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kicks off camp training cycles**

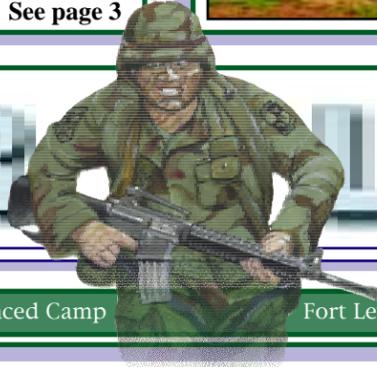
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## Korean War anniversary recalls harsh lessons for future leaders

Story and art by Bob Rosenburgh

**The 50th anniversary** of the Korean War coincides with the 2000 ROTC Advanced Camp. As the Army leaders of tomorrow study their craft here at Fort Lewis, a look half a century into the past can provide insights to those cadets who will lead the Army in the future. The lessons of experience and history are timeless.

On June 25, 1950, the world was shocked by a ruthless act of brutal aggression - communist North Korea launched a massive, 135,000-troop, invasion against its peaceful neighbor to the south. The attack on South Korea demonstrated to everyone that world communism would use any means to further its systematic domination of one nation after another. Equipped and trained by both the Soviet Union and the Red Chinese Army, North Korea became the first of many surrogate opponents to the United States and its free-world allies. It was a war nobody expected, wanted or was prepared to fight.

**Weary of war** only five years after history's greatest conflict, many post-World War II governments had already allowed their armed forces to deteriorate and shrink in strength, so forces available to counter North Korea were limited.

All the same, Pres. Harry Truman instructed Pacific commander Gen. Douglas MacArthur to respond with force, leading to an order deploying a brigade combat team called Task Force Smith (TF Smith) from Japan to assist South Korean soldiers defending their homeland. It was an ill-conceived action, which the legendary general would later describe as "an arrogant display of strength." And it would be the first bitter lesson of a particularly viscous conflict that raged on for three years. It was a struggle that could have been prevented or contained had the United States paid better attention to events in the region.

**Task Force Smith**, a name that echoes with tragedy in the halls of military history, arrived in Korea on July 1 that year, barely a week after the invasion began. Led by Lt. Col. Charles "Brad" Smith, the 540 soldiers, drawn from elements of the 24th Infantry Division, were under-equipped due to a lack of transport air-

craft able to carry all of their heaviest weapons. Nor did they have any fire support - only six 105 mm howitzers and a number of vintage bazooka anti-tank weapons.

Despite their being unprepared for combat, as well as inexperienced from years of garrison duty in Japan, the Americans headed for Pyongyang south of Osan. TF Smith deployed well ahead of two mobilized American divisions. Their mission was to "stop the North Koreans as far from Pusan as possible." Pusan, on

noon, Smith decided to withdraw his men; efforts to conduct an orderly retreat under intensive enemy artillery and small arms fire turned into a rout.

**The Americans** took their heaviest casualties during their disorganized and hasty retreat while under pursuit by NKPA forces. Fortunately, the enemy didn't follow through on the chase and the remaining Americans slipped away. Out of the original TF Smith force, 180 men were killed, captured or wounded. Some who surrendered were executed on the spot by NKPA soldiers. TF Smith had delayed the enemy's advance, barely, but the one-sided thrashing in this first battle shocked the U.S. commanders. They thought the mere presence of United States troops would halt aggression. Not so.

Nor were the troops prepared for battle, as proven again when the remainder of the 24th Division engaged the NKPA. Taking heavy losses, the 24th was able to slow the enemy advance until significant allied reinforcements came into Pusan. But, by the time they were relieved, the battered soldiers were all but defeated. Only tenacious fortitude saved their mission.

Through August and September, all of Korea was in the hands of the communist North, except for a pocket of resistance called the Pusan Perimeter. The port of Pusan, protected by the remnants of two shattered armies using the Han River as a barrier, would eventually supply the men and material to break out and start the long push back north, followed by a well-planned amphibious landing at Inchon near Seoul.

**The lessons of the TF Smith** debacle relate to readiness. Even in an era of downsizing and funding constraints, the American soldier must remain trained to the highest possible level of combat capability. Force modernization, while important, must work hand-in-hand with maintaining existing assets already in the field to maintain force readiness. The leadership within TF Smith acquitted themselves with honor on the battlefield, but senior leaders failed to maintain a realistic picture of the crisis in Korea, and following World War II, they failed to modify force structure and doctrine to match the elimination of whole brigades within divisions. Lulled into complacency from 1945 to 1950, their inadequate efforts led to a weak response that cost a lot of American lives.



the Southeast coast of Korea, was considered the best available port for landing larger forces, and was critical to the coming intervention.

**They didn't wait long.** With the strength of only half a battalion, Task Force Smith met 20,000 soldiers of the North Korean People's Army (NKPA) head on. They expected only four or five thousand enemy troops, still a 10-to-one disadvantage, but meant to put up a spirited defense, and possibly delay the enemy's advance, before retiring from the field and fighting a running delaying action. In the attack, they were hit by a force with nearly 40-to-one strength.

Around 8 a.m., the first NKPA units to advance on Smith's team were a force of some 30 Russian-built T-34 tanks. They rolled through the position with a loss of only six tanks as bazooka and anti-tank rounds bounced right off the heavy armor. Within an hour, massed infantry attacks hit TF Smith like an angry tidal wave. Repeated requests for additional artillery support, air strikes and naval gunfire were not fulfilled. By

**INSIDE:** Two-page calendar details complete training schedule for every 2000 Advanced Camp regiment.

# Camp Commander's column

Welcome to Advanced Camp and beautiful Fort Lewis, Wash.! As this is written, we have five cadet regiments training, with more than 1,700 cadets across the nation. Every three days we will add a fresh regiment of 350 cadets until we peak on July 9 with 11 regiments, totaling 3,800 cadets. We are off to a great start with near-perfect weather, outstanding support from over 900 I Corps soldiers and exceptionally talented training committees and regiments manned by 595 United States Army Reserve personnel and 734 ROTC cadre.

The entire focus of all this energy is to provide you cadets with the best possible training experience in preparation for your exciting future as second lieutenants. This camp operates on the simple philosophy that "leaders are made, not born." Approximately 4,000 of you from 270 colleges and universities across the country have worked hard to prepare for this crucial 35-day opportunity a test of your leadership and growth

toward your full potential. You will train hard, learn a great deal about yourselves and your fellow cadets through stressful situations and build long-lasting friendships.

2000 Advanced Camp is intended to be a "gut check" that demonstrates to both you and your cadre whether you measure up to the high standards of commissioning. As you progress through the rigors of the Army Physical Fitness Test, confidence training, field leadership reaction course, STX lanes and other exciting experiences, always remember that in 12-18 months you will shoulder the ultimate responsibility of leading, training and caring for America's most precious resource—her young sons and daughters who have chosen to join the Profession of Arms. Give every ounce of effort you can muster during your five weeks here at Ft. Lewis and you will be rewarded with the self-confidence and inner satisfaction of knowing you possess "the right stuff." Ruck up and move out! See ya in the woods.



**Col. Daniel S. Challis**

## Command Sgt. Major's commentary

When I first arrived at this assignment three years ago, the National Advanced Camp had just been established here at Fort Lewis. Even then, I was highly impressed with the quality of cadets and cadre throughout Cadet Command. As time went by, however, I saw an ever-increasing level of improvement in training and evaluation across the board as a single, solid standard of excellence became the common goal of every cadet.

No longer are there varying levels of achievement due to geographic separations. Today, the Army's new officers are all forged from the same grade of steel at the forge that is the National Advanced Camp. These are the new leaders that will take the guidon and move to the head of the column in defense of the nation. These are the warrior leaders of tomorrow. In spite of the downsizing of our force, recognized not only by myself but also by our senior leaders, and in the face of continuing budget constraints and funding reductions, we continue to produce the most capable and dedicated officers in the world. They are officers who are continuously working not only to meet their missions, but to improve them-



**Command Sgt. Maj. Deonarine Heera**

selves and their fellow soldiers and to find new and better ways to serve the United States.

I have always taken great pride in being a part of that system. Wherever I go, I hear praise for the new officers we send to the Army. Their gaining commanders are always pleased with the quality of

the new lieutenants we commission, just as we are when we pin on their new gold bars and send them into the force. This is also evident when I watch the new lieutenants who train cadets at Advanced Camp before moving on to their branch OBC.

It's a type of quality found in the cadre that trains them, the leaders who are their mentors, counselors and friends. And it's the level of dedicated support we get from the many units, both in the active and reserve component of the Army, who selflessly labor through the summer to set up, operate, train and break down every aspect of Advanced Camp. No longer considered an added annual tasking, Advanced Camp is a regular Army mission. I thank them all, deeply and sincerely.

This year will be my final Advanced Camp. As I look back on 29 years as a soldier, I can say with pride that it is the best year ever, for me and for Cadet Command.

Together, we have produced officers who are loyal and serve with dedication and commitment. From the academic rigors of the campus to the challenges of duty in the field, they are smarter, tougher, better trained and more capable than ever before. I salute you all, cadets, lieutenants and cadre alike, for these continuing successes. It has been my great honor to serve alongside you, and I am confident you will continue to carry the colors high through the next generation of American soldiers.

**Remember, mission first, people always!**

## Check your records!

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dwight Riggs  
Camp Chaplain

"One who is slack in his work  
is brother to one who destroys."  
Proverbs 18:9

"You're coming up for promotion, Lieutenant. Be sure and check your records before the promotion board meets." Right now, as an ROTC Cadet, this advice does not seem relevant, but two years from now it will confront you with importance when you face promotion. Competition for higher rank is tough, and you must be certain that Officer Evaluation Reports, awards, photos, and schools attended are properly recorded in your files.

This proverb, written by King Solomon nearly

3,000 years ago, addresses the issue of functioning with carelessness, indifference and recklessness. Solomon teaches that if anyone - even an ROTC cadet - is careless and reckless in his work, he is associated with someone who destroys or is a murderer.

Non-commissioned Officers stress safety on the ranges at all times. Whether firing a weapon, rappelling, or running the obstacle course, you will hear them bark out orders to stay alert and pay attention.

Solomon is not speaking of active laziness by ignoring work, but rather passive negligence by recklessness in work and failure to recognize details. Pay close attention to details here in Advanced Camp and in your new career in the Army; if you do not, you will murder your career and destroy future promotions.

All of this may just sound like common sense, and it is. That is why the book of Proverbs is

called the book of wisdom - God's wisdom. God knew about this principle long before the Army recognized its importance. This proverb also applies to more than just ROTC cadets and officer careers. It applies also to marriage, money management, child training, dieting and your spiritual relationship with God.

If you are careless with your marriage, you will destroy it. If you spend money foolishly, you will destroy your credit, reputation, and perhaps your marriage too. I see this process often in counseling.

If you are indifferent, nonchalant, and heedless in teaching and training your children, then you set yourself up for endless heartache. Reckless eating habits will destroy you too, perhaps to the point of failing your Army Physical Fitness Test.

So how does this relate to your relationship with God? You can either actively ignore God and the Bible by refusing to follow Him, or passively neglect Him by half-hearted indifference to closely follow Him in worship. Either way, the result is the same according to Proverbs 18:9, which says that when you corrupt and destroy your present moral and spiritual life, you murder your spiritual future.

So check your records! Are you paying attention to details in your career, your marriage and your spiritual relationship with God? Do not murder yourself! Manage yourself with God!

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# 'Uncase the colors!'

By 2nd Lt. Andrew Exum

On the cold, windy and rainy afternoon of June 12, the first regiment of cadets to go through 2000 ROTC Advanced Camp was activated in a ceremony held before assembled guests and cadre.

Advanced Camp and 4th Region (ROTC) commander Col. Daniel Challis addressed the cadets and urged them to "stay alert, keep your head in the game and adhere to the standards."

Then, assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. Deonarine Heera and cadet regimental commander Kristen Thayer of Norwich University, Vt., Challis unfurled the giant regimental guidon 1st Regiment will carry at the head of its formation until the end of camp.

The regimental activation ceremony, an Advanced Camp tradition, accomplishes three missions. First, it marks the formal beginning of training for each regiment. Second, it establishes the cadet chain of command for Advanced Camp. Finally, it initiates the affiliation the cadets enjoy with an active-duty unit based at Fort Lewis.



2000 ROTC Advanced Camp Command Sgt. Maj. Deonarine Heera (left) pulls the shroud from First Regiment's guidon as Camp Commander Col. Daniel S. Challis carries the colors at present arms during the activation ceremony.

The First Regiment is affiliated with the 37th Field Artillery Regiment, "Striker," a unit with traditions and heraldry dating back more than 80 years. Constituted in 1918, the 37th was too late to see action in the First World War. But in both World War II and the Korean War, the 37th distinguished itself from Normandy to the 38th parallel.

The current battalion commander of the 1st of the 37th, Lt.

Col. Tom Vandal, was present at the regimental activation ceremony. Vandal took time out following the ceremony to address the cadets and stressed the connection between them and soldiers who have come before.

"I challenge you to remember that there have been soldiers who have sacrificed everything for the freedoms we have today," Vandal said. "We're proud of them, and we're also proud of you!"

With that, he passed out battalion coins to each of the regiment's battery commanders, then turned the regiment back over to its cadet leadership.

"What's relevant to the cadets," Vandal explained earlier in the day, "is that they represent the standard-bearers of the future. They will soon be assigned to units with their own regimental histories and traditions, and it's up to them to uphold those histories and traditions."

"The men of the 37th are the past and present. These cadets are the future."

Regimental Tactical Officer Lt. Col. Christopher Lucier, inspired by the remarks of his long-time friend, told the cadets Vandal is a fine commander and a great leader.

And Lucier was happy with the day's events despite the rain.

"I think the ceremony went fine," he said. "The troops looked proud and disciplined," adding, "The things that will mark them this summer will be their high level of motivation and their discipline." 

## Advanced Camp cadets look forward to challenges

By 2nd Lt. Greg Darling

Another crop of MS-III cadets is ready to take on Advanced Camp 2000 as anticipation and apprehension flood their minds. This could be the most difficult undertaking in their lives. Upon arrival at Seattle/Tacoma airport, hearts begin to race and eyes widen, hesitantly searching the terminal for the table marked, "Welcome to ROTC Advanced Camp." A friendly welcome party assists them with luggage, then buses them to each respective regiment to begin 35 days of challenging evaluation at Fort Lewis, Wash.

As the central component of Army doctrine and operations, the precise training of soldiers is key to developing cohesive, professional units. This fact was echoed by Maj. Gen. Wallace C. Arnold, then-commander of U.S. Army Cadet Command, in his speech to the 1990 commissionees of Campbell University, NC. He told the new lieutenants, "... if you take nothing else away from my remarks, please remember this - all of [our Army] hardware is just metal, plastic and wires. It becomes valuable only when you have trained, dedicated soldiers to make it work."

The cadets at the 2000 ROTC Advanced Camp will soon be

mentoring just such a group of dedicated future soldiers, their underclassmen. However, it is this milestone which will be the first testing ground of development for tomorrow's MS-IV leaders. They will take the lessons of Advanced Camp and develop a training curriculum designed for even greater success with next year's MS-III class.

All cadets are evaluated on the same subjects their schools taught since the beginning of the previous fall semester. One area is their general performance of basic officer skills and responsibilities. Everything from drill and ceremony to issuing of operations orders is scrutinized under the watchful eyes of specially-chosen cadre members. Cadets are also graded on how they perform basic infantry tasks in accordance with Field Manual 7-8, Infantry Rifle Platoon and Squad, which is the basic text for light infantry operations. As different scenarios are presented and new leadership is rotated regularly, cadets are expected to react and devise simple plans to complete the mission at hand. When needed, they move their elements within any terrain leading them to their objective and completing their mission.

Whether they are being evaluated in a garrison or a field environment, cadets are rated on 23 predetermined leadership dimensions, receiving either an "excellent," "satisfactory," or "not-satisfactory" marking in each. The result is an overall rating and average of all dimensional points. Every cadet tries to acquire as many "excellent" marks as possible, thus gaining more points for their final packet to be reviewed by Cadet Command for commissioning.

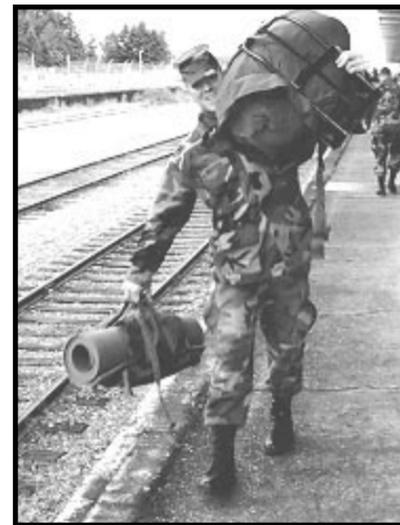
Not all Advanced Camp events are centered around evaluations, however. There are numerous other activities cadets will undertake, such as land navigation, water confidence and basic rifle marksmanship. These not only build the esprit de corps of the individual platoons, but also contribute to the points each platoon receives toward their

"streamer" points. During the entire 35 days of camp, each platoon is in nonstop competition with other platoons for the Leader Stakes award, based on the whole

platoon's performance as a team. The best platoon in a training cycle receives a streamer, placed atop its guidon. More points are awarded in the running for the final award, given at the regimental graduation.

All of these training opportunities, plus the challenge of individual cadet evaluations, make up what is 2000 ROTC Advanced Camp. As 11 regi-

ments pass through North Fort Lewis this summer, cadets receive some of the finest training and best experiences of their entire Army career. It is this foundation which will carry them through, striving to accomplish remarkable things and to build their careers as United States Army officers. 



A cheerful First Regiment cadet carries his new field gear from the CIF warehouse.

# 2000 ROTC

# Advanced Cam



	APFT	RAC	Confidence Course	Water Safety	FLRC	BRM	Land
<b>1st Regiment</b>	11 June	12 June	14 June	15 June	15 June	16-17 June	18-20 Ju
<b>2nd Regiment</b>	14 June	15 June	17 June	18 June	18 June	19-20 June	21-23 J
<b>3rd Regiment</b>	17 June	18 June	20 June	21 June	21 June	22-23 June	24-25 J
<b>4th Regiment</b>	20 June	21 June	23 June	24 June	24 June	25/27 June	28-30 Ju
<b>5th Regiment</b>	23 June	24 June	27 June	28 June	28 June	29-30 July	1-3 Jul
<b>6th Regiment</b>	26 June	27 June	29 June	30 June	30 June	1-2 July	3-5 Ju
<b>7th Regiment</b>	29 June	30 June	2 July	3 July	3 July	4-5 July	6-8 Ju
<b>8th Regiment</b>	2 July	3 July	5 July	6 July	6 July	7-8 July	9-11 J
<b>9th Regiment</b>	5 July	6 July	8 July	9 July	9 July	10/12 July	13-15 J
<b>10th Regiment</b>	8 July	9 July	12 July	13 July	13 July	14-15 July	16-18 J
<b>11th Regiment</b>	12 July	13 July	14 July	16 July	16 July	17-18 July	19-21 J
<b>OCS Regiment</b>	NA	30 July	30-31 July	30-31 July	31 July	NA	NA



# Company regimental training schedule

	Navigation	Machine Gun	Hand Grenade	Fire Support	NBC	ITT	Branch Orientation	SQD STX	PLT STX	Graduation
June	21-22 June	21- 22 June	22 June	23-24 June	23-24 June	26 June	28 June 2 July	4-8 July	12 July	
June	24-25 June	24-25 June	25 June	27-28 June	27-28 June	26 June	1-5 July	7-11 July	15 July	
June	1-3 July	28-29 June	29 June	30 June 1 July	30 June 1 July	26 June	4-8 July	10-14 July	18 July	
June	1-2 July	1-2 July	2 July	3-4 July	3-4 July	26 June	7-11 July	13-17 July	21 July	
July	4-5 July	4-5 July	5 July	6-7 July	6-7 July	26 June	10-14 July	16-20 July	24 July	
July	6-7 July	6-7 July	7 July	9-10 July	9-10 July	11 July	13-17 July	19-23 July	27 July	
July	9-10 July	9-10 July	10 July	11-12 July	11-12 July	11 July	16-20 July	22-26 July	30 July	
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Graphic and photos by Bob Rosenburgh

# First Regiment faces first challenge

By 2nd Lt. Andrew Exum

Kid Rock and Lenny Kravitz blared on loudspeakers as second lieutenants clad in Advanced Camp sweatshirts and BDU trousers screamed orders.

Nervous cadets shuffled and stretched outside the "ready line," waiting to kneel in sawdust and begin doing push-ups.

For all the cadets assembled, the Army Physical Fitness Test was the first graded event of Advanced Camp, and on the drizzly morning of June 11, the cadets of 1st Regiment gathered in the rain for their push-ups, sit-ups, and two-mile run.

The APFT committee, led by Lt.

"They have worked very hard ... I'm really happy with the way that they're doing things and the positive effect they're having on the cadets."

APFT committee efficiency was not just a stroke of luck, though. Hard work and intense preparation went into making the APFT such a well-run exercise.

Capt. John Weibe, one of the committee's cadre members, explained how training the APFT committee for camp has been intense.

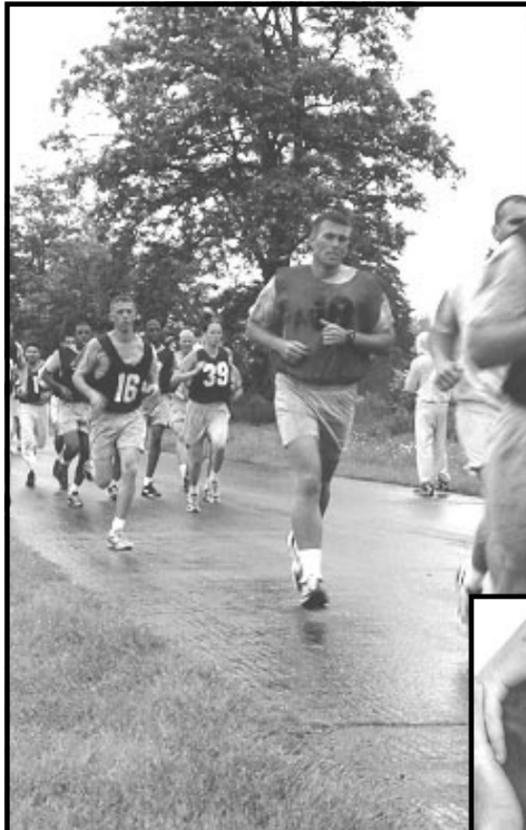
"We hit the ground running around June 1 and have been prepping ever since."

Weibe was quick to commend

the two-mile run began, while Regimental Tactical Officer Lt. Col. Christopher Lucier braved the rain, shouting encouragement from the side of the road.

"C'mon, cadets! You've worked all year for this! Push yourselves!"

And as the cadets of First Regiment crossed the finish line, spurred on by the spirit of competition and cheers from their peers, many found they had recorded personal bests in the APFT despite the adverse weather. 



2nd Lt. Greg Darling

**Two miles may not seem like a long way to run, but it's the timing that makes it a challenging event.**

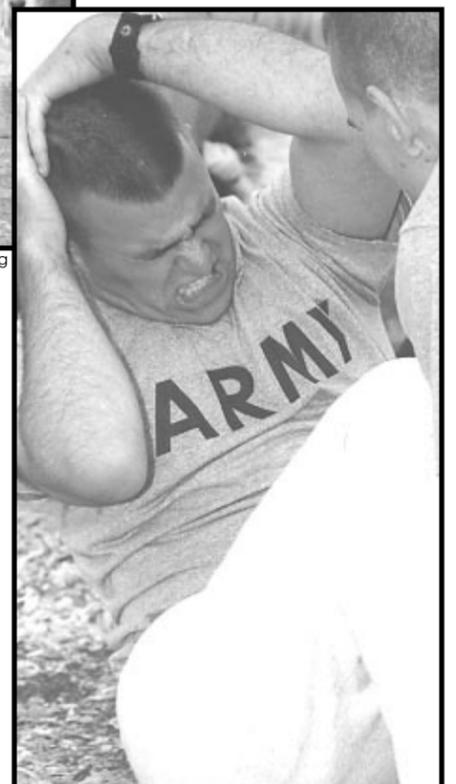
morning's test would receive the APFT committee's bone, the "most coveted prize at Advanced Camp."

"The bone has made its triumphant return," Col. Challis remarked, a smile of approval on his face. "It's a great motivational tool for the cadets."

Fishback ran up and down the ranks during the push-ups and sit-ups, encouraging the boisterous cadets and doing push-ups with Tacoma's paws on his back.

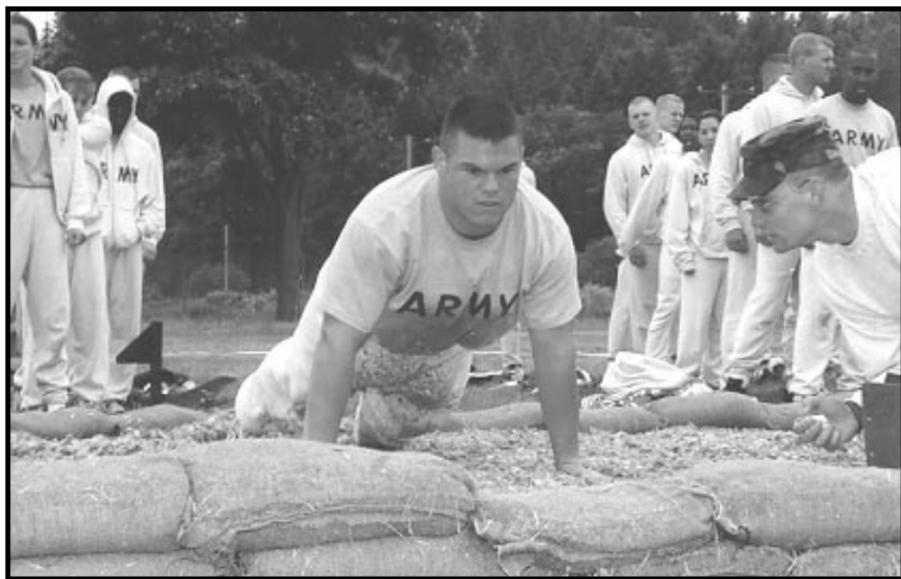
The lure of winning the dog bone set the platoons into a screaming frenzy, cheering on their peers with chants and clapping.

A shot from the starter's pistol then set the cadets in motion as



Al Zbarsky

**Straining for the maximum number of sit-ups he can possibly do, this cadet shows the strain of exertion the APFT requires for top scores. Cadets who score well on the APFT have a better chance of winning the RECONDO badge by the end of camp.**



2nd Lt. Greg Darling

**Cadet Kristjan Rauhala from Campbell University, N.C., grinds out dozens of push-ups as an evaluator encourages him and fellow cadets cheer him on. The APFT, taken before the cadets even begin camp, must be passed to qualify for Advanced Camp attendance.**

Col. James Waldo, faced a tough task as they prepared to grade the 3,900 cadets in 11 regiments that file through Advanced Camp.

"We look for two things from the APFT committee," Camp Commander Col. Daniel Challis said. "First, we require that they be consistent in their grading. Second, we ask them to keep up positive motivation within the cadets."

Challis stressed that the relevance of the APFT committee to the overall success of Advanced Camp cannot be overestimated.

"The PT committee, in my eyes, is the most important committee the cadets face because it runs an event that determines whether or not cadets stay at camp, and also sets the tone for the rest of camp," he added.

"If cadets have a good PT test, they more often than not have a good rest of camp."

But Challis said he was pleased with the APFT committee thus far.

Waldo on his work organizing the APFT committee, which also serves as cadre for the Field Leadership Reaction Course.

One change between this year and last year's PT event is the addition of a manufactured sawdust ring where cadets perform their push-ups and sit-ups. Weibe said the sawdust was added after cadets last year complained about rocky Fort Lewis soil, making push-ups and sit-ups painful and difficult.

Most cadets were grateful for the extra cushioning provided by the sawdust, but a few of the cadre and cadets said the sawdust was too messy and hurt APFT scores.

One of the highlights of the PT test, though, was "motivational guru" 2nd Lt. Dan Fishback and his dog, "Tacoma."

Fishback, holding a giant dog bone high above his head, told the cadets beforehand that the loudest platoon during the

## Two's a charm for die-hard cadet

By 2nd Lt. Andrew Exum

Pardon Cadet Clovis Pitchford if he seems a little excited.

After being sent home from camp last year with a failing APFT score, he returned this year to try again.

Did he pass?

Pitchford scored a perfect 300.

"I feel a whole lot better this year than I did last year," an ecstatic Pitchford said after running the two-mile course in just under 13 minutes.

"I felt like I let down my

friends, my family and my school last summer. It's nice to go back into the past and correct things."

What was the secret to Pitchford's turn-around?

"I worked out five days a week this year," the Washington University senior said. "In addition to regular PT, I did 50 push-ups every morning and every night before bed."

"I concentrated on my form a lot."

Clovis, all that hard work seems to have paid off.



# Cadets take stock of the M-16

Story and photos by  
Bob Rosenburgh

**Cadet** Thomas Michael Alexander from Western Illinois University says the M-16 is an excellent weapon, but has outright praise for the quality of training at the 2000

Advanced Camp's Basic Rifle Marksmanship committee.

"The training is really good," he said, "we only have a couple days to train, but they do it brief, they do it good and they do it thoroughly." He said the various drills cadets go through prior to actually firing the weapon prepare them well for live fire. "I like the practice simulations, like the dime/washer drills, shadow box and the Weaponer trainer. It's all a good and quick refresher before we go out on the range." No stranger to the M-16, he is a member of the Illinois National Guard as well.



**Cadet Elizabeth V. Carlson, from Tennessee Tech., nails her zero.**

Cadet Ron Hartley, also an ex-enlisted soldier, comes from Marshal University in West Virginia. After serving 10 years as a bomb disposal technician, he decided to go Green-To-Gold and take his leadership skills to a higher level. Like Alexander, he has faith in his weapon.

"I think the M-16 is a great weapon. It's very accurate, light weight and functions



**Cadet Elizabeth Willett, from Western Illinois University, checks her zero target with Sgt. Nathaniel Burrison, 108th Division.**

very well under all conditions," he said. Already holding the Expert Badge from his prior service, Hartley expressed confidence. "I'm, sure I'll do very well today."

**Doing well at BRM** was on the mind of every cadet that day as two companies from 1st Regiment went through this critical course of instruction. Since every soldier is considered to ultimately be an infantryman as battlefield needs dictate, proficiency with the basic



**Cadet Matt Link, from Furman Univ., holds his rifle steady as Cadet Jason Yenrick, Univ. of Alabama, steadies a washer on the barrel.**

and move half to the dime/washer exercise where they learn how to squeeze the trigger." As the name implies, a dime or metal washer is balanced on the rifle barrel, then the cadet tries to squeeze the trigger without the dime or washer falling off. "The other half will go to what's called the Shadow Box," he continued, "which is a target box where they learn to aim the rifle."

**Cadets then move** to the firing line where they will have a maximum of 18 rounds, fired in three-shot groups at 25 meters, to adjust their sights for an accurate zero.

"Once they have accomplished that mission and have the weapon zeroed," Causey said, "they'll be moved out to the Qualification Range where they will fire 40 rounds. Twenty-two hits out of the 40 shots qualifies them" As with all Army rifle qualification, shooters will be authorized to wear either the Marksman, Sharpshooter or Expert rifle badges equivalent to their scores.

On the other hand, A few cadets need some extra help to pass BRM, assistance that comes in the form of a high-tech simulator called the Weaponer.

**"The Weaponer,"** Causey explained, "is a device that allows you to fire the weapon without live ammunition and watch the hits on a computer screen." From the way the digital hits are scattered, trainers can diagnose the shooters' faults and make corrections in their sight picture, trigger squeeze, steady hold and other factors. "It can tell what they are doing wrong and you can run through a scenario to practice getting a zero or to practice qualifying." Nor is there any limit to the amount of shots fired at the Weaponer, allowing the full measure of remedial instruction needed to train the cadet.



**"Firers, move to your firing positions!"**

Army rifle is essential. That is why the course of instruction is clear and direct and the standards are firm, said 1st Sgt. James Causey from the 3rd Battalion, 321st Regiment of the 108th Division in Columbia, S.C. He and members of his unit are conducting BRM training at Ranges 1 and 2. Their goal is to have cadets zero their weapons, which means to adjust the rifle sights and verify accuracy with live fire, and then qualify by achieving an adequate score on the pop-up target range.

**"All cadets have two chances** to zero and one chance to qualify on the first day," he said, "and if they don't do that, they come back the second day." They will then be allowed two more chances to zero and, even if they fail to zero, can attempt to qualify. The majority of cadets, however, zero and qualify on the first day.

Upon arrival, each company is given an introduction to the BRM range, a safety briefing and a course of instruction on how to zero the weapon.

"The instruction," said Causey, "is on the four fundamentals. Then we split them up

# Salute Battery having a blast!

**Story and photos**  
By 2nd Lt. Greg Darling

The firing of a cannonade is an integral element in traditional Army ceremonies. The presence of salute guns contributes to the significance of special events such as commissionings, distinguished promotions, and changes of command. As part of the 2000 ROTC Advanced Camp Regimental Activation Ceremonies, these guns play a significant role in accentuating 'Duty,' 'Honor,' and 'Country,' the central emphasis of the ROTC corps' doctrine.

The role of the cadet cannonade was established in 1988, soon after the formation of Cadet Command. The guns were named Duty, Honor, and Country by Cadet Command's first commander, Maj. Gen. Robert E. Wagner, at the command's 1989 Spring Review. It was also at this time that the Cadet Creed was introduced and fixated, alongside the cannonade, as a standing tradition throughout the command.

The soldiers in charge of the guns for this year's camp come from many different Army Reserve units all over the country. These individuals rotate every two weeks and are trained by non commissioned officers from the Advanced Camp training staff. The members of the salute battery do not need any prior artillery experience, as the training they receive upon arrival is more than sufficient. Crew requirements call for an average of 12 individuals to efficiently manage the guns and fire them on regimental activation days. One NCO is in charge of the group, along with two gunners for each of the three guns, plus others to serve as sentries.

The non commissioned officer in charge of the first rotation of reservists is Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Elder. Elder explained that his crew began training two days prior to the ceremony. He also said that maintenance of the pieces is quite simple since there are only five to six moving parts. Elder mentioned that because of the old age of the weapons, spare parts are very hard to come by. During one training period last year, a firing pin was broken and a special metal-worker was called to make a new one.

The primary instructor concerning operation of the guns was Sgt. Maj. David Massullo, ROTC Training NCOIC. He was chosen as the training NCO for basic operation of the guns based on his artillery background. Master Sgt. David Wright, the ROTC



The 2000 ROTC Advanced Camp Salute Battery (left and above) stands ready and then fires a charge during the First Regiment's activation ceremonies.

Ceremonies NCOIC, trains the crews for the formal portion of the ceremony.

Two of the gunners are Spc. Duane Cunningham and Spc. Phillip Weyeneth from the 89th Regional Support Command of Wichita, Kan., the "Rolling W's." These two soldiers operate the gun, "Country," and they gave remarks about some of the training received. Cunningham said, "We actually drilled for a while on what to do in case there was a misfire. Each gun is supplied with three rounds, so in case of a misfire on one or two of the others, one gun could have to fire all three rounds."

The guns utilized are pre-WWII vintage, M1A1, 75 mm pack howitzers, originally developed in the early 1930s.

They were primarily designed to be broken down for transportation by pack mules. The three guns used by Advanced Camp can still fire the live rounds of their past, but have been decommissioned and use only blank ammunition.

As the tradition of Duty, Honor and Country is preserved throughout Cadet Command, these salute batteries stand as a firm foundation of the Army's heritage.

They serve as a booming reminder of the true function of ROTC and staunchly exemplify the cadets who develop into the leaders of tomorrow's Army.



The M1A1, 75 mm Pack Howitzer has served the Army for more than 60 years.

## Specifications for M1A1, 75 mm (pack) Howitzer:

**Caliber:**.....75 mm

**Length:**.....59 in

**Weight:**.....342 lb

**Breechblock:**....Horizontal sliding wedge

**Weight of breech mechanism:**.....121 lbs

**Type of firing mechanism:**

.....Continuous Pull

**Method of loading:**

.....Hand

**Weight of gun and mount:**.....1,440 lbs

