**Combat Water Survival Training**

**BY CADET BRIAN ZUBIA**

Combat Water Survival Training (CWST) is essential for Cadets' success. This training not only teaches water survival techniques, it also teaches Cadets to improvise in different environments to be able to overcome situations and survive. Cadets have to think how to stay afloat while in uniform, gear on and holding weapons out of the water.

Prior to CWST, we conducted training with LTC (R) Skaggs (Class of 1958). We began by swimming, getting used to floating in the deep end, walking off the diving board treading water in PTs. This would help us gain confidence and lose fear of the water. The session ended by treading water for about 10 minutes. On the day of CWST our uniform was ACUs, boots, IBA, and weapon. This was a whole new animal, due to the gear and extra weight; we had to use more energy to stay afloat, making treading water more difficult. However, after treading water for five minutes, the next five minutes seemed a bit easier. I guess I was able to get used to swimming in gear that I got comfortable enough to be able to tread water in my uniform.

There were other Cadets that had done CWST before, so they were used to swimming in gear and ACUs. There were also other swimmers that had not done CWST before, but were pretty good swimmers. Then there were other Cadets that were not good swimmers. The whole point of this exercise was to break the barrier of Cadets that are scared of swimming in deep areas or just improve their swimming skills. There were Cadets that had difficulties doing the 15 meter swim with the M-16. I know I had trouble with it, and I consider myself a pretty good swimmer, but that is a whole different phenomenon doing it with an LBE and uniform.

Another tough event was walking off the diving board blindfolded. There were a lot of Cadets who feared this event because of jumping blind into water. I can see why it could be difficult for some Cadets, but like trying things that give me adrenaline rushes. The best part about the whole training was that no one was put in situations where they would be in danger. There was always some type of safety around. When someone was having a hard time doing the task, they would be given time to try it, but if they started to fail, the safety would help out. Moreover, everyone around would give positive encouragement to the ones who were having a hard time.

**German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge**

**BY CADET KYLE MURPHY**

The German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency is a highly respected and sought after award. Created in the 1980s, the badge is awarded to German soldiers and their allied partners. Each soldier must meet a certain set of requirements to earn either the Gold, Silver, or Bronze badge. The events include a 200 meter swim, 3k run, 12k run, shot put throw, long jump, high jump, and pistol qualification.

In late January, Cadets Cross, Chavez, Hernandez, Murphy, Paul and Yabumoto from the Bataan Battalion went to Fort Bliss and earned the coveted badge. Each Cadet successfully met the requirements over the four day event, earning four gold badges and two silver. Cadets from the Bataan Battalion were the only Cadets among the active duty Soldiers competing for the badge. While competing for the badge, Cadet Murphy set new U.S. and German records for the 3k run and 12k run. Each Cadet presented themselves in a professional and respectful manner, representing the Bataan Battalion and everything the Battalion stands for.
BATTLE OF BEYER’S SPRINGS STAFF RIDE
BY CADET LUIS FONG

On February 17th, 30 Cadets from the Bataan Battalion attended a staff ride to explore the actions of the 9th Cavalry in New Mexico. This trip allowed Cadets who will soon be lieutenants to learn about both the difficult decisions and resourcefulness of past leaders, facing a new way of fighting. Along with experiencing firsthand the difficult terrain negotiated by the 9th Cavalry, the Cadets visited the town of Deming to learn about the long history of military operations in the area. The old National Guard Armory in Deming contains a museum with period items dating back to the indigenous people who inhabited the Deming area. Notable exhibits were military items such as weapons, uniforms, and periodicals detailing Deming’s importance in America’s conflicts. The museum also provided a perspective into the daily lives of citizens from the early 19th century. Various period shops featured products sold at the time, clothing, classic cars, tools, and other items that allowed the people of Deming to survive. Various exhibits caught the attention of Cadets, such as the Medical Room, which contained strange looking equipment, a Playboy magazine in Braille, and a large collection of decorative Whiskey bottles, which included a large playable Chess set.

Overall, the trip provided a hands-on learning experience into military history, and allowed Cadets to gain more pride in the heritage of their state.

The Battle of Beyer Springs was a battle that took place on 24 January 1877 in the Florida Mountains. The 9th Cavalry encounters an Apache tribe, where they became encircled and an engagement begins. After the engagement, about four soldiers were killed and the Apaches retreated into the mountains. Thanks COL (R) Rathburn for his continued support and expertise on our staff rides.

SITUATIONAL TRAINING EXERCISE
BY CDT ERIC PAUL

Situational Training Exercise, or STX as it is referred to, is how Army ROTC cadets learn battle drills and prepare for combat. STX lanes put Cadets in real world scenarios that they may face on the battlefield. STX lanes are an invaluable learning tool for the MSI learning the ropes to the MSIII preparing for LDAC.

Training for STX lanes started in the fall semester. MSIIIs began teaching the MSIs and MSIIIIs basic individual movement techniques, low crawl, high crawl, and rush. Once this has become ingrained into the Cadet, they move into learning fire team and squad formations. The basic formations are the wedge, which is most commonly used, and the file formation. After these skills are learned, the Cadets are then taught hand and arm signals in order to effectively communicate in a formation without having to talk. At the end of fall semester, the Cadets conducted dry runs of various STX lanes to hone the skills they had learned.

The start of the spring semester launched the Bataan Battalion into real STX lanes. With help of the Student Veterans Association, the lanes were made to be as realistic as possible utilizing the experience of Aggies who have been overseas. This realistic training will help prepare the MSIIIs for LDAC, where STX lanes are a matter of becoming an officer or going home. For this reason, the MSIVs who are grading the MSIIIs throw every variable they can to test the MSIIIs; mental agility and keeping calm under pressure. This has helped the Bataan Battalion become a skilled and tactically sound unit.

The STX conducted at New Mexico State University helped show the Bataan Battalion’s prowess when pitted against other schools. At the Joint Field Training Exercise in April, the MSIIIIs skills helped them outperform Cadets from other schools (UNM, NMMI and UTEP). This is due in large part to the dedication of the Bataan Battalion’s instructors and MSIVs have in ensuring that the rest of the battalion is well trained and ready to face any challenge.
Cadets from NMSU had the amazing opportunity this spring break to participate in the 23rd annual Bataan Memorial Death March. This year commemorated the 70th anniversary of the fall of Bataan and the Cadets were highly involved in helping remind New Mexico of the debt owed to the men and women who were there when Japan overran the Philippines.

Our Cadets had many roles throughout the weekend before and during the march. We planned and setup the water point at the middle of the course, selling hot dogs and hamburgers to the walkers as they reached the highest point of the march, encouraging them before the long trek back down toward the post. They passed out water, Gatorade, bananas, and oranges; meeting the marchers before they made it to the point and cheering them onwards as they passed.

Additionally, our Cadets were there to honor those who survived through some of the worst conditions mankind has ever had to face. The New Mexico State Army ROTC Cannon crew punctuated the roll call of remaining Bataan Death March survivors with a cannon fired for each survivor. As the announcer called the names, the mountains echoed back the thunder of the guns. For several minutes the thousands who had come stood in respectful silence for those heroes who still were with us, who had overcome and triumphed. In between the retorts and the solemn voicing of each name was a stillness that is hard to describe, like the whole desert was listening in respect. All too soon the moment was over and the events moved on.

The guns had one more shout to give. As the first marchers crossed the start line, the Cadets fired off a round causing many runners further back in line to jump, startled. But just as our cannon crew was ending their task, another group of Cadets were starting a different one. Every year that I've been a part of NMSU's Army ROTC, in addition to regularly having Cadets participate in the March on an individual basis, we've had a team run the full marathon, and this year was no exception. We had two male teams run the race this year representing the Battalion in a contest against ROTC teams from across the nation. Our Cadets showed their mettle, being the first full team to cross the finish line and completing the course in four hours and thirty two minutes. Good job guys!

Our Cadets weren't just there on the day of the March either. While all the participants were picking up their packets on Saturday, our Cadets were there to remind them of the history of the March that we were memorializing and supporting the survivors as they shared their stories. A team of Cadets ferried the survivors around the base and made sure they were able to easily get where they wanted and needed to be. At the same time, our senior class gave two back-to-back presentations about the History of Bataan to the participants. In the base theatre, we presented a professional and very researched lesson on the costs paid by those brave souls who defended the Philippines and held on through the POW camps. A few years ago these presentations were almost ignored and very few people showed up, but this year the theatre was packed beyond standing room; people were standing outside looking in through tightly packed doorways to listen as the MSIVs described events 70 years ago.

This sea-change in attendance and our increased presence at the Bataan Memorial Death March is largely due to the hard work and dedication of the senior class and their determination to Remember Bataan... Always! They did an amazing job this year and every aspect of our participation was a huge success.

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-CDT WAUSON

Male Team at Checkpoint 6
Photo by CDT Lockett
NEW PATCH, OLD TRADITIONS
BY KEVIN MACKLIN

Known as the “Bataan Battalion”, the Army ROTC Cadets at New Mexico State University have recently introduced a new patch to wear on their uniforms. The patch may be a new design, but the symbols and history put into it have old traditions from around the world. The patch is an array of colors including red and white, which are the school colors. The school name and battalion are in white, whereas the Zia symbol inside it is red. Red signifies courage, an ability the Cadets possess that allow them to complete any difficult task given to them. The Zia is an ancient sun symbol from the ancient pueblo people of New Mexico and can be found on the state flag. The red Zia is encased in yellow, which together represents the Spanish explorers, who in 1540, first brought these colors from Spain to New Mexico. Yellow represents honor, a virtue that the Cadets highly prize and maintain. Inside the Zia is a white Sea Lion on a blue background. The blue alludes loyalty, an attribute the Cadets have for each other and their country. The Sea Lion is tied to the New Mexico National Guard and its veterans who bravely served, fought, and died during the invasion of Bataan and on the Bataan Death March. Their courage and sacrifice is why the Cadets at NMSU named the battalion, the “Bataan Battalion” and they always say “Remember Bataan...Always!”

THE CADETS OF THE BATAAN BATTALION DISPLAYED THE EPISTEME OF THE WARRIOR ETHOS.”

- CDT ORTEGON

BEST CADET COMPETITION
BY CADET FELIX ORTEGON

The Best Cadet Challenge was held on Friday, April 20 and continued through the 21st of April. The challenge was put together by Cadets Chavez and Armijo. The Best Cadet Challenge consisted of five events. The first event had several parts to it; you had to sprint down to a designated area and sprint back. Then you had several different kinds of combat carries that you and your partner had to complete. The second event was night land navigation where the teams had four hours to find eighteen points. The third event was an unknown distance run with the end point being the start of the fourth event which consisted of two hundred pushups, one hundred sit-ups and a fifteen foot rope climb. The final event was a ruck march with a distance a little over four miles. There were eighteen teams that started the events, and fifteen finished the challenge. This challenge was not for the weak. It tested team work, dedication, and personal courage. In the end, CDT Murphy and CDT Tutor earned first, CDT Lazos and Barcena placed second and CDT Hernandez and Green placed third place. The Cadets of the Bataan Battalion displayed the epitome of the Warrior Ethos. The challenge was a success and should be held at every ROTC program.
JOINT FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE
BY CADET PRISCILLA PERRY

From the 12th to the 15th of April, our New Mexico State University Army ROTC program went on our annual Joint Field Training Exercise (JFTX) in Capitan, NM, which included University of Texas at El Paso, University of New Mexico, and New Mexico Military Institute. Being my first JFTX, I didn't really know what to expect, except that it would prepare us third year military science students (MSIIIs) for our Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC), also known as Warrior Forge. This is an annual summer training required of all junior year ROTC Cadets in order to assess our leadership potential, critical thinking, and basic infantry tactics required of all Soldiers. Upon arrival to the JFTX on Thursday, all Cadets were integrated into two different companies, consisting of four platoons per company. Every platoon had four, 8 Cadet squads which would be conducting simulated training exercise (STX) lanes. These exercises simulate Cadets leading Soldiers in basic infantry tactics, which is one of the cornerstones of the Army and crucial skills required of all future Soldiers. Once we were integrated and became familiar with our squad members, several of us were assigned leadership positions in order to run the companies throughout the entire JFTX. Two NMSU students, to include myself, were privileged to have been selected as company commanders, the highest officer position at the company level, of both Alpha and Bravo Company. Several other NMSU students were also selected to be platoon sergeants, the second highest position attainable as a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO), and platoon leaders, officers who work collaboratively with platoon sergeants. After dinner, we were released to "bed down" in the woods in order to prepare for our first full day of training.

On Friday, our Bravo Company awoke at 0500 to prepare for the land navigation portion of training as Alpha Company set out to conduct STX lanes. Land navigation began at 0730 and ended at 2300 (1100 pm), included day and night land navigation, both which are basic Soldier skills. STX lanes ran from 0630 until 1830 (0630 pm) consisting of eight different lanes. One Cadet was evaluated in leading a squad size element during the course of the ROTC program. This experience also challenged my thresholds as it took me out of my comfort zone and briefly placed me in the shoes of a combat Soldier. As a wife of a combat Soldier, this experience opened my eyes wider about the rigorous training and demanding environments our combat Soldiers are placed in daily both during their preparation for war and deployment. Although this was only a taste in the life of a combat Soldier, it gave me a better understand how important it is for Soldiers to be physically and mentally tough in order to carry out the mission at hand. This experience also enforced the concept of "esprit de corps", defined as "a spirit of comradeship, enthusiasm, and devotion to a cause among the members of a group." I know that without my peers to endure this rigorous training, this experience would have been much more difficult to endure.

The JFTX also allowed me to reflect from the perspective of my future role as a nurse. This experience helped me to get a glimpse of what many of my future patients will endure in tending to both physical and mental wounds, whether it is in a stateside hospital or deployed overseas. Although I will never see the front lines of combat, I know that it is imperative that my training as a healthcare professional should mirror the rigorous training our Soldiers take on so that I may serve them the way they serve our country while they are deployed.

On Saturday, our companies swapped training schedules, and Bravo Company proceeded with STX lanes, after getting about 3-4 hours of sleep. After battling with the high winds, sudden onset of snow and a cold night of sleeping in the woods, we ended our JFTX with patrolling STX on Sunday, which consisted of Cadets leading a platoon size element to complete a given mission. Around 1030, our JFTX came to a close and we prepared to redeploy, or come back home.

An MSIII, this JFTX was physically and mentally demanding as it prepared to challenge me to hone the skills I have been taught during each lane and was expected to receive a combat mission, maneuver, and complete the intended mission with the squad.

CDT Mallery reading an OPORD
Photo by CDT Roche
AWARD CEREMONIES
BY CADET VIRGINIA KAUTZ

Throughout the year, Cadets have worked hard to excel and demonstrate what an outstanding Cadet is. "Nobody's a natural. You work hard to get good and then work to get better. It's hard to stay on top." - Paul Coffey.

On April 19, 2012, Cadets lined up to receive awards and acknowledgments for their continuous hard work, good deeds and outstanding performances through the school year. Some of these awards included outstanding scores on the annual Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) and great grade point averages.

Cadets were also recognized for special teams, such as the Bataan Battalion Cannon Crew and Color Guard teams along with the Bataan Memorial Death March running teams. The MSIVs were acknowledged for their grand performances at LDAC from last summer. Then, both MSIVs and MSIIIs were decorated with marksmanship medals ranging from Expert to Marksman. The excitement of the night did not just end with awards. Instead, the awards ceremony ended with the unveiling of next year's battalion's staff and chain of command.

With new ribbons and medals from the previous week's award ceremony, Cadets were looking sharp for the combined award ceremony with the Air Force ROTC and the Army ROTC. Several awards were for Cadets that exemplified the Army Values and the basic definition of leadership. The Cadets were also recognized by local, state and national institutions for being model students, Cadets and individuals.

On top of that, Cadets received very generous donations from several individuals, local, state and national groups all for outstanding performances. On behalf of the Bataan Battalion, we would like to thank all the sponsors that donated and supported the Bataan Battalion Cadets.

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-Paul Coffey

PASS IN REVIEW
BY CADET JOSHUA REYES

On 26 April 2012, the New Mexico State University's Army ROTC Bataan Battalion partnered with the Air Force ROTC Detachment 505 here at New Mexico State University for the 110th Annual NMSU President's ROTC Pass in Review. In this joint event, both programs conducted a pass in review parade on Pride Field across from Hadley Hall. Both programs formed up across from NMSU President Dr. Barbara Couture who was situated at the top of the field with the Professor of Military Science, LTC Andrew Taylor and the Professor of Aerospace Studies, LtCol Dan Bennett. Throughout the ceremony, a series of events took place in recognition of both professors and a speech from President Barbara Couture.

After the keynote speakers completed their speeches, the Cadets received the order to pass in review before the President.

The Cadet Commanders of both programs marched at the front of the formation with the rest of the Cadets following behind. The event was a great success, as both programs spent three weeks preparing for the event. Both programs hope to have the same success when the event takes place again in the spring 2013 semester. Thank you to both programs and good luck in all future endeavors.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BY LTC (R) GARY CATALDO

There is nothing like re-organizing 16 years of information to give one pause to reflect. As I poured over old records, reviewed e-mails, reviewed history books and consolidated lists, I was flooded with memories of the last 16 years. Those included manning a desk at Homecoming registration and signing up grads, digging into NMSU yearbooks from 1902 to 1984, the reunion of 2000, handing out books and manuals at commissioning and the faces of hundreds of Cadets. Many of my fondest memories are connected with nine years of Recognition Dinners.

First, a few statistics: total dinner attendance: 772, of which 210 have been Cadets. Alumni and friends: 255 donations sponsoring 377 Cadet meals. NMSU Army ROTC Honor Company: 39 inductions, 22 Distinguished Graduates, 7 Distinguished Cadre, 10 Friends of the Corps, and 96 MSIVs honored.

Funds raised through the dinner have sponsored Recognition Dinners for 210 Cadets, contributed $11,500 ($4,200 came from the Recognition Dinner fund) for the purchase of the ATV, $1,200 for dorm furniture, lent alumni support for Cadet tailgates and helped finance the annual ‘Welcoming of the Corps’ ceremony conducted at the beginning of the fall semester.

With the establishment of three endowments by Mr. James Manatt, Colonel Kary Wall and the CSM Jefferson Memorial Scholarship Fund, a $10,000 contribution from the CSM Quirk Trust to the CSM Quirk Cadet Support fund and the ongoing support of hundreds of Alumni, assets available to the Corps have grown from $35,000 in 2000 to $180,000 as of April 2012.

While these numbers are telling, they are a small part of the impact of the Recognition Dinner and alumni support for the Corps. The founding purposes of the dinner and alumni efforts were to support the building of bridges between the graduates of the past and those of the future; to give an appreciation for the contributions and accomplishments of AROTC grads and foremost, to celebrate the legacy that is the Corps of Cadets. By any measure, these objectives are being met.


-LTC (R) CATALDO

The friendships begun and renewed each year, the conversations between those of the past with those of the future, the greater understanding of the legacy of the Corps, the scholarship support for Cadets, these are the true measures of the contribution of the Recognition Dinners and alumni support.

Next February will mark a milestone in the timeline of the Corps of Cadets and the annual Recognition Dinner. 110 years of ROTC at NMSU and the 10th Recognition Dinner. It will be a special evening, an opportunity to honor the past and reconnect to the future. The years ahead are uncertain for our nation and our Army. It is certain they will challenge those who choose to serve. While alumni cannot walk that road with our new graduates, we can ensure they are as prepared as possible. With your help and commitment, the alumni will meet that challenge.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in February, 2013.

Remember Bataan...Always!
Gary R. Cataldo ’70
THE LAST VEHICLE OUT OF IRAQ
BY LTC FRANZ CONWAY

As the last military vehicle crossed the Iraq-Kuwait border on December 18, 2011, the end of Operation New Dawn came to a close. The departure of the last vehicle symbolized the conclusion of the United States effort over the past nine years to bring freedom to the Iraqi people. LTC Franz J. Conway, ’91, is the Battalion Commander for the Army Field Support Battalion-South West Asia in the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade. He is no stranger to this part of the world as he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, 2004-2005 and 2006-2007.

During Operation New Dawn, his battalion headquarters was located at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, and then moved to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, for the last part of the drawdown. During Operation New Dawn, his unit supported all U.S. forces in Iraq on 35 Forward Operating Bases (FOBs). With an organization of over 2,000 Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and contractors, his mission was to provide logistic sustainment support to every unit operating in Iraq. The span of logistic support was extremely large and his battalion supported all the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, the FOB force protection systems, communication systems, Soldier protective equipment, and biometric test sets. It was critical to support these systems until the last unit, the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, crossed the Iraq-Kuwait border.

His battalion is now operating from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, and still provides support to the Department of State mission in Iraq. The support mission isn’t limited to only Kuwait and Iraq as the battalion supports U. S. military units in Qatar, Horn of Africa, United Arab Emirates, and limited support to Afghanistan. Even with the completion of Operation New Dawn, the mission still continues to support the War on Terrorism. LTC Conway stated, “The change has been remarkable. Having been here prior to the start of OIF and now being part of our end of operations in Iraq, I have a huge sense of pride in our accomplishment. All the service members involved in this mission over the last nine years have truly made a difference.”

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-LTC CONWAY

Last vehicle out of Iraq!
(LTC Conway on left)
Photo by ASC PAO

US Army Materiel Command Patch

Kuwaiti Camp Locations
ALL THE WAY! PMS NOTES
BY LTC ANDREW TAYLOR

The Army's newest nine Second Lieutenants took their Commissioning Oath in the shadow of the Heroes of Bataan Statue on Friday evening, 11 MAY, with a beautiful sunset ending the undergraduate chapter of their lives. Just like the many footprints behind the three Battling Bastards of Bataan representing the many that started the Cadet journey, fewer made it to the start line of a successful Army career. We welcome 2LTs Michael Archuleta, Jeremy Armijo, Anthony Barcena, Matthew Breyer, Barry Chavez, Amy Davis, Kevin Macklin, Wesley Mallery and Misaél Ríos into our Army as commissioned officers.

Commissions in our Army, especially through the Bataan Battalion, are earned, not given. As is shown throughout our American history, our military draws down after combat operations. The current era is no exception as we have ceased combat operations in Iraq and are winding down in Afghanistan. The changes are coming faster than forecasted as Army has reduced the number of commissioned officers we require, has reduced funding for military schools, and the budget crunch is happening rapidly. Should this scare you? Only if you don't have the attitude, passion and dedication to learn the lessons being taught by your fellow Cadets and cadre. As you look around the Corps, you will realize our ranks have thinned through attrition. Only those who meet the standard and prove they want to earn the coveted Second Lieutenant rank will pin on the bars.

This has been an incredibly busy and challenging semester. If you have any doubts, read through the pages of The Dispatch, and you will be impressed by what our Cadets have accomplished. There were a lot of firsts (at least in a long time) this semester. We had several Cadets compete, and earn, the coveted German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, while Cadet Murphy set two records for both the German and US forces. Cadets also now are wearing rifle marksmanship badges as we cracked the code and conducted two basic rifle marksmanship ranges. We co-hosted the 23rd Annual Bataan Memorial Death March this year on the 70th Anniversary of the actual Bataan Death March with 14 veterans in attendance. As you read in these pages, the Bataan Historical Seminar has transformed from a sparsely attended venue to one of the main attractions.

LTC(R) Ray Pickering was present this year as he was honored for his vision that became the Bataan Memorial Death March 23 years ago as one of our Cadets. LTC(R) Pickering and the Bataan Survivors on hand also honored us by presenting our new Department of the Army approved Bataan Battalion patch.

This summer is full of opportunities for those Cadets who rose to the challenge and met the standards. We have Cadets attending Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Joint Base Lewis McChord, the Leadership Training Course (LTC) at Ft Knox, Cadet Troop Leadership Training (C1LT) across the US and Korea, Nurse Summer Training Program, US Army Internship, and Airborne and Air Assault Schools.

Summer is also a time of change. After an all too short time, we are saying farewell MAJ Gary Stewart as he retires after 24 years of service in all three Army components (active, reserves and national guard), CPT Carmelo Rodriguez as he rejoins his family in Puerto Rico, MSG (P) Walter Burleson as he will attend the next US Army Sergeants Major Academy, and SSG Joanie Bonilla will become a US Army Recruiting Command Station Commander in Florida. Lady and gentlemen, your dedication, compassion and professionalism will be reflected in the Cadets you so ably taught, coached and mentored. Also thanks to our alumni who continue to support our future with mentoring, money, meals and memories.

The successes listed throughout this edition of The Dispatch are a reflection of our quality. The Bataan Battalion is strong – and the bar was definitely raised in the Corps of Cadets this year. Our present and future is built upon the successful foundations from those who came before us. Enjoy the break, take a knee, and get ready for an amazingly rewarding Summer and Fall 2012.
Congratulations to the newest Second Lieutenants in the Army, 2LTs Michael Archuleta, Jeremy Armijo, Anthony Barcena, Matthew Breyer, Barry Chavez, Amy Davis, Kevin Macklin, Wesley Mallery and Miquel Rios. We welcome them into our Army as commissioned officers! The nine Second Lieutenants took their Commissioning Oath at the Veteran Memorial Park on Friday evening, 11 MAY 12. It’s not just the end of college but the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.

Our mission is to train the future Officers of our Army. Our job is important because these Officers will lead Soldiers into combat within two years of their commissioning. For this reason, it is imperative that we lead by example. As the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of this Battalion, I will never direct you to do something, I would not do myself. I guarantee you that this battalion is going to be the best battalion in ROTC. Keep in mind these basic tenants that serve us well:

**Caring:** Treat others as you would like to be treated; always maintain proper military courtesy when addressing anyone; be safe; use the common sense approach; take care of the needs of your family first and foremost, as one day the Army will be all but a fond and distant memory, but you will still have your family. **Maintaining:** Maintain an appropriate level of physical fitness and appearance; you’re a Cadet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and represent the United States Army. **Leading:** Lead by example! Train as a team; utilize the chain of command and delegate accordingly; ensure each task is understood, supervised and accomplished - Task, Conditions and Standards! Take the initiative and seek responsibility. **Training:** Train to the Army standard. Don’t take shortcuts! **Idiosyncrasies:** Always keep me informed, No surprises! Don’t make excuses; Zero tolerance for those who lie, steal, or cheat; be on time! We all make mistakes, learn from them, but don’t make the same mistake twice; Insubordination will never be tolerated. I will treat you in a professional manner and expect the same from you; I don’t believe in micro-managing anything. If you have a problem, bring it to my attention, but also bring the possible solutions and your plan of action.

Once again, I am proud and honored to be your Senior Military Instructor. Always remember we’re a team and will always work as one. I only ask that you use your judgment and "do the right thing". Maintain your honor and remember do not bring shame or disgrace your family name.

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**Designating Fall 2012 Chain of Command**

Photo by CDT Ferguson

**MSG (P) Burleson with CDT Burnette**

Photo by CDT Harbison

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**(MSG (P) Burleson training Cadets**

Photo by CDT Ferguson
COMMISSIONING CLASS OF SPRING 2012
BY CDT BARRY CHAVEZ

Michael Archuleta

Michael was born in Taos, NM. He has earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. In August, he will be attending Armor Basic Officer Leaders Course in Fort Benning, GA.

Matthew Breyer

Matthew is from St. Simmons Island, GA. He has earned is Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Upon completion of Field Artillery Basic Officer Leaders Course in Fort Sill, OK, Matthew will be assigned duty in Fort Knox, KY.

Wesley Mallery

Wesley was born in Ramah, NM. Before joining ROTC, he served on active duty with the 1st Ranger Battalion from 2003-2007. Wesley and his wife Katie have three sons - Daniel, Bradley and Garrett. Upon completion of Medical Service Corps Basic Officer Leaders Course in Fort Sam Houston, TX, Wes and his family will be moving to Fort Wainwright, AK.

Jeremy Armijo

Jeremy is from Las Cruces, NM. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. After temporary duty in Fort Lewis, WA, Jeremy will attend Aviation Basic Officer Leaders Course and Flight School in Fort Rucker, AL.

Barry Chavez

Barry was born in Nurnberg, Germany. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Upon completion of Medical Service Corps Basic Officer Leaders Course in Fort Sam Houston, TX, Barry and his wife Jenna will be moving to Fort Lewis, WA.

Kevin Macklin

Kevin is from Albuquerque, NM. He has earned his Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology. Kevin has received an BOLC-B delay for Air Defense Artillery Basic Officer Leaders Course. In August, he will begin graduate school at Hebrew University in Jerusalem in pursuit of a Master's Degree in Israeli Studies.

Anthony Barcena

Anthony was born in Miami, FL. He has earned his Bachelor's Degrees in History and Government. Upon completion of Engineer Basic Officer Leaders Course in Fort Leonard Wood, MO, Anthony will be assigned duty in Conroe, TX.

Amy Davis

Amy is from Raton, NM. She has earned a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. Upon completion of the National Council Licensure Examination for Register Nurses, Amy will be attending Medical Service Corps Basic Officer Leaders Course in Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Misael Rios

Misael is from El Paso, TX. He has earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Upon completion of Military Police Basic Officer Leaders Course in Fort Leonard Wood, MO, Misael has been assigned duty in Las Cruces, NM.
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We say farewell to MAJ Stewart, CPT Rodriguez, MSG (P) Burleson and SSG Bonilla. Good luck to you all!

A CONTINUED THANK YOU TO OUR ALUMNI AND STAFF.
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