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Hall to Speak at ABAC Commencement December 11

TIFTON – Jim Hall, Chief of Law Enforcement with the National Wildlife Refuge System through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will be the featured speaker at the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. in Gressette Gym.
Hall spent a portion of his career managing the 1.92 million-acre Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, the most complex refuge within the entire system. He also helped to establish the 10,473-acre Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in Mississippi, considered to be a critical wetland, black bear habitat, and home to the National Champion Baldcypress, the largest tree species east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

After receiving his associate degree in wildlife management from ABAC in 1983, Hall furthered his education at Brenau College, receiving his bachelor’s degree in business administration and conservation law enforcement. He also received additional training through the federal law enforcement training center in 1991 and wildlife firefighting training in Harris Neck from 1987-2007.

In 2014, Hall received the J. Lamar Branch Award during the annual ABAC Alumni Association awards ceremony. The award recognizes alumni who exemplify outstanding agricultural leadership in the area of agricultural education and is based on professional achievement, community service and support of ABAC.

Hall’s wife, Elaine, is also an ABAC alumnus who attended the college from 1981-83.

A total of 211 students are scheduled to receive their diplomas at the fall commencement ceremony.

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