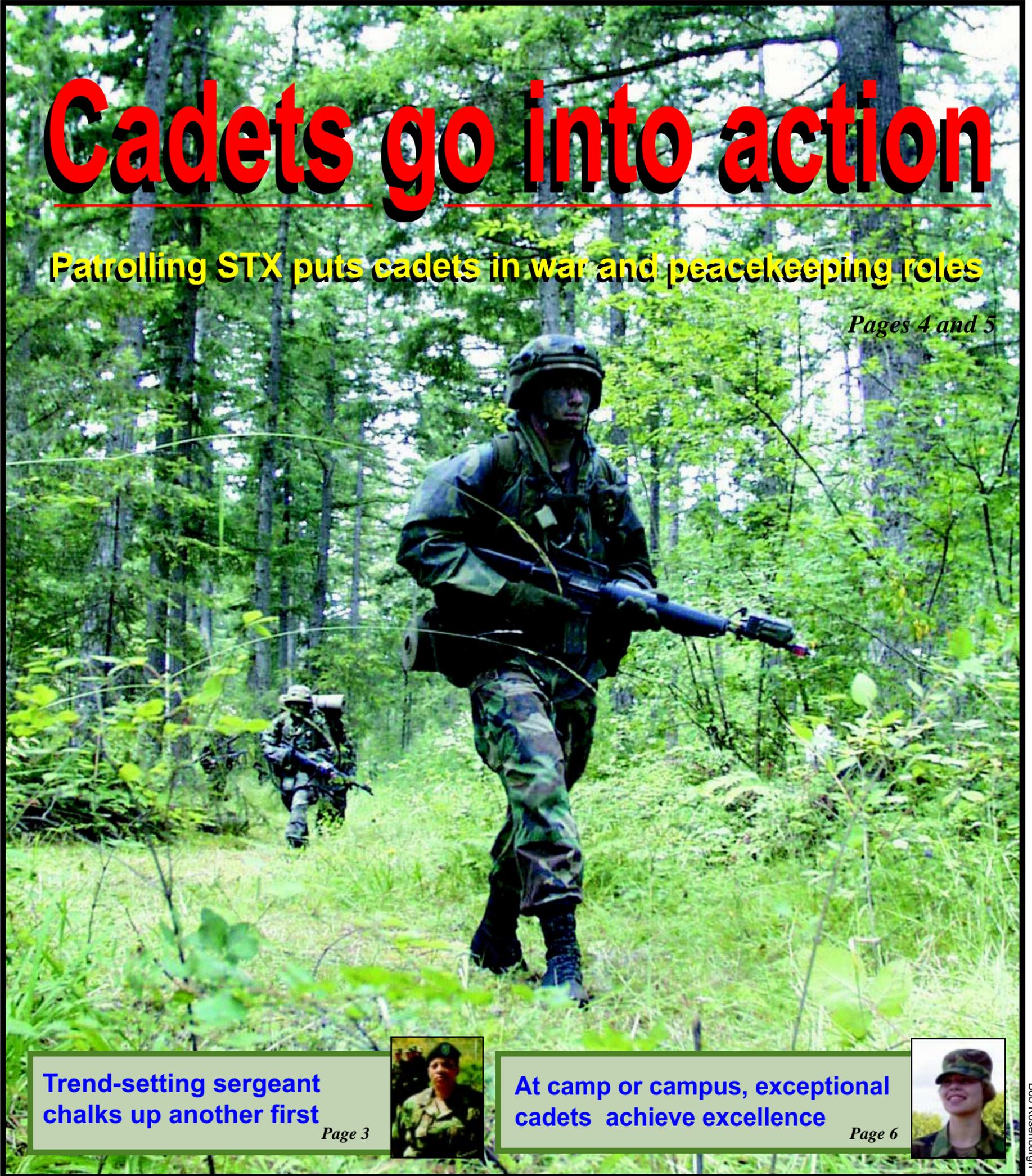




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As the 2001 National Advanced Camp enters its final two weeks, I want to recognize and congratulate several groups of great contributors to our success. First, to you cadets who are the sole purpose for this camp's existence, I admire your hard work, sense of teamwork and determination to succeed. Each of you has encountered different personal challenges and grown in different ways here in your 32 days at Fort Lewis. You have all taken a giant step toward commissioning by successfully negotiating the many challenges deliberately laid in your path. A special set of congratulations goes to our 180-plus camp commissionees who accept in front of your regiment the awesome responsibilities and commitment imbedded in the oath of office.

A heartfelt thank you is due the ROTC camp cadre who have worked tirelessly and selflessly to ensure every aspect of Advanced Camp contributes to cadet development, safety and well-being. You have earned my deepest admiration and respect. You've made a difference.

I also want to express my gratitude to the more than 1,800 USAR soldiers and leaders who have so superbly trained and supported the next generation of Army leadership. You have performed magnifi-



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cently.

A special thanks to the 1,100-plus I Corps soldiers and leaders who have so competently supported all 11 ROTC regiments and all 11 training committees. You and your civilian compatriots from the Fort Lewis installation staff have made this Advanced Camp a truly spectacular success. There is no place in the Army better suited to conduct this crucial officer development and training mission than Fort Lewis, Wash.

It has been an absolute joy to command this effort and share in the energy and sense of purpose every member of this team brings to the National Advanced Camp.

Thank you. Safe travels. God Bless.

Ruck Up and Move Out!

Congratulations to those cadets who have completed the 2001 ROTC Advanced Camp here at Fort Lewis, Wash. I have been impressed with the high quality of training I've seen among the committee cadre, the cadets they train and the camp staff who support all aspects of our mission.

I also want to thank all the Army Reserve, Army National Guard and I Corps soldiers who have provided supported camp and contributed to the great achievements of this year. A special thank you goes out to the many DA civilians within Cadet Command and across Fort Lewis. Without their unending support camp would not have been the success it was.

For the camp graduates, I have a further challenge for you. Advanced Camp is a stepping stone for you to continue your development as the future of the Army. Now you must head back to your colleges and universities prepared to train the Military Science students back on campus, and to teach them all that you know. Help next year's MS-III class coming to camp to be the best prepared ever. Once you earn your commissions as second lieutenants, then head off to your officer basic courses, remember all you have learned here. Your Army career has just begun. Always maintain your physi-



Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis Ferguson

cal fitness, professional development and personal ethics to the highest standards. Remember, at all times you will be constantly observed by your soldiers, subordinate leaders, peers and superiors. Always set a good example.

As you enter your final year, think about your transition from cadet to second lieutenant. Most of all, give everything you have as a leader. I wish you the best of luck.

As I travel to all the schools in my region in the next year, I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can and doing my part to make ROTC programs better. I especially look forward to next year's Advanced Camp where the lessons we learn this year will be put into effect as part of the continuous improvement of all our programs.

Chaplain's Corner

Ah! Cool, Fresh Water

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Joseph

"Is that a mirage, or is it really water bubbling out of the ground? No, no, it's not an illusion; it's real. It's what we're looking for - good water."

Travelers in the arid desert search for water, but often are deluded by the imaginary illusion of a mirage - seeing water that's not actually there. It's an optical, unobtainable delusion. But when you do come across genuine bubbling streams of clear water, you almost inhale the pure, cool liquid refreshment and bask in the visual pleasure of seeing the unending springs.

Springs of fresh water come from the background of God's command in Proverbs 4:23, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

A wellspring is a bubbling eruption of clean water coming out of a rock or the ground. It's natural - not man-made. But a well is man-made - dug by someone as a water source. Wells can dry up, but usually wellsprings are unending in their supply.

Today we easily get water from the faucet in the

house, but in the Biblical times, faucets didn't exist, and wellsprings were rare because of the hot, arid climate of Middle East. If you owned a piece of property where a bubbling spring existed - then you were an extremely wealthy landowner. Your bubbling springs of water were literally life, physically, and prosperity, financially.

That's the metaphor, the picture, the symbol. Solomon says in his proverbs, "Above all else, guard your heart." The word "heart" here doesn't mean the organ pumping blood, but is a term referring to your mind (thinking), emotions (feelings) and will (acting). It is the control center of your life. Guarding means protecting - but from what? Protecting from unwholesome thoughts.

Back to the bubbling clear water on your land - it's your prized possession. Wouldn't you protect it from pollution, toxic chemicals and other impurities? Of course you would!

That is the idea in this command: protect your thinking, your feelings and your actions from any polluting contamination that would turn sweet into bitter water. Keep in

mind that bubbling spring is life - for you, your family, your neighbors and your cattle.

How can you protect your heart? Turn off any thing offensive or unwholesome. Guard your bubbling spring by adding something to the water - the Scriptures! That's right - reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on God's Word. Consistent reading and studying of God's Word adds sweetness to your life, and helps stamp out moral pollution. Jesus said in Gospel of John 4:14, "I give a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Are you guarding your bubbling springs today? Or do you allow people to throw gossip, slander, hatred, off-color jokes, cursing and false values into the springs of your mind and emotions?

Here's a good prayer to pray today: "O Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

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Trend-setting sergeant becomes Advanced Camp's first female regimental sergeant major

By Bob Rosenburgh

To be the very first person to reach a given goal can only happen once, but it takes an extraordinary individual to successfully achieve several first-time-ever accomplishments. Master Sgt. Patricia Dianne Flores is that kind of winner, adding another first to her record by becoming the only female regimental sergeant major to ever serve at Advanced Camp.

Flores, who is assigned at Syracuse University, came to the 2001 ROTC Advanced Camp to serve as 3rd Regiment's sergeant major, making her the first woman to do so at any camp regiment. She said serving with the "Brave Rifles has been good.

"I've gotten a lot of positive support from the other sergeants major as well as from the cadre in my regiment." She added that, even though people have their own opinion about how to do things, even some who think they have a better idea here and there, they generally defer to her prerogatives as the prime NCO. "That way," she added, "we're all on one sheet of music and things go smoothly."

Flores had particular praise for the Advanced Camp command sergeant major, Lewis Ferguson, for his support.

Another item of interest, particularly in light of Flores' gender-pioneering position, is that 3rd Regiment has about 27 percent female cadets, a notable figure for one of the largest regiments at camp this year. Flores said they are doing just fine.

"The regiment overall is doing very well," she explained, "and not only do we have the largest percentage of females, we also have the highest number of cadets throughout the regiments as it stands right now, 391 cadets." At that time, 3rd Regiment also had the high female pushup and sit-up record, plus one of the fastest two-mile run scores.

Flores entered the Army in 1980, and following her



Capt. Woody Stone

Master Sgt. Patricia Dianne Flores, from Syracuse University, stands in front of the 3rd Regiment as it activates to begin training at the 2001 ROTC advanced Camp.

Air Defense enlisted AIT, became the first female 16C MOS (Nike Hercules). But she still had to assert herself to actually work in the skill she was trained to do.

"It was really funny how, when I went to my first unit, they said they would put me down to work as a clerk, or in the mail room or in supply." But Flores insisted she must work in her MOS to get promoted and pressed her first sergeant for duty at a missile site. "I was the first one, and out of 60 people in my platoon, the only female." About 15 other female 16C were assigned, but none were working in their MOS. "I didn't come in to be a clerk," said Flores, "and if I didn't assert myself, I wouldn't go anywhere."

From there, she did her job well and never had a problem since.

"I was very happy to be able to do that," she said. In her following 21 years of service, Flores always worked alongside male soldiers as equals, moving up to section sergeant, platoon sergeant and first sergeant in good time. She served in Saudi Arabia, Korea, Germany and around the United States, and now holds a Patriot missile MOS. And she said things have changed since she first enlisted.

"I usually don't need to do much now to stay in my job field. As soon as I step in, they say I'll be a platoon sergeant, section chief or whatever they need." Occasionally, a unit would say they needed a re-enlistment NCO or some other job. "But I would say, no, I'm going to work in my MOS and I fought that and I'm proud to say I always worked my MOS."

Additional training offers Army opportunities to motivated cadets

By Bob Rosenburgh

Many graduates of 2001 ROTC Advanced Camp will ask to continue their summer training by attending other Army schools and exercises. About half usually take advantage of a variety of additional Army opportunities offered to them. Cadets are encouraged to choose from several different options for one to three more weeks of learning.

These completely voluntary programs can be Airborne or Air Assault School at Fort Benning, Ga, the Northern Warfare School at Fort Greeley, Alaska., Mountain Warfare School in Jericho, Vt., or Mounted Maneuver Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT) is also offered at selected Army units, and for nurse cadets, the Nurse Summer Training Program.

CTLT is a "job-shadow" program where cadets will either follow around a second lieutenant or take their place, to gain experience in the real Army. The cadets can go to any type of unit the Army has - combat, combat support, combat service support - even the Reserve component. There is also a DCLT, or Drill Cadet Leadership Training. There, cadets follow a drill sergeant.

Cadets who request CTLT may find themselves spending three weeks in Korea, Kosovo, Hawaii, or anywhere the Army sends its soldiers. If airborne qualified, they might even jump with their host unit.

Nursing cadets can spend three weeks at one of 14 Army medical treatment facilities across the country, getting first-hand exposure to what they can expect as commissioned



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Active duty or Reserve component units like this armor company training at Fort Lewis, Wash., serve as familiarization training hosts for cadets on CTLT assignments.

officers in the Army Nurse Corps. Each cadet is paired with a "preceptor," a nurse working in various departments who volunteers for the program. The cadet follows the preceptor's schedule for duty.

Graduation from the 2001 ROTC Advanced Camp is

an accomplishment to be proud of. But it's not the final chapter in a cadet's schooling or training before becoming an officer. By choosing to participate in additional training, cadets can get a head start on their careers as the Army's next generation of leaders.

Final exams: Patrolling STX is a hotbox of snap decisions that test cadets' leadership and judgment

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Mayo
Photos by Bob Rosenburgh

In the quiet tranquility of a Fort Lewis forest, Cadet James Beard tinkered with his sand table. There were plastic army men, hand-made terrain features and a tactical objective ripe for the taking. It was the regiment's first patrolling mission, but Beard was confident his fellow cadets had bonded together well enough to succeed.

"Any time you get deployed with people you bond with them," Beard said. "I've learned that we can be completely different people, I mean COMPLETELY different, but we can still come together as a team."

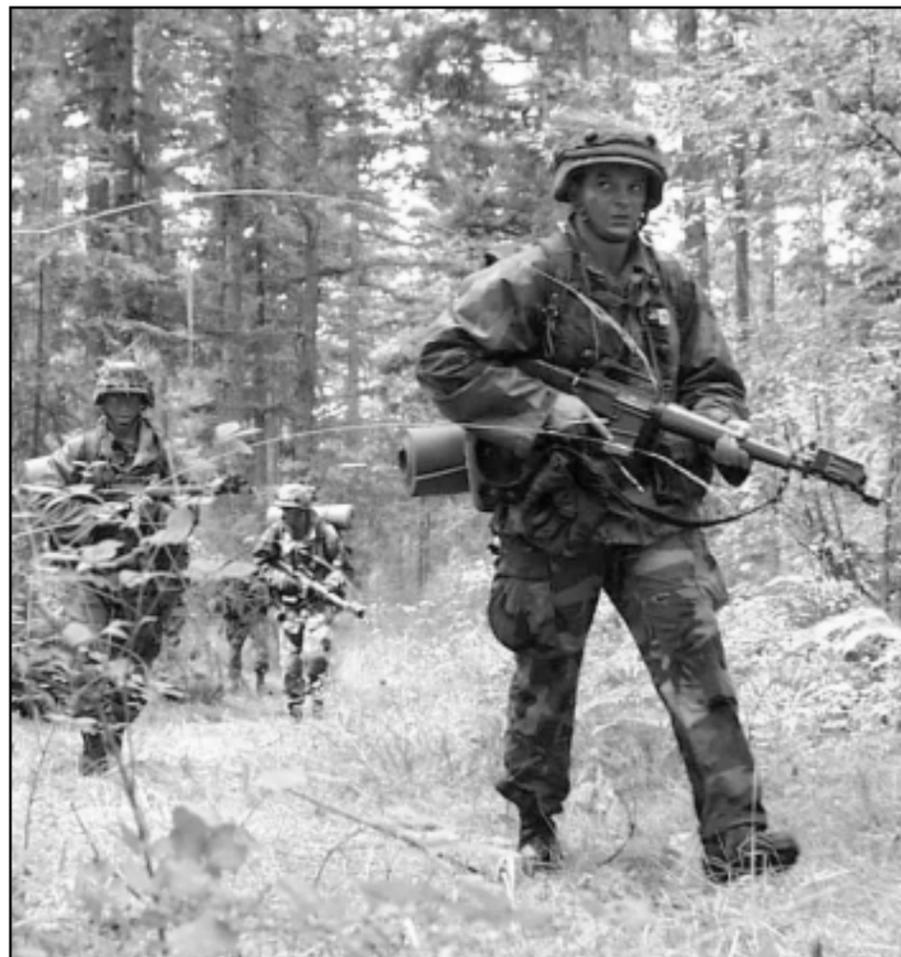
This has been the challenge of camp - embracing and learning to work with new

mand and control of his or her assets.

Though the size of the elements changed, the matrix of instruction has not. There are still three committee teams. Team Wolf is responsible for refreshing and training the cadets on patrolling tactics. They use the Squad STX experience that the cadets previously completed as a basis for instruction and then expand upon it. The two other teams, Team Panther and Team Eagle, are charged with evaluating cadets on actual patrolling lanes.

Even though the missions are challenging, there's nothing a cadet can't handle. "It's not a strict and heavy duty 'beat your boots' kind of flow," Buie said. "It's pretty fluid and gives them a chance to plan."

The cadets do need to stay on their



A patrol of 5th Regiment cadets moves cautiously into the Patrolling STX "kill zone" where they will encounter a variety of challenges.

colleagues and resources, while at the same time excelling in your mission. Just as cadets bond with each other, Advanced Camp is bonding with its newest committee, Patrolling Situational Training Exercise (STX). Patrolling STX has replaced the Platoon STX of previous years. But, as in the past, cadets still must rely on their leadership skills and teamwork to get them through this added challenge.

The change was made for a variety of reasons. "I think that 48 soldiers might have been a little too much to ask one person to handle," said Master Sgt. William Buie, an evaluator on the Patrolling STX Committee. "They really don't have the assets back on campus to deal with situations like that. They have 22 to 24 cadets now and that's not too big of a jump from Squad STX," he said. Buie compares patrolling to a beefed-up squad mission, enabling the patrol leader to have more com-



Cadet Ebony Simmons, from Florida A&M University, provides cover for the news crew roundup under the watchful eye of evaluator Master Sgt. Jeffrey Witas, of Louisiana State University.



Cadet Rick Zambrana, of Cameron University, and Cadet Houston Sheets, from the Citadel, are videotaped by 2nd Lt. Richard Sili, who is plying the role of a CNN reporter.

mand and control of his or her assets. toes, however, as one unforeseen event after another is thrust into the scenario. Salted in among the patrols, ambushes, firefights and casualty evacuations are such non-military but entirely feasible interruptions as an ersatz CNN news crew walking into the action with cameras rolling and mikes open, and even a pregnant local woman needing mid-wife assistance as she gives birth alongside the road. It's a big dose of the real world; firepower isn't always the right answer.

Cadets are given evaluations, but they do not count for or against their score at camp. Because patrolling was only introduced in the past year, the evaluations are used solely for mentoring and aiding the cadets in their leadership skills.

"We're looking to see if they show the leadership abilities and attributes that they should possess to become an officer," Buie said. "We want to see how well they react to situations, see how well they think on their feet, and not to be 100 percent tactically perfect, but to see if they can react well enough to handle a stressful situation."

Cadets seemed to have an easy time making the change and absorbing



Cadet Ebony Simmons lies in wait for any enemy soldiers that may enter her perimeter.



Cadet Darrell Ferguson from the University of Portland calls for instructions and assistance to round up and remove the news crew from the battle area.



Cadet Paul R. Hawkins, from Furman University, mans the M-60 machinegun alongside assistant gunner Cadet Elliot Thomas from Wheaton College.



Left to right, in photo to left, Cadets Thomas, Hawkins and Sheets prepare to repulse an OPFOR attack. Using hand signals and radio communications, they assess the threat, disperse their force and prepare for an assault. During the battle, in which both sides used blank ammunition and MILES gear for simulated realism, 5th Regiment cadets suffered several battle casualties which the enemy used as cover and bait to draw the cadets out into the killing zone. The cadets, however, won the fight.



2nd Lt. Aaren Hanson (above) plays the role of a Pumonon peasant woman giving birth on the battlefield. Mid-wife duties and calm counseling are provided by bogus CNN newsman, 2nd Lt. Richard Sili. Staged events like this forced cadets to react to situations that actually occur in real war and peacekeeping operations.



Left, Sgt. James Smith, from Headquarters and Headquarter Company, 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry Division, delivers a burst of fire from his M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon. Soldiers from Smith's Fort Lewis-based unit were among the active-duty support units serving as an Opposing Force (OPFOR) doing battle with the cadets at Patrolling STX.

the important Army training. "This is stuff that every soldier needs to know, regardless of whether they're driving the general around or they're a private in an infantry platoon," Beard said.

The overall experience has been positive for cadets and cadre alike. Beard liked the challenge of going head-to-head with the opposing force (OPFOR). "We could be hit by the OPFOR at any time," he said. "Now that's realism."

Buie had a simpler idea of what he liked about Patrolling STX. "Getting out in the woods," he said. "After you've been a 1st Sgt. for a while, riding a desk and giving soldiers Article 15s all the time, it's good to finally get back out in the sticks." 



Cadet Adrian Massey (above), from Eastern Michigan University, tries to pick off a sniper who is using a wounded cadet to lure a trap for the others. He succeeded in rescuing his fallen comrade, but only after an intense firefight that left another cadet "technically dead" and eliminated the remaining OPFOR attackers.



Cadet Sergio Mendoza, from St. Mary's University, (far left) provides security for Cadet Jeremy Wolfe, of the University of Hawaii, Manoa, (near left) as he pats down a wounded prisoner (Smith) being searched for documents and weapons.

Viterbo cadet has lifelong love for singing

By Bob Rosenburgh

A good soldier is expected to sing out when counting cadence, but one 3rd Regiment cadet is ready to do much more than singing Jody cadence.

"I have loved to sing, all my life," said Cadet Trisha A. Callies, from Viterbo University, which is a partnership school with the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. "Ever since I was little, I loved singing and music and I'll sing anything from the National Anthem to opera." Callies made good use of her talents, too, as a member of her high school band and singing in numerous choirs through her school years.

But she's a well-rounded cadet besides, with athletic accomplishments like playing on her college's rugby team, high school softball, working as a YMCA lifeguard and swimming instructor and even combining

her vocal and physical skills to serve as a cheerleader and cheerleading coach.

A scholar as well, Callies graduated in the top ten percent of her high school class as a member of the National Honor Society and is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood education. She volunteers as a tutor at the Ho-Chunk Nations Learning Center in La Crosse, Wis., in addition to numerous other volunteer social service jobs.

Callies served on her school yearbook staff and was photo editor of the school newspaper, but if her singing talents are any indication of the future, it will be her own picture gracing the pages of many a newspaper. Among the nominees requested by Cadet Command for exceptional cadets to sing the National Anthem at major sports events is Callies' name. Callies can certainly deliver. 



Bob Rosenburgh

Cadet Trisha A. Callies, from Viterbo University.

When not at camp, he's a discus champ

By Bob Rosenburgh

Some people like to throw their weight around, but Cadet Adam A. Moodie, from North Central College, in Neighborville, Ill., prefers to throw the discus and does it well enough to claim a title or two. But it took him a while to reach that level of skill.

"I started doing it in high school," he said, "and I didn't want to do it at all in my freshman year." But Moodie had a coach who saw something in the lad, so he mentored and trained the promising athlete. "He got me going and I got better every year until I made it to State in my senior years and I made the Nationals every year in college."

With one more year to go, Moodie is now at the D3 level and ranked 4th in the entire nation.

He said ROTC training has made him lose weight and after camp he's going to concentrate on getting more muscular.

"One of the fundamentals for discus is to be strong," he said, "so I'll work on building my muscle mass, which will make me a little bit larger, but stronger, too." Moodie is already an impressive 6' 2", so he'll be quite a powerhouse when he's bigger, an important asset for throwing the 5-pound discus for distance. Moodie's personal best is 168 feet and four inches.

North Central College is a partnership school with Wheaton College, so he has a daily commute to his ROTC classes, a ride he enjoys.

"It's not bad," he said, "it's about 20 minutes away, so I get up a little earlier, and it's a nice drive because I can



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Cadet Adam A. Moodie, from North Central College.

just think and by the time I get to Wheaton I'm all alert and everyone else is still groggy from rolling out of bed." At Wheaton, he's served as a company commander and held a 4.0 GPA in his last quarter. He graduated from Advanced Camp with the 5th Regiment and was rated "Best Qualified."

Moodie intends to become an armor officer, a good choice for someone of his physical stature with extra talents for throwing heavy metal around. 

Cadet's life is a struggle from at-risk orphan to Army officer

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Mayo

People who distinguish themselves are often those who have been forced to fight for their accomplishments. It is often said how anything that comes easy isn't worth having. Cadet Jason Elbert, an MS-III at Wentworth Military Junior College, is living proof of these two adages.

As an 8th Regiment cadet, he distinguished himself many times among his peers for going beyond the standard. But some of his most notable accomplishments occurred well before attending the 2001 ROTC Advanced Camp.

Elbert is a graduate of Missouri's "Show Me Challenge" program. The program takes youths that are described as "at risk" and gives them what could be the only chance they have to straighten up their lives by earning job skills and a General Equivalency Degree (GED). The "Show Me Challenge" is a boot camp run by the Missouri Army National Guard. Elbert is well on track to becoming the program's first commissionee.

He lost his parents as an early teen and, as a result, often experienced hardships. He sometimes had difficulty obtaining the basic comforts most people take for granted. Despite his difficult youth, Elbert graduated the "Show Me Challenge" and won a Military Junior College Scholarship.

Elbert also has distinguished himself as a soldier in the Missouri Army National Guard. Before becoming a cadet, he served as a 52D (Power Generation Equipment Repairer) in the 203rd Combat Engineer (Heavy) Battalion. He is now an SMP cadet with the 1438th Combat Engineer Battalion.

A computer science major, Elbert plans on finishing his degree and becoming a combat engineer officer. He realizes he may have had it rough growing up, but remains positive and aggressive with regard to his goals.

"I didn't have a pampered childhood ... and it helped me get a solid basis on life. I grew up kinda rough and realized that I had to do something with my life." Elbert added that perseverance is the key to success.

Maj. Dan Frickenschmidt, a cadre member from Wentworth, is quite impressed with Elbert's performance. Frickenschmidt said Elbert "has become a real inspiration to his sponsor, Mr. Tom Shields, and to his peers and college professors." He added that Elbert could be expected to set the standard in many of the things he does.

Elbert can be considered an example of the opportunity that abounds in this country. By overcoming tremendous obstacles and never giving up, he has demonstrated that with determination, anything is possible. 

Cadet mom does it all ... very well

By 2nd Lt. James Gordon

Many of the cadets at Advanced Camp 2001 have to balance academic, financial, and family commitments. Some even excel at this juggling act. Cadet Susan Michelle Huninghake is one of them.

This 24-year-old 1st Regiment cadet is a resident of Chesapeake, Ohio, and Huninghake is a graduate student at Marshall University. Some of her achievements aren't quite unique. For example, she has two children, but Huninghake's obligations don't end there. She both works and goes to school full-time. With so much to do, her perfect 4.0 GPA comes as quite an impressive feat.

And there's more. She enjoys hunting and running and also serves as a senator on her school's stu-



2nd Lt. James Gordon

Cadet Susan Huninghake

dent counsel. But, when asked what her number one hobby was, she replied, "Spending time with my children."

Huninghake has many goals. Currently a graduate student in adult technical education, she plans to serve as an active duty medical officer once commissioned. She added that camp is an excellent step toward any young person's future goals.

"Overall, I think camp is a great way to examine your leadership potential. I really enjoyed the experience and will use what I learned to be

successful in the future," she said. Huninghake's performance, both here and at school, serves to reinforce the image of the Army cadet: the scholar, athlete and leader. 

British cadets train with Yanks

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Mayo

Cadets of many kinds come to 2001 ROTC Advanced Camp from all different corners of the United States, but there are some in the 6th and 10th Regiments who hail from a bit further away. Those regiments not only get to bond and learn about people from all across the United States, they also have with them a few cadets from "across the pond" in the United Kingdom.

"They're a lot of fun to have here," said 6th Regiment Cadet Jason Ludwig, from the University of Northern Iowa. "It's a boost for morale, to see things from the other side."



British Officer Cadet Jasper Mann

Other than their continental accents and a few different words, the British cadets seemed to get along just fine. "It's been good so far," said British Officer Cadet Jasper Mann, from Brunel University. "The weather's great; I'm enjoying myself."

When it was time for barracks maintenance, however, the British cadets had a little to learn. "Everything's got to be tidy; your bed's got to be made, footlocker's got to be locked, have to be in bed by a certain time, and have to wake up at a certain time," Mann said. "In that way, this is stricter than our billets."

One of the biggest differences between the American cadets and the Brits is food, and the opinions of it. Most American cadets are tired of MREs by the end of camp. "They thought the MREs were great," Ludwig said. Mann described the dining facility food as "very good. Breakfast is great." Mann went on to describe what the British use for field rations. "Our rations are slightly different because they've changed from ready-made in the bag to freeze-dried, so we use a lot more water."

Tactically speaking, the British cadets had to make only minor adjustments. "The orders process is similar, they follow the same sort of format, but with different words," explained Mann. Cadet Hunter Smart from Marrison Military Institute was impressed with the military skills that the English showed. "They're about the most squared-away people here," he said.

So what have the British cadets enjoyed the most about their time at Advanced Camp? "The hooah, the shouting, and the morale-making," said Mann. They even took the time to teach the American cadets some British lingo. "They've taught us a few phrases here and there," said Ludwig. "But nothing we should talk about." 

Camp safety is everyone's business

By 2nd Lt. Erik S. Archer
Western Illinois University
Camp Safety Office

Safety officers at training sites are sometimes greeted with as much enthusiasm as the Ebola virus. This reaction is expected and, truthfully, is encouraged. It underscores the value every committee places on effective risk controls, striving their best to be their own safety officers. This basic concept is a standard throughout the Army.

Clearly identifiable safety hazards are easily controlled, but the dangers lie in the less-obvious hazards. Many controls are in place at the 2001 ROTC Advanced Camp to ensure safety and they don't go unnoticed.

"Advanced Camp is very safe," explained Cadet Anthony Williams, of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "There are more than adequate safety measures in place, and the risk assessments minimize the risks."

"Advanced Camp is good - very safe," echoed Cadet Heath Swyers, an 8th Regiment cadet from the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh. Overall, Advanced Camp is very safe, but with that qualifier, some parts of camp are not so safe.

With safety hazards, perception is seldom reality. Most cadets said they believed Basic Rifle Marksmanship was the top site statistically with the largest and most serious number of accidents. While BRM is inherently one of the most dangerous committees, accidents are rare. Safety precautions are taken at every stage to ensure nothing goes awry. To some, a cadet with a weapon is a scary scenario, which explains why the ratio of cadre to cadet is so high.

So at which committee site do the most accidents occur? "Confidence course," said Cadet James Scott, from Appalachian State University. He was on the right track. At Advanced Camp, and everywhere in the Army, most accidents occur outside the realm of what is usually defined as "dangerous." BRM is identified as a high-risk event, so controls are substantial, and BRM is one of the safest sites at Camp. The Confidence Course, which many cadets see as a high-speed jungle gym, is actually one of the highest injury producers. Perception is why more accidents occur at the Confidence Course than at BRM. When an event is perceived as high risk, controls are implemented, and the event becomes safer. Accidents occur at sites where



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Cadet Joseph Price (left), from John Carroll University, is corrected by Cadet Anthony Williams, of University of Alabama at Birmingham, for tugging on a live wire near an oil tank.

risks are less obvious.

The lessons at Advanced Camp easily translate to the rest of the Army. During fiscal year 2000, the Army recorded 31 Class-A, on-duty accidents (damage totaling \$1,000,000 or more, or a fatality or permanent disability). During the same period of time, 106 off-duty Class-A accidents occurred. Off-duty accidents include POV accidents, personnel injuries and other types of accidents.

This proves safety awareness must never stop. During fiscal year 2000, there were 86 POV accident fatalities, but only 16 Army vehicle accidents. The Army eliminates accident risk efficiently, but can only do so to a point. The rest of the responsibility lies within the individual soldier.

Everyone should evaluate what is their own role in making safety a priority. To cadets, the role is crucial. It is imperative that new officers have a solid grasp on the realm of safety. Immediately upon entering the Army, lieutenants must be able to draft risk assessment matrices for their platoons. Safety is important to every soldier, regardless of rank or time in service, and safety is unlike any other subject, since every person, from the newest private to the oldest general, is expected to train safely.

Remember, while most soldiers would rather dine in a CS chamber than have a safety officer on site, our purpose is to heighten the level of safety awareness. Stay alert - stay alive! 



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By Bob Rosenburgh

National group promotes Army Officers' Christian Fellowship



Members of the Officers' Christian Fellowship who attended the 2001 ROTC Advanced Camp Branch Orientation were (left to right) Maj. Mike Johnson, retired Col. Don Martin, Jr. and Chap. (Col.) Dwight Riggs.

By 2nd Lt. James Gordon

Commanders are responsible for the accomplishment of the mission, but the welfare of their soldiers must be ever present in any leader's mind. One of the aspects of this is spiritual guidance.

During Branch Orientation at the 2001 ROTC Advanced Camp, many cadets stopped at one station containing several booths from agencies not representing Army branches, but were instead supporting the Army at the individual level. One of them was the Officers' Christian Fellowship (OCF).

The OCF is a non-denominational ministry of Christian military officers whose goal is to assist Christians in the unification of their spiritual and professional beliefs. The OCF also assists chaplains in the accomplishment of their missions.

Several cadets at camp are already members of the OCF. Cadet John Bertholf, of Colorado State University, has worked with OCF at their summer retreat in Colorado for four summers. "From what I've seen, OCF plays an important supporting role in helping officers and their families as they move around from post to post." He added that having someone present in the community can really help ease a transition.

Cadet Jonathan Bundrick, of Wofford College, had many great things to say about the OCF. He is very active in the Christian community and thought that the OCF's "Rocky Mountain High" trip for ROTC cadets presented an excellent opportunity to socialize and learn with his fellow Christians. The trip involved climbing,

reading scripture and reflecting on the paths that each future officer has chosen.

When asked how his faith was affecting his camp experience, Bundrick replied, "I think restraining from profanity, doing the right thing and just being a good example is the most important thing here ... It may not affect people now, but they notice and you're planting those seeds (of change)."

Retired Col. Don Martin, Jr., a former armored cavalry officer, is the Director of Field Ministry for OCF. He said the welfare of soldiers has spiritual elements and that commanders are responsible for that. He also mentioned one of the objectives of the OCF is the desire to tie in the teachings of the Bible with the profession of arms. "We try to be a source of encouragement and support. Not just for officers, but for everyone we meet."

The OCF fills an important role in the exercise of spirituality at Advanced Camp. They coordinate with camp chaplains and are usually present at most chapel services. In fact, some have been asked by the chaplain to share with cadets their views on spirituality and being a leader in the profession of arms.

OCF is present during the branch display and during chapel services to help Christians integrate their faith and occupation. Organizations such as the Officers' Christian Fellowship are a vital part of the spiritual development of leaders, and cadets should keep them in mind in the event they, or their subordinates, may have a need for the OCF's support in the future. 

Do you remember the U.S. Army General Orders?

In a high-tech world, it's easy to forget the basics, so let us refresh your memory with the Army's most basic command, the General Orders that apply to everything from guard duty to combat. At some point in your career, you will be expected to recite them.

1st General Order:

I will guard everything within the limits of my post, and quit my post only when properly relieved.

2nd General Order:

I will obey my special orders and perform all my duties in a military manner.

3rd General Order:

I will report violations of my special orders, emergencies, and anything not covered in my instructions, to the commander of the relief.



Regiments report top APFT scores

1st Regiment	Score
Male: Hagemeyer, Nathan University of Florida.....	382
Female: Hurley, Elisabeth Tulane University.....	349
2nd Regiment	
Male: Taylor, James Florida State University.....	348
Female: Leone, Megan Appalachian State University.....	331
3rd Regiment	
Male: Kang, David Seattle University.....	366
Female: Tan, Melissa Seattle University.....	352
4th Regiment	
Male: Ferraro, Stephen University of Scranton.....	350
Female: Hammerquist, Ginger Gonzaga University.....	325
5th Regiment	
Male: Szmczak, Andrew Gonzaga University.....	357
Female: Gritzke, Christine CalPoly State University.....	366
6th Regiment	
Male: Welsh, Johnathan Washington State University.....	355
Female: Stephenson, Courtney University of Dayton.....	367
7th Regiment	
Male: Price, Kenji Gonzaga University.....	355
Female: O'Sullivan, Meghan University of Richmond.....	338
8th Regiment	
Male: Gatti, Brian University of Vermont.....	353
Female: Dykstra, Kathy University of Northern Iowa.....	336
9th Regiment	
Male: Kim, Byung Pennsylvania State University.....	369
Female: Flamino, Elizabeth Northeastern University.....	335
10th Regiment	
Male: Smith, Joseph University of Mississippi.....	359
Female: Orozco, Joanna University of Texas at Austin.....	320
11th Regiment	
Male: Pierson, David University of Rhode Island.....	329
Female: Ellet, Amanda Brigham Young University.....	336

