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Pershing Women Honored at NATCON 2017

***Sandra Pershing Delivers Keynote
Address***

Chris Scheuermann, PRG Executive Director



On March 9 – 12, 2017, members of the Pershing family from across the country came together for the annual National Convention and General Assembly in Jacksonville, Florida. This year's event had the largest attendance in recent history, and included a historic celebration—Honoring Pershing Women, and the Contribution of Women in the Armed Forces.

At Thursday's National Alumni Dinner, the Pershing Rifles Group recognized the first of three special guests of honor. Ms. Darlene Evans Williams became the first woman to become a member of Pershing Rifles in 1972, pledging Company L-4, located at North Carolina State University. At the time, the military has just recently phased out restrictions on women participating as candidates in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), and there was not yet a change in Pershing Rifles policy nationally, but Darlene continued to pursue membership in the

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P/R National Commander's Message



P/R Major General Alex Meier

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for electing me as the National Commander for this year. It is a great honor to be able to serve the society at this level and I will work each and every day to improve this great society. I see a very bright future ahead of us, under the command of Lt. Gen Whisenand the Society has improved for the first time in over a decade and I wish to continue his effort. We have already hired one of the biggest National Staff in the history of the Society and I would like to thank all of those Riflemen who rose up to the challenge. It's Riflemen like you that will put the Society on the path to greatness.

One thing I would like to see improve is the professionalism within the society. Over the past few years there has been a definite decline in military professionalism within our ranks and I believe it is time for that to change. We are Society founded around the military and it is important that we don't forget our purpose to build better leaders. I have already challenged my staff to rebuild this professionalism, but now I am challenging all of you.

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Pershing Rifles NATCON '17

8-11 March 2017

Jacksonville, Florida



Pershing Rifleman at the Formal Dinner

NATCON '17 in Jacksonville, FL was a resounding success. In all 40 Pershing Rifles units were represented at NATCON, of that 11 of them participated in the General John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition held at the Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex which was a few miles away from the official NATCON hotel, Lexington Hotel & Conference Center - Jacksonville Riverwalk.

The weekend festivities began with the Alumni Dinner at the Lexington Hotel and Conference Center Thursday evening.

On Friday 10 March, the Drill Competition commenced with an Inspection of the Troops. The reviewing officer was Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Navy Region Southeast. Thereafter the drill competition was held in which Troop L-1 from the University of Toledo emerged as the "Varsity Rifles" Pershing Rifles National Drill Champions for the Fifth consecutive year.

On Saturday morning which began early, the Pershing Rifles Group Joint Meeting which was well attended. Later the Society's legislative meeting which was held behind closed doors as is the tradition and ended with a vote to elect P/R MG Alex Meier as National Commander. Later Pershing Riflemen toured Jacksonville and visited the local beaches.

The evening ended with a reception and the annual military style formal dinner and awards ceremony at the Lexington Hotel & Conference Center - Jacksonville Riverwalk. Chief of the Military Order of World Wars, COL(R) Clay Le Grande, serving as the guest speaker, delivered remarks at the Saturday Dinner.



NATCON '17 Guest Speaker, COL (R) Clay Le Grande, Commander of the Military Order of World Wars



**Pershing Rifles Company C-4
at the Drill Competition**

Naval Air Station Jacksonville Sailors Judge Pershing Rifles Drill Competition

*By MC1 (EXW/SW/AW) Stacy Laseter
Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs*

Fifteen Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville Sailors participated as judges for the National Society of Pershing Rifles John J. Pershing Memorial Competition in Jacksonville, March 10.

The competition included solo, duet, squad, color guard and platoon exhibitions from high school and university drill units from all over the country, with demonstrations from partner organizations including the National Society of Pershing Angels, National Society of Blackjacks and the National Society of Pershing Rifles Alumni Association.

“We have about 20 schools represented here from all over the country,” said Carrie Ann Viscanti, a junior at Hofstra University and the officer in charge of the event. “They are all competing against each other in a memorial drill competition in order to remember General John J. Pershing.”

The majority of the judges had participated in similar programs when they were in high school, including GM3 Amber Harvey, who is assigned to NAS Jacksonville’s security department.

“When I was in ROTC, we had nationals similar to this, where I twirled the rifle and everything,” said Harvey, who judged the solo exhibition and has four years of JROTC experience. “I think judging today was a good opportunity because I had past experience. From what I can recall from personal experience, it’s very nerve wracking. But this is a really big deal to them, they all have great military bearing, and they all take it very seriously.”

ITCM Gabriel Sermeno agreed and said he enjoyed giving back to a program which helped him.



A group of NAS Jacksonville Sailors judge Jonathan Wurzelbacher of Wright State University during his solo exhibition at the National Society of Pershing Rifles John J. Pershing Memorial Competition in Jacksonville.



AZ3 Brittany Ziminski, assigned to the “Mad Foxes” of Patrol Squadron 5, judges the Kansas State Color Guard during its exhibition in the National Society of Pershing Rifles John J. Pershing Memorial Competition.

“Today has been the culmination of a very long road to get here,” said Dillon Overton, a junior at Clemson University. “We have been practicing all year. Every year we aim to win, as does everyone competing, but this year we did our best to practice the entire year leading up to this point, and for the past week we’ve had practice once or twice a day. This has been a phenomenal experience.”

Troop L-1, University of Toledo
Varsity Rifles
General John J. Pershing Drill Competition



John J. Pershing
Memorial Drill Competition Results

Overall Winning Teams

1st Overall: B/J Company B-4 (P. R. Brown Academy)
 2nd Overall / Varsity Rifles: P/R Troop L-1 (Toledo)
 3rd Overall: Company M-4 (Appalachian State)

Duet Exhibition Drill (Armed)

P/R Company I-1 (Bowling Green State)
 2nd Place, B/J Company A-4 (Camden Military)
 3rd Place, P/R Company. L-1 (Toledo)

Individual Exhibition Drill (Armed)

1st Place, P/R Company J-1 (John Wurzelbacher)
 2nd Place, P/R Company. C-4 (Dillon Overton)
 3rd Place, P/R Company I-I (Elijah Hayes)

Color Guard

1st Place, P/R Company G-10 (California Baptist)
 2nd Place, B/J Company B-4 (P. R. Brown Academy)
 3rd Place, P/R Company G-7 (Kansas State)

Platoon Regulation Drill (Armed)

1st Place, P/R Company M-4 (Appalachian State)
 2nd Place, P/R Battery B-6 (East Tennessee State)
 3rd Place, P/R Troop L-1 (Toledo)

Platoon Exhibition Drill (Armed)

1st Place, B/J Company A-4 (Camden Military)
 2nd Place, P/R Battery B-6 (East Tennessee State)
 3rd Place, P/R Troop L-1 (Toledo)

Squad Regulation Drill (Armed)

1st Place, P/R Company G-1 (Xavier)
 2nd Place, B/J Company B-4 (P. R. Brown Academy)
 3rd Place, P/R Company M-4 (Appalachian State)

Squad Exhibition Drill (Armed)

1st Place, P/R Company. C-4 (Clemson)
 2nd Place, P/R Company I-1 (Bowling Green State)
 3rd Place, P/R Troop L-1 (Toledo)

John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition

The 2017 NATCON John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition began on 10 March 2017, with Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Navy Region Southeast serving as the reviewing officer for the competition. Fifteen Sailors assigned to Naval Air Station Jacksonville served as judges.

In all, 11 Pershing Rifles units alongside 6 Pershing Angels and 2 Blackjacks units participated in the drill competition.



Competing Units

Pershing Rifles

A-1 Ohio State University
G-1 Xavier University
I-1 Bowling Green University
L-1 University of Toledo
C-4 Clemson University
M-4 Appalachian State University
O-4 Virginia State University
G-7 Kansas State University
J-8 Morgan State University
K-8 Seton Hall University
A-8 City University of New York

Pershing Angels

N-4 North Carolina A&T SU
J-8-5 Morgan State University
H4-5 Alabama A&M
P-4-5 Tuskegee University
O-4 Virginia State University
R-4-5 Norfolk State University

Blackjacks

A-4 Camden Military Academy
B-4 Paul R. Brown Leadership
Academy



Pershing Rifles Unit Awards Presented at NATCON '17

Pershing Rifles Awards presented at NATCON during the Formal Dinner at the Lexington Hotel & Conference Center on Saturday night 11 March 2017:

Best Regiment: 1st & 3rd Regiment
 Best Company: M-4 Appalachian State University
 Most Improved Regiment: 6th, 16th, 17th Regiment
 Most Improved Company: B-1 University of Dayton

Pershing Rifles Individual Awards Presented at NATCON '17

Gold Achievement Medal

P/R BG Alex Meier (L-1 Toledo)
 P/R COL Colin James Rose (B-6 East Tennessee)
 P/R COL Roderick Smith Jr (B-16 Georgia State)
 P/R COL Carrie Viscanti (Q-8 Hofstra)
 P/R COL Phillip Wagner (M-4 Appalachian State)

Silver Achievement Medal

P/R COL Christopher Damers (E-2 South Dakota School of Mines)
 P/R LTC Jaime Bass (R-4 Norfolk State)
 P/R LTC Jack Curtis (G-7 Kansas State)
 P/R LTC John Marcelli (J-1 Wright State)
 P/R LTC Kyle Rable (L-1 Toledo)
 P/R MAJ Thomas Macrini (Q-8 Hofstra)
 P/R CPT Calvin Curtin (A-1 Ohio State)
 P/R CPT Michael Engel (B-1 U of Dayton)
 P/R CPT Ashley Hayes (B-6 East Tennessee)
 P/R CPT Jolene O'Donnell (G-7 Kansas State)
 P/R 2LT Sam Boyles (M-4 Appalachian State)

Pershing Rifles Units Which Participated in NATCON '17 in Jacksonville, FL

Company A-1	Ohio State University
Company B- 1	University of Dayton
Company C-1	University of Kentucky
Company G-1	Xavier University
Company I-1	Bowling Green State University
Company J-1	Wright State University
Company L-1	University of Toledo
Company M-1	John Carol University
Company R-1	Eastern Kentucky University
Company T- 1	Central State University
Company A- 2	University of Nebraska
Company E- 2	South Dakota School of Mines
Company K- 2	Lincoln University
Company A-3	Indiana University
Company A-4	St. Augustine University
Company C-4	Clemson University
Company H-4	Alabama A&M University
Company M-4	Appalachian State University
Company O-4	Virginia State University
Company R-4	Norfolk State University
Company Y-4	Christopher Newport University
Company B-6	East Tennessee University
Company P-6	Tuskegee University
Company G-7	Kansas State University
Company A- 8	City University of New York
Company D-8	Fordham University
Company G-8	Howard University
Company J-8	Morgan State University
Company K-8	Seton Hall University
Company Q-8	Hofstra University
Company B-9	University of Colorado at Boulder
Company B-10	Fresno State University
Company G-10	California Baptist University
Company A-16	Fort Valley State University
Company B-16	Georgia State University
Company C-16	Florida A&M University
Company E-16	Bethune-Cookman University
Company Z-16	Florida International University
Company B- 17	Alcorn State University
Company D-17	Louisiana State University

Bronze Achievement Medal

P/R CPT Daryl Newton (R-4 Norfolk State)
 P/R CPT Michael Sticco (Q-8 Hofstra)
 P/R 1LT Marshal Martin (B-6 East Tennessee)
 P/R 1LT Robert Sholl (G-7 Kansas State)
 P/R 2LT Troy Jones (M-4 Appalachian State)
 P/R 1SG Clarissa Michaud (A-1 Ohio State)
 P/R 1SG Christian Valentine (L-1 Toledo)
 P/R MSG Shane Rowlands (I-1 Bowling Green State)
 P/R SSG Rebecca Witter (L-1 Toledo)
 P/R SGT Samuel Good (A-1 Ohio State)

C-8 Re-chartered at NATCON '17

Congratulations to our newest Pershing Rifles unit, Company C-8, University of Maryland which was presented their charter at the NATCON '17 Formal Dinner on 11 March.



Company C-8 is one of the oldest P/R units, receiving its original charter in 1934 as Company C-5. Its designation changed again in the 1959-60 school year when it became part of the new 15th Regiment and was named Squadron C-15 as the majority of its members were from Air Force ROTC. A few months later it was re-designated as Squadron A-15. It disappeared from the rolls of active Pershing Rifles units in the midst of the Vietnam War in 1968.

From the 1934 to 1968 the Company was an institution on campus reaching out to the community by hosting many blood drives and an annual canned goods drive.

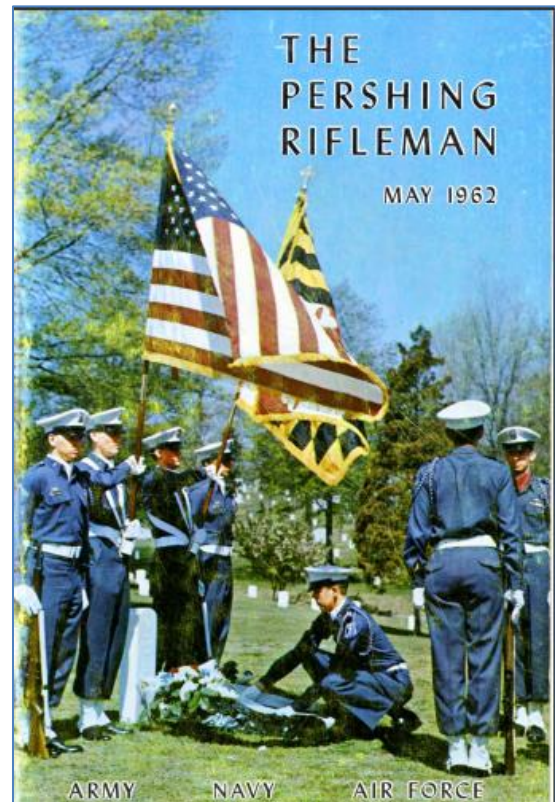
In 1952 it had a highpoint of 190 members. The unit served as the official color guard for home football games and as honor guard for numerous dignitaries. It conducted a special retreat ceremony following the death of President John F. Kennedy.

It competed in numerous drill competitions winning Pershing Rifles National Champions for two consecutive years in the early 1960s. It also competed in several rifle matches.

Outgoing National Commander Promoted to P/R Lieutenant General



During the NATCON '17 Formal Dinner outgoing P/R MG Tymothy Whisenand received a well-deserved promotion to P/R LTG in recognition of his two years of service as Pershing Rifles National Commander. Whisenand is the first National Commander in 41 years to serve two consecutive terms. The Last National Commander to do so was Rear Admiral C. Phillip "Phil" Warrick, who served from 1974 to 1976.



University of Maryland Pershing Riflemen from then Company A-15 featured on the cover of the May 1962 Pershing Rifleman laying a wreath at General Pershing's Grave.

NATCON '17 Photo Gallery



Squad Regulation Drill (Armed) at the John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition NATCON '17



Friday night social at the Black Fin Pub



Judge AEAA Jacob Campbell, assigned to Patrol Squadron 30, inspects a Pershing Rifleman's uniform at NATCON '17



Individual Exhibition Drill (Armed) during the John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition at NATCON '17



Color Guard at Formal Dinner

Company G-10 California Baptist University



For the second year in a row, the California Baptist University Army ROTC women's squad won first place in the color guard event at the John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition in Jacksonville, Florida. The men's team also repeated their previous year's performance with a third place finish in the same event.

The competition, held in March, pitted 42 programs against each other in several categories, including squad regulation drill, platoon exhibition drill, individual drill and color guard.

The winning CBU team included returning cadets Shannon Garcia, Sheraya Bentick, Imelda Camaja and newcomer Amanda Tetreault. The men's team included returning cadets Kendall Morris and Joshua Fink along with new additions Nathan Tucker and Brandon Walker.

Tetreault said the event was a learning and rewarding experience.

"Knowing that they had already won first place put a lot of pressure on [me], but it was good pressure," Tetreault said. "In the end, it made us practice harder and go there with determination."

Two of the women cadets are graduating in the spring, so the event took on a greater meaning for the team, Bentick said.

"Even though we wanted first place, at the end of the day, it's not completely about winning first place," Bentick said. "Whether we win or lose, whether we mess up or do great, this is our last experience together so let's make it count."

The cadets put hours of practice and attention to detail, said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Winkle, military science instructor.

"It all comes down to precision. These [cadets] don't accept anything less than perfection," Winkle said.

Tucker said it was a challenge learning all the commands in order for the team's seven-minute routine.

"You don't necessarily have time to react once the commands are called, you have to know what the next movement is," Tucker said.

This is the fourth consecutive year CBU teams have returned from the competition with awards. In 2015, the men's team also placed third in the color guard event and 2014, the men's team took first place in the same category.

"We have developed a name for ourselves," Winkle said.

Company M-4 Appalachian State University

ASU Pershing Rifles Have Another Strong Showing at the Nationals

On March 9 Pershing Rifle Company M-4 set out to Jacksonville, Florida for Pershing Rifles National Convention and Competition (NATCON 2017). Twenty-seven Pershing Rifleman and advisor Captain Brown attended from the Mountaineer Battalion. The entire event had over 300 Pershing Rifleman, Pershing Angels, and Black Jacks in attendance from all over the country.

NATCON's first event was the John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition. Company M-4 competed in every event which was platoon and squad regulation drill, platoon, and squad exhibition, duet exhibition, individual exhibition, and color guard. M-4 walked away with a second place trophy in platoon regulation, commanded by Benjamin Ramirez, and a third place trophy in squad regulation, commanded by Brett Aldridge. Two individuals in M-4 were also recognized at the awards ceremony. Troy Jones received the Bronze Achievement Medal, and Sam Boyles received the Silver Achievement Medal.

After the drill competition, the society met up for a social at the Black Fin Pub where current Pershing Riflemen and alumni socialized. It was a good opportunity for the society to experience exactly what it was all about, brotherhood.

The next day is when legislative and informative meetings were held. These meetings ranged from company commanders meeting with the national staff to discuss the future of the society to updated policies on subjects such as hazing.

Later that night the formal dinner took place where many honors were given. M-4 was recognized three different times for Best Company, the Gold Achievement Medal (given to Phillip Wagner), and Jeremy Tuggle received a scholarship for \$2,000. That night the honored guest speaker was the granddaughter-in-law of General Pershing, Sandra Pershing. She is the last surviving person that bears the name Pershing. The rest of the evening the society celebrated another successful year for NATCON.

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Pershing Women Honored at NATCON 2017 Sandra Pershing Delivers Keynote Address (Continued from Page 1)

organization, working with the Company L-4 to petition the Pershing Rifles National Headquarters at the University of Nebraska. The petition was approved, allowing Darlene to compete alongside over 30 of her male counterparts--ultimately resulting in Darlene becoming the first woman to be initiated into the National Society of Pershing Rifles. Darlene was recognized as an Honorary Members of the PRG Board of Directors, and awarded the Order of Pershing at the Thursday event.

The second honoree was recognized at the formal dinner on Saturday night. In June of 2016, Captain Deshauna Barber became the first woman actively serving in the United States Armed Forces to be crowned Miss USA. Deshauna has been a passionate supporter of the men and women in the U.S. military, and as Miss USA, is focusing her efforts on PTSD treatment for soldiers returning from deployments, as well as suicide prevention in the Armed Forces. She is a member of the National Society of Pershing Angels. Deshauna has worked previously as an IT Analyst for the U.S. Department of Commerce, and is a Logistics Commander in the Army Reserve for the 988th Quartermaster Detachment Unit at Rockville, Maryland. Captain Kia Booker accepted the recognition and delivered remarks on Deshauna's behalf. Kia and Deshauna pledged Pershing Angels Company O-4 located Virginia State University.

The 2017 National Convention culminated with the recognition of Mrs. Sandra Sinclair Pershing, the granddaughter in law of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. Mrs. Pershing delivered the keynote address at the formal dinner. She currently serves as a director emeritus for the Pershing Foundation, and a special advisor to the World War I Centennial Commission. As an advisor to the Commission, she has fought tirelessly to ensure the veterans of World War I are honored with a national memorial in our nation's capital. In addition, she is a volunteer at Phoenix House, where she provides support to the organization's efforts to help combat PTSD and other military service related injuries. Ms. Pershing also works with the board of the Women's Prison Association, an organization that helps women rebuild their lives and families throughout all stages of the criminal justice system.



PERSHING RIFLES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PERSHING DAYS IN LACLEDE, MISSOURI

PERSHING'S BOYHOOD HOME, LACLEDE, MISSOURI

SEPTEMBER 2017

Three days of events celebrating the birthday of General John J Pershing.

123RD ANNIVERSARY OF PERSHING RIFLES AND FOUNDERS DAY

2 OCTOBER 2017

Pershing Rifles units and alumni across the United States are encouraged to honor our founders on this day by volunteering their time for service projects and philanthropic events to benefit non-profit organizations within their local communities.

JOHN J. PERSHING GRAVESIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

11 NOVEMBER 2017

Pershing Gravesite Section 34 Arlington National Cemetery

PERSHING RIFLES NATCON '18

NATIONAL CONVENTION AND DRILL COMPETITION

9-12 MARCH 2018

TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE 17

Changes like these are impossible to accomplish unless everyone is on board, but at the same time it can also be ruined by a single individual. It is up to the companies to instill this within their own organization and soon it will be felt across the Society.

I also want to improve the comradery between companies. Far too often companies are isolated from the rest of the Society and I want to see this changed. Brotherhood is one of the cornerstones of Pershing Rifles and what better way to spread our brotherhood than coming together as Riflemen.

Regiments have already began plan gatherings for the fall to bring their companies together, but it shouldn't end there. I would love it if we could get companies to get together on their own, it through interaction with other riflemen that we build friendships that will last a lifetime. During my time on National Staff I have been able to build friendships that could last a lifetime with people I may only see once a year. It things like this that makes Pershing Rifles into the organization that we all love.

I also want to see increase participation in the drill competition at next year's NATCON. Coming from a unit that has a large focus on drill, the drill competition is one of my favorite parts of NATCON. It give every company a chance to come together and demonstrate all the hard work and dedication they put in over the months leading up until NATCON.

I see a bright future ahead for Pershing Rifles, but it's not going to come easily. It's going to take hard work and dedication but I know we can do it. We need to start looking at the future and begin working for those Riflemen who will come after us. For too long we have taken one step forward and two steps back and it's time for that to change. I will work each and every day in order to improve this Society but my efforts alone will not be enough. Change starts at the bottom with the company and with the individual Riflemen. So it is up to each and every one of us to work hard each day to help improve the society. If we can do this we can take Pershing Rifles further than anyone believed possible.

At the Society's Service,

Alex Meier
Major General, Pershing Rifles
National Commander

Anti-Hazing Policy

The National Society of Pershing Rifles will not tolerate ANY hazing, especially in the initiation procedures for any Pershing Rifles pledges at any chartered Pershing Rifles unit. This applies to both mental and physical hazing.

Hazing is defined as any conduct whereby one Pershing Rifleman, regardless of rank, causes another member or pledge to suffer or be exposed to an activity that is cruel, abusive, humiliating, or oppressive. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any form of initiation or congratulatory act that involves physically striking another to inflict pain, piercing another's skin in any manner, encouraging another to excessively consume alcohol, or encouraging another to engage in illegal, harmful, demeaning or dangerous acts. In addition to physical contact, hazing can also be verbal or psychological in nature.

If at any time a Pershing Rifleman or pledge, regardless of rank, finds a violation to this directive, he or she is to report the violation to the National Commander. A Pershing Rifleman active or alumni who have been found guilty of hazing will be stripped of all rank and rights of a Pershing Rifleman, and will be subject to permanent expulsion from the Society and considered for legal action.



Pershing Foundation Scholarships

For the Foundation, this year marked an important milestone in its ability to meet its mission of supporting the Pershing family of organizations. A total of four cadets received scholarships from the Pershing Foundation, which were handed out at the NATCON formal dinner Friday night. Two \$2,000 scholarships were awarded to undergraduates, and two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to deserving high school students belonging to the National Society of Blackjacks.

This year's recipients were:

Pershing Rifles

Jeremy Tuggle
Pershing Rifles Company M-4
Appalachian State University

Julianna Klein
Pershing Rifles Company C-4
Clemson University

Blackjacks

Garrison Bennett
Black Jacks Company A-8
Southold High School NJROTC

Julia Mele
Black Jacks Company A-8
Southold High School NJROTC



On behalf of everyone working in support of the Pershing Foundation, we would like to congratulate these four individuals, each of whom represent the best of what it means to be a Pershing Rifleman, Pershing Angel or Blackjack. We would also like to thank all of our recurring donors, since it was their contributions that made this possible.

The Foundation's scholarship program is completely funded by donations from our alumni. Without them, this year's announcement would not have been possible.

Please consider supporting your Pershing family. Contributions are tax deductible.

If you're not already a supporter, we ask that you consider joining our 1894 Campaign by pledging a monthly recurring donation to the Pershing Foundation. More information can be found at: <http://pershingfoundation.org>



Pershing Rifles Ribbons & Awards



National Commander's Award



Regimental Commander's Award



Membership



National Staff



Regimental Staff



Lifesaving Award



Gold Achievement Medal



Silver Achievement Medal



Bronze Achievement Medal



Best Regiment



Most Improved Regiment



Best Company



Most Improved Company



National Postal Rifle Match 1st



National Postal Rifle Match 2nd



National Postal Rifle Match 3rd



Service Ribbon



John J. Pershing
Memorial Drill Meet Participation



National Postal Rifle
Participation



National Postal PT
Participation



Regiment Best Pledge



Company Best Pledge

Based on PRF-010, the P/R Standard Operating Procedures dated 2007

The First Pershing Rifles Membership Ribbons

When Lieutenant Pershing left the University of Nebraska in 1895 he, at the request of a committee representing Varsity Rifles, gave the unit a pair of his cavalry breeches. The breeches were cut into small pieces and were worn on the uniform as a sign of membership. These “ribbons” were thought to be the first service ribbons worn in the United States.

“We met in his room one night to organize and ‘The Lieut,’ as we familiarly called the Instructor—he was a second lieutenant then—asked what colors we wanted on our badges. Yellow and blue—cavalry colors. I have the very thing,” he responded, and went to a chiffonier (dresser) from which he took a brand-new pair of cavalry trousers. With shears he ruthlessly cut them across, making fifty badges, each with a strip of blue and the yellow leg stripe.” – William Green, 1918

Pershing Rifles Command and Staff At a Glance



National Staff members at NATCON '17

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PERSHING RIFLES HISTORICAL PHOTOS COMPANY C-1 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY



Company C-1 Cadet Officers and Sponsor in 1934



Company C-1 Pershing Riflemen in 1969

PERSHING RIFLES ALUMNI WHO HAVE PASSED

Captain Robert Lee Bragg, 79, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 14 September 1937 - 9 February 2017. Founded Company G-4 at Auburn University, US Air Force pilot 1959-64. On 27 March 1977, while a first officer with Pan Am, Captain Bragg was in the world's worst commercial aviation accident at Tenerife, Canary Islands. Captain Bragg's B-747 was struck while on the runway by another B-747 belonging to KLM. In all, 583 died. For his efforts in assisting fellow crewmembers and passengers, Robert Bragg received the President's Award for Heroism. He also received the FAA's Achievement Award, the highest award that the FAA can bestow on a civilian pilot, and the Flight Safety Foundation's Award for Actions during the accident. He also flew the first military charter flights during Operation Desert Storm.

Colonel (Ret) James Maurice Drake II, 69, of Montpelier, Ohio. October 22, 1946 - June 7, 2016. Company R-1, Eastern Kentucky University. Served in Vietnam as a Helicopter Pilot, retired in 1995, with more than 26 years of military service as an Aviation and Field Artillery Officer.

Henry ("Hank") Nettling, 81, born in Nagyszekely, Hungary and came to Akron in 1947, he passed away on March 26, 2017. Company D-1, University of Akron. US Army Reserve 1959-71 with the rank of Captain. Worked for nearly 39 years at The University of Akron, as Controller, and retired as Vice President Emeritus for Business and Finance in 2002.

William (Bill) Harvey O'Connor, III, 76, Towson, NC, July 22, 1941 - March 18, 2017. Company E-15 (now P-8) Johns Hopkins University. Marched in the inaugural parade of John F. Kennedy. US Army Ordinance Corps 1964-66. Worked for 38 years for the Black and Decker Corporation receiving five patents and retiring in 2002 as Vice President of Engineering Operations of the North American Power Tool Group.

Active Pershing Rifles Units

Pershing Rifles Regimental Areas



1st & 3rd REGIMENTS

A-1	THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
B-1	UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
C-1	THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
G-1	XAVIER UNIVERSITY
I-1	BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
J-1	WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
L-1	UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO
M-1	JOHN CAROL UNIVERSITY
R-1	EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
T-1	CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY
A-3	INDIANA UNIVERSITY
B-3	WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

2nd, 7th, 9th & 10th REGIMENTS

A-2	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN
E-2	SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECH
K-2	LINCOLN UNIVERSITY
L-2	SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
C-7	OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
G-7	KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
B-9	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOLDER
B-10	FRESNO STATE UNIVERSITY
G-10	CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

A-4	ST AUGUSTINE UNIVERSITY
C-4	CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
H-4	ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY
K-4	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
M-4	APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY
N-4	NORTH CAROLINA A&T
O-4	VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
R-4	NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY
U-4	HAMPTON UNIVERSITY
W-4	COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY
Y-4	CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

6th, 16th & 17th REGIMENTS

H-4	ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY (Aligned with 6 th Rgt)
B-6	EAST TENNESSEE UNIVERSITY
P-6	TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY
A-16	FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
B-16	GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
C-16	FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY
E-16	BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY
G-16	ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY
Z-16	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
B-17	ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY
D-17	LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

8th & 12th REGIMENTS

A-8	CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
C-8	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
D-8	FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
F-8	SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
G-8	HOWARD UNIVERSITY
J-8	MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
K-8	SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
O-8	CANISIUS COLLEGE
Q-8	HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
T-8	JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
X-8	UNIVERSITY OF DELEWARE
A-12	NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
C-12	MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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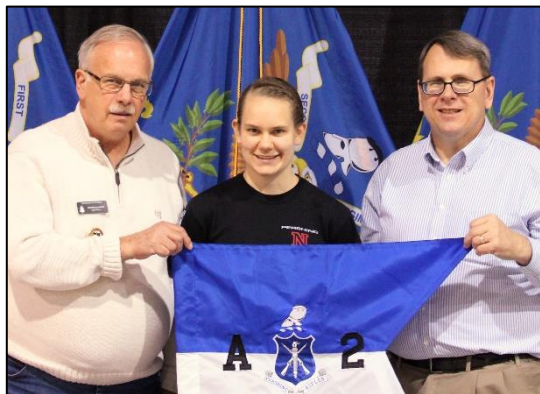


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- Company Charters
- Membership Shingles (Certificates)
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- Award Certificates
- Promotion Certificates

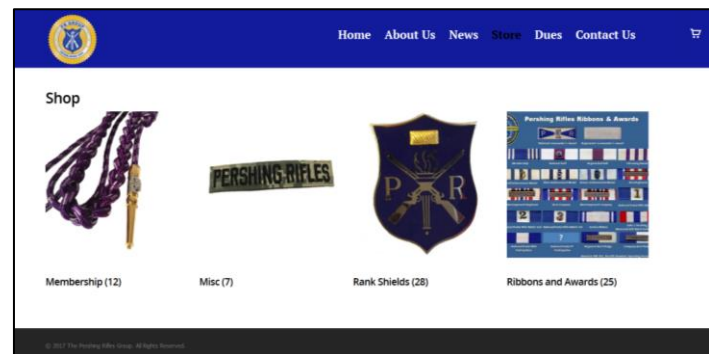
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