



L-4 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Thank you to everyone involved in making the recent reunion a success. Though the board organized this event, those of you who attended made it what it was. Reconnecting after six years was like chicken soup, good for the soul. I strongly encourage both formal and informal gatherings as we move forward.

In keeping with the wishes of General Pershing, for the first time in the association's history, we will present a Good Citizenship Award for Community Service. The recipient is NC State's Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tom Stafford (Ret) for his years of volunteer activities on campus.

So far seven PRs have been commissioned into the army as lieutenants. These young officers represent the best of our nation. Most have completed their basic leadership (branch) course or are students at their assigned branch school.

Our concerted goal has always been reactivating the company and enjoying camaraderie among alumni. Now the focus is shifting. The active company continues to develop. I predict that it will become the go-to group for color guard details, parade march units, and drill performances. The recent creation of two at-large directors was visionary. One of those at-large seats recently vacated is filled by Will McCormick, a charter member and former company commander. Teshawn Lee, also a charter member and former commander, and the first L-4 Rifleman to graduate since the company's reactivation, was elected Director of Engagement. As the initial company commander, Teshawn became familiar with expansion requirements and worked closely with ROTC cadre to reactivate the company. I am excited by their interest in alumni affairs. I am overjoyed by their eagerness to blend in and bring new perspectives to the board of directors.

Another scholarship will be given in early 2023. We are close to granting two scholarships, however, your year-end generosity will determine if this becomes reality next spring.

The quickest and most current trove of information continues to be the website. By tapping the underlined web address in the masthead of this letter, you will instantly be redirected to the association's website. The Director of Administration, Judy Ramsey, continues to serve as the site's webmaster.

Larry Hancock, Bo Nowell, and Stewart Aull have stepped down from the executive board. These directors remained in place for six years. There's something to be said for fraternal bonds. The association enjoys a closer working relationship with the company, the new alumni, and the rest of us older folks. We owe these three brothers our sincere thanks for working through the good and not so good days since 2016. Thank you for your loyal service, brothers!

Pete Martineau, Teshawn Lee, and Will McCormick were nominated and elected by the membership to serve on the executive board as replacement directors. We wish them all the best as we move forward.

Happy Thanksgiving All,
Joe