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Letter from the Professor of Military Science

While many college students were taking advantage of the summer to relax and chill out at the beach our cadets have been very busy .

This summer we have sent cadets all over the world to participate in many different types of Army training. Training that not only helps them grow their military skills but helps them to mature and develop their leadership skills.

Our cadets represented our ROTC program and

our three Universities very well. We had honor graduates and cadets with the highest scores in many categories at both LDAC and LTC.

I am very proud of the great effort put forth by cadets from our Battalion during the summer. These accomplishments show why this is one of the best ROTC programs in the nation and make me proud to say I am a part of this great program.

Best of luck to all in the upcoming year.



Lieutenant Colonel
Oakland McCulloch

Cadets Zito Travels to China

Cadet Mitchell Zito, an ROTC cadet at Spring Hill College, spent the summer of a lifetime—in China.

Cadet Zito was awarded a spot on the Olmstead Foundation trip with cadets from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

He spent almost a month traveling around China seeing all the things China has to offer. He says "it was the experience of a lifetime."

During his almost month

long trip he was able to visit many cities and places like the Great Wall of China.

Cadet Zito was also able to speak with his counterparts in the Chinese military and government about a variety of issues affecting both countries and our militaries.

Next year the Olmstead Foundation at the United States Military Academy is planning on expanding their program to include

more ROTC cadets and more foreign countries.

Cadet Zito Visits the Great Wall of China



Six USA Cadets Graduate From LTC

The Leaders Training Course is a 28 day course held at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The course is designed to bring young men and women into the ROTC program during their junior year by teaching them the first two years worth of knowledge in 28 days of intensive training.

This year USA sent six young men and women to LTC at Fort Knox: Cadets Andrew Babb, Jared Meyer, Joshua Muncy, Adam Payne, Joseph Seals (from the University of Mobile) and Liz Wisniewski.

During the course our cadets were evaluated on their leadership potential, ability on the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), several types of confidence courses and land navigation.

All six of our cadets did a great job this summer at Fort Knox passing every requirement to graduate from the LTC.

Our cadets did very well on the APFT, with cadet Muncy scoring 290, Wisniewski scoring a 286 and Meyer scoring a 281.

Cadets Meyer, Muncy, Seals and Wisniewski have decided to take the Army ROTC scholarship offered to every LTC graduate. Cadets Babb and Payne have decided to go the Simultaneous Membership route by joining the National Guard using LTC in lieu of Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training.

Cadet Meyer was awarded the Order of World Wars medal for his performance at LTC.

This group of six is the largest the USA Army ROTC program has ever sent to LTC and to have all six graduate shows the quality of young men and women joining the program. We hope to send just as many or more next summer.

Congratulations to all six LTC graduates.



Cadet Jared Meyer is awarded his medal at LTC graduation

24 Cadets from USA Graduate From LDAC

The University of South Alabama Army ROTC program had 24 Cadets graduate this summer from the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, Washington. This is the highest number of LDAC graduates in the history of the program at USA.

LDAC is a very demanding 33 day course where the cadets are observed and evaluated on everything they do (or don't do). They receive a total of six written evaluations on how well they performed in a variety of leadership positions. They are also graded on their performance on the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), the Combat Water Survival Test (CWST) and a written, day and night land navigation test.

Our cadets were very successful at LDAC. Of those 24 we had seven cadets earn an overall Excellence rating at LDAC; Cadets David Hernandez, Suzanne Giordano, Yvonne Li, Lee Moreland, Nick

Barber, Shannon Killian and Santiago Peralta. We had one cadet earn the coveted RECONDO badge; Cadet Santiago Peralta.

Two cadets scored over 300 on their APFT; Cadet Yvonne Li scored a 340 and Cadet John Sewell score a 311.

23 of these 24, minus 2LT Yvonne Li, who was commissioned at the end of LDAC, will be the leadership of the cadet battalion this year. Their job is to train the rest of the cadets, but especially important is getting the next group of MS IIIs, 32 in all, ready for LDAC next summer.



CH-47 Helicopter transporting Cadets to Patrolling at LDAC

Two New Cadre Join The Battalion

We would like to welcome two new Cadre members to the USA Army ROTC Cadre.

Major Steve Trisler arrived from US Army North in San Antonio, Texas in May. He will take over the duties as the new Recruiting and Scholarship Officer. He will also be teaching the freshman in Military Science 101 and 102. MAJ Trisler is accompanied by his wife Maribel, his son Lantz and daughter Thalia.

Master Sergeant Michael Belle arrived in August from 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division in Fort Bliss, Texas. He will be the new Senior Military Instructor and will teach the sophomores in Military Science 201 and 202. MSG Belle is accompanied by his wife Kari, his daughter Brittany, and sons Spencer and Tyler.

Welcome to the USA Army ROTC family.

Airborne, Air Assault and CTLT Training

One of the questions I always ask prospective cadets is what they did during the summer. I always get the same answers, "I worked" or "I laid around the house". I then tell them what they could have done if they were in the Army ROTC program at USA.

This summer we were able to accommodate every cadet in the program who wanted to attend some type of summer training.

This summer we had ten cadets graduate from Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia: Cadets Paul Beagle, John Benson, Harrison Bullock, Brandon Dellinger, Joshulyn Evans, Glenn Gardner, Eric Snellgrove, John Sewell and Noel Walton.

We had one cadet graduate from Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky: Cadet Lee Moreland. Air Assault school is one of the toughest schools in the Army. It is both physically and mentally demanding and many cadets who are sent to Air Assault school do not graduate.

We also sent three cadets to Cadet Troop Leaders Training at locations around the country. Cadet Timothy McClure went to Fort Jackson, South Carolina to be a Drill Cadet. Cadet Shannon Killian stayed at Fort Lewis, Washington where she was a Platoon Leader in an Aviation Company. Cadet Lee Moreland trained with A Company, 1-17 Air Cavalry at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In addition we had many of our SMP cadets attend Basic and Advanced Individual Training this summer.

Congratulations to all our cadets who volunteered to do something extra this summer.



Cadets Bullock, Beagle, Evans and Dellinger with MSG Hernandez at graduation from Airborne School

Two New Second Lieutenants Commissioned

The USA Army ROTC Jaguar Battalion commissioned its two newest Second Lieutenants this summer.

Second Lieutenant Yvonne Li graduated from USA with a degree in Public Administration. She was commissioned at the end of LDAC at Fort Lewis, Washington. 2LT Li's branch and first duty assignment have not yet been determined.

Second Lieutenant Mitchell Salter graduated with a degree in Education from USA. He was commissioned into the Adjutant General Corps in the Active Army. His first duty station will be here at USA working for the Jaguar Battalion until his Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) II course in April 2009. After BOLC II and III he will be stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

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!***



Record Number of Army ROTC Cadets in the Program

The Army ROTC program at the University of South Alabama has seen tremendous growth over the last couple of years.

In two years the program has gone from 53 cadets to an enrollment of 158. In that time the program has seen its enrollment at Spring Hill College go from 0 to 16 and at the University of Mobile from 1 to 3.

This growth is attributed to several factors. First, the program has started to recruit nationally instead of just within 100 miles of the campus. Second, the amount of scholarship money has increased allowing us to go from giving out five scholarships in 2005-2006 to 28 in 2006-2007 and 46 in 2007-2008. Finally, it is apparent that there is a rise in patriotism. Many of the

cadets entering the program over the last two years are here because they want to serve this great nation of ours as Officers in the United States Army.

USA has always had a great program and with the increase in the number of outstanding cadets, it is set to be a great program for many years to come.

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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.

Become an Army Officer



46 Scholarship Winners Report to USA for the Jaguar Battalion Mini-Camp

This August 46 four-year Army ROTC scholarship winners invaded the USA campus for the 2nd Annual Army ROTC Mini-Camp.

During the week long event the new cadets were allowed to move into the ROTC dorm a week early, issued their uniforms and equipment, worked on any scholarship paperwork needed, received classes



Cadet Garcia ready to mount the One Rope Bridge

on various military subjects, began organized physical training, took the Army Physical Fitness Test, learned a little drill and ceremony, got introduced to several Ranger Challenge events and participated in a paintball competition.

The cadets also had a week to get to know their fellow classmates and the USA and SHC campuses.

18 of this years' 46 scholarship winners come from out of state (from 10 different states). We have cadets majoring in everything from Political Science to Pre-Med, with ACT scores ranging from 19 to 31.

The total dollar amount for the University of South Alabama and Spring Hill College for these 46 scholarships is over \$625,000 for their freshman year's tuition.

With 64 new cadets (46 scholarship and 18 non-scholarship freshman) this is the largest freshman class in the programs history.

This years' freshman class is off to a great start. We are expecting great things from them over the next four years and want to wish them the best of luck during their time here at USA SHC and in the ROTC program.



New Cadets taking their first Army Physical Fitness Test