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New Wildcat Cadets take the oath at precisely 8:46am, September 11, 2009 (above), while CDT Bn Cdr Charles Hoffman opens the Ceremony (below).

Upcoming Calendar
1-4 October  The Army 10-Miler Trip
9-11 October  Fall FTX at Bluegrass Army Depot
16 October    Big Blue Madness at Rupp Arena
24 October    Alumni Reunion and UK’s Military Appreciation Day
24 October    Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition at Fort Knox
9 November    Fall Semester Dean’s Run
Friends, Family, and Alumni...Greetings from Buell Armory! The Fall Semester is off to a running start...and it’s great to have the entire team back on campus. Summer ’09 proved monumental for many of our Cadets...LDAC, Air Assault, Airborne, LTC, CTLT, and official travel abroad. They performed superbly, and many of their accomplishments are featured in this edition.

I’d like to draw your attention to two upcoming events, both of which are highlighted below. The first is the Army 10-Miler Trip, for which we still need 4 sponsors for our Cadet participants. The second is our Alumni Reunion on October 24. It is going to be a wonderful event, and I hope you will be able to join us!

- LTC Jason Cummins

**NEW LINKS**

**NEW BATTALION WEBSITE**
www.uky.edu/ArmyROTC

Check for the latest events, program information, and cadet/cadre profiles.

**SIDERS’ PROMOTION/FAREWELL**

We bid farewell this month to Mr. Randy Siders, the Wildcat Battalion Human Resources Technician. Randy has been an essential member of the team for over five years, and he will be sorely missed. His talents have not gone unnoticed, and he will be assuming duties in the Cadet Command’s Scholarship Payments Section. Randy’s unwavering commitment to our Cadets and mission accomplishment have set the standard, and we wish him the best as he relocates back to Hampton, VA...closer to both his beloved Tarheels and grandchildren. GODSPEED!

**ARMY 10-MILER UPDATE**

As mentioned during the Summer Alumni Update, the UK Army ROTC 10-Miler Team will depart October 1st for Washington DC and the Army 10-Miler. The following Cadets will represent UK: Charles Hoffman, Caleb Devries, Mark McCormick, Brennan Parker, Ahunuar Huerta, John Eberhart, Benjamin Skaggs, and Josh Lynch. At this time, we need 4 additional sponsors. For $200 you can help offset hotel, food, and registration costs. If you are able to assist, please contact LTC Cummins at jason.cummins@uky.edu.
Nearly 3,000 people died on Sept. 11, 2001, in the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center. Each one of them was remembered at a ceremony at the University of Kentucky.

The Pershing Rifles, a group drawn from UK Army and Air Force ROTC cadets, marked the day by reading aloud the names of all Sept. 11 victims, civilian and military, during a day-long vigil near the flagpole in front of the Main Building. The reading included the victims in New York City, Washington D.C. and on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed near Shanksville, Pa.

Together with the newly-established UK Veterans Resource Center and UK Military Veterans of America, ROTC members planted 2,974 American flags on the lawn - visible both to UK students walking to class and to those traveling on South Limestone. The mass of flags were intended to serve as a poignant reminder of the lives lost eight years ago.

Before beginning the vigil, new cadets were sworn in as future officers in the United States military. Cadets took the oath at 8:46 a.m., the precise moment American Airlines Flight 11 struck the north tower of the World Trade Center. This contracting ceremony took place near the flagpole on Administration Drive, in front of the Main Building.

UK ROTC and the Pershing Rifles have marked Sept. 11 with a solemn vigil since the first anniversary of the attacks. According to UK Army ROTC Cadet Charles Hoffman, a political science senior and commanding officer of the Pershing Rifles, “We do it as commemoration of the people who lost their lives in the World Trade Center, airplanes and the Pentagon. We are not concerned about politics – just the lives lost.” Hoffman will graduate from UK in May, and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

On the importance of ROTC honoring the victims of Sept. 11, Hoffman said: “I think that being in touch with the civilian population as an Army officer is a big thing - engaging in things like this to bring the community together is important. I think that anything that brings you in touch with the civilian population you are fighting for is a good thing.”
Argentina Cultural Language Program

By Cadet Matthew Lewis, MS3

After several months of preparation, eighteen cumulative hours of travel and a three day stay at the USMA at West Point for pre-deployment, I arrived in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 31 May 2009. I was one of twenty-three cadets and two Lieutenant Colonels escorts. We spent the next three weeks “immersing” in the country and culture of Argentina. Some highlights of the trip include high quality Spanish language classes, a view of the world-famous waterfalls at Iguazu, conversing with native Spanish speakers on a daily basis, and hiking in the Andes Mountains. We even attended a tango dance lesson, following an impressive live tango performance.

Our stay was spent mostly in the capital city of Buenos Aires, a vibrant, European influenced city. We also took in-country trips to the Misiones Province, a sub-tropical region that shares a border with Brazil, and Jujuy, a mountainous northern region. We toured sites of historical and cultural interest, to compliment our classroom lessons on the history, economics, politics and culture of the country.

Every cadet that participated in the Argentina CULP program undoubtedly benefited from the experience. As future leaders of an Army that could be needed anywhere in the world, it is critical that soldiers have the flexibility to adapt to any culture, any country. This adaptability comes from experience. The language and cultural flexibility skills this trip helped develop are invaluable pieces of life experience that I am sure will benefit me down the road as an Army officer.

Leadership Training Course

By Cadet Jennifer Graehler, MS3

One of the highlights of my summer was attending the Leader’s Training Course at Ft. Knox, KY. The four weeks I spent as a member of the E Co. 1/46th Inf. training with fellow cadets under the watchful eyes of drill sergeants and officers was an experience I will never regret. I consider myself fortunate to be counted among the 1,718 cadets who graduated from the seven companies training at LTC this summer. I was introduced to the Army lifestyle, met lifelong friends from across the nation, and learned invaluable life lessons along the way.

As my fellow cadets and I were thrust into Army training—the first experience of its kind for many—we quickly discovered the camaraderie that formed as we were collectively pushed out of our comfort zones with 0430 wake-ups for PT, lessons in discipline with the drill sergeants, and training that included land navigation, rappelling, a high-ropes obstacle course, CWST, M-16 qualification, and a final culmination of STX lanes and MOUT training.

The training often proved to be physically and mentally challenging—especially as we were thrust into leadership positions for which we had not yet been entirely prepared—but it truly brought out the best in many cadets. Together, we learned the importance of a positive attitude, hard work, dedication, and teamwork as we quickly became best friends over the summer. I will never forget the myriad of lessons and many friendships I made during my four weeks at LTC, and I highly recommend the experience to anyone interested in Army ROTC!
Tates Creek Leadership Venture

High school football players and Army ROTC Cadets...what might they have in common, you ask? Well, more than is apparent at first glance. Both are committed to developing leaders capable of leading their teams into the next battle. Both are heavily involved in ‘contact sports.’ And both operate by a collection of shared values.

On 10 September, 36 football players from Tates Creek High School (TCHS) boarded a bus and came to UK’s campus to participate in the Wildcat Battalion’s first Team Values Leadership Venture. Seeing a need for young men to receive training in leadership and ethics, LTC Cummins, head of UK Army ROTC, reached out to officials at his alma mater, Tates Creek High School, to develop a training program incorporating both physical discipline and substantive discussion of what it means to be an ethical leader. UK Army ROTC Cadets and faculty played host to all TCHS seniors, promising juniors and selected underclassmen for a taste of ROTC physical training and a conversation about real-world leadership.

The physical portion included litter carries, a HUMVEE pull, rifle drills, and other military style events. Immediately following the physical training, the players were marched to the K House, UK’s Letterman facility located across from Commonwealth Stadium, to participate in an interactive session focused on applying the Army Values to team sports.

The overall venture was a resounding success, and has laid the foundation for future initiatives with local high school and collegiate sports teams. “We tend to take a lot of our Army Values training for granted,” stated LTC Cummins. “Our cadets and cadre members have internalized a set of guiding principles that possess real-world applicability to other professional organizations. Tates Creek coach Mike Harmon stated, “It really hit the nail on the head with my guys and further solidified the attitudes and values we are trying to build in our players.” As an early indication of success, Tates Creek followed up the training with a 42-28 win over city rival Dunbar.
MAJ Kris Morlen

The Wildcat Battalion is very fortunate to have a talented influx of new personnel this fall. Specifically, we welcome MAJ Kris Morlen, his wife, Jeannie, and their son, Will. Kris arrived in June and quickly assumed the reins as the Battalion Executive Officer. He is an active duty Kentucky National Guard officer assigned to the University of Kentucky with ties throughout the Bluegrass. Kris graduated from Indiana University Southeast with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He was commissioned as a Chemical Corps Officer, and is a graduate of the Chemical Officer Basic Course, the Chemical Captains Career Course, the Military Intelligence Officer Tactician Course, and is currently enrolled in Command and General Staff College.

In addition to serving as the Battalion Executive Officer, MAJ Morlen is the primary MS1 Instructor. His creative curriculum infusion has sparked interest across campus and led to increased demand for his “Introduction to the Military” course. As a result, the University has added an additional Discovery Seminar Program that incorporates values teaching with Kris as the instructor.

CPT Joey Orr

CPT Joey Orr joins the cadre as the Operations Officer and primary MS3 Instructor. Joey hails from Elizabethtown, KY, and he attended the University of Kentucky where he was commissioned in Armor in 2003. Captain Orr served with the 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson, Colorado as a Platoon Leader in Apache Troop for twenty-eight months. During his tenure with “Tiger Squadron,” he deployed to OIF III with his tank platoon in support of the Global War on Terrorism. He was then stationed at Fort Knox, KY where he served with the 1st Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment as the Squadron Adjutant for thirteen months. In July of 2007, he took command of RHHT, 16th Cavalry Regiment where he remained in command for eighteen months.

CPT Orr’s energy and positive attitude is infectious, and he is constantly searching for innovative ways to teach, train, and develop the Cadets.
You are cordially invited to:

The University of Kentucky Army ROTC Alumni Reunion
and Military Appreciation Day Football Game

Buell Armory, Lexington, KY
Saturday, 24 October 2009

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1100-1300: Buell Armory (BBQ Lunch, State of the Program)
1300-UTC: Keeneland Horse Racing (No transportation provided)
1500-UTC: Tailgating at Commonwealth Stadium (Orange Lot)
TBD: Kickoff - UK vs Louisiana Monroe (projected to be 1800)

A suggested minimum donation of $25 per person includes:

✓ 1 ticket to the football Game
✓ Catered BBQ Lunch at the Buell Armory
✓ Tailgate Dinner

Please mail checks to:
UK Army ROTC (ATTN: MAJ Morlen)
101 Barker Hall
Lexington, KY 40506

Checks should be made payable to:
UK Army ROTC Cadet Development Fund

RSVP to MAJ Kris Morlen by 18 October 2009
to secure your tickets

For additional information, please contact MAJ Morlen
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or 859-257-4479
**Alumni Updates**

**LTC Linda Glisson (1985):** I am still on active duty but my career took a lot of twists and turns since leaving UK. After three branches, stints with USAR, active duty for 8 yrs, IN NG, HPSP scholarship program, and then active duty again...I am currently at Fort Bragg. I am now an Optometrist in charge of one of the clinics and making sure our Soldiers can see what they are shooting. I am stationed here with my husband, Rich, and our 4-year-old son.

**LTC Jim Crider (1988):** I am now serving as the G3 for the 3rd Infantry Division. We will deploy to Iraq this fall to serve as the HQ for MND-N.

**LTC David Haines (1992):** Still hanging in Hawaii, year 4, extended for two more years as I wait on command or no command. Time will tell, but while I wait I am enjoying the pacific.

**LTC Jack Leech (1993):** I am a Medical Service Corps officer...currently the Chief Information Officer of Blanchfield Army Community Hospital at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. I recently returned from a 6-month deployment in Afghanistan with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and the 82nd Airborne Division as a Medical Evacuation and Health Information Systems Officer. My wife, Nicole, and I live with our two children, Brooke (10) and Jackson (8), in Adams, Tennessee.

**Major William "CD" Rom (1994):** Currently the BN XO for the 4th Engineer Battalion deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan conducting route clearance throughout southern Afghanistan (after the unit was remission from Baghdad, Iraq 30 days after arriving). Family is supporting us back home at Fort Carson, Colorado. Wife, Kolleen (married 9 years), kids Conor (6), Mackenzie (4), and Cooper (3). Actually found an Ale-8 (drink produced in Winchester, KY) here in Afghanistan and waiting for the opportune time to drink it.

**1LT Heather Morgan (2007):** Zach and I are still down here at Ft. Polk, LA. I'm an active duty platoon leader with the 83rd Chemical Battalion and he is a SIGO with the 1/158th Aviation Battalion (Army Reserve) in Texas.

**COL Tony Potts (UK MBA, Murray State 1986):** I am the Project Manager for Aviation Systems. My office is on Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL. I am a certified member of the Army Acquisition Corps. In Aviation Systems we manage all of the Army's fixed wing aircraft, all air traffic control (tactical and fixed based - 88 sites world wide), all aviation ground support equipment, all airborne communications, mission planning and network interoperability. Throughout the five year budget cycle, the office manages about $6B in products and services. I have been the PM since April 2008.

I am married to the former Jennifer Ryan from Apache Junction, AZ. She is a civilian program manager in the defense industry. I have a 17 year old son, Taylor, who is a senior in high school who rides bulls on the SRSA rodeo circuit and currently play fullback for his high school football team. I have a 15 year old daughter, Cynthia, who is an honors student at Bob Jones High School. We live near Ardmore, Alabama where we have a 20 acre farm, four horses, two barns and a tractor.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR ALUMNI UPDATES FOR FUTURE EDITIONS TO 1LT CARLA GETCHELL AT carla.getchell@us.army.mil.**