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Vet Med Update

CVM Graduates 114 New Veterinarians



Jerry Jaax, DVM, attended veterinary school at Kansas State University fully expecting to emulate famed veterinarian and author James Herriot and work in a veterinary clinic. However, when he graduated in 1972, "The Vietnam War was raging, and hiring," he said. Jaax joined the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, as did his wife, Nancy Jaax, DVM, one

Upcoming Events

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Emergency Rescue
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Alumni Weekend is set for **Sept. 18-19, 2015.**

Save the date and enjoy a weekend of food, football and fellowship.

The **Alumnus of the Year** is selected and presented by the College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Organization in recognition of outstanding

year later. The couple, who met while in veterinary school, went on to pursue their careers together, their combined active duty service totaling 54 years.

Jaax addressed the MU College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2015 during commencement exercises May 15. He recounted his and his wife's intertwined careers in the field of one medicine – the convergence of animal and human health -- even before the term “one medicine” became commonly used. The duo's military career included several years in Germany, where they cared for Army sentry dogs and isolated a coronavirus that infected some of the animals; working with deadly pathogens at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Maryland; immunizing horses with botulinum toxin during Operation Desert Storm; and responding to an Ebola outbreak in monkeys in Reston, Virginia.

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