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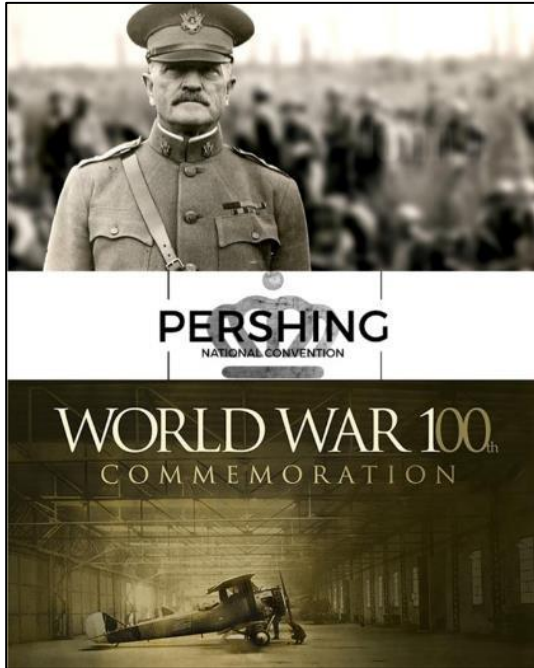


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NATCON 2018 Overview



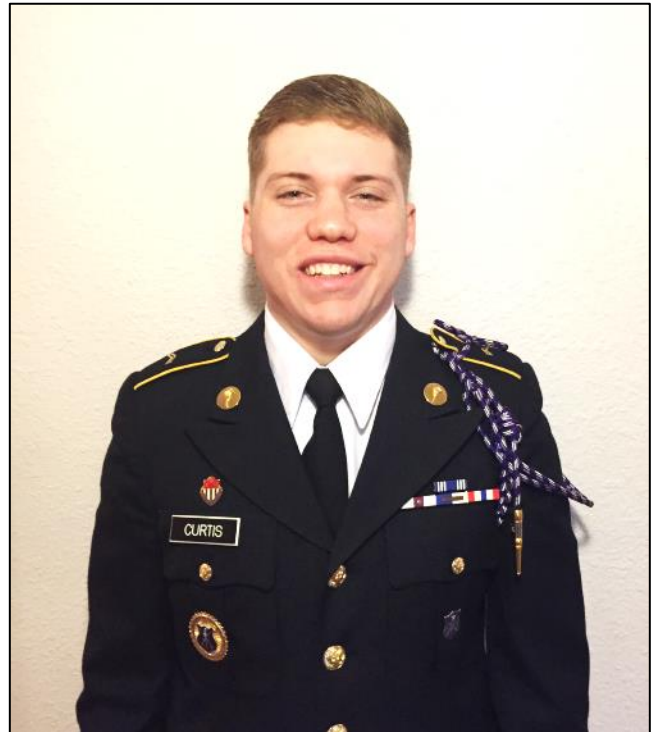
Chris Scheuermann, PRG Executive Director

On March 8-11, 2018, members of the Pershing Family of Organizations from across the country came together for the annual National Convention and General Assembly in Concord, North Carolina. This year's event had the largest attendance in recent history, and including a celebration of the Centennial of the end of The Great War.

At Thursday's National Alumni Dinner, the Pershing Rifles Alumni Association presented Charters, and a Re-activation Certificate to the Alumni Association Company's C-16 of Florida A&M University, O-4 of Virginia State University, and L-4 of North Carolina State. The Pershing Rifles Group recognized the hard work and dedication of a staff member who has spent

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P/R National Commander's Message



P/R Major General Maximillian Curtis

Thank you. Thank you to all the Riflemen in our great Society that helped us have one of the most successful years in Pershing Rifles history. I want to thank MG Viscanti for handing over a Society that is on the rise, I want to thank the outgoing National Headquarters staff and Regimental Commanders for their hard work and answering the call to service, but most of all I want to thank you, the Rifleman reading this right now, for maintaining and upholding the standards that General of the Armies John J. Pershing instilled upon his cadets over 124 years ago. It takes an army to make this Society run so I truly am thankful for all everyone has done.

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Pershing Rifles NATCON '18

8-11 March 2018

Charlotte, North Carolina



Pershing Rifleman at the Formal Dinner

NATCON '18 in Charlotte/Concord, NC was a resounding success. In all 40 Pershing Rifles units were represented at NATCON, of that 21 of them participated in the General John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition held at the Charlotte Motor Speedway which was a few miles away from the official NATCON hotel, The Great Wolf Lodge Charlotte/Concord.

The weekend festivities began with the Alumni Dinner at the White Pine Room of the Great Wolf Lodge on Thursday evening.

On Friday 10 March, the Drill Competition commenced with an Inspection of the Troops. The reviewing officer was David W. Shuey an actor portraying General Pershing. Thereafter the drill competition was held at Charlotte Motor Speedway here Troop L-1 from the University of Toledo emerged as the "Varsity Rifles" Pershing Rifles National Drill Champions for the Sixth 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 Maximillian Curtis as National Commander. Later Pershing Riflemen toured Charlotte and visited local sites of interest.

The evening ended with a reception and the annual military style formal dinner and awards ceremony at the Great Wolf Lodge, COL Farrell J. Duncombe II, Commander 4th Brigade (ROTC), served as the guest speaker, and MG Mark T. McQueen, 108th Training Command (IET) delivered remarks as the Keynote Speaker at the Saturday Dinner.



NATCON '18 Guest Speaker, COL Farrell J. Duncombe II, Commander 4th Brigade (ROTC)



General Pershing (David Shuey) takes the salute as the reviewing officer before the drill competition



The Society on Line before the drill competition

Company O-4 Virginia State University

P/R CPT Christopher Ellis

NATCON 2018 was an enjoyable and memorable event for Company Oscar – 4. The stay at Great Wolf Lodge was a great experience because of the different activities the resort had, such as the Water Park, arcade, and bowling alley. The stay was also quite convenient. The members didn't have to go out to find activities to participate in since the hotel already had such accommodations in place. Most of Pershing was grouped in one hotel, which made the stay even more relaxing - knowing no matter where you went, you would have Pershing family close by.

As the weekend went on, it became evident how much time was spent planning every minute detail for NATCON, down to the number of pizza slices given out during lunch, to the Excel spreadsheet outlining Pershing expenses. The atmosphere of each event was very organic, everyone was having fun, making connections, and making new friends.

Honestly, this was the best part about NATCON. The alumni were walking around connecting with the undergraduates, giving them wisdom, and helping them network. NATCON let the new inductees see the actual size of the Society on a national level, and it showed them that no matter where they went, they would always have a brother or sister near them.

Company G-7 Kansas State University

P/R CPT Kimmy Koblas

For Company G-7, NATCON 2018 was a crazy and very rewarding journey. Overall, every Rifleman that attended NATCON loved it. It was an amazing company bonding experience as well as a Society bonding experience.

At the 2017 NATCON, G-7 only competed with a Color Guard and a Soloist. As a company, we were determined to compete in every event for 2018. However, we faced a major issue. We only had 7 members. We went on recruiting overdrive.

Fall 2017, we had one of our largest candidate classes with 7 members, doubling our company.

Unfortunately, due to personal issues, we lost two new actives and our CO. This knocked us down to only 11 members, making us unable to field a full platoon. Luckily, we had a very motivated and committed Spring candidate class of 5 members who flew through the candidate process and excelled in drill. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our entire company, we were able to achieve our goal of competing in every event at NATCON 2018.

After the crazy year G-7 experienced, NATCON 2018 was extremely rewarding. At the drill meet, we scored very well in all events and even placed second in Squad Exhibition. We had 6 members receive awards; Spencer Weiser, Michael Hund, and Manuel Garcia, received the Bronze Achievement Medal, Kimmy Koblas and Max Curtis received the Silver Achievement Medal, and Jack Curtis received the Gold Achievement Medal.

Our success didn't end on Friday. At the formal dinner Saturday night, the 2,7, 9,10th Regiment received Best Regiment. G-7 also received Most Improved Company. This award in particular was the most rewarding one we received. This made all the ups and downs we went through worth it.

In addition to awards, G-7 also found success in staff positions. Jack Curtis was chosen as the Society NCOIC for NATCON. Manuel Garcia was chosen as the G-3 and the 2,7, 9,10th Deputy Regimental Commander. SJ Murff was chosen as the Deputy G-2. And for the first time in Company G-7 history, Max Curtis as the National Commander of Pershing Rifles.

Along with awards and staff positions, G-7 also had a great time socializing and bonding with the rest of the society. G-7 became especially close with one company over the weekend, A-2. We spent the majority of NATCON together and supported each other in all of our successes. Our companies became so close that this past weekend G-7 drove up to Lincoln to visit with A-2.

Personally, I am very proud of every member of my company and of everything they did to get us to where we are. We are already working hard and looking forward to continuing our success at NATCON 2019.

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: B/J Company A-4 (Camden Military)

Duet Exhibition Drill (Armed)

1st Place: P/R Company. L-1 (Toledo)
2nd Place, P/A Company H-4-5 (Alabama A&M)
3rd Place, B/J Company A-4 (Camden Military)

Individual Exhibition Drill (Armed)

1st Place, P/R Company B-4 (Fulk)
2nd Place, P/R Battery B-6 (Pearce)
3rd Place, P/R Company J-I (Scanlan)

Color Guard

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

Platoon Regulation Drill (Armed)

1st Place: Company M-4 (Appalachian State)
2nd Place: B/J Company A-1 (Ohio State)
3rd Place: B/J Company B-4 (P. R. Brown Academy)

Platoon Exhibition Drill (Armed)

1st Place, B/J Company B-4 (P. R. Brown Academy)
2nd Place, P/R Troop L-1 (Toledo)
3rd Place, B/J Company A-4 (Camden Military)

Squad Regulation Drill (Armed)

1st Place, B/J Company B-4 (P. R. Brown Academy)
2nd Place: B/J Company A-4 (Camden Military)
3rd Place: P/R Company. C-4 (Clemson)

Squad Exhibition Drill (Armed)

1st Place, P/R Troop L-1 (Toledo)
2nd Place, P/R Company G-7 (Kansas State)
3rd Place, B/J Company A-4 (Camden Military)

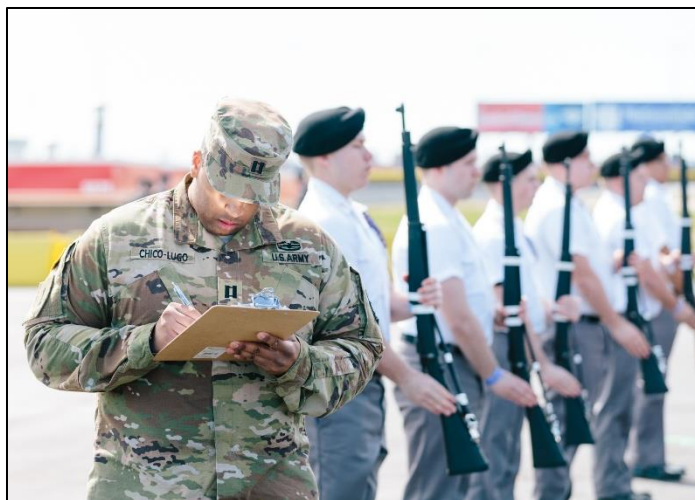
Knockout Competition

1st Place, Mandy Mompont A-16 (Fort Valley State)
2nd Place, Dal Polo L-1 (Toledo)
3rd Place, Holloman P/A O-4 (Virginia State)
4th Place, Tyler Mona A-2 (Nebraska) & Brittany
McMillan B/J B-4 (P. R. Brown Academy)

John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition

The 2018 NATCON John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition began on 9 March 2018, with David W. Shuey, an actor portraying General Pershing, serving as the reviewing officer for the competition held at the historic Charlotte Motor Speedway.

In all, 21 Pershing Rifles units alongside 5 Pershing Angels and 2 Blackjacks units participated in the drill competition.



Competing Units

Pershing Rifles

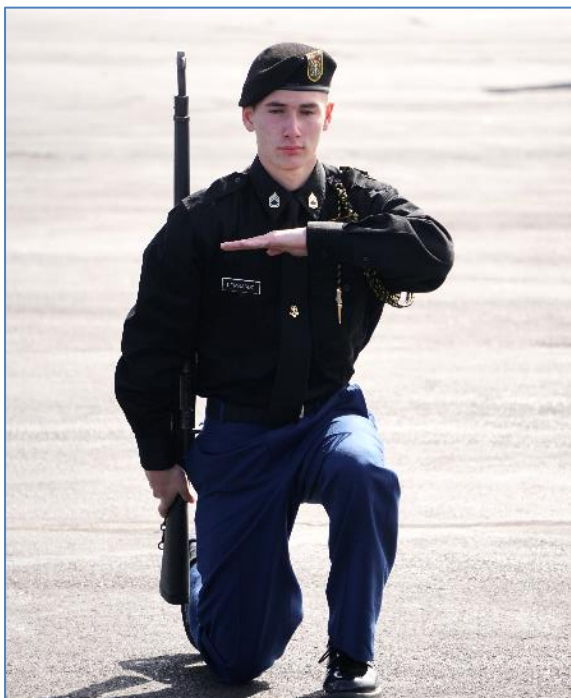
A-1 Ohio State University
E-1 University of Cincinnati
G-1 Xavier University
I-1 Bowling Green University
J-1 Wright State University
L-1 University of Toledo
R-1 Eastern Kentucky University
A-2 University of Nebraska - Lincoln
A-4 St. Augustine University
B-4 University of South Carolina
C-4 Clemson University
M-4 Appalachian State University
O-4 Virginia State University
B-6 East Tennessee University
G-7 Kansas State University
A-8 City University of New York
C-8 University of Maryland
J-8 Morgan State University
K-8 Seton Hall University
T-8 Johns Hopkins University
G-10 California Baptist University

Pershing Angels

H-4-5 Alabama A&M University
N-4 North Carolina A&T University
O-4 Virginia State University
P-4-5 Tuskegee 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 '18

Best Regiment: 2nd/7th/9th/10th Regiment
 Best Company: A-1 Ohio State University
 Most Improved Regiment: 1st & 3rd Regiment
 Most Improved Company: G-7 Kansas State Univ

Pershing Rifles Individual Awards Presented at NATCON '18

National Commander's Award

P/R MG Alex Meier (L-1 Toledo)
 Craig Zagorski (C-4 Clemson Alumni)

Rifleman of the Year

P/R CPT Christopher Lyons (L-1 Toledo)

Gold Achievement Medal

P/R COL Jack Curtis (G-7 Kansas State)
 P/R COL Issac Pinkney (B-16 Georgia State)
 P/R COL Kyle Rable (L-1 Toledo)
 P/R CPT Christopher Ellis (O-4 Virginia State)
 P/R CPT Ashley Hayes (B-6 East Tennessee)
 P/R CPT Christian Valentine (L-1 Toledo)
 P/R 1LT Michael Chung (L-1 Toledo)

Silver Achievement Medal

P/R BG Maximillian Curtis (G-7 Kansas State)
 P/R COL Tyler Byles (M-4 Appalachian State)
 P/R MAJ Christopher Scanlan (J-1 Wright State)
 P/R CPT Dom Lawson (B-10 Fresno State)
 P/R CPT Marshal Martin (B-6 East Tennessee)
 P/R CPT Brian Niedert (A-2 Nebraska – Lincoln)
 P/R 2LT Kimmy Koblas (G-7 Kansas State)
 P/R 1SGT Clarissa Michaud (A-1 Ohio State)
 P/R MSG Michael Baker (A-1 Ohio State)

Pershing Rifles Units Which Participated in NATCON '18 in Charlotte, NC

Company A-1	Ohio State University
Company C-1	University of Kentucky
Company E-1	University of Cincinnati
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 A-2	University of Nebraska
Company A-3	Indiana University
Company A-4	St. Augustine University
Company B-4	University of South Carolina
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 W-4	College of William and Mary
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 C-8	University of Maryland
Company D-8	Fordham University
Company G-8	Howard University
Company J-8	Morgan State University
Company K-8	Seton Hall University
Company O-8	Canisius College
Company T-8	Johns Hopkins 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 Samuel Good (A-1 Ohio State)
 P/R CPT Lu Lue (M-4 Appalachian State)
 P/R CPT Mathew Waddell (M-4 Appalachian State)
 P/R 1LT Zachery Day (A-2 Nebraska – Lincoln)
 P/R 2LT Jacob Brooks (B-6 East Tennessee)
 P/R 2LT Phillip Wilson (B-6 East Tennessee)
 P/R CSM Manuel Garcia (G-7 Kansas State)
 P/R MSG Spencer Wiser (G-7 Kansas State)
 P/R SFC Michael Hund (G-7 Kansas State)
 P/R CPL Victoria Dickinson (M-4 Appalachian State)



Units Chartered at NATCON '18

Congratulations to our newest Pershing Rifles units, Company B-4 University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC (shown above) and Company E-16 Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL, which were presented their charters at the NATCON '18 Formal Dinner on 10 March 2018.

Company B-4 University of South Carolina was originally chartered as Company K-4 in 1962, and was the only Naval ROTC Company in 4th Regiment and the only company in the Society to use the Marine Eight-man Squad Drill. It placed 2nd in the Forth Regimental Drill Meet in 1965. Members of the company proudly served as the University's permanent honor guard and performed during numerous events including football games. USC's tenure in the Society was short lived as it was replaced by South Carolina State College as Company K-4 in 1966.

Although Company E-16 Bethune-Cookman University is a newly chartered unit it has observed Pershing Rifles traditions since at least 2015.

Honorary Pershing Riflemen

Two Honorary Pershing Riflemen were recognized at the NATCON '18 Formal Dinner on 10 March 2018. CSM (Ret) Othel Terrell, and Ruth Ogilive.

As the Advisor for Blackjack Company A-4 CSM (Ret) Terrell dedicated his life and time to helping develop the young men of B/J Company A-4 at Camden Military Academy, Camden, SC. He taught them the importance of respect. He has been there for many of them when they were in need of a positive influence in life. He pushed the Blackjacks of Company A-4 to challenge themselves and strive for greatness due to the inspiration that he instilled in them.

Ruth Ogilive, is the wife of current Pershing Rifles Group Vice Chairman, COL(R) Vince Ogilive. For the past 10 years, Ruth has been consistently involved with supporting the Pershing Rifles Company E-8 (NYU) alumni reunions. She has played a role in assisting with the activities of every reunion she has attended, and for the last 4 years, Mrs. Ogilive attended every National Convention. In addition to supporting Company E-8 in their local reunion activities, Mrs. Ogilive has gone above and beyond in volunteering to help out in any way she can at the Pershing Rifles National Conventions.



Honorary Pershing Rifleman CSM (Ret) Othel Terrell with members of Blackjack Company A-4

NATCON '18 Photo Gallery



Company K-8 Seton Hall University in the Color Guard competition at the John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition NATCON '18



Formal Dinner on Saturday Night



National Commander's Change of Command Ceremony



Company M-4 Appalachian State University, 1st Place Platoon Regulation Drill (Armed) during the John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition at NATCON '18



Members of Company C-4 Clemson University stand inspection

Former National Commander Donte' M. Hanns Receives the Pershing Rifles Life Saving Award



Hannes (left) receiving the Pershing Rifles Life Saving Award from the National Commander P/R MG Carrie A. Viscanti

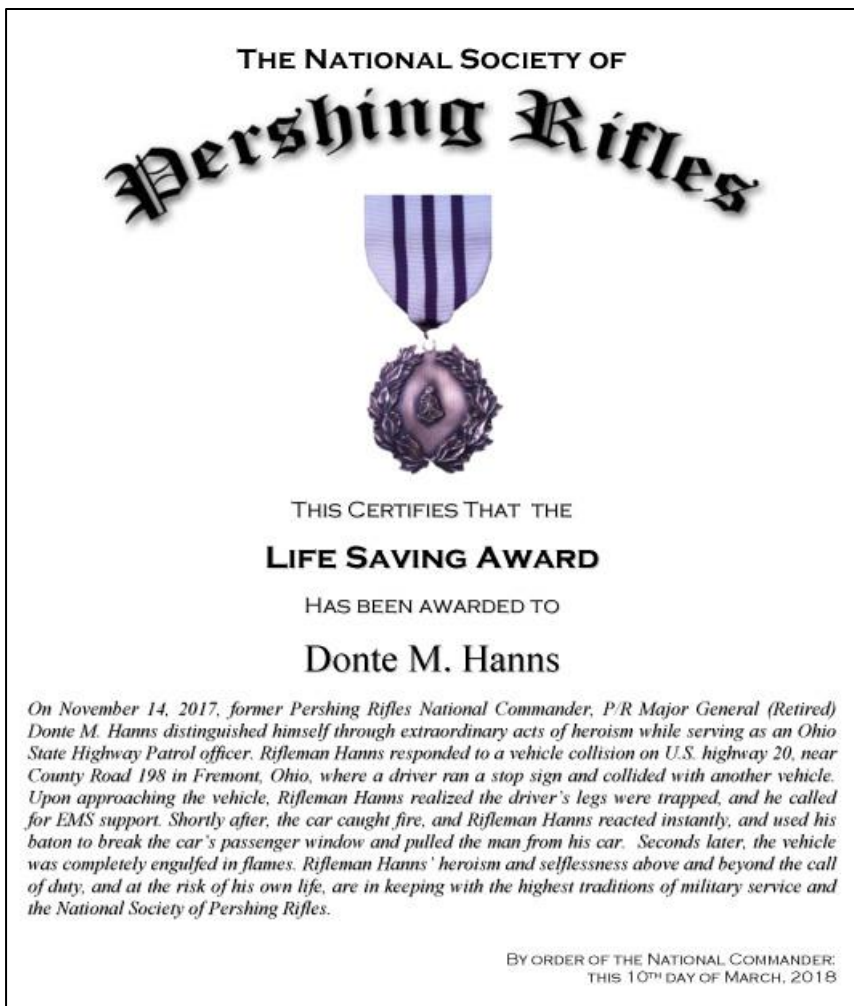
Former Pershing Rifles National Commander (2014-15) and current Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Donte' M. Hanns was presented with the Pershing Rifles Life Saving Award during the P/R National Convention formal dinner on the evening 10 March 2018, for his lifesaving actions in November 2017.

Hannes was on a routine patrol along U.S. 20 in Ohio on 9 November 2017, when he noticed traffic begin to slow around 9 AM. He later observed a car emitting smoke that had been involved in a crash near Fremont, Ohio. "It's a lot to take in. It's the first biggest thing I've handled in my career, but it's another teaching tool for me and maybe others who have seen it," Hanns said.

While he attempted to free the driver, the car caught fire. Trooper Hanns broke the window and was able to remove the driver before the car became engulfed in flames. Because Hanns was patrolling the area, he was able to get the driver out of the car before it burst into flames. If the victim had to wait for a trooper to arrive after being dispatched to the crash site, it would have been too late. "By the time the next trooper had arrived on the scene, the car was fully engulfed in flames and he would have been stuck inside there," Hanns said in November, "If I wasn't close by I'd say he would have been engulfed in there."

The Pershing Rifles Life Saving Award was designed by the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry and approved by Pershing Rifles National Headquarters in 1964.

The last known presentation of this award was in 1988, when former Pershing Rifleman Alumni Don Brookshire of Company C-4 Clemson University received the medal for rescuing individuals from an apartment fire while serving with the Clemson Police Department.



Company M-4 Appalachian State University

ASU Pershing Rifles Have Another Strong Showing at the Nationals

The 2018 Pershing Rifles National Competition proved to be another strong showing for the riflemen of Appalachian State's Company M-4!

Members of Company M-4 had the privilege of travelling to Concord, NC this year to compete. The Great Wolf Lodge played host to the society this year as well as provided accommodations for the annual formal dinner.

Rifleman Angela Ruiz brought home the Gold for Company M-4 by placing first in the platoon regulation category! Company M-4 also had three riflemen awarded medals of achievement for their hard work over the past year and dedication to the society; two bronze and one silver.

This marks two years in a row that company M-4 has managed to place in platoon regulation. The total for the last two National Competitions for M-4 currently stands at third place for squad regulation, second and first place in platoon regulation, one National Society Scholarship award, three achievement medals, and the title of Best Company in 2017.

Company M-4 looks forward to another great year of competition and another chance to bring home the title of Varsity Rifles!

--Cadet Aldridge

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countless hours working as the Controller for the Pershing Rifles Group, Thomas Rothrock was inducted into the Order of Pershing.

The attendees of the National Alumni dinner were treated to a speech from General of the Armies John J Pershing! To celebrate the centennial of The Great War, David W. Shuey of Pershing Generally Speaking, an actor who portrays the General was invited to attend NATCON. He was dressed as the General and gave a speech about individual responsibility and civic duty.

The General opened the drill competition by conducting the annual Pass and Review of the Troops, along with the mayor of Concord, NC. The drill competition this year was held on the infield of the Charlotte Motor Speedway, it was a little windy but our members persevered and had a great competition.

The 2018 National Convention culminated with the National dinner, where we had two speakers. The first speaker was Colonel Farrell Duncombe, he is the commander of the 4th Brigade of Cadet Command, an area that covers West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

The key note speaker was MG Mark T. McQueen, the Commanding General of the 108th Training Command (IET), headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina. The 108th is the sole force provider of Drill Sergeants within the Army Reserve. The command also maintains a Division of instructors and trainers dedicated to assisting with the Cadet Summer Training missions for both ROTC at Fort Knox, Kentucky and also the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He is a Pershing Rifles alumnus from Auburn University, formally Company G-4 and is retiring later this year, he said he loved the fact that he was "bookending" his military career with the Pershing Rifles.

NATCON '18 would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors. I'd like to recognize our platinum sponsors Ms. Sandy Pershing, and USAA who have supported us for many years.



PERSHING RIFLES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PERSHING DAYS IN LACLEDE, MISSOURI

PERSHING'S BOYHOOD HOME, LACLEDE, MISSOURI

SEPTEMBER 2018

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

124RD ANNIVERSARY OF PERSHING RIFLES AND FOUNDERS DAY

2 OCTOBER 2018

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 2018

Pershing Gravesite Section 34 Arlington National Cemetery

PERSHING RIFLES NATCON '19

NATIONAL CONVENTION AND DRILL COMPETITION

14-17 MARCH 2019

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

My goals for this year is to continue our success from this past year, continue re-expansion efforts across the nation, and to ensure stronger lines of communication between the National Headquarters staff and companies. We are here to serve you, but if problems are not brought to our attention it becomes difficult to fix them, so I implore everyone reading this to please let us know how we can continue to strive to make our society better. My staff is on notice at any time to answer your questions and help facilitate solutions to problems.

I would like to write about a recent experience of mine that has shed quite a bit of light on how I view this society and the potential it holds. My home company, G-7 took a two and half hour trip north to visit one of our fellow companies, Company A-2 "Pershing's Own". The brotherhood and camaraderie that was constantly present was amazing to see. Friendships formed at NATCON that were continuing to be built afterwards. Along with this, both companies learned from each other on how they run their own company, whether it is candidate cycles, drill practices, or brotherhood events, there was always at least a little something that was different.

So, it is with that that I wish everyone to make an effort this year to go out and visit a fellow company, not for myself, but for yourselves and because I know everyone in this Society has something they can learn, and something they can teach another member of this Society.

Success as a Society is dependent upon all of us to do our best to continue our growth. If we continue to strive for greatness and to live by the pillars on which we were founded, I have no doubt in my mind we will be successful as a society. Go forth Riflemen and achieve greatness every day you step out into the world. Challenge yourself, and challenge those around you to do their best.

At your service, I am,

Maximillian Curtis
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**

On behalf of everyone working in support of the Pershing Foundation, we would like to congratulate these three 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 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 three cadets received scholarships from the Pershing Foundation, which were handed out at the NATCON formal dinner Friday night. One \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to an undergraduate Pershing Rifleman, 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

Julianna Klein
 Pershing Rifles Company C-4
 Clemson University

Blackjacks

Justin Lake
 Black Jacks Company A-8
 Mattituck High School NJROTC

Joseph Stuckart
 Black Jacks Company A-8
 Mattituck High School NJROTC





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

During World War I, while inspecting a certain area, General John J. Pershing found a project that was not going well, even though the second lieutenant in charge seemed to have a pretty good plan. General Pershing asked the lieutenant how much pay he received. On hearing the lieutenant's reply of \$141.67 per month, Sir, General Pershing said: Just remember that you get \$1.67 per month for making your plan and issuing the order, and \$140.00 for seeing that it is carried out. - GEN Omar Bradley, "On Leadership", Parameters, September 1981 "

I admired Pershing from the start and came to like him as a person with the passage of years...He lived fully, with much verve, and knew the passions of love and ambition, the frustrations of missed chances, the glories of great achievement, and remained as he had been, a man of wit, humor, romance, who had the simplest, perhaps most graceful of virtues - honest patriotism." - Author Frank E. Vandiver in the Preface to "Black Jack"

Pershing Rifles Command and Staff At a Glance



National Staff members at NATCON '18

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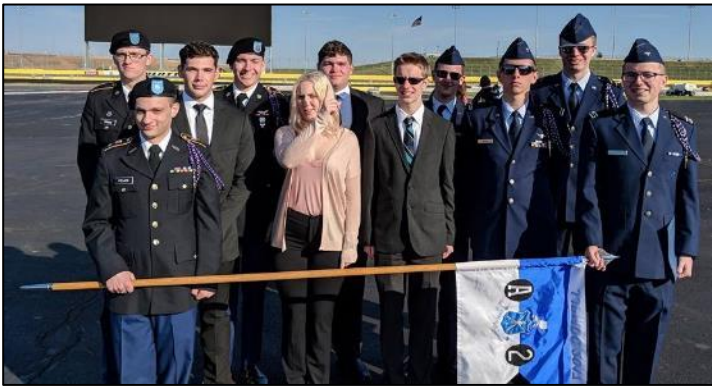
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Company A-2 “Pershing’s Own” University of Nebraska - Lincoln

*P/R COL Brian J. Niedert
2/7/9/10 Regimental Commander
& A-2 Company Commander*

This year, Pershing's Own made our standard epic trek to the east coast for the National Convention. And the journey was indeed epic. The non-stop 24 hour drive began in our own humble NHQ at Lincoln, preparing a 3 vehicle convoy for the trip. We loaded up on energy drinks, snacks, and got our long distance radios tuned for the adventure.

But this was no regular car ride. When A-2 makes the trek, we go extra in every sense. This was a proper convoy will full convoy call outs and procedure. The convoy battled terrible weather, extreme energy drink shortages, and many shenanigans, but we eventually made it to our destination in good time and without having to stop anywhere for more than 30 minutes.

We even had the opportunity to see Pershing's very own boyhood home at Laclede, MO on the way. Some would view this lengthy trip as a burden, but A-2 considers it a core part of the NATCON experience. It is a time of extreme bonding and camaraderie for all members of the company who choose to undertake this epic task, and it is not for the faint of heart.

A-2 thoroughly enjoyed our experience at NATCON and everything we got to be a part of and enjoy during our time there. Our time during the drive only makes us all closer as a company and as a group of friends, however we will relish the opportunity to have a significantly larger showing the next time NATCON hopefully ends up a little closer to home.

PERSHING RIFLES ALUMNI WHO HAVE PASSED



Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) James L. Condon, 70, of Republican City, NE, July 6, 1947-January 14, 2018. Pershing Rifles National Headquarters, University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Jim served in several key P/R NHQ staff positions including PAO. He was the recipient of the National Commander’s Award. Jim graduated from UNL in 1970 with a Degree in Chemical Engineering and served as a Military Intelligence officer in the United States Army, four years on active duty, and he ultimately retired after 30 years as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserves and National Guard. His 40 year civilian career was with an engineering and design firm, Olsson Associates where he served as Vice President, Public Relations in the area of water and wastewater. In recent years he was actively involved with ROTC and the Pershing Rifles Alumni Association encouraging increased student participation in these important programs.

George R. O’Reilly, 87, of Sudbury, MA passed away on March 10th, 2018. George grew up in New York City, attended Bronx Science High School and City College of New York, graduating in 1952 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He was a proud member of the Pershing Rifles Company A-8, and served as a Lieutenant in Korea in the 934th Engineer Aviation Group, known as a SCARWAF. Upon returning from Korea, George joined Turner Construction Company in 1955. He worked at Turner for 39 years, retiring in 1994 as Vice President and General Manager of the Boston Territory.

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
E-1	THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
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

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

A-2	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN
E-2	SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECH
L-2	SOUTHWEST MISSOURI 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
B-4	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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
W-4	COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

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
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
G-8	HOWARD UNIVERSITY
J-8	MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
K-8	SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
O-8	CANISIUS COLLEGE
T-8	JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
A-12	NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY



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