

# With Gratitude to Our Veterans

## Col. Jack Usrey to speak at Hickman County Veterans Day program

Col. Jack Usrey, a Martin native, will be the speaker at the Veterans Day program at Hickman County High School gym.

Usrey has 30 years of military service. He attended basic training in 1988 and served in the Tennessee Army National Guard before being commissioned as an armor officer upon his graduation from the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he was a distinguished military graduate, in 1991.

Usrey began his active duty career as an Airborne tank platoon leader at Fort Bragg, N.C., in 1992. Since then he has led soldiers and deployed at every rank from lieutenant to colonel. He has served in 27 countries while being assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, 1st Armored Division, Special Operations Command Pacific, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, 1st Cavalry Division, III Corps, Combined Arms Support Command, Headquarters, the Pentagon and Joint Force Headquarters, Tennessee Army National Guard.



**Col. Jack Usrey**

nessee Army National Guard.

During his career he has been deployed in Jordan, Haiti, Honduras, Kosovo, Iraq, the Philippines and Afghanistan.

Col. Usrey is married to Cindy Usrey of Gallatin. They have two sons: Chance, currently serving in the Navy, and Garrett, a senior at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina; and one daughter, Bonde, a junior in high school. The Usreys live in Lebanon, Tenn.

Col. Usrey will speak Monday, Nov. 12, at 9 a.m.



Cadet Garrett Usrey, taking part in a long standing tradition at The Citadel, The Military College of the South - banging his senior ring on the Chapel doors to "seal the deal". Cadet Usrey, a former enlisted Infantryman, will become a Second Lieutenant in May 2019. His goal is to be an Airborne Infantry Platoon Leader. He is the son of Jack and Cindy Usrey, and grandson of Jim and Judy Usrey of Martin.

**John Spencer Duncan**  
United States Army  
2 years  
Martin, TN



**Basil Moon**  
United States Navy  
1940 - 1946  
Martin, TN

**PFC James E. Teal**  
4th Infantry Division  
192-195

**Joe Usrey**  
Son of Jimmie Usrey  
Lt. Co. (Ret.) U.S. Army  
1985 - 2010  
Cibolo, TX

**Chance Usrey**  
Son of Jack Usrey  
U.S. Navy, Engineer 2nd Class  
2013 - Present  
Lebanon, TN

**Jimmy Usrey**  
U.S. Navy E3  
1955 - 1963  
Served 12 months in Tokyo, Japan  
Served 22 months in Yokosuka, Japan  
Martin, TN

**Garrett Usrey**  
Son of Jack Usrey  
4th Year Cadet, Citadel  
U.S. Army, Already chosen for an active duty slot  
Lebanon, TN

**Jack Usrey**  
Son of Jimmie Usrey  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
1992 - Present  
Currently in Lebanon, TN  
Hometown: Martin, TN

**SMSgt Zachary C. Pate**  
Operation Southern Watch - Operation Enduring Freedom x2 - Operation Iraqi Freedom - Republic of Korea  
1999-Present  
96 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Eglin Air Force Base  
Hometown: Martin

**Daniel L. Mitchum III**  
United States Marines  
Dec. 2, 2002 - July 31, 2011  
Martin, TN

**SP4 Jh. Rypals**  
United States Army  
Fort Benning, GA  
1958 - 1960  
Martin, TN

**E-4 Cpl. Randal Walker**  
U.S. Marine Corps 1968-1972  
War Service: Vietnam 1969-1970  
9th Engineer Battalion  
1st Marine Division  
Dresden, TN

**Sgt. Lex Erwin**  
United States Army  
1961 - 1980  
Iraq  
Martin, TN

**SGM Marty Ables**  
194 Eng. Brigade National Guard  
1979-Present  
Iraqi Freedom  
Enduring Freedom  
Martin, TN