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Highlights of Events for Spring Semester

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- Spring Awards Ceremony
- Army and Air Force ROTC Joint Military Ball
- Spring Commissioning Ceremony

Letter from the Professor of Military Science

This semester has gone by way too fast. It seems like just yesterday the new group of Freshman were arriving for the Jaguar Mini-Camp.

It seems like every semester we are doing more events and this semester is no different.

Our cadets participated in three FTXs, two 10K runs, a Triathlon, performed over 400 hours of community service and numerous color guard events. This is all in addition to what they accom-

plished in the classroom.

I am very proud of the dedication and performance by the cadets in this battalion. It is nice to walk around campus and see our cadets. They are helping to make this one of the best ROTC programs in the southeastern United States.

Hopefully they will rest up over the holiday season and come back refreshed for next semester. They will need it because we have a lot of exciting training planned.



Lieutenant Colonel
Oakland McCulloch

Cadets Take Top 3 Places in Mud Run

33 Cadets and cadre from the USA Army ROTC program took part in the Annual Mud Run in Gulf Port, Mississippi on 08 September.

The mud run is an 8 kilometer course designed



First Place Team

by the SEABEES and is as much an obstacle course as it is a run.

The ROTC Department fielded 10 three-person teams and had three individual entries.

In a repeat of last year's performance the ROTC teams finished in first, second and third place, to sweep the competition.

The first place team consisted of Cadets Noel Walton, Yvonne Li and

Matthew Van Vliet. The second place team comprised Cadets Evan Thomas, Anthony Hare and Andrew Weber. The third place team was manned by Cadets David Hernandez, Davis Hall and Zack Powell.



The ROTC Teams

Cadets Compete in Panama City Triathlon

The University of South Alabama Army ROTC had eight cadets participate in the Panama City Triathlon held on 13 October 2007. We fielded two relay teams and three individual competitors.

The triathlon consisted of a 3.2 mile run, 15 mile bike ride and 1/3rd of a mile swim.

The cadets who participated in the individual event were Cadets Eric Ball, Virginia Clark and Jake Sowell. Cadets Casey Laski, John Bradshaw and Ryan Granier made up one team and the other team consisted of Cadets Matthew Hardage and Michelle Costerisan.

Our cadets represented the USA

ROTC program very well. The three man relay team finished in first place, while Cadet Sowell finished in 10th place and Cadet Ball finished in 13th place.

Congratulations on a great effort by all.



USA ROTC Triathlon Team

Army ROTC Scholarships

Cadet Command has \$76 million dollars in scholarships available this year.

To be eligible for a four-year Army ROTC scholarship you must pass a medical examination, pass the Army physical fitness test, score at least a 19 on the ACT or 900 on the SAT and have a 2.5 HS GPA.

The scholarship will pay full tuition and fees and \$1,200 a year for books. Once contracted cadets also receive a spending allowance of \$300 - \$500 (Freshman through Senior) a month.

The Jaguar Battalion also has 28 room scholarships that all Army ROTC cadets are eligible to compete for.

If interested please call 251-460-6341.

Jaguar Ranger Challenge Team Finishes in 2nd Place

The annual 8th Brigade Ranger Challenge competition was held at Camp Shelby, Mississippi on 26-28 October 2007. The competition included 11 ROTC teams from the University of South Alabama, Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, Alcorn University, University of Southern Mississippi, Grambling University, Jackson State University, Southern University, University of Mississippi, University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Tulane University.

This year's USA Ranger Challenge team consisted of one senior, two juniors, five sophomores and one freshman.

The teams arrived Friday night to check in. The first event of the day on Saturday for the Jaguar Ranger Challenge team was the APFT. We had five of the nine members score above 300 on the APFT extended scale and the other four maxed both the run and sit up events. Overall we

took fifth place in the APFT.

Next the team tackled the Weapons Disassembly and Assembly scoring a second place finish. Cadet Davis Hall had the fastest individual time in this event with 1:03.

On the Field Leaders Reaction Course the Jaguars finished in third place. We were able to have seven cadets negotiate the obstacle and accomplished the mission of getting the ammunition across the obstacle.

Our only true stumbling block was the Grenade Assault Course where we finished ninth.

We regained momentum on the One-Rope Bridge where the Jaguars took first place with a time of 1:36. This is the event owned by the Jaguar Battalion team for the last five years.

The last event of the day was a land navigation course where the Jaguars finished fourth.

On Sunday the competition culminated with the 10K road march. Going into the road march the Jaguar team was tied for first with Tulane University. The team put forth a great effort but Tulane beat us by four seconds. The Jaguars took fourth place in the road march overall.

The Jaguar Ranger Challenge team came in second place behind Tulane University by the narrow margin of one point.

The team is only losing one member next year so the rest of the Brigade needs to watch out next year!



The 2007 Jaguar Battalion Ranger Challenge Team

MS Is and IIs Enjoy Fall FTX at Camp Shelby

The MS Is and MS IIs (Freshman and Sophomores) participated in their own Field Training Exercise at Camp Shelby, MS on 21-22 September.

During this two day event the cadets got a small taste of what being in the United States Army is all about.

On the first day they watched a driving capability demonstration by the M1A1 Main Battle Tank. They were then able to climb all over both the M2A1 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle and the M1A1 Abrams tank. Cadet Laski was allowed to drive the M1 and Cadet Van Vliet drove the M2. All the cadets were then taken for a ride in

the M113 Armored Personnel Carrier.

The cadets toured the Camp Shelby Army Museum for a couple hours. They were able to see artifacts, pictures and weapons from all the wars in which the US Army has fought.

The cadets then relaxed for the evening. Some played touch football or soccer prior to sleeping in the open bay barracks for the night.

Poor weather conditions did not permit the rappel training so cadets spent the day at the Field Leaders Reaction Course and the M-16 weapons training simulator.

The cadets rotated through

leadership positions from obstacle to obstacle. They were very successful in solving most of the tactical scenario-driven obstacles, although many got wet in the process.

This is just one of many FTXs these cadets will take part in during their Army ROTC training at USA.



Two New Second Lieutenants Commissioned

The USA Army ROTC Jaguar Battalion commissioned its two newest Second Lieutenants on 07 December 2007.

Second Lieutenant Susan King graduated from USA with a degree in Nursing. She was commissioned into the Army Nurse Corps and her first duty station is yet unknown.

Second Lieutenant Douglas Stoner graduated with a degree in Political

Science. He was commissioned into the Quartermaster Corps in the Active Army. His first duty station will be Fort Hood, Texas.

Both have worked very hard and will be outstanding officers in the United States Army.

We wish the best of luck to both of them in their future endeavors.

**Congratulations to our
Army's newest
Second Lieutenants!**



Cadets Carry on the Army Tradition of Dining In

The USA Army ROTC Jaguar Battalion held its annual Dining In on 30 November 2007 in the USA Student Center Ballroom.

The 118 cadets, cadre and guests enjoyed an evening filled with Army Traditions. We enjoyed a great meal and an inspirational speech given by COL (P) Robert W. Kenyon.

There was plenty of fun to be had as no Dining In would be complete without plenty of trips to the Grog Bowl and skits where each class pokes fun of the class above them.

One of the highlights of the evening was the induction of COL (P) Kenyon into the USA Army ROTC Jaguar Battalion Hall of Fame.



COL (P) Robert W. Kenyon's Induction into the Jaguar Hall of Fame

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for more pictures and info about the program.



This is the bar of a Second Lieutenant. It's what you earn by taking ROTC in college. It means Officer, a leader in the U.S. Army. And it will take you wherever you want to go.

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Jaguar Battalion Holds Fall FTX at Camp Rudder with the 6th Ranger Training Battalion

All the cadets in the Jaguar Battalion loaded up on three buses and three vans for the Fall FTX at Eglin AFB in Florida 05-07 October.

The FTX was held at Camp Rudder which is home to the Swamp phase of the U.S. Army Ranger School. This is one of the Army's premier training locations.

When the cadets arrived on Friday evening they were immediately fed a hot meal and then received classes on how to clear a room and a building. They then organized their sleeping area inside an aircraft hanger.

Saturday morning began with the cadets being taught about the snakes in the area—poisonous and non-poisonous. The Ranger

Instructors not only talked about the snakes but brought out live snakes and baby alligators for the cadets to see and handle.

The rest of the morning and afternoon had the cadets conducting training on how to enter a building, clear a room / building at the MOUT site on Eglin Air Force Base. Our cadets were also able to get hands on training on how to employ and operate the M240 B machine gun and the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon.

After a well deserved hot meal for dinner, the cadets conducted patrolling exercises at the squad level. During these patrols they were shown how to cross danger areas, how to move in a wedge formation and how to establish a patrol base.

After a late night of training, the cadets were up early to play soccer and ultimate Frisbee for PT before returning to USA.

The Jaguar Battalion cadre and cadets would like to thank the Ranger Instructors of the 6th RTB for their outstanding support.



Cadets clearing a building during MOUT training