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## Newsletter



### Army-Baylor Network News

Greetings Fellow Bears and Happy New Year!

Our Fall 2013 Newsletter highlighted the board's hard work and success to reach federal non-profit organization status: 501(c)(3). Achieving such status provides the potential for our association to evolve once again. What began as the *Army-Baylor*

*Alumni Club*, progressed over the years to become known as the *Army-Baylor Alumni Association (ABAA)*. In doing so, it was the board's desire to attract support from business and our growing alumni population. However, our organization's name change continued to limit and discourage benefactor support. This is no longer the case. We changed our name once again, this time aligning with Baylor main campus alumni office. The office provided vital administrative resources and support to transition to a 501(c)3 organization. Now we begin 2014 known as the *Army-Baylor Network (ABN)*. So what does this mean? The following FAQ help to answer this question.

**What happen to our Bylaws and Constitution?** No change, except for a pending administration change in name only: ABAA to ABN. The Bylaws and Constitution can be found [here](#).

**Why did we join forces with main campus?** For the past 3-4 years we've worked to become a 501(c)(3) organization for the betterment of our Alumni and the support we provide to the Army-Baylor Program. We are an all-volunteer/elected board and our officers are scattered across the globe, already actively employed in full-time jobs, and inevitably an officer has been deployed during their tenure over the last five years. The level of dedication and effort required to make this change was simply not available. However, the main campus alumni office provided the staff, expertise and support to reach our goal. In turn, it was an easy decision for the board to accept this assistance in exchange for following the main campus' standard naming convention and website template.

**Do we have the same autonomy?** Yes. Your elected board maintains oversight and provides direction. For the past 2-3 years, the main campus staff provided some support when it came time to publish our newsletters. Now, as a 501(c)3, main campus will also provide the tax/legal and website service support.

**What is our board composition?** The voting member positions have remained constant;

there are no additions from main campus. We have added a non-voting member to serve as Secretary, and are establishing another non-voting member to serve as Website Content Manager/Social Media.

**Where is our website?** We continue from transition our old website to <http://www.baylor.edu/network/index.php?id=99699>. Many of you have expressed a desire for a modern and professional website. Nesting our webpage into the main campus site ensures consistent management and support to deliver a high quality site that makes us all proud.

**What does the future hold for ABN?** The board faces many challenges, but the most imperative is how to we conduct business with you. The days of large alumni gatherings at ACHE's March Congress are becoming obsolete. We are experimenting with holding small group gatherings during key events and developing means to virtually communicate with our population served. This will allow us to conduct award nominations, board elections, voting and reporting. We are also preparing a Combined Federal Campaign packet for a calendar year 2014 listing.



LTC Joseph (Joe) P. Edger, FACHE  
Alumni President  
Class of 2005

## Army-Baylor Alumni Board

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**Secretary (non-voting):** MAJ John Evans [johnathan.j.evans.mil@mail.mil](mailto:johnathan.j.evans.mil@mail.mil)

## SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

### 2014 Army Baylor Network Board Member Virtual Nominations

We're nearing April 1<sup>st</sup>, which means the board member transition is just around the corner. This year we have **two vacant positions**. In addition to the normal rotation, LTC Forest Kim will step down as VP to assume duties as the Program Director for the Army-Baylor Program. Although a this is a huge loss for the board and alumni he served, Forest will remain a critical stakeholder in the education of future Army-Baylor alumni. Please nominate qualified individuals who have both the time and desire to serve the required 5-year commitment to our board NLT 28 FEB 2014. The 5-year term includes 3 years as ascending as Vice President, 1 year as President and the final year as the Immediate Past President. Ensure your nominee accepts his/her nomination and provide a contact email or phone number so the board can validate his/her commitment. Refer to the [ABN Constitution](#) for specific information on officer responsibilities.

We are bound by the bylaws to have a civilian as a board member, who may be a DoD or VA civilian, retiree, faculty member or anyone else who isn't in an active military status. So consider all qualified alumni as nominees, but please give special emphasis to our civilians.

Submit nominations NLT 7 March 2014 to ABN Board at [admin@armybaylor.com](mailto:admin@armybaylor.com)

### New Board Position Announcement: Web Content/Social Media Manager

The ABN Board has a vacancy for a Web Content/Social Media Manager. The ideal candidate is an early careerist/alumnus, tech savvy, and able to participate in board meetings and coordinate with Baylor's website staff. This is a volunteer position that offers an early careerist board experience, volunteer hours, and greater potential to follow-on in elected board position.

### Nominate a colleague to the Board!

Submit nominations NLT 7 March 2014 to [admin@armybaylor.com](mailto:admin@armybaylor.com)



## Distinguished Alumni Award

On 31 October, Ms. Sara Ryan, 3rd Vice President and LTC Tammie Jones, prior ABN President, presented RADM McCormick-Boyle with the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award. RADM McCormick-Boyle's classmates provided well wishes, anecdotes and pictures from their time in the classroom as part of their congratulations to their classmate and friend. Congratulations RADM McCormick-Boyle!



RADM Rebecca McCormick-Boyle and Ms. Sara Ryan at the award presentation



RADM Rebecca McCormick-Boyle and CAPT David Gibson, members of the class of 1996, review a photo of the class at The Alamo

### Nominate Next Year's Distinguished Alumni!

Do you know a member of the Baylor Alumni Network that deserves to be recognized with the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award? Submit nominations to:

[admin@armybaylor.com](mailto:admin@armybaylor.com)

### Treasury Report as of February 2014

<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$15,425</b>
Expected expenses through July 2014	\$10,900
<u>Expected revenue through July 2014</u>	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
<b>Expected balance July 2014</b>	<b>\$12,525</b>

## Director's Corner

Happy New Year, Baylor Bears! I hope this note finds you and your families having enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and primed for a great year ahead.

We have a few faculty transitions to report. LTC Forest Kim deployed for a six-month period in Afghanistan to provide support and consultation in the development of the Afghan National Military Education Center. LTC Cindi Childress remains on faculty for research, service, and some focused teaching support, but has transferred primary assignment duties to MEDCOM Headquarters at Fort Sam Houston in the G-3/5/7 office. CAPT Lynn Downs, USN arrived from BUMED-East to serve dually with CAPT Tom Mihara as Navy faculty representatives in the program. CAPT Downs earned a Ph.D. in Public Administration from American University. Additionally, she holds the distinction of earning an undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and MBA from Texas A&M University, and now holds faculty rank at Baylor! Army-Baylor MHA-MBA alum, MAJ Jason Richter, USAF, arrived having recently earned a Ph.D. from the Ohio State University. Finally, LTG Patricia Horoho, the Army Surgeon General, promoted MAJ Mishaw Cuyler to LTC in a wonderful ceremony conducted at Fort Sam Houston with scores of family and colleagues in attendance.

As we look to the future of the program, a number of factors including future students and faculty members are particularly promising. The initial results of the Army LTHET boards coupled with other Service graduate education boards indicates that the incoming cohort of 2014-2016 could be the largest class in contemporary history numbering at or near 60 students. Future faculty and their expected arrival for faculty service follows:

LTC Tanya Peacock	University of Hawaii	2014
MAJ Don Sexton	University of Michigan	2014
MAJ Chris Besser	University of Florida	2014
MAJ Alan Jones	University of Alabama at Birmingham	2015
MAJ Christian Nelson	University of South Carolina	2016
MAJ Walt Hawkins	University of North Carolina	2017
CPT Nathan Bastian	Pennsylvania State University	2017
CPT Glen Gilson (USAF)	University of Nebraska Medical Center	2017
MAJ Reyn Price	Deferred start, TBD	2018

Program activity includes the coordination of a number of Higher Education Network activities organized by the students and led by CPT John Wolf. The students attended a South Texas HEN event at the University of the Incarnate Word, provided community support at the San Antonio Food Bank, and are developing papers for the annual ACHE Graduate Student Research Paper competition. Additionally, the program was pleased to host MG (RET) David Rubenstein, former ACHE Chairman, and LTC (RET) Jesse Tucker, former Army-Baylor faculty member and Southeast Texas Regent-Elect, as guest speakers during the past few months. Baylor University affiliation research



## Director's Corner (continued)

Dr. Dave Mangelsdorff and Dr. Larry Johnson are extending their 60-year Baylor University affiliation research project to a potential book published by the Borden Institute's textbooks in military medicine series. The book would incorporate both a history of the program as well as lessons in healthcare management and leadership.

LTC Brad Beauvais and LTC Mishaw Cuyler, Co-Chairman of the Administrative Residency Committee, are in the midst of organizing administrative residency sites for the Summer of 2014. LTC Beauvais and LTC Cuyler work with the respective Service branch and consultant leaders to match developmental opportunities for each of the students with expected utilization assignments following graduation.

The program is currently in the self-study period for the periodic accreditation assessment by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education, [www.cahme.org](http://www.cahme.org). The formal site visit will be conducted during the Fall 2014. Among the many dimensions of the assessment, direct interviews or evaluation of surveys with alumni and other program stakeholders exist as key factors to determine if the program is providing quality graduate education and meeting community needs and expectations, so please be ready to support as opportunities emerge.

If you are able to visit the program over the next year, expect that our faculty offices will be transitioned from the long-standing area near the front entrance of Willis Hall. This area will become the main offices of the Dean, Academy of Health Sciences. Our new offices will remain on the first floor next to the rear entrance of Willis Hall. Our two main student classrooms remain adjacent to each other, upstairs on the second floor, but I think that you will find that our facilities team and Army-Baylor alum, Ms. Jennifer Ruble, have made the entrance to the classroom area quite nice and professional.

In closing, I wish you and your families all the best and a happy, health 2014.

Sic'em, Bears!

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Army-Baylor Class of 1999

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