Notable Alumni in the Military

James Bascom III ’96, military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army; headed an interagency group that developed the security plan for the trial of Saddam Hussein. Deputy director of the Trans-Sahara Security Symposium, which taught civil military relations and counter-terrorism to West African colonels and generals; principal intelligence officer for the international zone in Baghdad.

Daniel Butterfield 1849, colonel in the U.S. Army during the Civil War; led the first Union regiment into Virginia. Served as chief of staff to Generals Hooker and Meade and developed the army’s system of corps badges. Best known for composing “Taps,” the renowned lights-out bugle call, in 1862.

Gregory Clark ’87, lieutenant colonel, U.S. Air Force; pilot (flew Secretary of State Colin Powell).

Joseph Clearfield ’93, lieutenant colonel, U.S. Marine Corps; commanded the rescue of the Magellan Star from Somali pirates off the coast of Yemen.

Michael Dana ’82, brigadier general, U.S. Marines. Had a number of deployments during his 29-year career, including roles in Desert Storm, Somalia, Iraq and, currently, Afghanistan.

James Chatham Duane 1844, brigadier general, U.S. Army; Chief of Engineers for the army’s Corps of Engineers. Built the longest ponton bridge of the Civil War (2,170 feet) across the James River.

Kevin Frederick ’80, colonel, U.S. Marine Corps; Chief of Staff for NATO Regional Command Southwest in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Robert Gilston ’41, first lieutenant in the U.S. Army; served in General Patton’s 3rd Army, 4th Armored Division in WWII, as well as in the 37th Tank Battalion as platoon leader and company commander. Received the Purple Heart during the Battle of the Bulge and a second Purple Heart with cluster during a mission to rescue American POWs from the Germans.

Henry Wager Halleck 1837, Civil War General; served as general-in-chief of all U.S. armies in the early part of the Civil War (before Ulysses Grant).

Jordanna Mallach ’00, captain, Vermont Army National Guard; military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Ribbon and Afghanistan Campaign Medal, among others.

Jerome Mastrianni, Jr. ’49, staff sergeant with the U.S. Army’s 54th Armored Infantry of the 10th Armored Division in Central Europe and the Rhineland during WWII; participated in the liberation of France and fall of Germany.

Charles Pease 1856, U.S. Army major; carried the terms of surrender from Grant to Lee at Appomattox.
Notable Alumni in the Military (continued)

**Henry Reed Rathbone 1857**, U.S. Army major; was present at Ford’s Theatre as the Lincolns’ guest on the night of the assassination, where he grappled with John Wilkes Booth.

**Linda Seymour ’96**, commander in the U.S. Navy; speechwriter for Admiral Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff 2009-2011.

**Frederic Alliger Wyatt ’32**, captain in the Naval Reserve; served in the Pacific theater during WWII and worked on the Marshall Plan for the reconstruction of postwar Europe. Recalled to active duty during the Korean War.