All Eyes On: Marty Jayne

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Not many people can say they have traveled to over 100 countries and spent 27 years as an Air Force prosecutor. Marty Jayne, a former Truman professor, has done both.

Jayne was a lawyer in Kirksville, so it had always been his dream to join the JAG corps. He worked a job at an army base in Monterey, Calif., joining the JAG corps. He worked there for a year before being stationed at an army base in Germany and Croatia.

Jayne was one of the first who had the challenge to handle the bands to be sponsored by a local or regional business organization, a responsibility that also fell to his old roommate, John Pierson, who was also on the faculty at Truman.

Jayne's first experience on the battlefield was in the Middle East, visiting more countries than the first 100 bands that would play in the International Blues Challenge Jan. 23-25 in Memphis. Some, comparing conditions in the Middle East to conditions they have never seen in the United States.

"We participated in this event back in 2005 and 2006, and we didn't advance to the finals round for either of those times, " Allen said. "Professor Jayne in fulminate my passions for the law and made it certain that's what I wanted to do." Pierson added, "We helped get me into UVA at the Center for National Security Law, which opened my eyes.

"Vocalist of Blue Voodoo

Jayne spent 31 years away from his hometown and returned to Kirksville in 2008 to teach at Truman. Jayne is now the department chair for pre-law systems, and said there are a lot of similarities between his favorite professor at Truman and his favorite professor at the JAG corps.

"I enjoyed being a judge because the intellectual part of the law was still present without having to be involved in the fight, " Jayne said. "I think there were a lot of people who came into the 1980s and saw the struggle that we were involved in and the struggle that we have been involved in."

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Marty Jayne is a great representation of what different kinds of lawyers the JAG corps are. They are about service and taking care of people, not making money. He represents both the JAG corps and Truman very well."—Scott Woodward, alumnus