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JOE SHAKEENAB

APSU Military Alumni Chapter president and APSU National Alumni Association president

Joe Shakeenab was born on September 5, 1964, in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. After completing high school in May 1982, Mr. Shakeenab enlisted in the U.S. Army as an Airborne Ranger. From there, he went on to serve in the 5th Special Forces Group.

Shakeenab is a 28-year military veteran who served extensively in the Middle East and the Horn of Africa, where he participated in, directed and supported numerous operations. He retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 in 2010. Since then, he has served as a professional trainer and speaker.

Shakeenab received his bachelor's degree in public management in 2004 and his master's degree in strategic leadership with honors in 2014, both from APSU. He is a Class of 2017 graduate of Leadership Clarksville. He became a Certified Life & Business Coach® through the American Academy of Project Management in 2013. He has completed many military schools, and has received numerous awards and decorations, both military and civilian.

Shakeenab was the president of the Board of Directors for LEAP ORG in Clarksville, Tennessee, from December 2012 to March 2016. While he was in that position, he focused on board management, increasing revenue and advancing the organization.

Shakeenab has served as president of the APSU Military Alumni Chapter since July 2014. In that time, he has passionately guided an effort to fully endow four scholarships. He has served as the vice president, president-elect and currently serves as president of the APSU National Alumni Association (NAA). In this role, he continues to promote the mission of the NAA and the APSU Alumni Relations Office. Additionally, he supports various programs of the APSU Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center (WNDAACC).

Shakeenab is a lifetime member of the Special Forces Association, the 555th Paratrooper Association and the Army Ranger Association. He is an associate member of the Thomas A. Simms, Jr. Lodge #170, the Robert B. Kendall, Jr. Consistory #81, the United Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction 33*, the Military Officers Association of America and the APSU Tower Club.

Shakeenab has a son, Jamal, and a daughter, Imani. He refers to his children as his heroes, and they stir his appetite for achievement. He is committed to service, and for him, today is another opportunity to serve.