

THE GEORGE P.F. JOUINE AWARD

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On April 24, 1958, at a meeting of the Houston A&M University Mothers' Club, it was voted to present a traveling plaque as an award to the Corps Unit with the highest scholastic rating. Our club voted, at a meeting on May 1, 1958, for this award to honor the late George P.F. Jouine, Class of '07 who died in Houston on May 7, 1957.

On October 4, 1958, it was decided this award was to be a flag instead of a plaque. Designs for the flag were drawn by students from Texas A&M and submitted to our club by Colonel Joe Davis, Commandant, who worked with us on this project. The design for the flag was the Cadet Shoulder Patch, which was voted at the December 4, 1958 meeting. The name of our Club was also to appear on the flag. It was noted at this December meeting that the flag would be presented each Mother's Day at the College by the Houston A&M University Mothers' Club. In March 1959, it was voted the President-Elect of our Club, Mrs. Charles Bollfrass, Jr., would present this flag when it was awarded for the first time on Mother's Day, May 10, 1959. The award was given to Company A, Medical, commanded by Cadet Curtis Wayne Boyd. An explanation of the Jouine Award was framed and hung in the dormitory of the Unit receiving it. In May 1961, it was voted that the President-Elect of our club would present the award annually. This award has been given on Parents' Day in the Spring, instead of Mother's Day, since April 1971.

The following biographical material on George P.F. Jouine was received by the Houston A&M Mothers' Club in April 1958 from Mr. E.E. McQuillen, Executive Director of The Texas A&M College Development Fund, and Mr. J.B. (Dick) Hervey, Executive Secretary of The Association of Former Students. Mr. Jouine was highly regarded by his classmates and all those who knew him as a student at Texas A&M.

Mr. Jouine graduated from the College with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1907. He was a member of the Ross Volunteers for four years, having been elected to the R.V.s while a freshman. He was a member of the Student Council as a senior, treasurer of the Senior Class, designated the most military student his junior and senior years, and was a Cadet First Lieutenant of "B" Company Infantry.

He was of French extraction. When World War I first started, he returned to France, joined the French Army, and served from September 1914 to March 1919. When the United States entered the war, he transferred to the United States Army and fought with distinction under both flags. He served on the front lines for 42 months and was wounded five times. He entered the French Army as a private and was a first lieutenant of artillery at the end of the war. He received fourteen individual French decorations, including the Croix de la Legion d'honneur, one British, and one Belgian decoration. He was also given four unit decorations.

For many years, Mr. Jouine was president of the Gladys City Oil Company of Beaumont, and served as French Consul in Houston for seventeen years. He never married.

Attesting to Mr. Jouine's love for A&M, prior to his death he gave to the institution his extensive library, particularly works on civil engineering. In addition, he established an endowed fund at the college, in memory of his sister, in the amount of \$50,000, the income from which provides fellowships for graduate study in engineering. His will directed that all of his medals and military memoirs be given to the college, and further provided that his estate should make a contribution each year, until 1970, to the Development Fund of The Association of Former Students.

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B-2 Outfit won the [2019-2020] Award.

B-2 Patriots, the Keepers of the Flag, is currently an all-male outfit.

To earn the George P.F. Jouine Award, a company, squadron, or battery must achieve the highest cumulative total points that accrue from ratings derived from scholastic proficiency and scholastic inspections. This award recognizes the outstanding scholastic performance by a company or squadron-sized unit that earned the highest grade point average during the previous Spring and Fall semesters.

“Editor’s note: In recent years, the *President* of the club has presented the award to the deserving Corps Unit.”