



Wall of Honor

Bangor Christian Schools came into existence at the tail end of the war in Vietnam. Though few of our graduates were old enough to participate in that conflict, the school would have plenty of access to the experiences via long-time faculty member Bill Prest's service. In Southeast Asia, in the mid 70's and 80's, several graduates would serve their country during the cold war period, and others would join in during the Desert Storm Campaign at the beginning of the 90's. Since September 11th 2001, over two dozen of our graduates have taken up arms against the global war on terrorism. We salute these brave men and women who defend our country and liberties with their lives. The Bible tells us that *greater love hath no man than this, that man lay down his life for his friends.*



It is our desire to honor these soldiers in this edition of the Patriot News. We have taken excerpts from the submissions we received, but you can see their entire entries on our website at www.bangorchristianschools.org. If we receive future submissions from our alumni or their families we will include them on our website's Wall of Honor.

BCS ALUMNI HONORED IN ORDER OF GRADUATING CLASS:



1976 Stephen Alley served 26 years in the Navy (6 years active and 20 years in the reserves). He served in Afghanistan as a Team Trainer. He retired in 2009 as lieutenant Commander stationed in Virginia Beach.

1977 Scott Small served 21 years in the Air Force and Air National Guard (Texas) 16 was Personnel Officer for the 149th Fighter Wing from 1987-1999 before becoming Services Commander from 1999-2009. He was deployed to Qatar where he serves as Services Commander for the 64th AEG. He retired in November 2006 as a Major.



1977 Steve Williams joined the Marines right after high school and served six years as an airplane mechanic before leaving as a Sergeant.

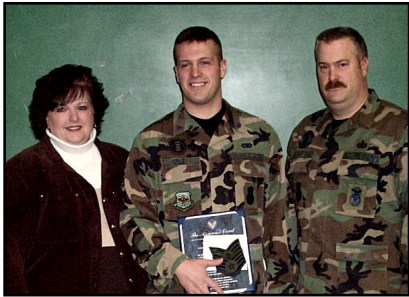


1982 Tim Allen served 20 years in the Air Force.

1983 Jeff Birch
Air National Guard

1983 Judd McBrine
Army

1983 Jim Alexander
Air National Guard



2004 Anthony Cole is a Staff Sergeant in the Air National Guard. He is currently serving in Kirkuk, Iraq. *(pic. center)*

1983 Clark Cole retired last year after 24 years in the Air National Guard as a Senior Master Sergeant. *(pic. right)*

1984 Lloyd (Yogi) W. Chaison “ I signed up for the U.S. Army Delayed Entry Program in 1983 for 2 years active and 4 reserve...received college tuition benefit upon completion. Test scores for Army admission made me eligible to attend West Point Prep School. This was a great opportunity for education and future in the Army. I reviewed the letter with Mr. Prest, a Vietnam Veteran Officer and a Purple Heart recipient. Without reservation Mr. Prest encouraged it. I never followed his advice and went on to do my initial stint thinking there was ‘no way’ I would make this a career! I retired from the army/Army National Guard in March 2008 after a year in Iraq pulling convoy security to cap off the career. Little did I know in 1983 I would go on to get a 4 year degree from USM and eventually go to Officer Candidate School and spend 24 years (9 active, 15 army Guard) in the services and retire with the same rank as Mr. Prest. I should have listened to him! The highlight of my career is a tough one to call with so many to choose from and so many good accomplishments. Finding out I wasn’t hurt and bleeding would be a fairly high one, but I would have to say a relevant one would be the holding of hands and a single joint prayer, no matter the background, ethnicity, or religious belief of 20 plus comrades joined as one .. to one God, before every convoy mission to deliver us and keep us from harm. It’s strange when an otherwise non-religious group finds religion when death is out there. It made me smile.



1992 Major Matt Clapp entered the Air Force after graduating from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1991. Major Clapp is a Branch Chief for the Lessons Learned Division at the Headquarters for Air Control Command at the Langley Air Force in Virginia. He has deployed four times in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Major Clapp is a Navigator with over 2,000 total flying hours, of which 700+ were in combat. He received his Masters of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College in Newport, RI in July of 2009.



1986 James McCleod
Navy

1993 Jeremy Ricker served in the Army

1997 Jonathan Moores
Air National Guard



1998 Craig Simmons has been serving 7 years in the “greatest army in the world.” He is presently a recruiter in the Chicago, Il. area. He is waiting for his next assignment which will probably

1998 Technical Sergeant Justin McKenna started out in Security Forces with the Air Force where he was stationed at Hickman Air Force Base in Hawaii. He was deployed twice to Saudi Arabia. In 2003, Justin changed from security to Pharmacy and earned the distinguished Graduate Award with a 97.3 GPA. Last year he was selected to occupy one of the thirty-seven seats in the highly selective Inter-Service Physician Assistant Program. “My biggest honor and highlight was serving in Afghanistan this past summer. Prior to deploying, I thought I was mentally prepared to deploy down range since I had previously deployed twice in my career as security forces. Surely this deployment as pharmacy wouldn’t be too bad since I would be on base and out of harms way. Boy, was I wrong! Besides having to deal with Rocket attacks on my base, I was working nights by myself...had to respond to all traumas. Every seriously injured soldier came through.....extremely stressful....needing 100% accuracy in mixing and preparing drugs...six severely wounded with lost limbs, screaming in pain and crying in fear.... it’s tough.”



1999 Erin Smith Fayloga is stationed in Hawaii in the Air Force. She plans to train as a nurse.



1999 Aaron Davis graduated from the Air Force Academy with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. His present rank is captain, and he and his wife Laura (“99) live in Monterey, CA.



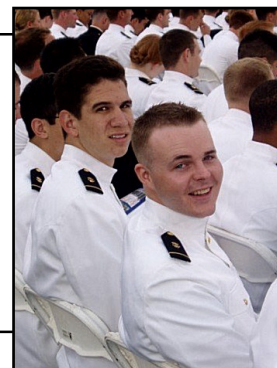
2000 Nate Conley is in his sixth year with the army. He was deployed to Iraq where he served in a Stryker Unit and on a MIT Team. He is presently stationed at Fort Lewis in Tacome, WA.

2000 Josh Gray
Air National Guard

2000 Scott Rice
Air Force

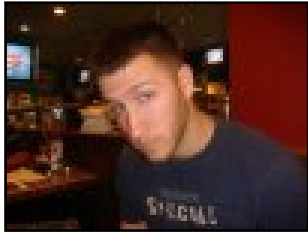
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1st Lieutenant Chris Patterson graduated from the US Naval Academy in 2006 with a BS in History. After receiving his commission, he was assigned to the U.S.S. Ponce in Norfolk, VA., where he served two deployments to the Persian Gulf in 2007 and 2008. He recently transferred to the Marines and is currently attending Marine Air Guard Task Force Intelligence School. Upon graduation he will be reporting to Okinawa, Japan.





2002 Allen Easley served one year in Korea in the Army 2nd Infantry before going to the 3rd Infantry in Fort Stewart, GA. He was deployed for one year in Iraq as a driver/mechanic.



2002 Phil Rollins served in the Army and is currently residing in Afghanistan as a private contractor. "I am very thankful to everyone that helped me out at BCS. [I] really like that it helped me grow into a better man."

2003 Ben Sobey Army

2003 Paul Dosen Air National Guard

2003 Airman First Class Katie Lozier

Hey BCS! It's hard to believe that it's been 7 years since I last walked the halls of Bangor Christian High School. The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful military career, which I try to take advantage of every day. I joined the Air Force shortly after the passing of my grandfather in January of 2007. Since then I have had the opportunity to not only travel throughout the United States but travel the world as well. After basic training and my technical training, I was stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia for a little over a year. My time there was spent working on job training and am now proud to say that I am a Craftsman, (or Level 5 for the Air Force folk) in TV and Radio Broadcasting. After being stationed at Langley for a year, I volunteered for a remote assignment in Turkey. In February of 2009 I flew out and landed in this beautiful country. I have been stationed at the 39th Air Base Wing at Incirlik, Turkey, (Adana) for the past year and my time here has been such a thrill. It's not all work no play here in Turkey though. I have had the opportunity to site see, and I was amazed, after a little research, how much of this country has Biblical History. Not that I wasn't paying attention in Mr. Lowell's geography class, but I had forgotten just how in the mix of Biblical things it really is over here. My time here in Turkey is coming to a close. I will soon be leaving and moving stations. Next I will be in Italy! I am going to work for the 31st



Wing Commander of Aviano Air Base, Italy, as a video-grapher, meaning I will film and document ceremonies, and other important events. In the meantime, my three year mark in the military is vastly approaching and I will soon move up a rank, from an Airman First Class or E-3 to Senior Airman or E-4. I will be deploying for the first time at the end of this year and can't wait! Broadcasters have the rare opportunity to support the mission in a direct way, and this will be my chance to do so. My goals for my career are to finish my Bachelors' Degree in Public Affairs, make the highest enlisted rank which is a Chief Master Sergeant, and to spend time as a First Sergeant. I wouldn't trade the opportunities or experiences I have had in the military for anything. This has been one of the best things that I could have ever done with my life and I thank God for his role in it. It's just so amazing the paths that the Lord will lead you down and I thank Him for mine! I also want to thank those who support the military and our on going mission to rid the world of terrorism. It is the most amazing feeling to walk through an airport while in uniform and receive the thanks and the support from so many. It makes the long times from home and the distance between me and my family worth it.

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Ian Dumond is a Sergeant in the Marine Army National Guard. He served in the Border Patrol mission Operation Jump Start from 2006-2008.



2004 Anthony Cole is a Staff Sergeant in the Air National Guard. He is currently serving in Kirkuk, Iraq.

2005 Joe Lozier
Air National Guard



2005 Tom Ford served four years in the Navy He had Two Persian Gulf Tours on the U.S.S. John Stennis.

2006 Aaron Smith is serving in the Army and was recently deployed to Kirkistan.



2006 Will Hinkley attended West Point two years before taking a sabbatical to serve as a missionary of Youth With a Mission.

2007 Zach Johnson
Air National Guard

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Colby Robinson is serving with the Air National Guard and has recently been deployed to Incirlik, Turkey.

2008 Michael Smith Air National Guard

2010 Matt Conley has recently enlisted in the Army as a medic. He is scheduled to begin his basic training in Fort Benning, GA., in April.