

## Scholarship News

\*\*\*\*\*Photos in separate folder: numbered 1-9 with names.

The Foundation's Fundraising Raffle drawing occurred on May 25 when we drew the winner's names for over 50 prizes. The results were posted in the Hospitality Room at the reunion. Due to space constraints in this issue, we will print the lists of prizes, donors, and winners in the October *Watch*. We thank Justin Valle for his help with the drawing. Except for the firearms, prizes were shipped to all winners, on May 26. One winner of a firearm has not responded to instructions for claiming the weapon. Arrangements have been made for the transfer of the other two weapons. Hopefully, we will have photos for the October *Watch*.

In a meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Scholarship Board of Directors voted to present a ninth award this year. This enabled us to serve both candidates that tied in the balloting for the eighth award. Again this year, we received excellent submissions from our candidates seeking scholarship grants. Also, again this year, we received more applications than we could serve. It was very difficult for our judges to determine the best-of-the best, and they were all very good. Those candidates who did not receive grants this year were encouraged to apply next year, and we provided some guidance for improving their submissions. Also, some candidates who did receive grants also received some suggestions for future submissions. In the interest of saving space, let me say that every one of the recipients below demonstrated excellent community service and academic ability. All were on various honor rolls and all demonstrated leadership ability. The 2015 recipients' photos and profiles follow and these are on our website at [www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org](http://www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org).

**Austin C. Blanchard** received the “**Award in Honor and Memory of Col. Sherman Pratt.**” Austin is pursuing a degree in Business Administration at Georgia College and State University. His essay, “**Freedom and Patriotism,**” is supported by the Constitution and our Declaration of Independence. He credits America's greatness to our military. He is concerned about the decrease in funds for our military. He views our military and the technology that supports it as the greatest in the world. He does not believe that passivism is the correct approach to world issues. He fears the liberalism being promoted in our schools and universities. He prays “that our country will be blessed with leaders who will seek guidance from God and will always have the back of our Armed Forces.” He hopes God will give us the strength and power to triumph over that evil (radicalized Islamists) and other evils we encounter. “My hope is that we remain today and always, ‘One Nation under God.’”

**Benjamin C. Edwards** received the “**Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. ‘Rick’ Richenbacher.**” Benjamin is a freshman at Kennesaw State University, majoring in Business Administration and hopes to earn a Master Degree. He is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, and he is an Eagle Scout. His essay, “**I Pledge Allegiance,**” discusses allegiance or loyalty as the foundation of our nation. He says, “Without it we would not have the brave men and women who serve in our armed forces.” He does not want to dwell on past heroes. He walks among heroes every day that demonstrate loyalty to our nation. He names several and focuses on his father, as a present day hero of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. He comes back to each Soldier named and explains his heroic actions. He praises all of his present day heroes for putting their men and objectives above self and safety. “They pledge their allegiance to the United States and have inspired me to do the same.”

**Kathryn Kendall** received the “**Scholarship Foundation Award in Honor of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Active Duty Soldiers.**” Kathryn is a graduate student at the University of Washington where she is pursuing a Master Degree in Business Administration, and she is currently serving in the military. Serving in a support function, she was responsible for equipment modernization and withdrawing supplies from Iraq in preparation for the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her battalion was attached to the 3d I.D. during its fourth tour in Iraq. Kathryn’s essay, “**A Marne Family Bond**” talks about her family’s long history of military service to our nation. Her Grandfather, Maurice Kendall, was commissioned in 1943, through the Infantry Officer Candidate School. She talks about his service in WWII. She earned her commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army National Guard, in 2008. She talks about the elder Kendall’s encounter with General “Iron Mike” O’Daniel when he ordered Kendall to have all of our Soldiers paint the 3<sup>rd</sup> I.D. Patch on their helmets. O’Daniel wanted the enemy to know that they were fighting the Marne Division. She talks about the breakout from the Anzio beachhead, the invasion of Southern France, the Colmar Pocket, and on to the end of the war. She mentions General Kendall’s visit to her before she left for Iraq. He gave her the pocket Bible he carried throughout WWII and assured her it would also keep her safe. She arrived in Iraq just as the 3<sup>rd</sup> I.D. began its fourth tour. The 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade (including her battalion) was assigned to the Marne Division during that tour.

**Jamie Keup** received the “**Award in Honor and Memory of 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Soldiers for Their Meritorious Services in the Evacuation of Military and Civilian Refugees from Hungnam, North Korea, December 1950.**” Jamie is a continuing student at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, majoring in management with an interest in public health. Her essay, “**Walking the Red Carpet,**” deals with the significance of Veterans. It focuses on the importance and contributions of Veterans and all who have sacrificed so we could have freedom and safety. She talks about the importance of building our military to be prepared for wars we do not yet know about. She feels that the word “Veteran” does not receive enough emphasis or respect. She says that the “people who really deserve to be walking the red carpet are American Veterans.”

**Kelli P. Kolasheski** received the **Legacy “Award in Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason.”** Kelli, a beginning student at Colorado State University, is majoring in elementary education. Her essay, “**First Director of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps (W.A.A.C.),**” takes a fresh approach to essay writing for a scholarship grant. Kelli talks about the advancement of women in American Society and the need for women to help during WWII. After passage of the bill allowing women to serve in the military, President Roosevelt appointed Oveta Culp Hobby as the first director of the W.A.A.C. Kelli describes the formation and development of the WAAC. Then she talks about women in business and government today. The essay ends with “I will forever be grateful for Oveta Culp Hobby and the women that so courageously served our country in its time of need.” [*W.A.A.C. was later renamed and shortened to W.A.C., Women’s Army Corps.*]

**Kaylee McGraw-Wright** received the “**Award in Honor and Memory of the 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion.**” Kaylee is a junior at East Washington State University, majoring in nursing with the hope of achieving a Forensic Nursing Certificate. Her interests are in neonatal intensive care, cardiology, emergency, pediatrics, and trauma. Her essay, “**National Pride,**”

begins with a quoted definition of national pride: “the pride and sense of esteem that a person has for one’s nation and the pride of self-esteem that a person derives from one’s national identity.” She uses some powerful quotes to make her point that national pride is something we show on a daily basis. She references the Declaration of Independence that she feels gave us sovereignty and human rights when it declared the 13 colonies in 1776. She mentions “melting pot” and links that idea to “E Pluribus Unum”—from many to one. She sees America as the most diverse country in the world. She then mentions evidence of our cultural diversity. She closes with “I believe National Pride comes naturally to Americans. We are proud of who we are, our diverse cultures and languages, and what it means to be American.” She seems to feel that we should feel pride in our diversity.

**Stephanie Nussio** received the “**Col. and Mrs. Terrence A. Smith Award in Honor of the 184<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Air Assault), OIF 2005-2006, a Valorous Unit.**” Stephanie is a freshman at Christendom College seeking a degree in literature. She hopes to work as a writer, editor or speaker. Her essay, “**Murphy and Smith: Two Representatives of the Presidential Unit Citation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division,**” is about the awarding of the Medal of Honor to Second Lieutenant Audie L. Murphy in 1945 and on Sgt. Paul R. Smith in 2003. She describes their brave actions which earned them the nation’s highest honor. She ties their actions to the Presidential Unit Citations awarded to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division for actions in the Colmar Pocket and in Iraqi Freedom I. She ends with, “These men fulfilled their duties as American Soldiers and [they] reflect the courage and fortitude of all dog-face soldiers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.”

**Luke Rhoades** received the “**Scholarship Foundation Memorial Award,**” which honors **Roy Navarre**, 15<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt, WWII (Donor, David J. Navarre) and **James B. Galiano** (donors, Mr. and Mrs. V.A. Clark, Marjorie Belou, Cheryl Galiano, and Martha Cimo). Luke is attending Purdue University, majoring in engineering. Luke demonstrated outstanding performance in NJROTC, and he was on the National Champion Precision Rifle Team for 2012-13. His essay, “**Patriotism,**” talks about his grandfather leading him through example: in action, morality, and spirit to understand what patriotism is and what a love for this country really means. He sees his grandfather as a protector of his friends and family and says he is defined by determination, dismissing the option to quit, and fighting with passion. He addresses comments to our soldiers and to everyone’s way of life. He discusses various walks of life and their contributions to America. He sees us all as patriots. He ends with “You are what you have become in this great land, and We the People are Americans. We the People are patriots.”

**Matthew “Alec” Roach** received the **Legacy “Award in Honor of Major General Maurice W. Kendall.**” Alec is a sophomore at Virginia Military Institute, majoring in English with minors in military history and international studies. He intends to pursue a commission in the Army. His essay, “**Nationalism and VMI: The Bond They Share,**” discusses the rigors of VMI’s Spartan militaristic lifestyle that takes students beyond “just being a proud American.” He discusses the core ideals of the Citizen Soldier that covers all routine and significant disciplines of military life. VMI training “prompts one to think about a life in the military, and truly appreciate the armed forces of the United States of America.”

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