**Remembrance roll call honors 6,400 veterans**

By Dustin Porter

Managing Editor

The soldier holds his gun steady, his eyes on the target as he prepares himself for the kill. Just as his trigger finger applies enough pressure to release the gun’s energy, the bullet hits home and the soldier makes the ultimate sacrifice.

Sgt. Michael Lambert returned to Ft. Stewart from his latest tour in Afghanistan and listened to his Sgt. Maj. issue a roll call as his unit stood in formation.

Sgt. Lambert said the Sgt. Maj. would call out one or two soldiers in the unit who would respond, “Here Sgt. Maj.,” before calling out a fallen soldier.

The Sgt. Maj. would call the name of the fallen soldier two to three times before an announcement was made naming the soldier and how he or she died. Sgt. Lambert said, “It’s really emotional to know that somebody you went to war with didn’t make it home, but you did and when you hear their name called and don’t hear that ‘Here Sgt. Maj.’ it really gets to you,” Sgt. Lambert said.

A remembrance roll call was held by UNCP on the UC Lawn on Nov. 11 from 6:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. where volunteers read aloud the approximately 6,400 names of service members who had fallen during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

One of the attendees was student Ashley Timmreck. “I lost a ‘dear friend’ during combat.”

“With roll call not only was it an event attended by something that I have a personal connection to, but it impacted me with great significance and mourning,” Timmreck said.

“With every name that was spoken I thought back to the possibility that their life held the dreams and the goals that will not be completed,” she continued.

She said she could relate to others and what they were feeling, understanding the loss of life and “every other frivolous waste of someone’s thoughts, ambitions, goals, and life.”

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With tears, she dedicated the honor to her deceased father, who also served in the military. SVA Adjutant Martin Nielsen, a student who is retired from the Navy, organized the event with Ashley Swett, campus coordinator for veterans.

Sgt. Maj. Michael Lambert said military life runs through his family. He asked his daughter, Christina Reyna, who is currently active in the Navy on USS Harry S. Truman, to attend the event to assist the color guard in presenting the colors.

“We are just honoring those who came before us,” she said. “It is a family tradition to serve. We are several years deep—my grandfather, sister, uncles and brother-in-law.”

The color guard was led by Master Sgt. Antonio Jenkins, retired Army who is teaching ROTC at UNCP. Scroggs, a professor for Academic Affairs Kenneth Kitts thanked the student veterans.

“I wanted to thank you for what you’ve done, and we are looking for more ways to honor you,” he said. He said it is important to him to honor veterans because his father served in the Navy.

SVA President and veteran Shawn Barefoot said UNCP is excellent at “taking students from the military sector to the civilian sector.”

Guest speaker Ronnie Sutton, who served in the Navy and the Air Force, said serving was a valuable learning experience. “If I could, I would make every service at least two years,” he said.

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**News Briefs**

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Several collect for holiday drives

Greek life is partnering with University Center Program Services, Career Development, Staff and Student Council and University Student Government for a holiday drive called “Remembering Life’s Gifts on Christmas for Kids” from Nov. 28 through Dec. 6.

Donors can drop off toys, school supplies, clothing and books at the campus Student Union.

UNCP’s Toys for Tots collection started Nov. 28 and will continue until Dec. 9. Students are limited to only new and unwrapped toys.

Those wishing to donate can bring their toys to the Jones PE building office 1176, and the UC Annex office 206. Those wishing to donate can bring their toys to the Jones PE building office 1176, and the UC Annex office 206.

Any student who brings a new and un- wrapped toy of at least a $5 value to Men’s and Women’s basketball games on Dec. 3 and 6, will receive a free admission.

The women’s basketball game will play at 7:30 p.m.

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