR Chapter members, their family members and guests, and other Hampton Roads mentoring and leadership organizations to include the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA), Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program (AFCOMAP), and Urban League of Hampton Roads. There was plenty of food, good music, and a good time had by all.



*COL(R) Julius Coats, HR Chapter Senior Advisor;  
and CPT Tim Butler, Hospitality Committee  
Chairman*

According to MAJ Rachael Hill, Chapter Vice President for Administration, and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Planning Committee Chairman, the plan is to hold 1st Friday quarterly for a while, and as popularity grows, do this monthly. Besides being a great social and networking event, the Chapter gained 3 new members, and AFCOMAP expressed interest in co-sponsoring the 4 November, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday event.



*CPT Benjamin Gardner; and MAJ Daphne Jackson, President, Langley Air Force Base Chapter of AFCOMAP*

## ROCKS ROTC Scholarship Assistance Making A Difference!

*In His Own Words by Cadet Paul Rice*

“Thank you for selecting me to be the recipient of an Army ROTC scholarship. Your giving me this opportunity allowed me to attend The Citadel – The Military College of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C. I am called a Knob this first year. These three months have been a real experience. It is very tough and demanding physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. It is teaching me that I can do more than I felt I could. I don't believe this type of growth would have been possible in any other college. Again thank you for having faith in me and I will do my best to make you proud for selecting me.”



*The Rice Family*



**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!**

Be a part of the investment in our youth.

1) Bell Labs Fellowships For Under Represented Minorities

<http://www.bell-labs.com/fellowships>

2) Student Inventors Scholarships

<http://www.invent.org/collegiate>

3) Student Video Scholarships

<http://www.christophers.org/vidcon2k.html>

4) Coca-Cola Two Year College Scholarships

<http://www.coca-colascholars.org>

5) Holocaust Remembrance Scholarships

<http://holocaust.hklaw.com>

6) Ayn Rand Essay Scholarships

<http://www.aynrand.org/contests>

7) Brand Essay Competition

<http://www.instituteforbrandleadership.org>

8) Gates Millennium Scholarships (major)

<http://www.gmsp.org>

9) Xerox Scholarships for Students

<http://www.xerox.com>

10) Sports Scholarships and Internships

<http://www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships.html>

11) National Assoc. of Black Journalists Scholarships (NABJ)

<http://www.nabj.org/html/studentsvcs.html>

12) Saul T. Wilson Scholarships (Veterinary)

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/mb/mrphr/jobs/stw.html>

13) Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund

<http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org>

14) FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid scholarships

<http://www.finaid.org>

15) Presidential Freedom Scholarships

<http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships>

16) Microsoft Scholarship Program

<http://www.microsoft.com/college/scholarships/minority.asp>

17) Hope Scholarships & Lifetime Credits

<http://www.ed.gov/inits/hope>

18) William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students

<http://www.apsanet.org/PS/grants/asp3.cfm>

19) Multiple List of Minority Scholarships

<http://gehon.ir.miami.edu/financial-assistance/Scholarship/black.html>

20) Guaranteed Scholarships

<http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com>

21) BOEING scholarships (some HBCU connects)

<http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/educationrelations/scholarships>

22) Easley National Scholarship Program

<http://www.naasorg/senior.htm>

23) Maryland Artists Scholarships

<http://www.maef.org>

24) Jacki Tuckfield Memorial Graduate Business Scholarship (for AA students in S. FL)

<http://www.jackituckfield.org>

25) Historically Black College & University Scholarships

<http://www.iesabroad.org/info/hbcu.htm>

26) Actuarial Scholarships for Minority Students

<http://www.beanactuary.org/minority/scholarships.htm>

27) International Students Scholarships & Aid Help

<http://www.iefaf.org>

28) College Board Scholarship Search

<http://cbweb10p.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/fundfind01.html>

### Upcoming Events!!

#### *Register to Attend*

National Board of the ROCKS, Inc.  
2006 Leadership and Training Conference  
March 23 - 25, 2006  
Fort Belvoir, Virginia  
www.rocksync.org

Annual Spring Gala hosted by the  
DC Chapter of the ROCKS  
March 25, 2006  
Fort Belvoir Officers Club

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wide ranging strategic implications for our Army. Finally, we will continue our communication with, and education of, our Army leadership regarding the ROCKS. This is but a sampling of what lies ahead for us in 2006. EACH of us has an important role in our effort for continuous improvement and program enhancement.

Your hard work validates the ROCKS commitment to the ideals of our founders while simultaneously addressing the challenges of the future. If you have not had the opportunity to be involved in ROCKS events or Chapter activities in your area during the last year, please consider initiating, or renewing your involvement in 2006. I also encourage you to make us aware of what we can do to enhance your national membership experience. Every person can contribute, make a positive difference, learn from the experience and help advance your professional and personal development.

Again, I want to thank each of you for a great year. I am very proud to serve as your National Chairman and count it a privilege to associate with you. Please have a safe and joyous holiday season. Together, let's make 2006 our best year ever!

#### *A Soldier's Christmas Poem*

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,  
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.  
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,  
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.  
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,  
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.  
The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,  
Completed the ! magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,  
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.  
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,  
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.  
The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,  
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.  
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,  
Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,  
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.  
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,  
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.  
A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,  
Perhaps a Private, huddled here in the cold.  
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,  
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,  
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!  
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,  
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"  
For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,  
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..  
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light  
Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,  
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night.

Sleep without fear as you turn out your lights."  
"It's my duty to stand at the front of this line,  
That separates you from the darkest of times.  
No one has asked or begged or implored me,  
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.  
My Gramps died at "Pearl on a day in December,"  
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembered."

My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam',  
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.  
I've not seen my own son in more than a while,  
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.  
Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,  
The red, white, and blue... an American flag.

"I can live through the cold and the being alone,  
Away from my family, my house and my home.  
I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,  
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.  
I can carry the weight of killing another,  
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..  
Who stand at the front against any and all,  
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."  
"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,  
Your family is ! waiting and I'll be all right."

"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,  
"Give you some money, prepare you a feast?  
It seems all too little for all that you've done,  
For being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,  
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.  
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,  
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.  
For when we come home, either standing or dead,  
To know you remember we fought and we bled.  
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,  
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us.

*Author Unknown*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!!**

### **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.

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (Mo/Day): \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Station or Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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