Keeping Track of Classmates

Mark Arnold

Mark Arnold, B.S.I.S.E. ’81, was promoted in October to brigadier general with the U.S. Army Reserves. He has more than 32 years of military service and served on active duty from January 2002–September 2003 in Afghanistan and Iraq. Arnold also recently was named president and CEO of GSE, Inc., a $500 million multinational manufacturing firm headquartered in Houston.

Arnold says that it’s a significant honor to serve the Army and his country at this senior leadership level. “This is not the type of promotion that you really set out to shoot for because the odds are very long: only one percent of Army Reserve colonels are selected for general,” Arnold says. “I’m excited by this opportunity to continue to lead in the Army Reserve and in the military’s Special Operations commands.”

An active member of the Russ College Board of Visitors, Arnold also served as chair for six years and in 2007 was awarded the Ohio University Alumni Association Medal of Merit for distinction in his profession and showing loyalty to and interest in the University. He and his wife, Karin, reside with their two children in Columbus and have a second home in Houston.

Jim Abraham, P.E., B.S.E.E. ’43, B.S.I.E. ’48, has written a new book titled Worlds Which Might Have Been and Could Be, in which he explores the question, “What if we lost World War II?” His earlier work, A Time of Ignorance and Terror, tells how small cell lung cancer took the life of his wife of 42 years. Both books are available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Abraham is the former president of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, and this year saw the establishment of the Jim Abraham Award for Best Army ROTC Unit in Ohio, in honor of his long service to the ROTC.

Arun K. Bansal, M.S. ’71, passed away on October 12, 2006. His widow would like to establish a scholarship in his name.


Michael S. Bendell, B.S.M.E. ’73, was recently recertified for another five years by the Florida Bar as a board-certified civil trial lawyer. For the past 25 years, Mike has made his living suing insurance companies, corporations, and negligent parties for personal injuries, mostly in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Larry Brannan, B.S.I.T. ’63, is president of Corporate Computer, Inc., which is celebrating its 20th anniversary in the computer software business. Corporate Computer helped to develop...
Christopher M. Ergood, B.S.I.T. ’83, was recently promoted to Account Manager - Americas, for the Photovoltaic division of Vesuvius’ Fused Silica division.

Lucy Evans, B.S.I.T. ’97, graduated with Master of Science in Aviation from Everglades University in August, 2008. She has been a captain on G100 aircraft for Jet Concepts, Inc., since 2003.


Kenneth A. Grano, B.S.E.E. ’08, is currently working as an instrumentation and control engineer at the Washington Division of URS.

Natalie Kruse, B.S.C.E. ’04, is an assistant professor in environmental sciences at Ohio University’s Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs. Her research interests include post-industrial pollution, hydrogeochemistry of mine water production, engineering low-energy mine water remediation systems, and alternative energy. Most recently, she researched mine water remediation in Northern England, geothermal energy exploitation in England and Montserrat, interactions between groundwater and an active volcano on the island of Montserrat, pollutant transport in the Allemendares River in Cuba, and modeling particulate air pollution resulting from open-cast coal mines in India. She holds a doctorate in hydrogeochemical engineering from Newcastle University, U.K.

Jose R. Leon, B.S.M.E. ’66, retired from his position as vice-president of engineering for Exxon Mobil. He continues to reside in Houston.

Forrest Martino, B.S.E.E. ’78, P.E., retired from engineering last year to work in the emergency medical field. His engineering career included patents and new product awards with National Oilwell for work on U.S. Navy’s Virginia-class nuclear attack submarine. He also designed hydrogenerators for Siemens and motors for Toshiba. Martino obtained professional registration in Ohio, Texas, and Florida.


Joel Schopis, B.S.C.S. ’09, is a software engineer at BCS Engineering, working on programming and Web development.

Wei Sun, Ph.D. ’06, received the 2009 A.B. Campbell Award from NACE International in recognition of the most outstanding manuscript published in Materials Performance or Corrosion in the current year by an author, or authors, less than 35 years old at the time the manuscript was submitted for publication. Sun is currently an engineering specialist at ExxonMobile in Houston.

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