



LHUP Soaring Eagle Battalion



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Keeping Cadets, Parents, and Alumni Informed!

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PMS Corner

By LTC Doug Orsi

The Spring Semester is coming to a close and once again the Soaring Eagle Battalion has risen above the rest and set new standards. This semester we again conducted a Field Leadership Reaction Course at Fort Indiantown Gap, a Situational Training Exercise/Land Navigation Exercise at Bald Eagle State Park, a Military Ball, and multiple Leadership Labs on campus. Our Seniors once again have planned all the battalion's training and have gained valuable experience.

Our training is focused on improving leadership skills in our students and preparing them to excel at the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, WA and the Leader's Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox, KY. We also have students attending Airborne School and Air Assault School. Additionally, we have two students attending Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT) at Fort Bragg, NC and Fort Benning, GA. We currently have 36 contracted Cadets in our program and 24 receiving scholarship benefits. We are commissioning 11 students on 12 May 2007 at 0800 in Sloan Auditorium. All are welcome for this great event.

Once again, I encourage each of our Alumni to let us know how you're doing and pass on your experiences to us to share with the Cadets.

Soaring Eagles....Talons Out!



SMSI Corner

By MSG Thomas Abbott

Hooah! Soaring Eagle Cadets, the spring semester has come to a close. First off I would like to congratulate all the Seniors on completing an important milestone in life. Our Seniors are ready to support and defend our country. They will set the example for all others to emulate. I personally want to say how proud both I and the Colonel are of their ability. God speed and God bless.

The Juniors are about to embark to the Leadership Development & Assessment Course (LDAC) located at Ft Lewis WA. There they will display the ability to lead from the front and receive an unbiased evaluation of their leadership ability. They will be tested on organizing and developing combat plans in both field and garrison environments under sleep deprivation and stress. They will be tested on individual abilities like Physical Fitness, Orienteering, Rappelling, Combat Water Survival, and Marksmanship Qualification. They will also be given an opportunity to earn their Recondo Badge. I want to wish the Junior Cadets a safe voyage and the Ranger spirit to make them successful.

I also want to recognize the Cadets that plan on attending military schools during the summer session. Cadet Zellers and Joseph are tagged for Air Assault School located at Ft Campbell KY. Cadet Antonelli and Ewing are attending Airborne School at Ft. Benning GA. Cadet DeCarlo, Tagliaboski, Groft, and Bushbacher are schedule for Leader's Training Course (LTC) located at Ft Knox KY.

Lock Haven Soaring Eagles this is Talon 7 out!

Rangers Lead the Way all others follow!!!

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May 12, 2007 Commissioning

The following Cadets will be commissioned on 12 May 2007 at 0800 in Sloan Auditorium. All are invited to the event.

James N. Ailes	PAANG	Military Intelligence
Benjamin R. Berard	PAANG	Signal Corps
April J. Frye	PAANG	Medical Service
Nathaniel J. Hamm	USAR	Signal Corps
Crystal R. Hammond	Active Duty	Engineers
Louis A. Kohl	Active Duty	Aviation
Britton C. Kreitz	Active Duty	Military Police
Chad M. Pilker	Active Duty	Infantry
Alan J. Salisbury	PAANG	Signal Corps
Brian S. Schlosser	Active Duty	Infantry
Michele M. Spangler	PAANG	Military Intelligence

Ranger Club Ski Trip

Written by Jake Donaldson

On 24 February members of the Ranger Club, an organization open to all Lock Haven University students, traveled to Blue Mountain Ski Area in Palmerton, PA. Each semester the Ranger Club participates in an outdoor activity or event. This semester it was voted on to go skiing, snowboarding, and even tubing. Seventeen Lock Haven students and administration were in attendance for this trip to Blue Mountain. A great time was had by all and was not just a time for fun but also a good time to get to know people outside of the school setting. The Ranger Club plans on participating in one more activity before the end of the semester. If interested in joining the Ranger Club stop by the ROTC building or talk to a Cadet in the Army ROTC program. This program is open to all students, and you do not need to be a ROTC member to participate in Ranger Club.



Louis Kohl airborne on a snowboard

ROTC CADETS EXPERIENCE FIREARM TRAINING SYSTEM

Written by James Ailes

On 21 February 2007, Senior Military Instructor, Master Sergeant Thomas Abbott, led ROTC freshman and sophomore ROTC Cadets in a familiarization exercise with the Firearm Training System (FATS). The FATS is a full sized video combat simulator which prepares Soldiers for the various stressors that they will experience in combat. Soldier's proficiency with weapons such as the M-16 assault rifle, the 9mm pistol, and the Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW) is tested in a variety of different combat scenarios. Some of these scenarios include: hostile vehicle check points, urban house raids, desert ambushes, and movement to contact in a woodland operations. Experience in these simulations teaches soldiers important combat skill such as rapid target acquisition, situational awareness, and the importance of remaining in squad lanes of fire.

All ROTC Cadets are field-tested on their abilities to lead a squad of fellow students through battlefield exercises and are evaluated on their tactics and procedures. This familiarization gave them leadership experience, as well as provided them an opportunity to progress further along in their journey of becoming future Army officers.



Cadets in front of the video screen of the Firearm Training System (FATS) in Williamsport.

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ROTC Conducts Combat Water Survival Test CWST

Written by Michele Spangler

On February 6th 2007, students in ROTC took to the pool in Zimmerli Gymnasium to conduct water survival training. Prior to commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army, students must pass a standardized swim test and a Combat Water Survival Test (CWST). The swim test consists of a 10 minute continuous swim, and 5 minute continuous tread water. During the continuous swim students may use any of the four strokes (backstroke, freestyle, sidestroke, or breaststroke). The CWST consists of a 15 meter wearing the Battle dress uniform (BDUs, tennis shoes, Load Bearing Equipment "LBE"), while carrying an M-16 rifle. The second station is the walk-off a 3-meter diving board blindfold, while wearing the LBE and carrying a weapon, then swimming to the side of the pool without losing the weapon. The final station is called the ditch and don. This is when the students wearing the LBE and carrying the rifle must discard all equipment under water before surfacing. The Department of Military Science trains students to pass these events prior to their attending the Leadership Development Assessment Course at Ft. Lewis WA.



Cadets Dustin Tagliaboski, Paul Ewing and Travis Joseph in the pool during CWST.

Staff Ride to Gettysburg

Written by James Dougherty

On March 23, 2007 the Lock Haven University ROTC senior Cadets conducted a staff ride to Gettysburg National Military Park. After two weeks of studying all aspects of the battle, the seniors and cadre traveled down the park to get a grasp on what was taught. The senior Cadets also presented briefings on a leader of their choosing from the required reading of "*Killer Angels*" by Michael Shaara. The trip was a huge success with a good time had by all. Students were able to show what they learned and actually walk the battlefield and study the terrain of one of the most famous battles in the Civil War.



From left to right back row: Justin Rosbochil, Chad Pilker, A.J. Salisbury, Ben Berard, James Ailes, Brian Schlosser, and LTC Orsi

From left to right front row: Louis Kohl, James Dougherty, Michele Spangler, April Frye, and Byron Zeigler



Inside the Gettysburg National Battlefield Visitor's Center
From left to right top: James Dougherty, Louis Kohl, James Ailes, Chad Pilker, April Frye, Ben Berard

From left to right lower row: AJ Salisbury, Michele Spangler, Brian Schlosser

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Military Ball

On 27 April 2007 the Lock Haven University ROTC Battalion conducted its Military Ball at the Elks club in downtown Lock Haven. Over 90 students and cadre attended the event. Below are some photos from the festivities.



MS IVs and Completion Cadets with their dates prior to the Ball



Cadets taking the Grog!



Cadet April Frye receiving an award from the Daughters of the American Revolution



Cadets and Cadre showing their moves



Cadet Britton Kreitz showing his moves

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Awards

The following Cadets were presented awards during the annual Military Ball held on 27 April 2007 in Lock Haven.

Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award

Michele Spangler, Sarah Lambert, Jessica Campbell, Travis Joseph

Association of the United States Army Leadership Award

Robert Fales

Association of the United States Army Military History Award

Benjamin Berard, Brian Schlosser

Reserve Officer's Association Award

Alan Salisbury, Douglas Wolfe, Tracy Shaner

American Legion Award

James Ailes, A.J. Widmeyer

Veterans of Foreign Wars Award

Quinton Cummings

American Veterans of World War II Award

Douglas Wolfe

National Sojourner's Award

Paul Ewing

Sons of the American Revolution Award

Jacob Donaldson

Daughters of the American Revolution Award

April Frye

Military Order of the World Wars Award

Zachary Brown

Society of the War of 1812 Award

Byron Zeigler

National Defense Industrial Society Award

Britton Kreitz

United Services Automobile Association Spirit Award

Louis Kohl

Legion of Valor Bronze Cross Award

Chad Pilker

George C. Marshal Award

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Cadet Chad Pilker Wins Marshall Award

Chad Pilker, a senior biology major from Nazareth, PA, a 4 year Army ROTC scholarship winner, has won the George C. Marshall Award. Chad attended the George C. Marshall Awards held on the campuses of the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, KY from 17-20 April 2007. The Marshall Award is given annually and presented to the most outstanding Cadet in each Army ROTC program.

Chad was selected for his professional excellence, leadership and integrity. Upon graduation in May, Chad will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the active Army in the branch of Infantry and stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. The award is named in honor of Army Gen. George C. Marshall. Marshall served as the Chief of Staff of the Army and Secretary of both State and Defense. He was the author of the restorative Marshall Plan which helped to rebuild Europe after World War II and was the only career Soldier to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Marshall Award, now in its 30th year, recognizes the top Cadets in the United States Army Cadet Command from each of the 273 colleges and universities which host Army ROTC.



MSIV Cadet Chad Pilker, winner of the George C. Marshall Award

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