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## Drill Team Shines in Spring Competitions

Word to your Marauder! Seven long months of practice and weeks of morning sessions finally paid off for the Irish Marauder Drill Team. This year's drill team has put out the best performance in many years, bringing home seven team trophies for the Irish Battalion. On 23 March, the Marauders traveled down to the Purdue Invitational Drill Meet and brought back the fabled Neil Armstrong Award (also known as the "backstop") as the best all-around team at the meet.

C/SSG Kris Hull and C/SSG Kane led their squads in strong performances, finishing first and third respectively, while Mike Kaley led the all-freshmen Color Guard of Mike Deperro, Yve McCarthy, and Melinda Zapata to an impressive fourth

place in the Color Guard competition. By far, the highlight of the day was performance of the IDR platoon, led by C/1SG Greg "hardcharger" Welicky and his squad leaders C/SSG's Mike "shaking like a leaf" Warmerdam, Jay Tilton, and

Mike "high speed" Kaley. 23 March saw the creation of a new legend in the annals of Marauder history — our inspector STAFF Sergeant Benford, USMC, recently

see Drill Team pge. 6



Practice pays off for the Irish Marauders

# One Last Time: You Done Good!

Okay, this is my last chance to share with you the great truths of the western world. You know, pithy sayings like WHEN IN CHARGE, TAKE CHARGE! and the always popular DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT! But the one I really want to leave you with is even simpler: remember that there are people inside the uniforms. Whether you're an active duty lieutenant or an ROTC cadet, you can't afford to forget that basic fact. The first thing that all of us want is to be treated with fairness, respect and consideration - and that's the first thing many of us fail to remember. When we forget that we're dealing with people, things unravel and collapse. If we see our soldiers and contemporaries as the people they are, there really isn't any limit to what the unit can accomplish.

For those of you who will be commissioned shortly and enter active duty, remember that your soldiers really do want you to be good - nobody wants to belong to a lackluster unit led by an ineffective officer. If you let them know how important they are to the mission and to you, your organization will set the pace. I think it probably goes without saying that for you who will be commissioned in the Reserves and joining the

civilian workforce, the same truth applies. People are what count.

For those of you who have a year or three to go before commissioning, the message is the same. For five years I've watched this battalion get better as an organization because the people in it have taken the time to care about each other. I had a pastor once who said the key to growth was to "pass it on" - to pass on what you had learned to the people who followed you in any position. Since 1987, that's exactly what I've seen the members of this battalion do. I know that's exactly what you'll keep on doing.

All of you who are staying here, and the cadre who are staying here with you - I really couldn't ask for a better organization to be the last one I leave. I never would have imagined that I'd spend

twenty percent of my service leading an ROTC unit - but I never imagined spending a quarter of a century in uniform either. I wouldn't trade the past five years for anything. You are doing something that is vitally important by doing your part to make deterrence work and by defending freedom when it fails. I'm glad you're here. You make me feel that it's okay to retire. From Lanh and me, thanks for the experience. You have all given us some great things to remember. We wish you Godspeed and lives full of the joys you are looking for. Remember this place and what you learned here. As long as we're here you have friends on this campus. We'll carry you in our hearts. You done good. One more thing - DON'T FORGET TO FLOSS!

LTC Hemphill

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# Charlie Don't Surf!

As the year winds to a close, I just have a few remarks to make about the year overall. First, my staff and I set out some solid goals which we wanted to accomplish. The Cavalry image and the products that resulted from it were outstanding. During the first semester the cadets were dynamic. The freshmen were outstanding and displayed levels of motivation that I have never seen in a freshmen class. That motivation was carried on by this semester's freshmen. The sophomores of both semesters began to come into their own and out of the shadows of the juniors. Speaking of the juniors, you

are ready for camp. You have the tools of leadership; now go out and use those tools to the best of your abilities. Just remember, keep up a good attitude and do not get wrapped around the axle of tedious details, they will take care of themselves.

**"Sound the charge and make the drum beat Glory."**

I owe much thanks to my staff, in particular to Jamie Fellrath and Dan Casey for starting the whole Cavalry idea. Evie, Mark, Dave, Joe,

Tim, Ted, and Mike, without you this whole idea never would have worked. To the Cav Cadets, you have proved to me that you are the best of the best, now you must prove it to the rest of the battalion. Tim and Peggy, you are receiving a new Bravo Company, I know that it is in capable hands. Just remember to take care of your people always! Bravo Company—sound the charge and make the drum beat Glory.

C/CPT J. Peter Deutsch

## Ranger's Ramble

Well Rangers, although you managed to avoid the premier training event of ranger company, The Rectum Ripper, you still managed to receive some high speed training throughout the semester. Good luck to the juniors at camp and remember my tips for patrolling: Delegate, Detail and Disseminate.

Irish Rangers Lead The Way!

C/CPT Mike Dunlavey

## Tales from Tom

SEX! SEX! SEX! SEX! Now that I've got you started reading this, hopefully I can keep your attention.

After this year's training, I am more than confident in the abilities of the MSIII's to better my class this summer and next year. But some of you MSIII's may learn some hard lessons this year in disappointment. There may be times this summer when you may not get the evaluation that you think you deserve. My advice to you when, and if, this happens is to take a look at the situation from outside. Often you can see some reasons why it did happen, but

once you look at the situation you can see a lot more reasons why it shouldn't have. If something does go wrong put it behind you and forget about it. The best way to prevent getting disappointed is to be prepared with the knowledge, strength and attitude to complete Advanced Camp.

It's been a great four years. Thanks to everybody for everything. The cadets in this battalion (especially Alpha Company) make it the best in the country, and I will miss you all.

C/CPT Tom Beasley

## Cadets take the MCAT

On Saturday 27 April, at a time when most students are still recovering from last night's activities, seven MSIII's were busy taking the dreaded MCATS. Like the LSAT or GRE's, the MCAT is very responsible in deciding which students are accepted by medical schools.

Since late December and early January, Kate Thewes, Steve Schuerman, Jeff Engelmeier, Dave Wolken, Dave O'Malley, Colin Mullaney, and Steve Smith prepared for the April MCAT. They spent many weekends going over three years of material in physics, chemistry, biology and organic chemistry, and many still stated that some of the material on the test was not familiar.

When asked about the test's difficulty, Kate Thewes responded, "Oh my God, it really stunk!" All the test takers voiced the same opinion that the MCAT was difficult and the seven hours spent taking the test were some of the toughest they care to remember.

C/2LT Tony Muilenburg

## The Spring FTX: Fun in the Sun?

The alarm sounds at 0500. Actually, my alarm clock doesn't sound off with the annoying buzzing sound, instead I have my clock radio tuned in on a fundamentalist religious station. So I am waken up by the tirade of a preacher crying, "Repent from evil ...you've been saved...make checks payable to..."

So working on three hours of sleep, I take a quick shower and groggily put on my BDU's. I am running a little slower than usual. Maybe I shouldn't have gone to that party last night. After I don my boots, I notice that the time is 0535. I live in Carroll Hall and I have to be at the ROTC building in ten minutes.

I look at my LBE and shudder at the sight of it put together backwards. I quickly reassemble it and then I look to see that I haven't broken down my MRE's yet!

I walk in front of formation twenty minutes late. I knock out ten and then proceed inside the ROTC building for instruction. I peer up into sky before walking in and it looks ominous. Sgt. Price must've done his rain dance last night.

Echo company is

seated and the girlie-man himself, Mike Dunlavey, has four hours to teach us about platoon patrolling. He talks

about receiving the mission, warning orders, operation orders, SATUTE reports, OCOKA, and several other ranger topics. All this time while he is instructing, cadets look out the window and see how the sky is developing.

The announcement is then made that the FTX will end at 1600 and we will begin strac lanes at 1100. There will be no bivouac, no assault course, no Dixon challenge. The MSIII's then lead the troops through stracs for the rest of the afternoon.

Halfway through the afternoon, while I'm laying down in 360 security, I look up into the sky and there it is, the sun moving from behind the clouds and shining its rays onto my face.

The day quickly ends and I go back to the dorm. Some friends and I go to Bruno's for dinner. While I'm eating the pizza, I can't help but think how this tastes a little better than an MRE.

C/SSG Paul Webb

# What To Bring To Camp Adventure:

Some items on this list are not absolutely necessary, but you may find them handy. Certain items can be purchased cheaper at Ft. Lewis.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Orders                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Scholl's Inserts               | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID Card                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoe Shine Kit                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Gum/Beef Jerkey            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shot Records                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Instant Polish/Edge Dressing       | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra T-shirts             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Locks                        | <input type="checkbox"/> ATM, Credit Card/Traveler's Chks   | <input type="checkbox"/> New Edition L-Nav Compass* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap Holder                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Zip Lock Baggies (lots)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Attitude              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tooth Brush Holder             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ranger Handbook                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Humor             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shower Shoes                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ranger Beads*                      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Clippers                  | <input type="checkbox"/> PT Manual*                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-50 Nylon Chord                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lip Balm                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Knife                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camo Set*                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 100mph Tape                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wipes (lots)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Marker                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100% Deet Bug Juice            | <input type="checkbox"/> Bright Tape (to mark duffel)       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q-Tips (lots)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheap watch w/light & chrono       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SASE Envelopes                 | <input type="checkbox"/> OPORD book (US Cav/ make your own) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Field Shaver*         | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact paper/Clear Coverup        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boots: 1 pr shined, 2 pr field | <input type="checkbox"/> Wax Pencils                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Powder & Moleskin         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Pencils                 |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pens                               |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Croakies for glasses               |   |

\* If you already have it or can get one easily and/or cheaply.

## What to buy at Ft. Lewis Mini-PX:

- Mosquito Mask
- Zippo™ Lighter
- Whistle
- Brown Army Towels
- Extra Socks
- MRE stuffers (snacks)
- Velcro or Rubber Blousers

C/2LT Greg Coughran



**Camp Adventure 1991: Here We Come!**

# Who's Going to Summer School?

## Airborne

Jay Tilton  
 Elizabeth Peterson  
 Greg Welicky  
 Jennifer Coyne  
 Steve Deick  
 Jessica Lovejoy  
 Marlon Crook  
 Joe Turbyville  
 Justin Hartings  
 Lisa Valenta

Steve Carozza  
 Mike Warmerdam  
 Andy Scarcella  
 Brian O'Meara  
 Darrell Driver  
 Doug Maurer  
 Jack Vales  
 Bernard Nacionales  
 Sean Arthurs

## Air Assault

Mike Kuzmits

## Mountain Warfare

Greg Wessels

## Northern Warfare

Tim Povich  
 Rob Williamson

### **Drill Team from pge.1**

arrived from Parris Island. The inspection was intense to say the least and a true test of testi-I mean intestinal fortitude. The first squad, composed of Mike Warmerdam, Mike "nasty boy" Brockley, Mark "you lose" Gray, Melinda "the attitude" Zapata, and Yve McCarthy, endured a demanding inspection. The platoon remained focused and composed and devastated the competition with their near flawless execution of the drill routine to finish first in platoon competition. MS II Mike Kane and MS I Paul Kell rounded out the evening of victory by finishing fifth and seventh in IDR knockout, out of over a hundred people.

The Illinois Drill Meet on 13 April found many of our team members coming off a long

RIBPIN DX weekend. Almost half the team assisted in the training as OPFOR. The Marauders entered a platoon and two squads in IDR competition in the overnight trip to Champaign-Urbana. With less than a week of practice on routines, the Marauders finished second in Platoon IDR (led by Welicky) and third in squad IDR (led by Hull) to close the year.

Our home varsity basketball game against Dayton marked the final sporting event that the Army ROTC Color Guard participated in this year. C/1ST SGT Greg Welicky has done an outstanding job preparing and leading the color guards for these important events. The University and the people of South Bend greatly appreciate the presence of Army ROTC cadets at sporting and civic

functions. Thanks to all who have participated. Special thanks to Marlon Crook and Anthony Aquino for stepping in at Color Guard while we were at Illinois.

I would like to thank all the afore mentioned team members and Adeline Cassin, Scot Graydon, Joe Turbeyville, Lara Dickey, Darrel Driver, Mike Mahoney, and Pat Martin for their dedication and hard work. Of course, this year could not have happened without the expert assistance of SGM Johnson, CPT Pottinger, Jeff Engelmeier, my XO Tom Beasley, and most of all, Greg Welicky. Good luck next year. I hope I see you in New Orleans.

C/1LT Dan Vasquez

# Class of 1991 : What Are We Doing?

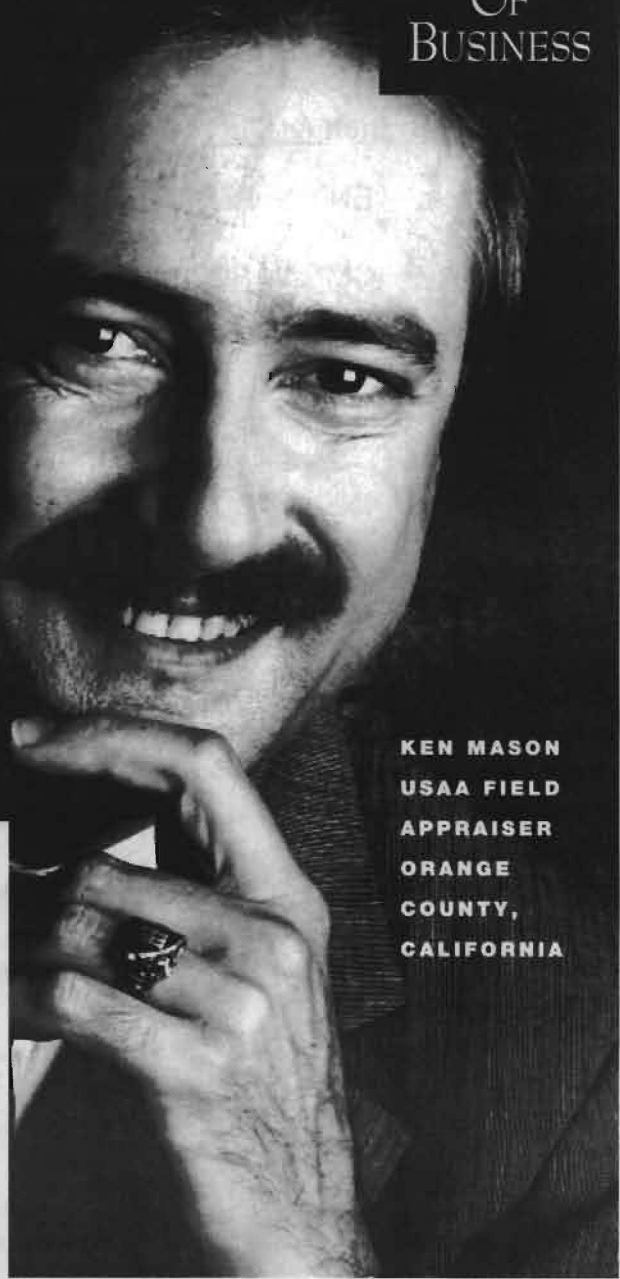
Name      Branch & Duty

Matt Ayers	EN	RD	Craig Lanigan	SC	RD	Tim Snyder	IN	RD
Tom Beasley	CM	RD	Kelly Leonard	AV	RA	Brian Stokes	AV	RA
Jon Bridges	FI	RA	Rachel Lovejoy	AD	AD	Dan Vasquez	CM	RD
Jamie Burke	FA	RA	Dan Lyons	EN	RD	Dave Wallace	MS	DL
Dan Casey	IN	RD	Kristen Mancuso	MS	DL			
Alison Coleman	MS	AD	Pat Marty	FA	RA			
Greg Coughran	OD	RD	Jim Mazurak	EN	RD			
Mike Coulthard	MS	AD	Mark McDonnell	MS	DL			
Kevin Craig	FA	AD	Evie McGovern	MS	DL			
Pete Deutsch	AR	AD	Bill McHugh	IN	RD			
Mike Dunlavey	AR	AD	Jim Messenger	TC	RD			
Brian Farley	IN	RD	Joe Newell	EN	RD			
Heather Finley	MS	DL	Mike Noonan	FA	RD			
Oscar Garcia	FA	RD	Greg Olson	FA	RD			
Mike Hales	AV	AD	Mark Raulston	TC	RD			
Marty Harnisch	MS	DL	Ted Schloesser	AD	RD			
Dennis Hergenrather	EN	RD	Ron Shashy	AV	RA			
Chris Jumper	MS	DL	Ted Sherman	FA	RD			
Mike Kilander	AR	DL	Ted Smith	AG	DL			
Bob Klassen	OD	RD						

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AD.....Air Defense
AG.....Adjutant General
AR.....Armor
AV.....Aviation
CM.....Chemical
EN.....Engineers
FA.....Field Artillery
FI.....Finance
IN.....Infantry
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