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TO THE
25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE

GEORGIA YOUTH CHALLENGE
ACADEMY FOUNDATION

Gala

HONORING

SENATOR SAM NUNN AND
SENATOR SAXBY CHAMBLISS

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
GOVERNOR & MRS NATHAN DEAL

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Program

Introduction

Bill Nigut, Georgia Public Broadcasting

Prayer

Offered by Chaplain Leslie Nelson, JFHQ, Clay National Guard Center, Dobbins ARB, Marietta

Presentation of Colors

Youth Challenge Academy Color Guard Cadets

Remarks

- Major General Joseph Jarrard, Adjutant General of Georgia
 - Governor Nathan Deal
- Matthew P. Dubois, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Integration)
 - Youth Challenge Academy Video
- Aisha Ervin, Admissions Coordinator/Recruiter for the Georgia National Guard Youth Challenge Academy Program
 - Phillip Fortenberry, Veteran & Entrepreneur
- History of Creation of the YCA Program 25 Years Ago
 - Awards
 - Senator Sam Nunn
 - Senator Saxby Chambliss
 - Closing Remarks

Please join us for dessert and entertainment by Dean Sams of Lonestar.



Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia

A Sandersville native, Deal served in the U.S. Army at Fort Gordon in Augusta after graduating with college and law degrees with honors from Mercer University. He then began a private law practice in Gainesville, the hometown of his wife, Sandra Deal. While his wife taught in Hall County public schools, Deal began a career in public service, working as a prosecutor, judge, state senator and U.S. Congressman for Georgia's 9th District. He was elected Georgia's 82nd governor in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. The Deals have four adult children and six grandchildren.

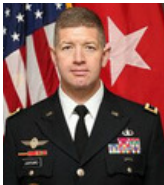


Matthew Dubois, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

Mr. Dubois is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Integration in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Manpower & Reserve Affairs. In this role, he serves as the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASD, M&RA) in support of the ASD's Title 10 role of providing overall supervision of the man power and reserve affairs for the Department of Defense (DoD). He is responsible for both the seamless

integration of reserve affairs across DoD and strategic engagement on all Reserve Component matters.

Mr. Dubois retired from the Navy in 2011. He held many leadership, command, and staff positions. Mr. Dubois is the recipient of many awards and decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, as well as other personal and unit ribbons. Gaining early joint duty credit, Mr. Dubois was born an Army brat in Paris, France. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy, Siena College, and Troy State University.



Joseph Jarrard, Adjutant General of Georgia

Major General Joe Jarrard graduated from North Georgia College and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1988. He served on Active Duty for over 20 years.

Appointed by the Governor of the State of Georgia in 2014, Maj. Gen. Jarrard serves as the 42nd Adjutant General of the Georgia Department of Defense. Previously, he served for more than three years as the Assistant Adjutant General - Army and Commanding General of the Georgia Army National Guard.

Under his leadership, the Georgia Army National Guard was selected by U.S. Army Forces Command to lead the way in implementing the Army's Associated Unit Program - the only state organization to have both division and battalion level associations with the Active Army component. While on active duty, Maj. Gen. Jarrard served at numerous duty stations to include Germany; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Riley, Kan. and Fort Bragg, N.C. He deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2005. He also worked as a defense contractor in Afghanistan from April 2010 to September 2011.

Major General Jarrard's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. He and his wife, Susan, have three sons, Ben, Will and Joseph.



Senator Sam Nunn

Former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn is co-chair of Nuclear Threat Initiative. He served as chief executive officer of NTI for 16 years, until June 2017, and continues to bring his deep experience and expertise to our projects. He served as a U.S. Senator from Georgia for 24 years, from 1972 to 1996.

In addition to his work with NTI, Nunn has continued his service in the public policy arena as a distinguished professor in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech and as chairman emeritus of the board of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC.

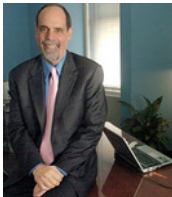
Nunn attended Georgia Tech, Emory University and Emory Law School, where he graduated with honors in 1962. After active duty service in the U.S. Coast Guard, he served six years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. He first entered politics as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives in 1968. During his tenure in the U.S. Senate, Nunn served as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. He also served on the Intelligence and Small Business Committees.



Senator Saxby Chambliss

Saxby Chambliss served in the US Senate for two terms and, before that, served four terms in the US House of Representatives. Georgia Trend magazine, which consistently named him one of its Most Influential Georgians, called him "a highly visible and well-respected presence in Washington," and says he earned "a reputation as an affable but straight-talking lawmaker."

During his time in the Senate, he served as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; the Senate Rules Committee; and his leadership and experience on homeland security and intelligence matters earned him an appointment to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, where he served as vice chairman from 2011-2014. Saxby also served as the co-chair of the Senate Aerospace Caucus and the Senate Reserve Caucus, and as a member of the Senate Rural Health Caucus, the Juvenile Diabetes Caucus, the Caucus on Military Depots, Arsenals and Ammunition Plants, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation and the Congressional Fire Services Caucus.



Bill Nigut, Georgia Public Broadcasting

Bill Nigut has been a program host and producer at Georgia Public Broadcasting since November, 2013. He currently hosts "Two Way Street," a show that features long-form conversations with authors, artists, chefs, scientists and other creative people who have fascinating stories to tell. He is host and producer of "Political Rewind," a twice-weekly political roundtable show featuring some of Georgia's best-informed insiders weighing in on the big state and national political stories.

Bill spent 20 years as the national and state political correspondent for WSB-TV in Atlanta. In that role, he covered five presidential campaigns, traveling to Iowa, New Hampshire and other key primary states in each presidential election cycle. Bill also covered the White House and Capitol Hill for WSB, commuting from his home in Atlanta when major news stories were breaking in Washington, D.C. He grew up in Chicago, where he developed his love of rough and tumble politics and the Chicago Bears and Da Bulls.



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About the Georgia Youth ChalleNGe Program

Conducted at 40 academies across the country, the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program is operated in conjunction with the National Guard Bureau, state governments and local sites. The program consists of a 5 ½ month residential phase framed around eight core components: academic excellence, responsible citizenship, physical fitness, leadership/followership, job skills, service to the community, health and hygiene and life coping skills, and a 12-month post residential phase during which mentors continue to provide guidance and support to graduates. If you are between the ages of 16 to 18 and have dropped out of school but are interested in turning your life around and improving your chances for success, please visit www.georgiayouthchallenge.org or call the Admissions Office at 800-278-2233

About the Georgia Youth ChalleNGe Foundation

The Georgia Youth ChalleNGe Academy Foundation, Inc.'s efforts are directed primarily toward developing, supporting and enhancing the Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academies and its Cadets with educational scholarships, public awareness initiatives, innovative partnerships and opportunities for training and developing workforce and life skills. Every year, more than one million young Americans drop out of school. The Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Foundation was established as a 501c3 in 1997 to advocate for the Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program and to provide resources to its graduates to ensure they maintain a path of success beyond graduation day. The Foundation is dedicated to addressing the nation's dropout crisis by giving troubled youth a second chance to DREAM, BELIEVE and ACHIEVE. We are an ALL VOLUNTEER organization. www.gycfoundation.com