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1942. Instead, he found himself taking part in fierce battles at Iwo Jima and Guam and elsewhere in the Pacific theater. Corporal Lamar Simmons returned home to Louisiana and built a successful career running radio stations. Not so long ago, his stepson learned that LSU gives academic credit for military service and applied for those credits on behalf of Mr. Simmons. And so a man who began his studies here in 1938 graduates with you today: Lamar Simmons, Class of 2004.

Mr. Simmons, with my honorary degree, I guess that makes me the second-oldest member of your graduating class. [*Laughter*] I speak for all of my classmates in paying tribute to this one man and to the great generation of Americans to which he belongs. These Americans saw faraway conflict change their lives and took on duties they had not asked for and did what had to be done. They kept this country free. We are still in their debt.

As President, I've had the privilege of seeing another generation rise to its responsibilities and show its character. I've seen the goodness and idealism of young Americans. I've seen confidence—I've seen your confidence in yourselves, and I have confidence in you, in your generation, and in the great contributions you will make to our country.

I wish you all the best. I thank you for letting me share this day. I'm proud to be a member of your class. Congratulations, and may God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:21 a.m. at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center. In his remarks, he referred to Mark A. Emmert, chancellor, and Nick L. Saban, head football coach, Louisiana State University; and William L. Jenkins, president, and Roger H. Ogden, chairman, board of supervisors, Louisiana State University System.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

May 17

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea to discuss the possibility of redeploying a U.S. military brigade from South Korea to Iraq, the situation in North Korea, and other issues. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss the possibility of redeploying a U.S. military brigade to Iraq, Prime Minister Junichiro's upcoming visit to Pyongyang, North Korea, and the situation in North Korea.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Topeka, KS, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Leo Barbee, Jr.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Atlanta, GA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Brandon Gray.

In the evening, the President made remarks at a Victory 2004 reception and then attended a Victory 2004 dinner at a private residence. He then returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher William Dell to be Ambassador to Zimbabwe.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jack Rosen as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles C. Nguyen and Van Toi Vo as members of the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nicole Stelle Garnett, John A. Kaneb, and Reggie B. Walton as members of the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission.

The President announced his intention to designate Roger W. Wallace as Chairman and to nominate Nadine Hogan and Jack Vaughn as members of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced his intention to designate F. Duane Ackerman as Chairman

and Patricia F. Russo as Vice Chairman of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

May 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with former President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. He then met with members of the U.S. delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Anti-Semitism Conference.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with 2004 MATHCOUNTS National Competition award recipients. Later, in the Residence, he met with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss legislative priorities.

The White House announced that the President has invited the leaders of Algeria, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, and Uganda to meet with G–8 leaders on June 10 on Sea Island, GA.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan Greenspan to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

May 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with new Iraqi Governing Council President Ghazi Ujayl al-Yawr to express his condolences concerning the death of former Council President Izz al-Din al-Salim and to discuss reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

May 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the U.S. Capitol, he made remarks to a joint meeting of the House and Senate Republican Conferences.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a roundtable with broadcast economic reporters. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, and Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA, combatant commander, U.S. Central Command. He then met separately with Secretary Rumsfeld.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Francisco Flores Perez of El Salvador at the White House on May 27.

The White House announced that the President will host Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark for a meeting and lunch at the White House on May 28.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on Disability: Milton Aponte, Robert Davila, Young Woo Kang, Kathleen Martinez, and Linda Wetters.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark D. Gearan and Leona White Hat to be members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to appoint Witold Rybczynski as a member of the Commission of Fine Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission: James T. Scott (Chairman), Jennifer Sandra Carroll, John H. Grady, Thomas E. Harvey, and James E. Livingston.

May 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Baton Rouge, LA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New Orleans, LA, and then to Metairie, LA, where he attended a Victory 2004 reception at a private residence. Later, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President El Hadj Omar Bongo of Gabon at the White House on May 26.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 17

Christopher William Dell,
of New Jersey, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Nadine Hogan,
of Florida, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008, vice Frank D. Yturria, term expired.

Michael H. Schneider, Sr.,
of Texas, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, vice John H. Hannah, Jr., deceased.

Jack Vaughn,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2006, vice Patricia Hill Williams, term expired.

Submitted May 18

Alan Greenspan,
of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Submitted May 20

Milton Aponte,
of Florida, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2006 (reappointment).

Robert Davila,
of New York, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2006 (reappointment).

Mark D. Gearan,
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of one year (new position).

Leona White Hat,
of South Dakota, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2008, vice Amy C. Achor, term expired.

Young Woo Kang,
of Indiana, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2006 (reappointment).

Kathleen Martinez,
of California, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2006 (reappointment).

Linda Wetters,
of Ohio, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2006 (reappointment).

Edwin D. Williamson,
of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of 5 years, vice Amy L. Comstock, resigned.

Robert Clark Corrente,
of Rhode Island, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Rhode Island for the term of 4 years, vice Margaret Ellen Curran.

Laura A. Cordero,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Shellie Fountain Bowers, retiring.

Juliet JoAnn McKenna,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Nan R. Shuker, retiring.