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Cardinal Cadets take on challenges during summer training



CDT Gary Harber

Each summer, Cadets from across the nation participate in practical summer training, ranging from Airborne school to shadowing an active duty 2LT at Cadet Troop Leadership Training. This summer, two Cadets from the Cardinal Battalion had the opportunity to take part in two new and prestigious programs. CDT Kevin Maxfield trained with Special Forces troops at Robin Sage, while CDT Gary Harber attended WHINSEC (the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation), a Spanish immersion course where he learned infantry techniques alongside Cadets from Columbia.

Robin Sage

MS III Kevin Maxfield was one of 150

cadets from across the country to be chosen to attend Robin Sage, a 2-week course at Camp McCall, just outside Fort Bragg. Cadets in groups of 20-25 were sent to locations all over North Carolina to play OPFOR (Opposing Force) during the course of training for new Special Forces troops. Each group of cadets was assigned to a group of Special Forces trainees, who taught the cadets how to be OPFOR.



CDT Kevin Maxfield

Since one of the missions of Special Forces is to train insurgents in foreign countries in US military tactics, cadets were taught to act as foreign soldiers who knew nothing militarily. The Special Forces trainees then "trained" the cadets in basic military knowledge, such as operations orders, basic tactics, and weaponry. At the conclusion of the exercise, the Special Forces trainees had successfully turned the "foreign soldiers" into a functioning unit capable of carrying out infantry and SASO (Stability and Support Operations) missions. CDT Maxfield asserted that it was some of the best training that he has received in ROTC, and he especially valued the (cont. on pg. 2)

Cadet's Heroism Earns Commendation

When MS III James Murphy was driving in South Carolina on 31 July, 2009, he had no reason to suspect that his journey would be anything other than a normal journey. Instead, he was witness to a devastating car accident in

which his actions resulted in the timely treatment of four injured children, all without their seatbelts on. CDT Murphy described the accident and his actions, "A car in front of me a car swerved to the left and went across two lanes of traffic, resulting in a rolled van. 4 kids were ejected out of the sides, and I jumped out to help. A combat medic (cont. on pg. 3)



CDT James Murphy



The Commander's Corner with LTC Wiseman

Welcome back Cardinal Battalion! After a productive and adventurous summer, I trust that everyone is ready to hit the ground running for a new school year. We have an impressive group of MS IV's that recently completed LDAC, and are now ready to lead this unit to the next level by way of a busy calendar filled with the proven training model that will set the generations of Cadets behind the seniors up for success.

I am LTC Tarpon Wiseman, and I am excited to enter the Cardinal Battalion as the Professor of Military Science. In May, I came to the University of Louisville

from Fort Campbell, KY, where I served with the 101st Airborne Division's 1/320th Field Artillery and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. I am proud to join this outstanding unit, and look forward to maintaining the high standards that the Cardinal Battalion has preserved since 1982.

Although I have only been here a short time, I am already impressed with the integrity, discipline, and achievements of all the Cadets from the six schools that make up our team. Of the 22 Cadets who graduated from LDAC this summer, 8 achieved top overall scores of E's, (Excellent), 4 earned

the ever-elusive Recondo Badge, and 7 ranked in the top 5 of their Platoons (approximately 45 other Cadets). CDT Dakota Walker received the ultimate distinction by being recognized as the top Cadet in 12th Regiment, a pool of nearly 550 young men and women from across the nation. 8 cadets graduated from Airborne and Air Assault schools this summer. CDT Greg Harber attended WHINSEC at Fort Benning, a Spanish immersion course where he learned infantry techniques with Columbian Soldiers. CDT Kevin Maxfield trained with Special Forces troops while attending Robin Sage at Ft. Bragg, and was one of the only Cadets in the country to

earn a slot. Looking ahead, our Ranger Challenge team will make us proud as they begin preparations for defending the Brigade Champion title they earned last year by beating out the 41 other Army ROTC programs within our region. I would also like to commend CDT Patrick Murphy for his heroic actions this summer, when his quick thinking and application of first aid assisted in saving the lives of 4 children in a car accident.

In the coming year, don't hesitate to contact me or one of the cadre members with any questions, concerns, or issues. My open-door policy applies to the office, the sidewalk, the Student Activities Center, the gym, wherever---you can always come see me.

Battle On!

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Cadets excel in summer training (continued from pg. 1)

one on one time with the Special Forces. He said, "Interacting with the Special Forces soldiers was a great learning experience not only because of the training, but because of all the small, side note things that they taught us, as well as their stories."

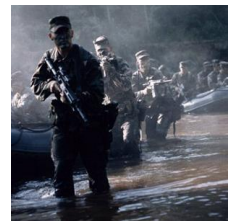
WHINSEC

CDT Gary Harber, also an MS III, also participated in unusual and exciting training this past summer. H spent 4 weeks at WHINSEC at Ft. Benning, a Spanish immersion course similar to the infantry officer basic course, where he trained alongside the 40 top ranked Columbian Cadets in their country. Following WHINSEC, he attended Airborne school, also at Ft. Benning. The course was designed to enhance the language skills of and develop relations

relations between the Columbian and American Cadets, as well as to enhance their proficiency in infantry and leadership techniques. The course started off all in Spanish with mixed platoons of both American and Columbian troops, and switched to separate platoons all in English after 4 days. Training was often in Spanish only, and included STX (squad practical exercise) lanes, troop leading procedures, human rights classes, combatives, US weapons, air assault training in a Blackhawk helicopter, and the FLRC (the Field Leader's Reaction Course). CDT Harber said that doing drill and ceremony and the FLRC in Spanish was among the most challenging and funniest part of the course. The Cadets participated in a total of 8 days of field time.

The experience at WHINSEC for the Cadets extended to learning about each other's culture and military,. In Columbia, officers tend to be from the upper echelons of society, and in essence purchase their commissions, although they still go through a military academy similar to West Point. CDT Harber referred to the Columbian war with the FARC versus the war on terrorism and the subsequent difference between American and Columbian military tactics. He said that their tactics reflect the fact that they "are definitely fighting a different war than Americans are, and their tactics work for them."

CDT Harber is still in contact with three Columbian Cadets, and recommends the course, stating that it is "the best hands-on training a cadet can receive."



BABY NEWS!

Congratulations to CDT Scott Anderson and his wife Sarah on the birth of their son. Emory Elias Anderson was born on 31 August 2009.

Ranger Challenge on track for a second victory in October

Ranger Challenge is often called the “varsity sport” of ROTC, composed of an elite group of Cadets. Ranger Challenges Cadets, each with at least a 270 APFT score, train separately from the rest of the battalion 5 mornings a week, working on physical fitness and military skills. Two hard months of training culminates in the Ranger Challenge competition at Ft. Knox between 30-40 universities that challenges the physical fitness, mental toughness, and military prowess of each squad sized team in a number of challenges. A grueling 19-hour day begins with the Army Physical Fitness Test, followed by written exams testing land navigation, and a

obstacle course. Practical events compose the majority of the events, including competitions in timed M16 rifle disassembly and reassembly, the hand grenade assault course, and a team rope bridge crossing. The competition culminates in a 6-mile team road-march with each member carrying a 35 lb. rucksack, LBE, and weapon. This year, the Cardinal Battalion Ranger Challenge team is led by SFC East and MS IV Jordan Shontz, who has put together two teams of 10 cadets, including the first ever all female Ranger Challenge team. Last year, the Ranger Challenge team placed 1st out of 41 universities, achieving an average 293 APFT score,



and placing in the top 3 schools in 4 events. CDT Shontz plans on leading the team to victory again this year, with a goal of a 300+ average APFT score. He calls the team a “family” and a “fraternity,” and says that the team is a great combination of PT and skills training that enable Cadets to push themselves to the limit.

Cadets interested in Ranger Challenge can contact CDT Jordan Shontz at 502-472-0772.

Quick News

President Harmid Karzai has pulled ahead of opponent Abdullah Abdullah is a widely disputed election in Afghanistan, amidst allegations of election fraud. US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton has pledged to ensure that free and fair elections are held.

Color Guard kicks off the year with pride and precision

The Color Guard provides an activity for those motivated to develop proficiency in drill and ceremony and to build self-confidence and discipline. Commanded by MS IV Paige Young, the Color Guard represents the U.S. Army and the Cardinal Battalion during various ceremonies with pride and precision, to include university, community events and sporting events. The Color Guard also sends a drill team out of state to compete with ROTC units across the country. They have traveled to New Orleans in previous years to participate in the Mardi Gras Drill Meet held at Tulane University, and may travel to Atlanta, GA this year.

CDT Young points out that participation in Color Guard earns cadets extra points on their accessions packet, and that the skills learned are invaluable at the Leadership Development

Assessment Course, as well as in a Cadet’s future career as an officer. In addition, she says, the Cadet Activity Fund is paid \$100 for each football and basketball game in which the Color Guard participates, and members get free tickets to any game in which they perform Color Guard duties.

To join the Cardinal Battalion Color Guard, contact CDT Paige Young at 270-312-4867.



The Cardinal BN Color Guard

Cadet’s heroism (continued from pg. 1)

soon stopped, and I helped him treat the injuries. There were two head injuries, one kid had all his fingers broken at the tip, as well as minor knee injury.”

As a result of his actions, CDT Murphy was awarded the Warrior Leader ribbon, and his name has been submitted for the Medal of Valor. His award citation states, “Cadet James Murphy performed in an exemplary manner as a first responder at the scene of a vehicular accident. As a result of his decisive action, calmness under pressure, competent first aid skills, and proactive leadership, Cadet Murphy ensured the timely treatment of four injured children. Cadet Murphy’s outstanding performance as a first responder reflects great credit upon himself, the Cardinal Battalion, the University of Louisville and the United States Army.”



New MS IV Chain of Command Takes Charge

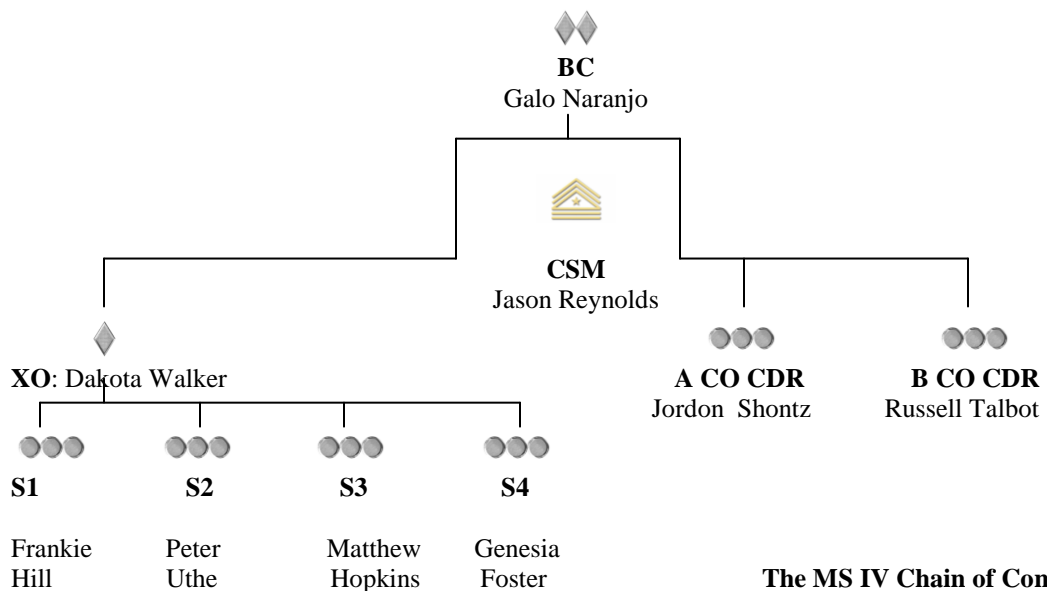
MS IV Leaders include 8 E's, 4 Recondos



The Cadet Battalion Commander is Galo Naranjo. CDT Naranjo entered the Cardinal Battalion as an MS III after serving for 9 years as an enlisted soldier in a cavalry unit. He earned top honors this summer at LDAC, achieving an "Excellent" rating and the Recondo Badge, and was ranked in the Top 5 of his platoon. He has high expectations for the Cardinal Battalion this year, and is aiming for the battalion to achieve an APFT average of 250 and an average GPA of 3.0. CDT Naranjo plans on focusing on PT, the OPORD process, and setting the MS III's up for success at LDAC.



MS IV Chain of Command



The MS IV Chain of Command

- Ranger Challenge:** Jordon Shontz, Colin Davis
- Color Guard:** Paige Young, Luis Ocasio
- Intramurals:** Peter Pence, Brandon Hall
- Scabbard and Blade:** Travis Johnson, Jeffrey Becker
- OCF:** Scott Anderson



Event Calendar

- 02 Sept 09- APFT Diagnostic
- 23 Sept 09: Combat Water Survival Test Introduction
- 26 Sept 09- M16 Qualification Range
- 07 Oct 09- APFT Diagnostic
- 14 Oct 09- Combat Water Survival Test
- 17 Oct 09- Land Navigation/Obstacle Course
- 23-25 Oct 09- Ranger Challenge Competition
- 04 Nov 09- APFT Diagnostic
- 21 Nov 09- Military Ball
- 02 Dec 09- Record APFT



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