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Military Academy Elects New Board Members

OAK RIDGE – Oak Ridge Military Academy is pleased to announce Dr. Woody Gibson and Dr. Bobby Hayes have been elected to serve on the Academy’s board of trustees. For the past five years, Jim Savage has served as chairman of the board but as of June 1, he has decided to step into the vice chairman role. The Academy thanks Savage for his dedicated service and unwavering support of his alma mater.

Replacing Savage as chairman is Dr. Woody Gibson of High Point. Although Gibson has been associated with ORMA in previous years, he is best known for his accomplishments at High Point University and for being a member of the Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame and the NAIA Sports Hall of Fame. For 20 years he coached HPU’s men’s soccer team, including 5 conference championship teams. He relinquished his head coaching role in 1998 to become HPU’s athletic director, and during his 10 years as the A.D., Gibson helped HPU transition from a NCAA Division II school to Division I. Gibson has since retired from HPU and has been traveling the world. In addition to his many career achievements, Gibson holds a bachelor’s degree in history, a master’s degree in physical education and a doctorate in higher education administration.

“I am very happy to welcome Woody as chairman of the board,” Savage said. “I have known him for several years as both a colleague and friend, and I am confident with his knowledge and leadership, ORMA will prosper for many years to come,” he added.

ORMA also welcomes new board member, Bobby Hayes, an assistant professor of communication at HPU. Hayes has a bachelor’s degree in English and a doctorate in education with a specialization in mass communications and journalism. He previously worked as a writer and columnist for the Asheville Citizen-Times, and later, the Pensacola News Journal where Hayes covered many national sporting events, including the PGA tour and several conference championship games.

The Academy welcomes Hayes to the board, and the BOT looks forward to reconvening on June 23 for their next meeting directed by Chairman Gibson.

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