

MC offers LSAT review course

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Prospective law school students who want to prepare for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) can get help at a Mississippi College class in November. The three-part course will provide twelve instructional hours. The MC Office of Continuing Education is offering

the class, and the course schedule is Tuesday and Thursday evenings on November 9, 14 and 16 from 6 until 10 p.m. on the campus of Mississippi College.

The cost of the course is \$249. Pre-registration is required. For more information, email at cbvance@mc.edu or visit www.mc.edu/offices/ and select "Test Reviews."

OBITUARY

Beverly Grenada Watkins Clinton, Mississippi

Mrs. Beverly Grenada Watkins of Clinton, Mississippi, peacefully passed on October 17, 2017, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. J.T. Watkins; children Tonya Taylor (Les) and Marcus Johnson (Tamara); mother Gertrude Grenada; siblings Walter Grenada (Bertine), Gregory Grenada, Sr. (Laverne), and Michael Grenada ("Cookie"); step-children David Watkins (Lametrica) and James Watkins (Lisa); grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral arrangements were as follows: Family hour – Saturday, October 21, 2017, from the hours of 6 to 7 p.m.; Funeral services – Sunday, October 22, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. Both services were held at Mt. Olive M.B. Church located on 6449 W. Northside Drive, Bolton, Mississippi. Flower arrangements can be sent to Bolton Funeral Home located on 205 Bolton Brownsville Road, Bolton, MS 39041. Memorial donations can be sent to the research departments of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Clinton man shares memories

come within a hair's breadth of going to Vietnam. He was in college, and had to talk his way into a higher grade in order to escape the draft.

"I was as close to getting called up as you can get."

Many of Bill's classmates who graduated only a year before them from Clinton High School in 1950 weren't so fortunate.

"They joined the Reserves, and got sent up."

Clinton Reservists Joe Albritton and Homer Ainsworth were among those sent to Korea. Ainsworth and Albritton served as the inspiration for Samuel Gore's *Fallen Comrades* sculpture at the Clinton Visitor Center. Ainsworth was killed by an artillery burst in the Korean conflict, and Albritton carried his body through enemy lines to get Ainsworth home for burial.

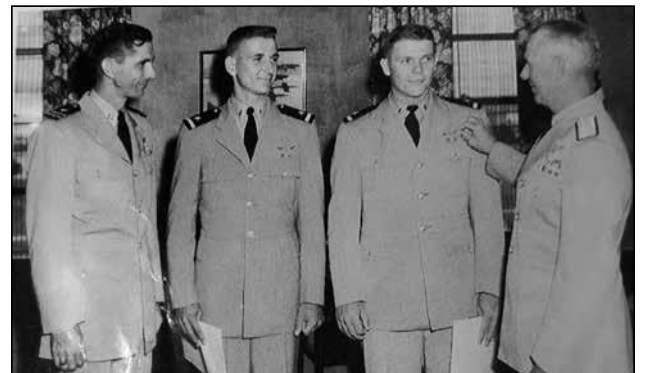
Bill recalls family, classmates and friends that served their country. Some made it back home, and some did not. Some members of his squadron went on to fight in Vietnam.

His squadron was the first equipped for atomic bomb delivery. During training, they learned various ways to drop an atomic bomb and get out of range before the bomb detonated.

"We all knew it was a 50/50 chance on getting out of range." One of the maneuvers the pilots learned was an "over-the-shoulder" technique, which involved rolling the plane and dropping the bomb, which was to allow the bomb to drop straight down. Getting a 12-kiloton bomb to drop straight down was not difficult; getting out of range before the bomb blew was the tricky part.

Bill visited Japan during his service, specifically Tokyo and Kyoto.

"Japan was a delight; the nicest people you'd ever want to meet. This was only about ten years since the end of the war [WWII]." He didn't care for the Philippines, but he liked Hong Kong. "Most of the stuff I have here is from Hong Kong," he said, laughing. Something he does have from Japan is a detailed model of an F9 Cougar, which he flew when his ship sailed into Japan in 1956.



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Older brother Barney (left) watches as Bob (second from left) and Bill (second from right) Barnett get their wings.

"We got a message from shore to see if we wanted a model of the airplane." Bill ordered one, and still has it. "Kind of made me wonder how they were able to make such a detailed model."

Speaking of his time in the Navy, Bill said: "It's just like in any job. Eighty percent of the people are good and try hard. Ten percent are no good. And ten percent are just crazy." Bill has lived a long time, and has known pain and happiness, he said. "It is interesting, getting older. There's pain, but it is interesting."

Other Barnett family members who served in addition to Bill, Bob and Barney include Bill's son, Guy "Glenn" Barnett, also a naval aviator; and Barney's son, James Arden "Jamie" Barnett, who served in the Navy aboard the *USS Jonas Ingram*. Bill's other son, Arden, is a concert promoter in Jackson, Mississippi; and Bill's wife, Barbara, is a master gardener.

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