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High and mighty fun

Montana's Bobcat Battalion pounces on the powder

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Cadet Jeremy Schunke puts on his boots.



Cadet Marko Rubich zooms down the best snow of the day.



A couple of cadets on the chairlift use the buddy system to keep warm ears.

Feb. 22 was a perfect Montana day, with 12 inches of new snow and a temperature around 15 degrees. The cadets of the Montana State University Bobcat Battalion decided to use the snow to their advantage and have a little fun.

As daylight broke Bobcat cadets began to meet at their supply building for a journey to Bridger Bowl, the local ski area. Bridger Bowl is a fantastic downhill ski hill located 20 miles from Bozeman, Mont., in the middle of the Bridger Mountain Range. Cadets Marko Rubich and Jeremy Schunke organized the ski day with Bridger Bowl staff and were able to get reduced ticket prices for the cadets. The battalion also

used some of the money earned throughout the year, from football and concert support, to help pay for the ski day. It was designed as a morale booster for cadets and as an appreciation day for all the cadets' hard work throughout the year.

Cadets arrived at the ski hill just as chairlifts began to run and they could still hear the ski pa-

trol blasting the upper mountain to control avalanches. They were all excited to begin skiing in the fresh powder. They took the first couple of

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The constant images of combat in Iraq we now see 24 hours a day, seven days a week starkly remind us of the ultimate purpose and obligation of our profession. Our business in ROTC is simple, but not easy - to develop leaders who possess the ethics, mental toughness and compassion to lead soldiers in serving our nation and defending its interests. In our JROTC battalions we grow young citizens who will contribute to their communities and the nation because our cadres have imbued in these cadets a sense of values, teamwork and obligation. In our senior programs, we go even further to produce lieutenants of competence and character. Some of those young men and women who graduated from our universities in the last 24 months now lead soldiers in a tough, demanding combat zone.

As we approach the spring commissioning season, I congratulate



Col. Daniel S. Challis

late all our new lieutenants and their cadre. I am confident that these latest additions to our Officer Corps will serve with the same distinction, valor, and skill that characterize our lieutenants currently deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea and dozens of other locations our Army so nobly serves.

For those cadets conducting final training and preparations for this summer's National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, I promise you a highly professional, challenging and rewarding experience. If you come to NALC physically fit and ready to learn, you will succeed and grow. We look forward to your arrival.

Ruck Up & Move Out!

As Americans, we define ourselves not so much by our diverse races, creeds or ethnic origins, but rather by our values. Few things make this clearer than the fact that, despite the use of terrorists tactics we see the enemy using in Iraq, we steadfastly refuse to adopt the same tactics ourselves. Why, because we are engaged in a righteous cause, not of domination and conquering, but rather to liberate an oppressed people and free the world of an outlaw regime. Nothing could be more clear in demonstrating our commitment to upholding our values and international law.

One dimension of true leadership is strength of character, an essential element of any leader. It's sometimes difficult to recognize, and then do, the right thing, not just what you learn in a classroom, but what your personal courage and convictions lead you to do. It comes with choosing what is not the easy thing, but the right thing to do. When things get



Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis Ferguson

tough and a leader is given a variety of choices in his or her actions, our values and ethical standards must be the guideline that drives every leader's decisions. Without that moral compass, we are no better than those we oppose.

As tomorrow's leaders, you are training for future phases of the war on terrorism. Never forget those virtues and qualities that define every American soldier. The Constitution we swear an oath to defend ensures the freedoms and liberties we all enjoy. At the same time, it sets a standard for justice and the rule of law, a common set of values that make this the great nation that it is. Take this time, while you are in school and ROTC, to develop the values that will enable you to discern and make the right choices when you are confronted with difficult situations.

Army ROTC Consolidates Operations

**Public Affairs Office
U.S. Army Cadet Command**

As part of the on-going effort to increase efficiency and ensure the best possible use of available resources, the U.S. Army Cadet Command will consolidate the administrative functions currently being performed at the three existing ROTC Regions into two locations. As a result of this decision, the First ROTC Region at Fort Bragg, N.C. will be deactivated by September 30.

"The decision to deactivate the Region Headquarters at Fort Bragg, came as a result of a comprehensive analysis completed by Headquarters, Cadet Command in July. The new structure will allow us to make better use of our resources," said Col. Rodney Phillips, Cadet Command's

Chief of Staff.

Under the new structure the two remaining ROTC Regions, located at Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Lewis, Wash., will absorb the functions currently being performed at Fort Bragg. A total of 25 military and 13 civilian employees currently assigned to duties at First Region will be directly affected by this decision.

"Every effort will be made to minimize any inconvenience to these employees and their families," said Phillips. "We will work with the appropriate agencies to ensure that all members of the 1st Region - civilian and military - have the opportunity to make as smooth a transition as possible. In some cases, it will be possible to offer those affected by the deactivation the opportunity to transfer to other positions within Cadet Command."

As part of the restructuring effort, Cadet Command will be establishing a new brigade to be headquartered at Fort Bragg. It is anticipated that many of the 12 people needed to staff the new brigade will come from the staff of the 1st Region.

The 1st Region was initially established in 1973. It currently provides command and control for all Army ROTC operations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, the District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Plans for a ceremony to mark the deactivation of the 1st Region are under development at this time.

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Kansas grad is Rhodes Scholar

By 2nd Lt. Adam Y. Dials
University of Kansas

On Dec. 7, 2nd Lt. Robert Chamberlain, a University of Kansas Army ROTC graduate, won a Rhodes Scholarship. Possibly the most prestigious scholarship in the world, it is also one of the most competitive academic awards. Only 32 Americans receive it each year - this year one USMA cadet and Chamberlain were the only Army officers to earn it. The Rhodes will pay for Chamberlain to obtain a Master's degree at Oxford University in England. After he completes his Field Artillery Officer's Basic Course and Ranger School, he will study at Oxford. Following that he will report to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) to serve in leadership positions in the field artillery.

Chamberlain described his future plans: "I plan to make the Army a career. In the near term, I look forward to joining the 101st and becoming a Redleg Lightfighter. I really like FA and enjoy doing everything required of light fire support officers. My mid-term goal is to compete for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations National Security Fellowship after commanding an artillery battery.

"Further down the line," he continued, "I plan to compete for an Olmstead, a White House, or a Congressional Fellowship. After the Army, I would like to continue to work in Government, join the Brookings Institute, or become a professor. I am interested in international law and will seek a position that will enable me to influence and create international agreements and policy and to change the way policy mak-



2nd Lt. Robert Chamberlain

Courtesy of University of Kansas ROTC

ers, political scientists, and defense leaders think about international law."

During his time at the University of Kansas, Chamberlain served as the cadet command sergeant major and the cadet battalion commander, demonstrating that leadership is as important as scholarly pursuits. The current cadet battalion commander, Ryan Evans, once Chamberlain's cadet command sergeant major, said, "Observing Chamberlain influenced my ideas on cadet battalion command. He gave me the

freedom to create ideas within the given framework. He thereby gave me independence within my job, which I found important and will pass that on to my cadet command sergeant major."

Chamberlain also provided a superb example for underclassmen to emulate. Ankur Rughani, a cadet from the same high school Chamberlain attended, joined the ROTC program largely because of Chamberlain's influence. He said, "Lieutenant Chamberlain's talent and intelligence provide an example for both those in the military and civilian spheres. His success may make the military a more attractive option for those not normally drawn to it."

Lt. Col. Brian M. DeToy, the Professor of Military Science at KU, said, "Robert was the first cadet I met when I arrived at Kansas and right away I knew we were in good hands for the fall term. He is an outstanding young man in all respects and I know he will be a superb Field Artillery officer. In whatever endeavor he chooses, he will play an important role in forming the discussion of defense and international policy." De Toy added, "It has been my unique pleasure to instruct and now serve with Robert Chamberlain. He is the stuff of which great armies are made."

Asked what he would pass on to current and future cadets, Chamberlain said, "I cannot overstate the importance of the leadership training I received through participation in KU Army ROTC. There are no limits to what you can attain, and the leadership training you receive will open options that you never thought possible." 

Idaho Newbills continue ROTC legacy

By 2nd Lt. Mary Caruso
University of Idaho

As cadets come and go, legacies and traditions are strengthened, but eventually, some memories start to fade. At the University of Idaho ROTC however, Cadet Lisa Newbill and her father, Officer Lee Newbill, continue a tradition through their mutual involvement in the Chrisman Battalion.

The story began in the fall of 1979 when Lee Newbill, a transfer student from Northern Virginia Community College of Annandale, entered the University of Idaho. His goals were to obtain a degree in Wildlife Management and a commission in the United States Army through ROTC. Newbill had planned to take his time and enjoy college with all the good times, hunting and fishing, when things changed in 1981.

He married Rebecca Fouts and, early in 1982, the young Newbill family discovered that they were

going to have a new addition to their small family. After a quick huddle with his advisor and the PMS, Lee decided to change his degree to General Studies, load up on credits and graduate a year ahead of schedule in 1982. With a new set of gold bars on his shoulder and orders to Fort Knox, Ky., in hand, he was ready to start earning enough to support his family as an Army Armor Officer.

They say cats have nine lives and Lee believes that he has probably used up at least eight of those. While in the Army, Newbill managed to walk away from one helicopter wreck and three destroyed tanks, including a serious turret fire on a fully-loaded M-60.

Newbill spent 10 years as an Armor officer spending time stationed in such places as Fort Knox, Fort Stewart, Ga., and Germany (Grafenwohr and Vilseck), where he commanded a tank company, B/2-37 Armor. He left the Army at Fort Lewis, Wash., and decided to try a

civilian way of life. They moved to Moscow, Idaho and Lee took a "temporary" job at the University of Idaho as the night security supervisor. After eight years in his "temporary" job, the University decided to shelve the Nightwatch Patrol program and contract police service with the Moscow Police Department. The MPD decided that Lee had what it took to be a police officer and was offered a job. In March 2001, he accepted and that's where he works today.

The fact that Lee's daughter, Lisa, ended up at the University of Idaho is an interesting story. Lisa was looking into accepting a 4-year ROTC scholarship from the Army to a school in Missouri when she was offered one in Portland, Ore., instead. She couldn't find room in the dorms, however, and decided on Idaho to be closer to home. So, in her second semester there, she received a scholarship and became the second Newbill generation in the



Cadet Lisa Newbill and Officer Lee Newbill, University of Idaho.

2nd Lt. Mary Caruso

Chrisman Battalion.

Her goals upon commissioning are to enter the Medical Service Corps and to work with field medics. She loves the idea of having a great job after graduation and getting the chance to travel. As she grows, learns, develops and goes through all of her experiences here at the University of Idaho, the traditions and legacy will be carried on, following in her father's footsteps and getting pinned with her own "butter bars" in May. 

The family business: CWU is home to five sets of sibling cadets

By Maj. Debbie Allen
Central Washington University

Five sets of siblings have decided to make the United States Army the "Family Business" by way of Central Washington University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps. These young men and women come from many backgrounds - some from military families, some not. What they all have in common is that they have a brother or sister standing next to them in the military science classroom, training for leadership.

What attracted these students to ROTC? For the sibling who joined first, their reasons varied from the desire to serve in the military, to finance their education, to experience exciting training, or because their parents encouraged them - either directly or by their example. For the brother or sister who followed, all were encouraged by their sibling and made their decision based on similar reasons.

Cadet Gabriel R. Bowns said his brother, Joshua, "Decided on his own that ROTC was something he wanted to do." The biggest influence for the Bowns' brothers to join ROTC came from their father and oldest sister. "We had a great understanding of what the commitment would be like, along with the experiences, traveling and people we would encounter," said Gabriel.

During his time at CWU, Gabriel has competed as part of the Wildcat Battalion's winning Ranger Challenge team two years in a row, is a varsity basketball player, and maintains a 3.8 GPA. He is a terrific example of the Scholar - Athlete - Leader the CWU program strives to commission.

Cadet Brandon Nixon said his brother Adam, "Joined ROTC and told me about all the fun things they did. I couldn't let him have all the excitement." The Nixon brothers are best friends. Adam said, "We are also immensely competitive, and this drives



Maj. Debbie Allen

The winning 2002 Co-ed Ranger Challenge team from CWU includes three cadets with ROTC siblings. Daniel Lowe is second from the front, right, David Lowe is last on the right and Adam Nixon is second from the last, right.

us to do better in everything we do."

The Nixon family supports their sons' involvement in ROTC 100 percent, saying they love to hear all of the exciting stories when the boys go home. Their mother supported their decisions, but she is concerned for their safety.

Cadets Josiah D. and Jonathan Pickett are identical twins. (Talk about confusion in the ranks!) The Pickett brothers challenge each other with high GPAs in mathematics and high APFT scores. Each has participated on a winning Ranger Challenge team and both plan to branch Aviation and serve on active duty.

They encourage other siblings or friends to join ROTC. Jon said, "... The training is great, but the job I will receive when I graduate is better."

Cadets Cherokee D. and Sparky Ainslie are sister and brother. They came into the program at the same time, challenging each other to find out what ROTC was all about. The Ainslies come from a military background - both parents were Marines and always spoke well of the military.

They are learning lessons in the program that will help them in the future. Cherokee said she had learned to trust in those around her and to trust in herself. "I am learning more about who I am and who I want to become." Sparky has learned that organization and dedication get you a long way.

The final set of siblings in the CWU program are Cadets Daniel and David Lowe. The Lowe brothers also came to CWU ROTC with strong family support. Both are accomplished student athletes with high APFT scores and good GPAs. This seems to be where their similarity ends.

As with all of the siblings in the Wildcat Battalion, the Lowes each bring different talents to the program. Their future is going the same direction, but not necessarily on the same path.

The key things to learn from these sets of siblings is that family support does matter, competition is healthy, lessons learned in ROTC will help in all future endeavor and the excitement is too good to keep to yourself. 

2003 Death March cancelled by extensive deployment requirements

Public Affairs Office
White Sands Missile Range

The Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, scheduled for March 30, was canceled this year.

Due to the current world situation and extensive military deployments among the units that support the march, the event could not be safely and efficiently conducted, according to event organizers.

A basic amount of military medical support and logistical equipment is critical to the safety of all involved in the march. In 2002, more than 200 trained medical workers manned aid stations along the route.

This year, however, medical personnel from Fort Bliss, Texas, who staff the aid stations, were scheduled to deploy. Also because of deployments, support equipment such as tents, water trailers and military vehicles from Fort Bliss and New Mexico National Guard units were not available.

"As much as we dislike canceling the march, it is the right thing to do at this time. After consulting with our co-sponsors and weighing the available assets against what we need for a safe march, it is my decision that we will not proceed with this event," said White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. William F. Engel.

Organizers of the memorial march at White Sands Missile Range refunded entry fees to those who had already registered.

The annual Bataan Memorial Death March commemorates the heroism of World War II military personnel who were part of the 1942 Bataan Death March in the Philippines.

The course takes marchers through 26.2 miles of diverse and rugged desert terrain. The marchers compete either in teams or individually. Some marchers compete in the "heavy" division, carrying 35-pound rucksacks.

In 2002, more than 4,200 people from 45 states and

three foreign countries came to the missile range to take part in the event.

"The memorial march has always been such a wonderful way to pay tribute to our veterans and to pass on this chapter of American history. We regret any distress or inconvenience its cancellation caused," Engel said.

A rededication of the Bataan Memorial statue at Veterans Park in Las Cruces, N.M., was held at 10 a.m., March 29. The ceremony, in which additional segments of walkway containing footprints of Bataan survivors were dedicated, was planned to coincide with the Bataan Memorial Death March.

"White Sands will give this ceremony our full support and do all we can to help make it a special day," Engel promised earlier.

White Sands Missile Range, the New Mexico National Guard and the New Mexico State University Army ROTC Department co-sponsor the Bataan Memorial Death March. 



Water training provides cadets with a break from the cold

By 2nd Lt. Adam Horton
University of South Dakota

Rather than face the biting cold of their South Dakota winter, cadets at USD chose the PT alternative of water survival training at the school's heated pool.

The weather in February deters many cadets from getting up for morning PT to scrape their car windows instead. As a warmer alternative, many choose to attend afternoon PT. The University of South Dakota, on the other hand, has implemented a plan to motivate cadets to brave the cold and attend early morning training. This program is water survival training, consisting of basic swimming strokes, BDU floatation classes, equipment jettison, rifle swim and three-meter confidence drop.

The classes last for three weeks plus a fourth week used for remedial training or fun. Fun day usually consists of water polo or water basketball.

"Water survival training provides the courage, fortitude and leadership to overcome danger and obstacles," Cadet Chris Mercado said. Many of the cadets particularly enjoy the BDU classes and the 3-meter drop.

"Not only are we training for NALC but we are having fun too," said Cadet Rebecca Sorbel. Many of the cadets see this as an annual event that creates esprit de corps, but for others this water training is the first time they have been instructed in water survival.

"I always look forward to water survival training," said Cadet Sam Bjornestad as he was getting out of the pool. "It is a lot of fun and I

get a good work out. I can't wait for next year."

Overall, the training is a success, but the last week is the real fun. Cadre and cadets participate in the fun day. "Not only is it fun," explained Cadet Roland Holcomb, "but it is a work out at the same time." When water survival training is over, the cold weather is on the decline and spring is around the corner, allowing PT to move outside once more. Thanks to water survival training, cadets are able to get through the doldrums of winter and maintain a great level of physical fitness. 



2nd Lt. Adam Horton

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runs together to get warmed up and test out the snow, but after that they began going their own way in search of that perfect run.

Rubich, who skis almost every weekend, said, "The snow was some of the best I've skied in all year. There were some runs where the snow was at least waist deep. It's hard to beat a day like this!" Even Capt. Derrick Cheng, who is from Reno, Nev., and a second-time skier, enjoyed having all the snow. "I didn't have to worry about stopping as much because the snow slowed me down," he said.

The ski day was a huge success, due in large part to the fresh snow, but also to the cooperation and coordination between cadets and cadre of the Bobcat Battalion. 



Right, Capt. Derrick Cheng and Capt. Sean Cusker step inside the ski lodge to warm up.

The ski lift dismount point gives a view from the top of Bridger Bowl Ski Area from above the clouds.

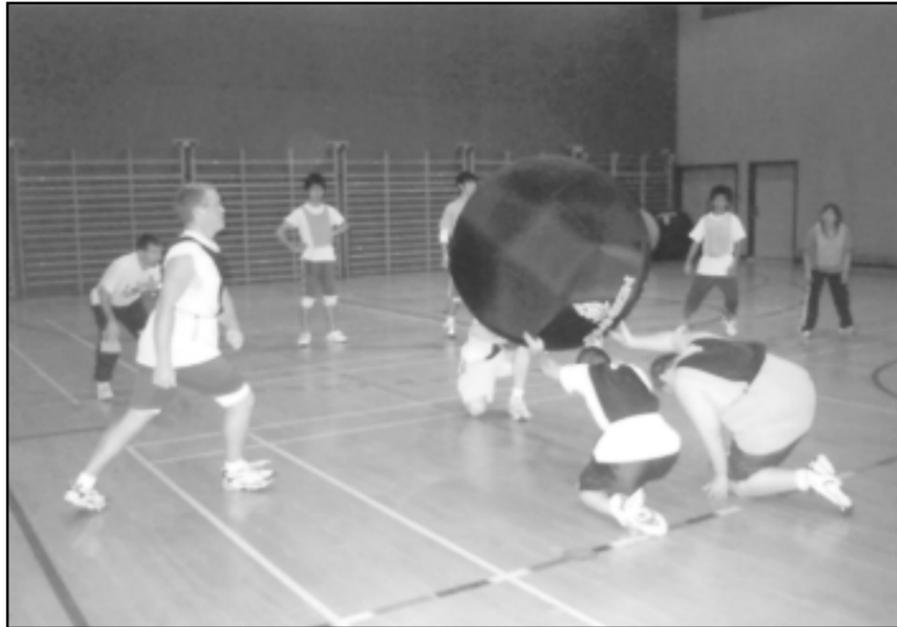
Kin-Ball bounces into Pitt State

By Cadet Tim Puetz
Pittsburg State University

Kin-ball is a new sport invented in Quebec, Canada in 1986 by Mr. Mario Demers, a well-known and experienced educator who, along with his team, has already trained more than 28,000 teachers in the sport of Kin-Ball.

It is now played by students at Pittsburg State College in Pittsburg, Kan., including several ROTC cadets in the school's "Gorilla Battalion." Since its development in the physical education classrooms of the neighbors to our north, the game has gained popularity across the world. In Japan, where Kin-Ball is a standard part of elementary education, more than 50,000 people actively participate in the game, and international competitions are played every year in Canada. Ten nations have Kin-Ball federations and there are more than 3.8 million players globally.

Many believe that Kin-Ball may be an Olympic sport within the next 10 years and it is suitable for play by people of all ages starting with primary school. It is easy to learn, and physical contact and ver-



The Black Team prepares to serve the Kin-Ball as the Gray and Pink Teams stand ready.

bal abuse are not tolerated, making it safe, enjoyable and very exciting.

Kin-ball is a unique game in which three teams, consisting of four members each, compete all at once to score as many points as possible during the three 15-minute periods that make up the game. The object of the game is to hit the ball to one of the opposing teams in such a way that the receiving team will not be able to catch the ball

before it touches the ground.

The equipment is simple. Kin-Ball is played on a 40-by-40 meter court and each of the three teams has either a pink, gray or black "pinny," a type of vest they wear to represent their team. A regulation Kin-ball, which is a 4-foot diameter ball that weighs two pounds, is served by one team member while the other three members hold the ball for the serve. A color is called by the serving

team and that color team must stop the ball from hitting the ground by kicking, hitting, or punching the ball. That team then serves the ball and calls a color. At any point, if the ball should go out of bounds or hits the ground, a fault occurs and the two other teams receive points. In the event of a service fault, the serving team is penalized and the two receiving teams get points. There are many more detailed rules, but this is the general scope of the game.

As far as physical fitness is concerned, both muscular strength and cardiovascular fitness are developed through participation in this game.

The equipment costs are minimal and basketball courts can be used as modified playing arenas. The maximum court size is a 70 foot square and any fixed object the ball touches other than the court floor is out of bounds. Kin-Ball is enjoyable and easy to learn. Its development of teamwork and cohesion are unmatched and it is a fast-paced game that demands quick thinking and strategy if a team hopes to be victorious.

Courtesy PSU



Renteria is 'Outstanding Ex'

Retired Maj. Guillermo (Willie) A. Renteria was honored last year in a special assembly after being selected as the El Paso Independent School District's Jefferson/Silva High School Outstanding Ex (alumnus) for 2002 Homecoming. Renteria is the Senior Army Instructor for the Jefferson/Silva High School Army JROTC Program.

The Jefferson/Silva High School Ex-Student Association states that Renteria has been a generous contributor to their activities and it was with great pride that they welcomed him to their list of honored "Outstanding Exes."

— Courtesy of El Paso ISD

2nd Louie

By Bob Rosenburgh



New badges, revised rules improve JROTC marksmanship



This new design for an Expert Badge has been approved by the Institute of Heraldry and will be available to JROTC within the year.

By Ashley Garman
4th Region JROTC Coordinator

Rifle marksmanship is BIG in 4th Region. Both as a fun and exciting training activity and as a hotly contested competitive sport, target shooting is extremely popular in JROTC units throughout the region. Most schools use Army-issued Daisy Model 853 target air rifles, but a number are equipped with match-grade .22 caliber rifles. And quite a few schools have purchased Olympic-quality precision air rifles to allow their cadets to compete at the highest levels.

To support the rifle marksmanship, Cadet Command has launched several new initiatives.

JROTC Air Rifle Championship.

With all this support and growing enthusiasm for marksmanship, it seemed things couldn't be better. But something critical was still missing. There was no official qualification standard and no authorized qualification badge for JROTC cadets to wear. Across the region and across the command a variety of different courses of fire and qualifying scores were being used, but no common standard existed. Furthermore, JROTC cadets were prohibited by regulations from wearing standard Army qualification badges, but no approved JROTC badges existed. Clearly, Cadet Command needed a new JROTC qualification standard and a new badge to go along with it.

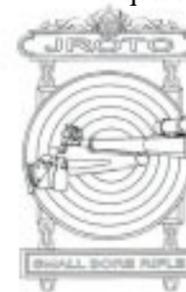
Once again, they turned to the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, Gary Anderson, for help and asked him to take the lead in developing a new qualification standard, one that would tie in to the new marksmanship curriculum. To assist him, Cadet Command convened a blue-ribbon panel of experts: staff officers, JROTC instructors, successful coaches, coach trainers, and representatives from the Civilian Marksmanship Program, the National Rifle Association, and USA Shooting (part of the U.S. Olympic Committee). Together they hammered out a challenging, but achievable, qualification standard for both air rifle and small bore rifle (.22 caliber rimfire). In order to earn Marksman or Sharpshooter ratings, cadets must complete Lessons 1 through 7 of the "Rifle Safety and Marksmanship" curriculum then fire for record in the standing and prone positions.



1. Marksman

three distinct levels, that did not look like any existing U.S. or foreign insignia but still looked like a qualification badge and that clearly suggested target shooting as opposed to combat marksmanship. Rosenburgh's design met all these requirements and then some. The basic badge consists of a bullseye target suspended beneath a scroll bearing the letters JROTC. Beneath the target hangs a bar bearing the words "air rifle" or "small bore rifle". Nothing could more clearly say JROTC marksman. For the next level, sharpshooter, the image of a modern high-tech precision target rifle is superimposed over the bullseye. And finally for the expert badge, the rifle and target are enclosed in a laurel wreath.

The badge design has been approved by Headquarters Cadet Command and the Army's Institute of Heraldry. Recently, Cadet Command allocated funds to produce the official government dies that will be used by to produce the badges. Furthermore, both the Marines and Navy have expressed interest in adopting the badges for use in their JROTC programs as well. The new badges should be available for issue by the fall of 2003. Qualification standards and instructions for wear of the new badges will appear in the upcoming revision of Cadet Command Regulation 145-2.



2. Sharpshooter

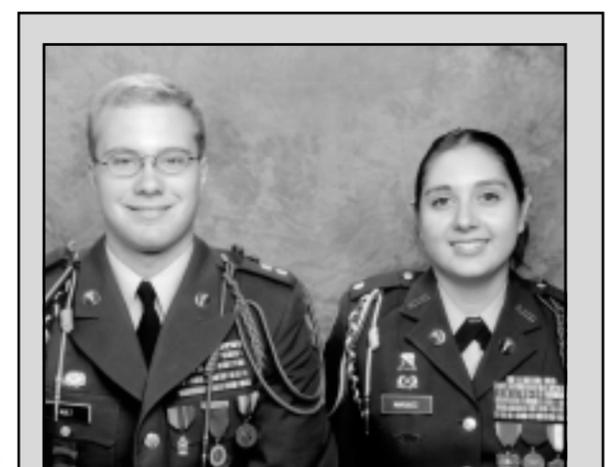
Qualification Badge	Firing Positions	Air Rifle AR-1 Target	Air Rifle BMC Target	.22 Cal. Rifle A-36 Target	.22 Cal. Rifle BMC Target
Marksman	10 shots standing, 10 shots prone	110-129	175-187	100-119	172-184
Sharpshooter	10 shots standing, 10 shots prone	130-200	188-200	120-200	185-200
Expert	10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, 10 shots kneeling	220-300	290-300	210-300	287-300

Last summer the command unveiled a new Rifle Safety and Marksmanship curriculum written by two-time Olympic gold medalist and current Director of Civilian Marksmanship (DCM), Gary Anderson.

In September, 4th Region hosted a two-day NRA coach certification class in conjunction with the annual JROTC instructors' conference. And this spring, the six best Army JROTC teams will go shoulder-to-shoulder against the best from the Navy and Marines in the first annual National

To earn the Expert badge, cadets must complete Lesson 8, as well and fire in all three positions; standing, prone and kneeling. Qualifying scores vary depending on which type of rifle (air rifle or small bore) and which target is used.

For a badge design, JROTC enlisted the support of the resident 4th Region artist, Bob Rosenburgh, who has experience designing Army insignia and is himself an accomplished competitive shooter. The requirement was to create a badge that recognized marksmanship achievement at



Omaha cadets honored for excellence

Three students from the Omaha Public Schools in Nebraska were awarded the Army's Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement at a ceremony held on Nov. 18 during a meeting of the full district school board. Cadet Anthony Ault of Burke High School and Cadet Elizabeth Marquez from North High School were among 24 JROTC students nationwide receiving the award in 2002. Cadets are chosen for the award based on leadership abilities, academics, community and school activities, and JROTC participation.

Courtesy of Retired Lt. Col. Walter Kazor, SAI.

Rogers Rams raise the bar

Ram Battalion cadets are active in community

By Cadet Donovan Powell
Rogers HS JROTC

On May 18, 2002, the Rogers High School Ram Battalion in Puyallup, Wash., held their 8th Annual Awards Night Ceremony at McChord Air Force Base. The Masters of Ceremonies were Cadets C.J. Mayo and Lindsey Brailo. Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, (JROTC) is a program that supports its community in every way possible and, at the end of the year, the leadership, community service, and teamwork of the cadets is acknowledged at this ceremony. "I thought it was very organized," Cadet Sabrina Bramhall said, "which can only be expected; we had a great evening."

Speakers included Donna Rice, Director of Cadet Command Curriculum, Kathy Afflerbaugh, School Board President, and Kathy Turner, Mayor of Puyallup. Their moving comments, said several cadets, gave them a lot to think about.

At the occasion were presentations of more than 50 awards and scholarships by the 30 different social and fraternal organizations in attendance. More than \$1,000,000 of scholarships were awarded during the evening as cadets accepted offers from West Point, the Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, University of Washington, Eastern Washington University and several monetary scholarships that can be used at a school of the cadets' choice.



Retired Maj. Monte Mingus, SAI (left), watches Susan Gourley, Superintendent of Puyallup School District present the "Distinguished Cadet Ribbon" for Scholastic Excellence to Cadet Brian Boyles for maintaining a 4.0 GPA and achieving a score of 1560 on his SAT.

Maj. Monte Mingus, Senior Army Instructor of the Ram Battalion, said he was very proud of all the cadets achievements and felt this class of cadets had excelled in all they set out to do this year. Through the night, families, guests and the cadets were entertained by the end-of-the-year video, produced by Cadet Brian Boyles, former commander of the Ram Battalion. The video was touching to many cadets as they realized the end had come and they would be moving on to accomplish other missions. 



Ram Battalion holds the key

By Cadet Miranda Villarreal
Rogers HS JROTC

On Oct. 17, Puyallup Mayor Kathy Turner took time out of her busy schedule to thank the JROTC students of Rogers High School for all of their hard work.

Over the past year, the Ram Battalion of RHS donated more than 11,000 hours of community service. The high school students performed services such as car swap security, cleaning up city parks and filling sand bags. Altogether, the time from the Ram Battalion equaled having six full time city employees.

For this amazing dedication to community service, the mayor presented the Key to the City to the battalion commander, Cadet Ashley Alan.

"It's a huge honor and every cadet has worked hard to earn it. I hope they'll continue to work hard," said Alan, a student at both RHS and Pierce College.

It is rare for a school to receive a Key to the City, and almost unheard of for a school program.

"It's good for the cadets and the city both," said retired Maj. Monte Mingus, Senior Army Instructor of the Ram Battalion. "The cadets take pride in their city, and the city gets extra help." 

Service Academies choose Ram cadets



By Cadet Raina Rouse
Rogers HS JROTC

The Ram Battalion had an outstanding Senior JROTC class last year. Four students at Rogers High School were selected to attend the service academies. Three of these students were cadets from the Ram Battalion. Another two cadets received four-year scholarships to the University of Washington and Eastern Washington University. Shown here are (back row, left to right) Cadets Cory Fale (Air Force Academy - \$280,000), Steven Vuleta (Naval Academy - \$280,000), Ryan Fancher (Air Force Academy - \$280,000), Billy

Fehrenbach (Eastern University - 4-year Army ROTC - \$45,000). Front row (left to right) Cadets Brian Boyles (United States Military Academy at West Point - \$280,000), Thy Pham-Cieliesz (University of Portland - 3-year Air Force ROTC \$100,000), and Patrick Berkshire (University of Washington - 4-year Army ROTC \$65,000). In total, more than \$1,375,000 of scholarships were awarded to the cadets and students at Rogers High School. Over the last eight years more than 86 percent of the cadets who have applied for a scholarship have received either an academic appointment or a ROTC scholarship. 