

## *From the desk of the Commander*



Pershing Riflemen:

As we prepare for the New Year and era with President Elect Obama being sworn in as the 44<sup>th</sup> President and Commander and Chief, it is a time for all of us to raise the bar and to not settle for mediocre but to strive for excellence.

This is a very exciting time for not only the citizens of the United States but for all the people around the world.

Therefore, the continued success and overall strength of NSPRAA is based upon its ability to maintain a steady growth rate in our membership.

The membership goal for 2009 is to have 2009 dues paid at the regional (local) and national levels by 1 March 09; Operation **“Membership Reclamation”** is in effect! I encourage all regional (local) chapters to establish membership drive initiatives to achieve this goal. For those of you who attended the Commander’s Call and “Fall Round-up” in the DC Metro area, it was truly a great time with brothers, sisters and family members in attendance.

Because of its success, it will be an annual NSPRAA event. Finally, we are a country at war with many of our family members and friends serving abroad; so, during this holiday season say a pray for their safe and speedy return home.

I.T.B.,

Lawrence K. Montgomery Jr.



Will Dean P/R 1962 from the line of the “Ponitin Five” of VSC P/R Co. O-4 prepares to address the group at VSU’s Military Appreciation Day in September 2008. At the podium is the Trojan BN Professor of Military Science

## **Blue & White Nation**

### Homecoming 2008

The Brothers and Sisters of NSPRAA would like to thank all Pershing Rifles and Angels for supporting Homecoming 2008 at all of our sponsored schools. The Brothers and Sisters at Virginia State, Howard, and Morgan provided information that was released in the last P/R Update. Next year we want to hear from even more schools in advance of Homecoming 2009.

### Pershing Roundup Weekend

The Pershing Roundup Weekend started slow but ended in the Crescendo. Sponsored by NSPRAA HQ and NSPRAA G-8 “Blackjacks”, the Brothers hosted a return to the Zanzibar on Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>. The next morning a Commanders’ Call was held at the DC National Guard Armory. Commanders in attendance both Rifles & Angels provided an overview of recent accomplishments & upcoming events. The group also was provided a preview of B&W 2009 by the Commander of G-8-5 of Howard University (see “On the Yard” for details). The final event was the 1<sup>st</sup> Blue & White Extravaganza held at the Shining Star Lounge located at 4646 Suitland Rd in Suitland Maryland. A very lively and loud crowd was on hand to hear the sounds of DJ Frisco & see the “Sexy Legs Contest”!

### NSPRAA R-4 Tidewater inducts three

NSPRAA R-4 Tidewater crossed the 2008 line called “The Burning Threshold” in October 2008. The intake period concentrated on Physical Fitness, Drill Training, P/R history, & Fellowship. The new NSPRAA Brothers are; Jerrod A. Booker, Sadot P. Bell and William B. McDaniel.

## On The Yard!

### Howard U P/R Co G-8 Suspension Upheld!

The Brothers of company G-8 must serve the Three year suspension. Howard University Dean of Student Affairs has denied a reduction of the suspension on Co G-8 for hazing last spring. The Company may petition for reinstatement in 2011

### NATCON 2009 changes to Clemson

The Pershing Rifles National Convention is planned to be held on the campus of Clemson University March 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 2009. Please go to the Pershing Rifles web site for details. The website is [www.pershingriflessociety.com](http://www.pershingriflessociety.com)

### Preview to Blue & White 2009

The Pershing Angel G-8-5 Commander Christina Johnson presented an overview of Blue & White Weekend 2008 to the Brothers and Sisters in attendance at the DC BlackJacks Commanders' Call on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Blue & White 2009 is planned for April 17<sup>th</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC. Early registration is \$80.00 by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. After that registration is \$90.00 per person. The Blue & White hotel is the Comfort Inn at 6205 Annapolis road in Landover, Maryland. Cost per night is 84.00. Call at 301-322-6000. For details on B&W 2009 go to [www.royalblueandwhite.com](http://www.royalblueandwhite.com)

### Alcorn State Files for new P/R Company

The Professor of Military Science at Alcorn State University has requested the re-chartering of Pershing Rifles on campus. The current plan is for the newly constituted company to drill at NATCON 2009. It is not clear if the company will be redesignated as B-16.

### Pershing Angels work to establish Company at Bowie State University

The National Society of Pershing Angels are mounting a full effort to establish an Angel chapter on the campus of Bowie State University. The Angels have drilled in the Bowie State University Homecoming parade last October and have developed a Pershing Angel interest group on the campus.

## Around the Frat

- Larry Ellis, 0 P/R 65 P/R Co H-15, Retired General of the US. Army is planned to be guest speaker at the MSU ROTC Ball slated for April 2009.

- LTC Dennis McCallum 1 P/R 81, P/R Co. N-4 North Carolina A&T State University. Is due to rotate from HQ 8<sup>th</sup> Army ROK in December 2008. His next assignment is in Atlanta Ga.

- Raja Nelson 6 P/A 98 P/A Co. J-8-5, Morgan State was honorably discharged in the fall of this year.

- William McDaniel NSPRAA R-4 2008 was awarded a BA in History from Norfolk State University in December 2008.

- Nikita Garris-Terry Pershing Rifle Sweetheart in 1991 from Virginia State University is the current Director of the Upward Bounds Program in Norfolk Virginia.

- Brother David Lewis 0 P/R 71 P/R Co. H-15 MSU is living in Yorktown Virginia and is planning a Golf Tournament in 2009. Probably in the spring or late summer.. So stay tuned

- Garrett Michael 1 P/R 94S , P/R Co. G-8 Howard University has a new position with the Hispanic Caucus Institute in Washington DC.

## In Memoriam for our Departed

Walter Hunter SR, Father of P/R Walter Hunter 0 P/R 74. Morgan State past away in September 2008. Mr. Hunter was a firm supporter of the Pershing Rifles and will be sorely missed

Aikita Groom Brother of Zula Crutchfield P/A 77 and Brother in Law of Ray Crutchfield 12 P/R 75 Passed away on 13 December 20087.

Dr. Benjamin F. Coleman Grandfather of NSPRAA Commander Col.

L.K.Montgomery & a 75 year member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity passed away on Christmas Day 2008.

## On The Yard Continued!

### Alabama A&M Works toward Reconstitution of P/R Company

The Pershing Rifles are working towards re-instatement at Alabama A&M University. The letter for reinstatement is being drafted for presentation to Headquarters P/R. The Brothers leading the effort to establish the P/R Company need P/R history and pledge sayings. Please contact Will Lewis at lewiswh5@yahoo.com

### P/R Company plans Drill Meet

The Brothers of P/R Company K-4, South Carolina State University are planning to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Drill Meet on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 on campus in Orangeburg South Carolina. For more information please contact the Brothers at companyk4.freesever.com



## Nobody asked me but..... By 3 P/R 71

It is imperative that we as Pershing Rifles become a lot more aggressive in taking control of P/R units both Undergrad and NSPRAA. Judging from what was interviewed this fall we have really become complacent with the general situation. Are we that comfortable? Some of our NSPRAA units are still taking a wait and see attitude while the world passes us by. "Another year done gone" and still we do nothing but wait and see. Some of our on campus units are doing their level best to put the frat out of business through laziness and due your old friend hazing! We in DC watched (literally) a good functioning P/R unit gets suspended because of a very foolish act of hazing. Others are allowing folks not even on the campus to run the unit! Hell they don't even donate money yet the Brothers allow these folks to tell them who or better yet who the frat cannot have as queens or ladies to represent them. Maybe it me, perhaps I can remember that our mission (all of us) is to **INSURE THAT THE FRAT REMAINS ON THE YARD!** That means we have to not only act as Pershing Rifles but also we and only we have to take ownership for the Frat

Brothers are now Home! Here 3 P/R  
Brothers return to Turners Armory on  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 for Homecoming



## NSPRAA On The Shield

Newsletter  
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### *Coming Events*

- March 11-14

NATCON @  
Clemson SC.

- April 17-19 B&W  
Weekend Wash.  
DC

- NSPRAA  
Conclave @ B&W  
Weekend April  
18th

The Brothers &  
Sisters of NSPRAA  
wish you a happy  
and safe New Year!

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website & sign our  
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### Newport News Inaugural Ball

David Lewis (0 PR71 MSU) & his wife Gresha invite  
you to attend the Newport News Presidential Inaugural  
Ball on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Marriott Town Center.  
6-11 PM. Call Dave at 703-806-9571 for details or  
reservation information

New Alumni Pershing Rifle & Pershing Angel 2009  
Roster is coming in the spring of 2009. Please send all  
address, e-mail, and telephone number changes to  
[wammer9@yahoo.com](mailto:wammer9@yahoo.com) We have not published a roster in  
two years so there are bound to be changes in the family

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