

## In Memory



As Aggies worldwide prepared to observe Muster, the Aggie Network received news that we had lost another one of our own in Iraq. **1LT. Doyle M. Hufstedler III '01** was killed in action March 31 near Fallujah along with four other soldiers with the Army's 1st Infantry Division when a bomb exploded beneath their armored personnel carrier.

A 2002 A&M graduate in industrial distribution from Abilene, Hufstedler was a member of Company I-1 in the Corps of Cadets.

Hufstedler met his wife, Leslie Chesson '01, at A&M, and the two were married in August 2002. After graduation, he completed his Army training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and was deployed to Iraq a year later.

Hufstedler is survived by his wife, Leslie, and infant daughter, Grace Ashley, as well as his parents, Kathleen and Doyle M. Hufstedler Jr., and three sisters.

The I-1 Association has established a memorial scholarship fund in his honor through the Texas A&M Foundation. Contributions may be sent to the Texas A&M Foundation, 401 George Bush Dr., College Station, TX 77840. Checks should be made out to "Texas A&M Foundation," with "Hufstedler Memorial Fund" indicated in the memo line.

A trust fund benefiting the Hufstedlers' daughter also has been established through the First National Bank of Abilene. Contributions to the "Grace Ashley Hufstedler Fund" may be mailed to First National Bank, ATTN: Norma Cano, P.O. Box 701, Abilene, TX 79601. For additional information, please contact Joe Pierce '86 with the Abilene A&M Club at (325) 677-3155.



### Blueitt '81 Earns Landmark Military Honor

COL Pauletta (Brown) Blueitt became the first African-American to achieve the rank of colonel of the Air Force Medical Service assigned to Headquarters, 7th Command, Office of the Surgeon as Chief, Medical Support, Langley AFB, Virginia. She also has a band, LTC Odis Blueitt '82, an Army Reserve, and she currently is one of the Class Agents for the year. They have three daughters: B. Brawnlyn (13) and Briana (8).

### Champlin '61 Inducted into Distinguished Flying Cross Society

James L. Champlin '61 was recently inducted into The Distinguished Flying Cross Society, Force Village West Chapter, March AFB, CA and was elected the chapter's first vice president. Champlin received the Distinguished Flying Cross by direction of the President of the United States for extraordinary heroism and achievement in aerial flight.



### The Association Marks Record Aggie Ring Day

Dennie Newton '39, picture Aggie Ring Office's Carrie Li, set a record of 3,091 Aggies wearing their Aggie Rings in April. This is a record for service, marriage and a career. Newton from graduating, but celebrating this long-awaited accomplishment.



### Vine Jr. '66 Elected 2004 Chair of National Appraisal

The Appraisal Foundation has elected James B. "Nardie" Vine Jr. Chairman of the Board for 2004. The Appraisal Foundation is an organization authorized by the U.S. Congress to set the generally accepted standards for the appraisal profession nationwide as well as minimum qualifications for real property appraisers. Vine specializes in the valuation of rural properties, agri-business properties and is currently the president of Vine Associates in San Antonio.

### San Antonio Elementary School Named After Former Student

A new elementary school in the Northside I.S.D. in San Antonio will bear the name of **Martha Mead '81**, a graduate of the College of Education and Human Development whose collaborative work with schools and communities has been described as exceptional. She was a longtime director of Adult and Community Education with the Northside I.S.D.



### Aggie to Attend Prestigious Producing Program

John J. Shine IV '02 has been accepted to The Peter Stark Producing Program for fall 2004. The program, which attracts more than 200 applicants nationwide each year, offers students the opportunity to obtain a graduate degree in fine arts while interning at some of the country's major film studios. They learn the art of film-making through workshops, classes and seminars led by prominent leaders in the film industry.