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## Annual Memorial Day commemoration honors military, remembers sacrifices

Joe Walker and Joe Exum served in different wars, but both have the same appreciation for military service and for Memorial Day's significance. They both experienced firsthand the sacrifices made by those in the military, and they joined others at UT Martin's 17th annual Memorial Day Commemoration held at 9 a.m., Friday, May 26, on the front lawn of the Hall-Moody Administration Building. Sacrifice was the theme of remarks offered by keynote speaker Brig. Gen. Tommy Baker, the assistant adjutant general of the U.S. Army, Tennessee National Guard. Baker is a Huntingdon native and a 1995 UT Martin graduate.

Walker is a Martin resident and a World War II veteran who served from 1943-46 with the U.S. Army combat engineers. He and his fellow soldiers built more than 40 bridges across Europe following the Allied invasion of Normandy, France. Memorial Day is an annual reminder that the sacrifices made in past wars are not forgotten. "Well, it brings to memory the military from way back, and to me it (Memorial Day) really shows the appreciation of the community and all for this great country," said Walker, a 49-year university employee who worked in the physical plant and housing. He also lost a brother in the war, making Memorial Day especially meaningful.

Exum, also of Martin, is a



**FEATURED SPEAKER –** Brig. Gen. Tommy Baker, the assistant adjutant general of the U.S. Army, Tennessee National Guard, offered the keynote address during UT Martin's 17th annual Memorial Day Commemoration held at 9 a.m., Friday, May 26, on the front lawn of the Hall-Moody Administration Building. Baker is a Huntingdon native and a 1995 UT Martin graduate.

1969 UT Martin graduate and member of the university's Army ROTC Battalion during his time at the university. He served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1971 and then later in the Tennessee National Guard. Exum was a platoon leader and later acting company commander during the Vietnam War, rising to the rank of captain. He later served as company commander in the Tennessee National Guard. "It (Memorial Day) means more and more to me, I guess, the older I get," Exum said. "Finally some recognition is being given

to veterans that, maybe in years past, not so much (recognition has been given). It's more of even a popular thing now to see people come and attend (Memorial Day observances) and have appreciation for the people that are serving our country."

Perfect weather provided the backdrop for the event as the university's Army ROTC Battalion presented the colors, followed by the singing of the national anthem by Dr. Roberto Mancusi, UT Martin associate professor of music. Timothy

McClain, president of the Skyhawk Veteran's Association, gave the invocation, and UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver welcomed attendees.

Carver, attending his first Memorial Day Commemoration as university chancellor, introduced the speaker but first read a poem written by his mother in honor of his grandfather and his grandfather's twin brother from Crockett Mills, Tenn. Both enlisted in the military in the last 1930s and served in three wars. After reading the poem

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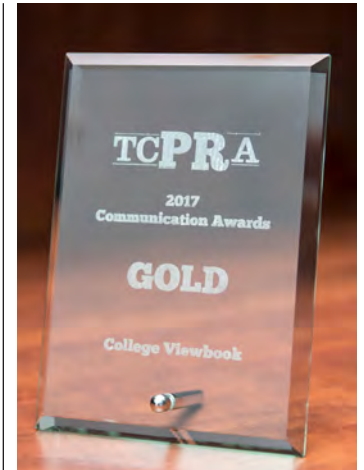
Cheri Kelleher has joined the UT Martin family as an instructional design specialist in the UT Martin Instructional Technology Center. Kelleher previously served as the director of Virtual Virginia, a public, online high school offering more than 70 courses across the state of Virginia. She has also served in informational technology services with the Virginia Department of Education and the Math/Science Innovation Center. She holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and physical science and a Master of Education in educational leadership. She can be contacted at 731-881-1831 or by email at [ckelleh1@utm.edu](mailto:ckelleh1@utm.edu).



Dr. Julie Hill, professor of music, was recently featured on the cover of "Support ED: A Magazine for Instrumental Instructors," published by Yamaha. The online edition can be [accessed here](#), and the article about Hill's work begins on page eight. Hill is currently abroad performing with her ensemble groups and experiencing music in a variety of international areas. She has most recently spent time in Taipei, Taiwan.



Dr. Roberto Mancusi, associate professor of music, appeared as the bass soloist with the Sherman Symphony Orchestra in their performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony on April 29. This is Mancusi's third appearance with the professional Texas orchestra, which features musicians from the Dallas and surrounding areas. He will also perform with the Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra next spring.



Staff members from the Office of University Relations recently attended the 2017 Tennessee College Public Relations Association's conference in Gatlinburg on May 24-26. The team entered 11 competition categories and brought home seven awards, including two gold-level awards, three silver-level awards and two bronze-level awards for marketing, feature writing, photography, graphic design and other areas.

## Faculty workshops for online courses enrolling now

The Office of Educational Outreach and the UT Martin Instructional Technology Center are jointly offering two faculty workshops this summer for those planning to teach online courses in the coming semesters. Both workshops will take place June 19-23 and July 10-14 and will be led by **Cheri Kelleher** and **Dr. Bonnie Daniel**.

Both workshops will answer questions on implementing

research-based instructional practices within online environments, integrating student feedback for ongoing course improvement and maximizing student engagement in online courses. Topics will also include instruction on managing assignments in the Canvas program, using interactive features in Echo360 and utilizing publisher test banks on certain topics.

Participants will self-identify as "beginner" or "intermediate/advanced" users and attend the session designed for their experience level. Faculty members who completed the weeklong training will receive a \$2,000 stipend. [Register online](#) or contact Dr. Adam Wilson, interim director of UT Martin Online, at [awilson9@utm.edu](mailto:awilson9@utm.edu) or call 731-881-7959.

### Blackboard is retiring!

Blackboard will no longer be accessible after **Aug. 31**. All accounts will be disabled and courses will be archived after this date.

See the calendar for a list of Canvas training opportunities!

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## Memorial Day, continued

he said, “And I’m honored to be associated with a university that every year makes sure that a part of our legacy, part of the fabric of this institution, is to celebrate and honor Memorial Day, which is just so incredibly important.”

Brig. Gen. Tommy Baker enlisted as a private in the Tennessee National Guard in 1980, graduated in 1981 from Huntingdon High School, and was commissioned in 1985 after five years of enlisted service. He completed his UT Martin education as a non-traditional student and became a full-time guard member in 2001. Today, he is responsible for the training and supervision of 13,000 soldiers and airmen in the Tennessee National Guard. He opened his remarks by thanking retired general officers and veterans for their service and those in the audience for their attendance. “It’s really about the fact that you took the time to show up and honor our country’s fallen,” he said as he acknowledged the large crowd.

Baker noted that Memorial Day was established by presidential decree May 5, 1868, and observed later that month with the decoration of Confederate and Union graves at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. “Unlike Veterans Day, it (Memorial Day) honors those who have given all,” he said. “Since George Washington commanded the Continental Army, 42 million Americans have served the colors. A million of them have been killed in its (the country’s) defense. Another million-and-a-half have been wounded. The human toll has been extraordinary.

“We gather here today to honor those Americans who died while defending their country and for fighting for something they believed in. As Americans we are free to pursue our hopes and dreams all because of their sacrifice.”

Baker reminded the audience that Memorial Day retains its significance as the country remains at war. “Americans in the past kept Memorial

Day rather quietly, pausing to remember at least for a little while, the kind of men and women that so willingly gave the last full measure,” he said. “And a new ‘greatest generation’ continues to fight and struggle against the merciless enemy on our behalf in Afghanistan, in places all around the globe. They are the best our country produces and have consciously put every American above their own self interests.”

Baker reported more than 6,700 military men and women from all branches of military service, including 22 Tennessee National Guardsmen, have been killed in action since 9/11. “Some would portray these as victims, but they are not victims,” he said. “They knew what they were about and were doing what they wanted to do.”

“Because of their (the military’s) sacrifices, and because of who came before them, we are still a free people,” Baker said as he closed. “The debt we owe all of them cannot be expressed in word or deed,

but we must simply utter a passionate ‘thank you’ from the depths of our hearts. Thanks to you for coming here today and continuing to honor their service and sacrifice.”

Lt. Col. Lowell Howard Jr., UT Martin professor of military science, concluded the program by recalling President Ronald Reagan’s 1986 Memorial Day address at Arlington National Cemetery. “Mr. Reagan reminded us that today is the day we put aside to remember our fallen heroes and to pray that no heroes will ever have to die for us again,” Howard said. “It’s a day of thanks for the valor of others, a day to remember the splendor of America and those of her children who are at rest. It’s a day to be with the family and remember.”

A rifle salute followed by the UT Martin Department of Public Safety and Martin Police Department, and “Taps” was played by UT Martin student Chloe Lollar, a junior music major from Humboldt.



You're Invited...  
to meet

Miss University of Tennessee  
at Martin

*Brenna Wilkins*

Tuesday, June 6  
3:30 – 5 p.m.

Dunagan Alumni Center

*Please join us to wish Brenna well  
as she prepares to compete for  
the title of Miss Tennessee 2017*

The Tennessee  
Governor's Schools  
for the humanities and  
agricultural sciences are  
in session this month.  
Please welcome these  
students to campus!

The fiscal year is coming to  
a close. Please be mindful  
of year-end deadlines and  
procedures as we approach  
June 30.

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## UT Martin receives 'VETS Campus' designation

Dozens of university faculty and staff, community members and veterans joined state officials Friday as UT Martin was named a Tennessee Veterans Education Transition Support Campus, one of 20 Tennessee institutions to hold this designation from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC).

The event, held at 10:30 a.m. in the Boling University Center's Duncan Ballroom, followed the university's annual Memorial Day commemoration ceremony.

The Tennessee Veterans Education Transition Support Act, passed into law in 2014, established this program of recognition for higher education institutions that not only prioritize outreach efforts for veterans, but successfully deliver services necessary to create supportive educational environments where student veterans can prosper. The "VETS Campus" title is a special designation given to those institutions that allocate resources to assist veterans with the transition from military service to college enrollment.

Johnny Dyer, UT Martin veteran services coordinator, offered remarks on the importance of services for veterans on college campuses. Dyer spoke of his own experience after enrolling at UT Martin following his military service. While he did well his first semester, even making the chancellor's honor roll, Dyer faced the same challenges that so many other veterans face on a daily basis. "I felt isolated; I had adjustment issues; I suffered from PTSD. I was working a full-time job, supporting a family and was just too proud to ask for help," Dyer said. This ultimately led to him leaving UT Martin to continue his career with Goodyear Tire and Rubber



**SPECIAL HONORS** – Pictured at the VETS Campus designation program are (l-r) Mitch Currey, THEC educational specialist for Veterans Education; Johnny Dyer, UT Martin veteran services coordinator; Tom Morrison, THEC assistant executive director of Veterans Education; Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor; and Sen. Mark Norris, (R-Collierville).

Company in Union City.

After Goodyear closed its doors in 2011, Dyer returned to UT Martin. It was then he met Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, Tom Elam Distinguished Professor of History, and together the pair founded the Skyhawk Veteran's Association. In addition to Dr. Carls, Dyer also thanked many others at UT Martin who helped make the VETS Campus designation possible, including Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor.

"Support at this university comes straight from the top. Dr. Carver has been outstanding ... not only to the student veterans, but to everybody here," he said.

Dr. Carver also offered remarks, highlighting what the honor means to UT Martin. "We want our nation, our states, and our region's veterans to know that we want them here, and we want to assist them in obtaining their degree," Carver

said.

"Above all we know the extraordinary sacrifices made by you our service men and women, and want everyone to know that we have gone through transformational changes on this campus to bring the things that are necessary to create a veteran-friendly environment for your transition, and for your growth and your matriculation at UT Martin," he said.

Carver closed, "With the help of the funding from the competitive Veteran Reconnect Grant, this is going to help prepare us ... for the future as a university and recruit even more student veterans to ease their transition to the campus and see them through to graduation. And folks, that's the right thing to do."

Following Carver's remarks, Sen. Mark Norris, (R-Collierville), a sponsor of the Tennessee Veterans Education

Transition Support Act of 2014, offered his remarks.

"UT Martin is well known as one of West Tennessee's leading military friendly universities ... it adds to that distinction today, officially, as Tennessee's 20th VETS campus," Norris said.

"So, while history is made here today, it's not the past, it's the future to which we look. For those who helped us keep the peace, we work to keep the promise that your future holds. Today UT Martin officially becomes the state of Tennessee's partner in this important work, and we welcome it, and we welcome you," he said.

The program concluded with the presentation of the VETS Campus designation certificate by THEC officials Tom Morrison, assistant executive director of Veterans Education, and Mitch Currey, educational specialist for Veterans Education.



**OVERFLOWING SUPPLIES** – Drs. John Overcash (left) and Steve Elliott, co-directors of the UT Martin STEM Center for Teaching and Learning, are pictured among some of the supplies awaiting distribution to area educators during this summer’s teaching workshops. UT Martin’s Teacher Quality Partnership Grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, is sponsoring 59 professional development workshops for West Tennessee teachers in a variety of fields. The UT Martin STEM Center is sponsoring seven workshops focused on assisting educators from the science, technology, engineering and mathematics areas. The TQP Grant has provided approximately \$225,000 in supplies and equipment for distribution throughout the summer, and most workshops will provide participating teachers with a set of tools to use in their own classrooms. Kits range from \$600-3,400 in value and will be theirs to keep and use in the future. Additional kits will also be stored in the UT Martin STEM Center for use by educators who are unable to attend the workshops in person. UT Martin teachers and program administrators not only distribute the supplies but ensure each participant knows how to use the equipment to engage elementary, middle and high school students in the related subject area and the learning process as a whole. Equipment provided in the STEM kits includes binocular microscopes and slide sets, weights and balances, beakers, flasks, tubing, sampling trays and other supplies needed for each experiment.

## Year-end dates to remember

### Computer Store

- June 9 – Last day to order items
- June 23 – Last day to purchase in-stock items
- June 26-30 – Closed for inventory
- July 3 – Reopen for business

### Steven E. Rogers Media Center

- June 14 – Last day to make departmental charges
- June 23 – Last day to using a Skyhawk Card
- July 1 – Charges accepted for new fiscal year



**MOBILE BILLBOARD** – The Office of Educational Outreach recently purchased and wrapped a van with advertising featuring the online veterinary health technology and agricultural business degree options as well as the UT Martin rodeo team. The project is the brainchild of the Office of Educational Outreach, UT Martin Online, the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics and the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences. The wrapped van will make its first long-distance trip when the rodeo team heads to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., this week. Pictured in front of the van are (l-r) John Luthi, rodeo head coach; Dr. Brian Donavant, interim director of the Office of Educational Outreach; and Dr. Todd Winters, dean, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

## Calendar

- **June 4-10** – Young Scholars Academy on campus
- **June 5** – Maymester grades due
- **June 5** – Summer I and full-summer courses begin
- **June 5** – Training: “Getting Started with Canvas”; 9 a.m.\*
- **June 5** – Training: “Managing Echo 360 Content in Canvas”; 10 a.m.\*
- **June 5** – Training: “Office 365: Overview for Faculty and Staff”; 11 a.m.\*
- **June 6** – Last day to add/drop courses for Summer I term
- **June 6** – Miss UT Martin reception with Brenna Wilkins; Dunagan Alumni Center; 3:30 p.m.
- **June 7** – Last day to add/drop courses for full-summer term
- **June 7** – Training: “Creating Assignments and Managing Grades in Canvas”; 9 a.m.\*
- **June 7** – Training: “Tests and Quizzes in Canvas”; 10 a.m.\*
- **June 7** – Training: “Managing Echo 360 Content in Canvas”; 11 a.m.\*
- **June 8** – Training: “Getting Started with Canvas”; 9 a.m.\*
- **June 8** – Training: “Creating Assignments and Managing Grades in Canvas”; 10 a.m.\*
- **June 8** – Training: “Tests and Quizzes in Canvas”; 11 a.m.\*
- **June 9** – Last day to order items from the computer store
- **June 9-17** – Rodeo at College National Rodeo Finals; Casper, Wyo.
- **June 9** – Transfer and Adult Orientation; Boling University Center; 9 a.m.
- **June 9** – Training: “Managing Echo 360 Content in Canvas”; 9 a.m.\*
- **June 9** – Training: “Conducting Web Video Conferences (Canvas and Zoom)”; 10 a.m.\*
- **June 10** – Cross-country and track teams at NCAA championships; Eugene, Ore.
- **June 12** – Training: “Creating Assignments and Managing Grades in Canvas”; 9 a.m.\*
- **June 12** – Training: “Tests and Quizzes in Canvas”; 10 a.m.\*
- **June 12** – Training: “Managing Echo 360 Content in Canvas”; 11 a.m.\*
- **June 14** – Last day to make departmental changes with the Steven E. Rogers Media Center
- **June 16** – Last day to drop Summer I courses without documentation
- **June 16** – SOAR; Boling University Center; 8 a.m.
- **June 16** – Training: “Getting Started with Canvas”; 9 a.m.\*
- **June 16** – Training: “Creating Assignments and Managing Grades in Canvas”; 10 a.m.\*
- **June 16** – Training: “Tests and Quizzes in Canvas”; 11 a.m.\*

\*All training courses will be held in the Paul Meek Library, room 215. [Register online](#). Personalized training sessions can also be offered by appointment. Call 731-881-7877 for more information.

## HATE YOUR HEADSHOT?

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## You Tell Me

• **Question** – UT Martin email accounts are being migrated to Office 365 Exchange Online. Why is this happening? How is Office 365 different from what we have been using, and do I have to make the switch?

• **Answer** – Moving the university email accounts to Office 365 offers many advantages for the university. First, Office 365 is hosted in multiple strategically located datacenters to provide reliable access from anywhere in the world. Second, the move provides a cost savings by decreasing the need for additional storage space. Office 365 also offers a variety of additional online tools and services that are compatible with the email options. The average user will not notice a difference in day-to-day email usage after making the switch. The most prominent difference is that users should no longer receive “mailbox is almost full” messages, since Office 365 offers each user 50GB of mailbox space. This is up to 200 times the size of a campus-hosted mailbox! In order to realize the most savings and ensure the best possible integration with the Office 365 system, all users must make the switch. The deadline to request email migration is July 31, and all remaining mailboxes will begin migrating on Aug. 1. Contact the UT Martin Helpdesk at 731-881-7900 to set up your migration time. (Information provided by the Office of Information Technology Services.)

Submit your questions to the Suggestion Box link at [www.utm.edu](http://www.utm.edu).

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