

Remembering veterans, a step at a time

5K run/walk will raise funds for memorial

by Gina K. Logue

Some of the biggest "steps" toward construction of a veterans' memorial on campus will be taken at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, when the MTSU Veterans Memorial 5K Run/Walk gets under way.

The purpose of the event is to raise enough money to build a permanent structure in honor of faculty, administrators, staff and students who perished or went missing while in military service from 1911 to the present.

"The concept is to have a living memorial, a space for reflection and a place for classroom instruction," says Derek Frisby, a history professor and U.S. Marine sergeant who served in Operation Desert Storm.

"We've proposed an amphitheater-type model that creates usable outdoor event space."

Dr. Andrei Korobkov, political science, was inspired to formulate a database of names by the death of

1st Lt. Ken Ballard, who was killed in Iraq in 2004. Ballard was a student in three of Korobkov's classes.

To date, the Veterans Memorial Committee has collected more than 50 names to be engraved on a wall that will be part of the area. Also, the public will be given an opportunity to purchase walkway bricks engraved with the names of their fallen loved ones.



Ballard

"We've made significant progress in the design

process," Frisby says. "This is the beginning of our push to turn those plans into a reality."

To contribute to the MTSU Veterans Memorial, go to www.mtsu.edu/~veterans and click on "Contribute to the MTSU Veterans Memorial."

In addition, the 278th Tennessee Army National Guard, which is deployed to Afghanistan, will collect old, used and new shoes and sneakers for Afghan children and teenagers on Sept. 17. Donors can bring shoes to the National Guard booth under Peck Hall next to the 5K registration area.

The 5K run/walk course, which will extend in and around campus, will be marked with water stations and security throughout the route.

Entrants may run competitively,

run at their own pace or walk.

Awards and prizes will be issued for team entries of registered groups of five or more and individuals in each age division.

Drawings will be conducted for door prizes totaling more than \$1,000 in value.

T-shirts are guaranteed to all preregistrants on a first-come, first-served basis on race day.

Sponsors of the MTSU Veterans Memorial 5K Run/Walk include AEDC Federal Credit Union, Applebee's, Bridgestone/Firestone, MTSU Alumni Association, Nashville Predators, Norris Hall Studios, Signature Homes, Tennessee National Guard, Tennessee Titans and The Very Idea.

Registration fees are \$15 per person if postmarked by Sept. 10 or \$20 per person after Sept. 10, including the day of registration.



Make checks payable to MTSU Veterans Memorial 5K, c/o Derek Frisby, MTSU Box 23, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132, or register online at www.active.com.

For more information, contact Maj. Chuck Giles at 1-888-682-7682 or cgiles@mtsu.edu.



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Faculty/Staff Update

Awards

Dr. Anantha Babbili (dean, mass communication) received the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's leadership award for "innovative leadership and contributions to the field of international communication" at AEJMC's annual convention Aug. 2-5 in San Francisco.

The Bristol Sessions: Writings About the Big Bang of Country Music, co-edited by the late Dr. Charles Wolfe (professor emeritus, English) and Dr. Ted Olson (East Tennessee State University), has been named the 2006 Appalachian Book of the Year for Nonfiction by the Appalachian Writers Association.

Conferences

Dr. Kathy Burriss (elementary and secondary education) was invited to participate in a conference on designing and evaluating the educational and physical aspects of playground equipment sponsored by PlayCore (based in Chattanooga), the nation's leader in the design and manufacture of playground equipment. She will be part of an ongoing study on integrating playgrounds

and playground equipment into school curricula.

Dr. Larry Burriss (journalism) headed a panel discussion, "Law, Ethics and Creativity: What Are the Limits," at the SigGraph 2006 Conference in Boston. The conference, attended by some 30,000 computer graphics professionals, is considered the premier technology conference in the world.

Drs. Curtis Church and Don Hong (mathematical sciences) organized a mini-symposium on "Mathematics and Statistics in Cancer Research" for the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics 2006 Conference on Life Science in Raleigh, N.C., July 31-Aug. 4. Hong spoke on "A Novel Algorithm for Proteomic Cancer Data Processing Using Wavelets," and Dr. Zachariah Sinkala (mathematical sciences) presented a paper on "Simulation of Solid Tumor Growth" at the meeting.

Milestones

Dr. Larry Burriss (journalism) graduated from Concord Law School with a law degree.

Presentations

Dr. Clarence S. Johnson (philosophy) presented a paper, "Asante and Du Bois on Race(ism) and the Problem of Double Consciousness," at the Third Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association Conference Aug. 1-3 in Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Dovie Kimmins (mathematical sciences) attended the Fourth International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications in Orlando July 20-23. She presented a paper, "Technology and Professional Development: Integrated Strategies for Delivery," which was written by Dr. Mary Martin (mathematical sciences), Ray Phillips (Tennessee Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Center) and Kimmins.

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