On behalf of the entire Wildcat Team, “Greetings from Buell Armory!” The ensuing pages provide a glimpse of the amazing accomplishments of your Cadets over the past 6 months. Needless to say, they continue to impress us each and every day. Of note, we had 26 Cadets graduate from the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, WA, forming a talented and impressive MSIV class. Moreover, we sent Cadets to 6 foreign countries, to include Morocco, Tanzania, Slovakia, and Ghana. Finally, Cadets performed tremendously in their Professional Development Schools, most notably 3 new Pathfinder graduates.

With respect to the Cadre, we have assembled a talented, diverse, and experienced team of professionals dedicated to producing trained, adaptable leaders of character committed to service to this great nation. We are extremely grateful to welcome Master Sergeant Jason Skinner as our new Senior Military Instructor. Master Sergeant Skinner is a combat veteran, most recently serving as a First Sergeant with the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, and we are blessed to have him as part of our Command Team. The remainder of our staff is virtually unchanged, providing the necessary continuity and experience to build upon last year’s successes.

Finally, we’d like to draw your attention to two upcoming events, both of which are highlighted with additional information below. The first is the Army 10-Miler Trip, for which we need sponsors for our Cadet participants. The second is our Alumni Reunion on November 6. It is going to be a wonderful event, and I hope you will be able to join us! GO CATS!

- LTC Jason Cummins and MSG Jason Skinner
The UK Pershing Rifles salute the men and women who lost their lives during 9/11. Flags were placed in front of the Administration Building to represent the victims of 9/11, and the names of the 2,974 fallen were solemnly read aloud. Army ROTC cadets also officially contracted during a special ceremony.

University of Kentucky Army ROTC ran the official game ball halfway to Louisville to meet the University of Louisville Army ROTC cadets before the UK v. UofL game. For full story, see page 5

Upcoming events:
1-3 OCT: Fall FTX (Wendall H. Ford NG Tng Ctr)
13 OCT: ROTC Dean’s Run
15-17 OCT: Ranger Challenge (Fort Knox, KY)
24 OCT: Army 10-Miler (Washington DC)
06 NOV: Alumni Reunion/UK Mil Appreciation Game
17 DEC: Fall 2010 Commissioning
THE ULTIMATE CADET SUMMER EXPERIENCE

This past summer, cadets from the Wildcat Battalion were given the chance to participate in a variety of training opportunities. From participating in the Leadership Training Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, to traveling as far as Morocco, the University of Kentucky cadets were spread far and wide. When asked about their experiences, each cadet responded with enthusiasm and excitement while detailing their varied adventures.

CADET: MALLORY BIERMAN  MS-IV
TRAINING: NSTP
LOCATION: FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

For the Nurse Summer Training Program at Fort Bragg, I was given the opportunity to work as an Army nurse in the Labor and Delivery Unit at Womack Army Medical Center. After the training, I feel as if I am much more prepared and aware of what exactly being an Army nurse entails.

Being an Army nurse is something I have always wanted to be, and the NSTP experience confirmed that being in the Nurse Corps is a calling that fulfills my passion. It was such a great feeling to be there for soldiers and their families during such an emotional time; it was definitely an experience I will never forget and be forever grateful for.

CADET: STEPHEN MOLLETT  MS-III
TRAINING: LTC
LOCATION: FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

While attending the Leader’s Training Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, I had a life-altering experience. LTC made me realize how much I truly wanted to be an officer within the greatest Army in the world.

The four weeks I spent at LTC were mentally demanding and physically taxing. We did everything from land navigation to STX lanes to rappelling. Rappelling…that word in itself struck fear in my very being pre-LTC, having grown up with a great fear of heights. The very idea of jumping off something with nothing more than a rope never thrilled me.

At LTC, I came to the understanding that being a leader means putting aside one’s fears and getting the job done. I overcame my fear of heights and did just what was asked of me: I rappelled!

The reward of graduation meant that I would get the opportunity to pursue my quest to become a commissioned officer in the United States Army. LTC has developed me into a more motivated individual and instilled confidence in myself and my abilities to become a leader, in both the Army and in life.
CADET:  KOREY GAINES MS-III
TRAINING: ARMY CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM (CULP)
LOCATION: CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

The summer of 2010 was very interesting and rewarding for me. I was able to go a lot of places and do things never dreamed possible were I not a cadet at the University of Kentucky. I began my summer by spending three weeks in Morocco through the Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP), a new Army ROTC initiative. I had the time of my life!

The training consisted of language courses and classes in the customs and traditions of the Moroccan military. During the training, we participated in a week-long field training exercise with the Moroccan military and were able to observe some of their tactics and even fire a variety of their weapons.

At the end of our time in Morocco, I was even able to take part in their 54th annual Armed Services Parade, an experience I will never forget as long as I live.

CADET:  GEORGE JACKSON MS-IV
TRAINING: LDAC
LOCATION:  FORT LEWIS, WA

My experience at LDAC (former Advanced Camp) taught me more than I would have ever imagined this past summer. In terms of team-building skills, team management styles, and extensive training in battle drills, LDAC helped develop me to become a more self-aware and proficient cadet.

One of the most valuable lessons I learned at LDAC was teamwork. LDAC combined cadets from across the nation and developed them into a close-knit band of brothers. Through both times of trial and success, we learned to interact and help one another survive. We took a good look at what being in charge of an actual unit would feel like.

Additionally, LDAC provided practical, hands-on experience with leading our peers and completing the task at hand. LDAC was a great asset to help each person learn about their future responsibilities as an officer in the United States Army. These tools will help me better lead, and understand, the soldiers I’m charged with serving in the future.

CADET:  JENNIFER GRAEHLER, MS-IV
TRAINING: AIR ASSAULT SCHOOL
LOCATION:  FORT CAMPBELL, KY

During my 2 weeks at the Sabalauski Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, KY, I was physically and mentally challenged and overall had an incredible experience. Air Assault began with Zero Day, in which we were physically challenged with an obstacle course and run and continually smoked by the Air Assault Sergeants.

During Phase I we learned aircraft orientation, hand and arm signals, and combat assault operations. Phase II was dominated by slingload operations, where each soldier learned how to prepare, rig, and inspect various slingloads. After we passed the hands-on slingload test, we moved to Phase III, which was all about the various aspects of rappelling.

The highlight of Air Assault School – and favorite moment of my summer – was the exhilarating rush of fastroping out of a Blackhawk helicopter. After an early-morning 12 mile ruck march in the pouring rain, Class 18-10 graduated, proud of having completed the school. Overall, I learned valuable lessons in persevering in the midst of physical challenges and am grateful for the opportunity to have attended!
WILDCATS AND CARDINALS: BRIDGES BUILT

Whether on the field, court, or track, the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville are arch-rivals in the sporting realm. In the stadium, brightly-contrasting seas of red and blue are donned by a multitude of Cardinal and Wildcat fans, filled with pride for their respective teams. However, when donning the uniform of the United States Army, rivalry is replaced by joint camaraderie and teamwork.

What began as a Joint Spring FTX with the UK and U of L ROTC programs quickly developed into a strong bond between the two schools. In Spring 2010, UK and U of L participated in a field training exercise together at Artemus, a National Guard Training site. After a weekend filled with rigorous training consisting of STX, patrolling lanes, land navigation, and field leadership reactions courses, cadets from both schools developed strong friendships with each other.

CDT Josh Mitchell, MS-IV stated, “U of L was definitely the best school that we could have trained with. Their cadre were very helpful, and we learned from their cadets as much as they learned from us. I personally made some great friendships with my fellow Army peers at this training event.”

Remembering the strong bonds that were formed with this FTX, U of L presented the idea of a uniting both schools once more, and presented an idea for the first football game of the season; UK versus U of L.

On September 4th, 2010, the idea was put into action and after receiving the game ball from Joker Phillips himself, the running began. Meeting the U of L cadets in Shelbyville, KY, after 47 miles, in buddy teams of three to five miles, UK successfully handed the game ball to U of L cadets who completed the last stretch.

Once the ball was brought to the stadium, the battalion commanders from each school, hand in hand, presented the ball and each school’s colors at Papa John’s stadium. Though enemies after the presentation, for a few moments, both UK and U of L were proudly representing not only the Army’s ROTC program, but the United States Army and all that we stand for; an Army of One.

Written by CDT Mallory Bierman and CDT Jennifer Graehler

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ARMY CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

By: CDT Sarah Meador MS3

In January of this year I was selected for a CULP internship in Tanzania. After a spring full of preparations (complicated due to the fact that I was studying in France at the time), and a brief training period at Ft. Monmouth, our group left for Tanzania in late May.

We lived and worked in a town called Moshi, located in the north of Tanzania, right at the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro which we could actually see from our front yard on a clear day!

Through an organization called Cross Cultural Solutions (who fed and housed us for our three-week stay) we were placed at various locations throughout Moshi. My placement was at Shaurimoyo Primary school where I worked with mentally and physically disabled children.

In a society where opportunity is hard to find, those children especially don’t have much of a chance, so my goal was to at least make each one feel special, to make them smile or laugh every day I worked.

My work partner and I helped the teachers with their lessons, supervised the children during their activities, practiced speaking Swahili with them, and played with them at recess. The children and adults I interacted with on a daily basis opened my eyes to a different way of living.

It’s a place where no one has much of anything, and “hard times” isn’t a phase, but a perpetual state of existence for most. Yet many Tanzanians wake up with a smile on their face and with gladness in their heart, thankful just to be alive. Hakuna matata isn’t a joke, but a mindset. They are resourceful, generous, and thankful people and I want to strive to be more like that.

Through my experiences with Tanzanian men and women I learned not only about another culture, but also about myself and my own culture and for that I will always be thankful and changed, hopefully for the better.
My experience at Pathfinder School is one that will likely surpass almost any other training opportunity throughout my college career. During the time I was at Pathfinder School with my fellow cadets, we were mentally challenged every day. Whether that included studying 5 chapters in preparation for a test the next morning, spending 6 hours in the sling load bays to practice for the all-important hands-on test, or sitting through a 9-hour block of instruction on drop zones, we were committed to overcoming each of these challenges as a team.

Our training for the school actually began back in the Spring semester during weekly study sessions focused on the course curriculum. This “off-season” preparation proved invaluable, and undoubtedly set the stage for eventual success. After breaking for the summer, each of us went our separate ways to complete various academic and military training, but singularly committed to maintaining the mental and physical fitness necessary for eventual success.

Finally, one of the factors I believe helped Team UK complete Pathfinder School was the leadership of CPT Orr. His knowledge, leadership, and interpersonal skills helped pull our entire team through the demanding days and nights of our training. Thanks to UK’s success this summer, we hope to have the opportunity to send more cadets in the future. After my personal experience and growth this summer, I would recommend that everybody go to Pathfinder school. Although you may not use the actual material you will learn in Pathfinder School in the near-term, the academic discipline, teamwork, and leadership skills learned during the duration of the course is a special kind of training value that I believe you will not be able to achieve anywhere else in the Army.

“First In... Last Out!”

WRITTEN BY CADET JEFFREY KELLEY

“I would like to personally thank these three fine young men for one of the most memorable experiences of my entire career. I simply couldn’t have made it through such a grueling course without their professionalism and teamwork.

Also, on behalf of all four of us, I want to thank LTC Cummins for such a magnificent training opportunity! Go Cats!” -CPT Joey Orr (below)

Left: CPT Orr and CDTs Kelley, Skaggs, and Parker
You are cordially invited to...

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

When: Saturday 06 November 2010
Where: Buell Armory, Lexington, KY
Kickoff Time TBA

University of Kentucky vs. Charleston Southern

A suggested minimum donation of $25 per person includes:
- 1 ticket to the UK football game
- Catered meal at Buell Armory (Brunch/Lunch depending on Kickoff time)
- Tailgate Dinner

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by 31 OCT 2010

Please make check out to
UK Army ROTC Cadet Development Fund
UK Army ROTC
ATTN: MAJ Morlen
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Lexington, KY 40506

ARMY 10-MILER SPONSORSHIP

For the second year running, the University of Kentucky Army ROTC will participate in the Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C. Last year, UK Army ROTC placed 3rd overall in the ROTC division with a combined time of 04:16:44 (top 4 times).

We are in need of friends willing to sponsor the 10 cadets traveling to Washington, D.C. for the Army 10-Miler on 23 October 2010.

$200 will sponsor one cadet to run the race and represent UK Army ROTC!
Please make checks payable to UK Army ROTC Cadet Development Fund and mail your sponsorship donation to:

CDT Ben Skaggs
ran his 2-mile in 11:55 at LDAC

UK Army ROTC / 10-MILER
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CONGRATULATIONS!
to UK Army ROTC's newly-commissioned Second Lieutenants!

Kimberly Boehmker  
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Christopher Peterson  
Cory Romanchuk  
Josh Shields  
Mark Workman

LDAC Direct Commissionees:  
Daniel Dvorjak  
Kelsey Gough  
William Neltner

Top: MSG Stoehr and 2LT Kimberly Boehmker

Middle: 2LT Kelsey Gough gets her bars pinned on by her parents at Fort Lewis.

Bottom: 2LT Daniel Dvorjak swears in at the LDAC End of Camp Commissioning Ceremony
1LT(R) WILLIAM A. DUNLAP, JR.
University of Kentucky Army ROTC 1942-43
University of Kentucky Class of 1962

In April of 1943, then CDT Dunlap, along with 168 of his fellow ROTC Cadets, was activated to enlisted duty during WWII. After attaining the rank of Corporal, he attended Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA, graduated on 13 June 1944. In January of 1945, 1LT Dunlap deployed to the European Theater of War, disembarking at Le Harve, France as PL of Baker CO, 261st Infantry Regiment, 65th Infantry Division, which spearheaded some of the most intense fighting of the “March Across Germany,” moving 850 miles in just 55 days.

During this time, the 261st liberated the Flossenburg Concentration Camp, in Bavaria, Germany. On 26 April 1945, while engaged with German forces along the Danube River near Kapfeiberg, Germany, he was wounded three times, leading his men in a series of close-range actions. Ignoring his wounds, while taking command of several platoons, 1LT Dunlap continued to press the attack in the absence of his Company Commander, ultimately opening the Kapfeiberg bridgehead.

For his extraordinary acts of heroism, 1LT Dunlap earned the Distinguished Service Cross, among numerous other awards. He was involved in community service throughout his lifetime. His wife, Elizabeth Bentley Dunlap still resides in Lexington, and they have one daughter, Jennie Dunlap Mills, and son, William Alexander Dunlap III.

COL (R) PHILIP C. MARCUM, UK Class of 1968, served 30 years in the U.S. Army as a Military Intelligence officer. During his career, COL Marcum commanded at the company, battalion, and brigade level and held staff assignments at the battalion, brigade, and division levels. Notable assignments include: Commander, Joint Analysis Center, USEUCOM from 1994-1997; Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence from 1993-1994; and director, Force Development for Intelligence, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations from 1990-1993.

Mr. Marcum currently serves as the VP for Operations, Global Analysis, BAE Systems Information Solutions. In this capacity, he oversees in excess of 80 intelligence-related contracts, and over 1,150 employees in support of multiple US intelligence community customers. A native of Lexington, KY, Mr. Marcum currently makes his home in Northern Virginia, with his spouse of 34 years, Sandra Starnes Marcum.
ALUMNI UPDATES, CONTINUED

BRANDON WHITIS was at 3 BCT, 82d Airborne from Feb 2006-Jan 2008. He was a rifle PL that entire time and deployed to Iraq for 15 months to Bayji and Baqubah. He moved to the 3d Ranger Battalion in Feb 2008, served 18 months as a PL, and then 9 months as an XO, his current job. During his time at 3d Ranger Battalion, he deployed 3 times. He will attend the Maneuver Captains Career Course at Ft. Benning, GA in Sep 2010. He and his wife Brooke are expecting their first child in November.

MAJ SEAN STEWART, SC, USAR, UK ROTC Class of 1994, Graduating Class of 1995, graduated with a B.A. in Geography. He is currently serving with the 108th Training Command in Charlotte, NC and is also the Recruiting Operations Officer, MS1 Instructor, and Pershing Rifles Advisor for the UNC Charlotte Army ROTC 49er Battalion. Has been married for 12 years to his wife Rhonda, and has two daughters Kaylee, age 10, and Holli, age 8.

COL (R) DAVID L. TERRY, FA, USAR, graduated from UK with a BS in Agriculture and was commissioned 2LT in FA in May 1958. After serving 6 months in the Army, he returned to UK for his Masters. He was in KY’s 100th Division before earning his PHD at NC State University in Soil Science. While at NC State, he served as a Battery Commander, Battalion S3 and Battalion XO of 4th Bn 17th FA, 8” towed. He returned to UK in 1974 as the Fertilizer Control Official for KY and retired in Feb 2008. In Lexington, he served with the 2085th USAR School and then served as Commander of 5th Bn, 28th FA in Cincinnati, OH. He retired from USAR in 1988 with over 30 years of service.

HUGH WARD, Class of 1965, graduated from UK in engineering in 1965, and was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After serving in SE Asia for 13 months, he returned to Louisville and served another 23 months. He remained in the U.S. Army Reserve, assigned to do his two weeks active duty at the Engineering Research and Development Laboratory at Ft. Belvoir. He completed his reserve duty with the rank of Major. Since that time, he has worked in Dallas, TX and Washington D.C. before retiring to Nevada. He became an adjunct instructor at Texas A&M University, established his own consulting firm (with his wife), and raised several horses. He views his time in ROTC at UK as one of the most enjoyable experiences in college.

CHAPLAIN (LTC) AL LOWE, Class of 1982, retired from Active Duty in October 2005, following his return from Iraq where he served as Command Chaplain of the 13th COSCOM. During his 20+ years AD, Chaplain Lowe served in the 1st Cav, 4th ID, 1st ID, Berlin Brigade attended as resident student, CGSoC, was senior instructor of the Chaplain Career Course, US Army Chaplain Center & School, Ft. Jackson SC. Al and his wife Linda live in Belton, Texas; are the parents of three children and grandparents of eight grandchildren.

CPT DAVID FOWLER commissioned in 2000 (Armor) and is currently employed with the SC ARNG technician program assigned as the PBO for the 1-118 Combined Arms Battalion and HHC Commander. CPT Fowler and his wife Lori have a 3 year old daughter Hannah and a son, Trent, due 22FEB10. They currently reside in Union, SC.

MAJOR BRIAN K. WELCH, 1997, is currently the BN XO for the 502nd MI BN, 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (BfSB) out of Fort Lewis, WA. In Baghdad, Iraq for his second tour to Iraq; the BN is responsible for tactical collection from Taji to Basra. He is married for almost three years to Laura (Stead) of Scarborough, England (who he met while commanding in the UK). She is currently very busy in WA raising our son Liam (born in Oct) & two borderer collies on her own since the 201st deployed in Sept. He is looking forward to his R&R in April so he can meet his son.

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