



GOVS WHO LEAD THROUGH MILITARY SERVICE AWARD

JACK TURNER

Jack B. Turner is a Clarksville native who entered the life insurance business in the 1970s. He is now a prominent community leader and faithful supporter of Austin Peay State University.

Hailed as a “visionary, patriot and leader” on many fronts, Turner has advanced the concept of “regional cooperation” throughout middle Tennessee. His leadership has fostered the creation of the Ajax Turner Senior Citizens Center, the Fort Campbell Historical Foundation, Leadership Middle Tennessee, the Jack B. Turner Foundation for Leadership Middle Tennessee and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. He was also the founding president of Leadership Clarksville, an organization that brings nonpartisan leaders from the Clarksville, Montgomery County and Austin Peay communities together to exchange ideas and insights. Turner’s commitment to community service has extended to the U.S. Army’s famed 101st Airborne Division, 5th Special Forces Group, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment and other tenant units at nearby Fort Campbell. His connection to the military began in the period between the Korean War and the Vietnam War, when he was an artillery officer for six months. He later served seven years in the U.S. Army Reserve. As Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, he serves as a liaison between the Secretary of the Army’s office, the community and the military. Since 2012, Turner has sponsored the CSM Darol Walker Award Ceremony and Breakfast at APSU to annually recognize one outstanding ROTC cadet while also honoring Walker, the retired vice president of Jack B. Turner and Associates Inc. and a retired command sergeant major in the Army.

Over the years, Turner served as an active member and former chair of the APSU Foundation Board of Trustees. He has also supported APSU through generous donations to several endowed scholarships and his involvement in the Red Coat Society, the Tower Club, Candlelight Ball, the Governors Club, the Govs Golf Classic and APSU Athletics. He received the Outstanding Service Award from Austin Peay in 1998.

Turner is often asked to speak at local, regional and national industry events. He is nationally recognized as a creative Estate and Business Planner. His authenticity and acumen have made Jack B. Turner & Associates a trusted resource for generations of Tennesseans and a blessing to the many charitable recipients of his clients’ generosity. In 2016, he received the Joe Kraft Humanitarian Award from the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. The award is given annually to a person who, like the late Joe Kraft, demonstrates a “commitment to community, home and hearth, and individuals in need.”