On October 4th, former Secretary of State, James A. Baker, III, delivered a timely address, “America’s Role in the World After the Terrorist Attack.” This program is one facet of the Community Convocation Series endowed by Leonard B. and Edith Gittinger.

Mr. Baker enjoyed a tour of the campus and commented, “I am proud to see a university that embraces the values that make this nation great.” Mr. Baker stressed that though he is close to the current administration, he came to the College speaking only as a citizen. He included words of encouragement, “The world is not a more dangerous place than it was before September 11th,” Mr. Baker told the crowd. “It’s just that millions of people around the globe now realize and appreciate what a dangerous place it is and are willing to come together to change it.”

The following are some of Mr. Baker’s most notable quotes:

“When speaking of foreign affairs you play the hand you are dealt, and this is the hand we have been dealt. We work with regimes that are not democracies all the time.”

Baker stated, “This war will be unlike any before. The enemy is united not by its borders or government but by a ‘radical, fundamental brand of Islam.’ We need to put the adjective ‘radical’ in front of Islamic Fundamentalism because some of our best friends around the world are fundamental Muslim regimes.”

The system is “a system of international terrorism...with shadowy characters and a network of hidden financial interests.” Defeating that enemy will take an “all-out sustained war. It is necessary, it is right, and a just war,” he said. “But that, my friends, means we’re going to have to get our hands dirty.”

We as Americans must not be naive about the difficulties ahead. There will be, “deployment, and painstaking diplomacy,” Mr. Baker shared. As citizens we will all have sacrifices. An example, we must bear the enhanced security measures and some costs to our civil liberties.

“Leadership was the encompassing theme of the evening’s events. Law enforcement officials have fulfilled a huge leadership role in our lives in the past and will do so even more in the future. At the Convocation, the College recognized 22 of its alumni who currently serve on the Missouri State
Baker Events


Though this is a majority representation, there were a few others invited but unable to attend due to prior commitments. The College is proud to have some of its very own serving in this leadership capacity.

Roger D. Stottlemyre, Superintendent of the Missouri Highway Patrol receives recognition plaque.

Missouri Highway Patrolmen were involved in the evening’s activities.

Captain Billy E. Chadwick is a 1974 graduate and began employment with the Patrol in January 1, 1975.

During a campus tour, Mr. Baker enjoyed a view from “The Point.”
At the banquet prior to the Convocation, the College recognized five students for their leadership and development in one area of the College's five-fold mission.

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A special thanks is due James P. Keeter, a member of the Board of Trustees, College of the Ozarks. Mr. Keeter is a distinguished business entrepreneur and Chairman of the Board and CEO of Royal Oak Enterprises of Atlanta, Georgia. He and his family have provided an endowment gift to start The Keeter Center for Character Education. The Center is named in honor of Mr. Keeter’s parents, the late Vester and Ruby Keeter of Bradleyville, Missouri. It is the intent of the Keeter family to take a leadership role with College of the Ozarks in promoting character education on a national level.

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The College hosted a private luncheon in honor of four Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients. Pictured from left to right: President Davis, Ken Stumpf-U.S.A. Vietnam, Robert O’Malley-USMC Vietnam, Arthur Jackson-USMC WWII, Einar Ingman-U.S.A. Korea, and Mrs. Shirley Davis

Amidst the fog, Cadet Michael Hazen helps College President Jerry C. Davis place a wreath at the base of the College’s central flagpole in honor of those who risked or gave their lives defending American freedom.

College of the Ozarks Bobcat Company Cadets line up for a 21-gun salute for veterans.

College of the Ozarks Gives A Veteran’s Salute

The week prior to Veteran’s Day was filled with activities in the Branson area for the Veteran’s Homecoming Celebration, and members of the College participated in many of the events.

Aviation Science students received an unusual history lesson during the week. They had a chance to interact and learn from members of the Tuskegee Airmen. Also, the Flying Falcons float, “We Salute Our Veterans,” was among the floats in the Branson Veterans Parade.

On Sunday, November 11th, the College held a sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. This service began with a 21-gun salute and the laying of the Veterans wreath at the flagpole. Bobcat Cadet Company Commander Amy Hughes gave a brief address entitled, “Veteran’s Sacrifice.” The day culminated with a convocation in Williams Memorial Chapel. Colonel Jimmy L. Young, U.S. Army (Retired) was the guest speaker.