

Dear Rudder Association fellow members,

Thank you for your support and passion for our beloved Texas A&M!!

We started the Rudder Association just a few years ago to "Keep the Aggie in Aggieland" by standing up to those working to divide us. Some do not believe that "We are the Aggies, The Aggies are We. True to Each other as Aggies Can be." They use Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness talking points to promote progressive conformity, biased treatment, and segregation to try to divide us. Traditional Aggie values and people who support them have been censored and excluded from some student organizations and leadership positions such as the Batt, Fish Camp, MSC leadership, faculty assignments, etc. We have made significant progress in some of those areas and continue to bring awareness in truth and love for our current and former students to make a difference. We now have more current students, professors, and administrators who love Texas A&M joining us in large numbers as well!!

This is a long-term and worthy effort that will take all of us working together for years to come. To ensure a strong future for the mission of the Rudder Association, the Board of Directors has voted unanimously to confirm the next President to lead us. Matt Poling '90 is now the President-elect. He will take over as The Rudder Association President on August 1st when my two-year term expires.

We could not ask for a better leader!! Dr. Matt Poling served as the Texas A&M Corps Commander and was selected as the Brown-Rudder Outstanding Graduate 1990-91 graduating class and Association of Former Students Class Agent 1990-95. Upon leaving A&M he attended tu Southwestern medical school (class President) and later was Chief Resident of his family medicine residency. He then served in the Air Force where he was awarded a number of citations and awards while deploying to the Middle East. Dr. Poling recently has served on the Board of Directors for the Corps of Cadets Association (2008-2020) and is the Faculty Advisor Emeritus for Texas A&M's chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom. He has been an advisor to the Rudder Association Board for the past year and has co-written a number of our most impactful published articles. Most importantly Matt is a great husband and father to his family and has a burning passion for Texas A&M!!! I look forward to working with Matt over the next few months to transition the leadership of The Rudder Association and know that he will lead us to the next level of achievement in our mission! Duty, Honor, Integrity, Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentlemen, Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Selfless Service. This is what "Keeping the Aggie in Aggieland" means and what Matt will continue to lead The Rudder Association towards in the most effective and impactful way!

Joe Bourgeois,

President, TRA

Curriculum Vitae

Work History - Dr. Matt Poling

Aug. 2010 – Present Baylor Scott and White Family Practice Physician

Aug. 2003 – Present Assistant Professor, Dept of Fam Medicine

Texas A&M Health Science Center. Cardiovascular block lecturer. Preceptor for annual Peru medical mission trips.

June 2009 – Aug. 2010 Family Medicine Physician assigned to US

Army, Heidelberg, Germany

Jan. 2003 - June 2009 Baylor Scott and White Family Practice

Physician. Team Leader May 2006 to June 2009

Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2003 Family Practice Physician, Randolph AFB, TX

Supervisor for Urgent Care Clinic

Disaster Team Leader

Separated at the rank of Major January 2001.

Aug. 1998 – Jan. 2001 Family Practice Physician, Peterson AFB

Colorado. Supervisor for the medical clinic in Cheyenne Mountain Air Station. Deployment to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia. Staffed clinic/ER

Education

July 1995 – June 1998 Family Practice Residency, Waco, Texas

Chief Resident

August 1991 – June 1995 UT Southwestern Medical School

Dallas, Texas Class President

August 1986 – May 1991 Texas A&M University, College Station,

Texas Commander of 2,000+ member Corp

Awards

O.C. Cooper Preceptor of the Year 2012-13

Air Expeditionary Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Personal

Married with four children. Two biological, one adopted internationally and one through Texas foster care. Member Grace Bible Church. Blogs at The-Beagle.com. Fluent in medical Spanish