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**Cadet Military Leadership Program Update**  
1 December 2021



Maj. Gen. George Johnson      Col. John Thompson      Capt. Robert Thompson

Three UNG alumni were inducted on 6 November 2021 in Columbus, Georgia. (Eighteen cadet alumni are in the GMVHOF.) **George M. Johnson, Jr.** NG '38 for VALOR; USAF; Major General; World War II [Died at 103 in July 2021; inducted into the UNG Hall of Fame in 1974.] **John W. Thompson**, NG '87 for ACHIEVEMENT; USA; Colonel; Iraq, Afghanistan. **Robert A. Thompson**, NG '62 for VALOR; USA; Captain; Vietnam (Killed-In-Action) [John Thompson's father]



Association of the US Army annual meeting in October - accolades for UNG!

General Jarrard was awarded the McLain Medal for contributing most to the advancement of AUSA's



goal of a seamless and component-integrated Army. And our Corps of Cadets was awarded the "Most Active Company" and

"Best Activities to Enhance the Community" awards at the annual meeting in Washington DC.



North Georgia College graduates from the class of 1968 who commissioned Marine Corps pictured in Vietnam. From left to right: Jim Ruska, Bo

Fears, Bill Hackett, Tom Williams. A fifth 1968 USMC graduate not pictured was Parker Miller. Jim Ruska spoke at the UNG event to celebrate the 246<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the USMC. Photo courtesy of Tom Williams.



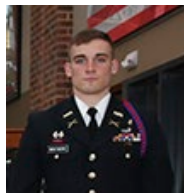
Our Ranger Challenge teams took 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places at the Military College

competition at Ft Knox in October. Our 1<sup>st</sup> place team will compete in the international Sandhurst competition at West Point in the spring!

Congratulations yet again! See the video:

<https://www.wtvm.com/2021/11/10/military-matters-north-georgia-cadets-win-spartan-ranger-challenge-vs-top-schools/>

Lieutenant Derek Whitmore, UNG '21, graduated from the Infantry Basic Officer Leaders Course as Distinguished Honor Graduate. As a cadet, Whitmore was a Distinguished Military Graduate, a member of the Scabbard and Blade national honor society, and on our world-famous Ranger Challenge team!



Colonel Kirk, the Professor of Military Science reported on this year's commissioning outlook. 149 went to advanced camp: the most of all 274 Army ROTC programs in the nation. Expect to commission 120+ this year. Mission remains at 100 this year but increase to 105 the year following.

**Help us recruit!** If you know any high school sophomore, junior, or senior (or the parent of) who is considering a military program in college, please tell them to contact [Cadet Admissions](#) to learn about the Corps of Cadets at UNG!

At some point in our paths, we benefitted from the vision and generosity of others, and now it is our turn to invest in the next generation of Leaders. Please consider making support to the Corps one of your philanthropic priorities. Contact James Corbin '02 at [james.corbin@ung.edu](mailto:james.corbin@ung.edu) or visit the [Corps of Cadets Give site](#) to learn how you can make a difference!