

MAR 2013
Monthly
Newsletter



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MacArthur Award Winners: *By Kyle Griffin*

This Spring, Cadet Command announced the Fightin' Irish Battalion as a MacArthur Award winner for 2013. The award is presented annually to eight battalions, the best one in each of ROTC's eight brigades. Notre Dame will represent the 7th Brigade for the second year in a row, and is one of only two schools that were able to repeat the commendation.

The MacArthur award recognizes all of



7th Brigade Command team COL Knight and CSM Mitchell attach the award's streamer to the BN guidon.

the recipients as top programs nationwide, and bases the selection for the award on cadet performance, commissioning, and retention

among other factors. Named after famed General of the Army and Medal of Honor recipient

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Cadets participating CULP Summer '13: (Cultural Understanding & Language Proficiency)

Lithuania

- Colin O'Shea

Slovakia

- Chris Croushore
- Colin Rademaker
- Angelina Goheen

Army Ball 2012: *By Kathleen Frechette*

A few weeks ago, the Fightin' Irish Battalion enjoyed a formal evening out to celebrate battalion tradition and provide entertainment for the cadets, their dates, and their family. The annual dining out, known simply as the

"Army Ball," also gave the battalion a chance to welcome Lieutenant General Raymond Palumbo as the guest of honor for the night.

Current cadets plan, arrange, and pay for the event. The senior class takes on the

leading role ensuring invitations are sent, reservations are made, and meal and entertainment is provided for the night. Senior Ted Spinelli was the officer in charge of delegating and supervising
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Cadet(s) of the Month: The Jozwiaks

Alan, Randy, and Matthew Jozwiak, triplets from nearby Middlebury, make up the cadets of the month in March. Not only were all three brothers born on the same day, but now attend the same school and participate in ROTC with the Fightin' Irish BN. The three juniors, who are all history majors as well, are currently preparing to take on Warrior Forge at Joint Base Lewis-McChord this summer.

Two of the brothers are identical, while the third is fraternal, but it doesn't make much of a difference when all three stand together. They share similar reasons for joining the military, but diverge at some points. According to Matthew, "I decided to join ROTC because I am distantly related to [Civil War] General Sherman. I believe hearing about General Sherman from my grandmother lead me to love history, and so much of our nation's history has been tied to our military. I joined ROTC for a number of reasons, because I wanted to defend our freedom, I felt indebted to all

Quick Facts

- **Hometown: Middlebury, IN**
- **Age: 21, MSIII Level CDTs**
- **School: Holy Cross College**



those before me who served, because It offered various new opportunities, and it is fun and challenging!"

Alan joined the service for many of the same reasons, and brought up General Sherman as well. He added, "I joined because of my fascination with history, particularly military history. When my brothers

and I were young the only the channels that were on our television were ESPN and the History Channel. Even the vacations my family went on were centered on the civil war. We went to Chattanooga, Gettysburg, Atlanta, and Fort Morgan... My father, a South Bend native, also a sergeant in the National Guard."

All three brothers, in addition to being cadets with the Fightin' Irish BN, are in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) with the 1538th National Guard Transportation Company in Elkhart, IN. The cadets are interns of sort with the company, and are being mentored by officers in the unit, preparing them for their eventual platoon leadership after commissioning.

The Jozwiaks are in constant competition, whether in military or civilian life, allowing them to push each other for success. One result of this is an average APFT score of 289 between the three of them last Fall, with eyes of improvement in the Spring.

Fightin' Irish BN Upcoming Events

- 5-7 April: INCFTX (Indiana Combined Field Training Exercise) with 5 other Indiana schools focusing on MSI and MSII level training
- 18 May: Commissioning ceremony for graduating MSIV cadets held on Notre Dame's campus

“MacArthur Award” *Continued from page 1:*

From Pg. 1: General Douglas MacArthur, the award inherently represents the ideals of “duty, honor, and country.”

7th Brigade Commander
COL Leona Knight visited Notre

Dame’s campus to present the award to the battalion during a weekly leadership lab. She stressed the importance of the award, and to maintain the determination that resulted in the battalion’s success.

The Fightin’ Irish BN will begin its pursuit of a third straight MacArthur award this summer, when 16 MSIII level cadets descend upon Joint Base Lewis-McChord to complete their Warrior Forge training.

“Army Ball” *Continued from page 1:*

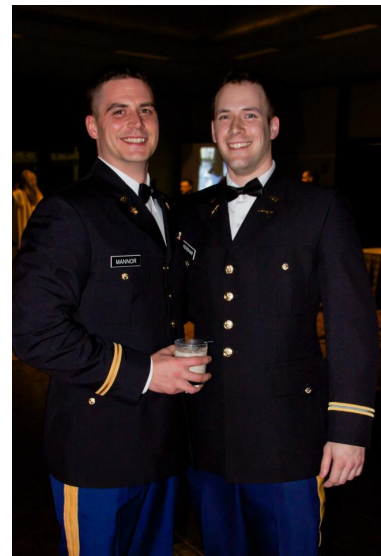
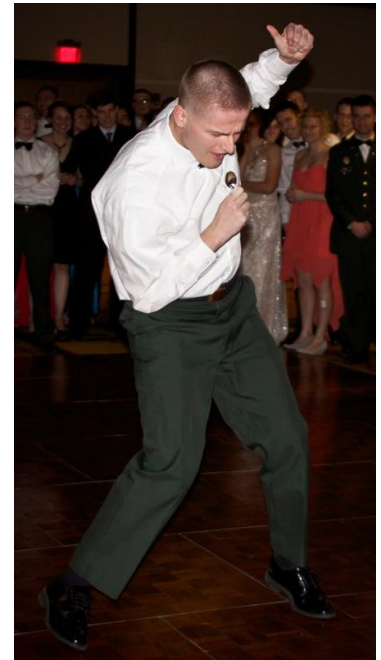
From Pg. 1: countless specific tasks, ranging from the traditional sabre arch entrance to the annual gift, this year a pint glass engraved with the battalion patch. The younger cadets, led by juniors, then execute during the ball in order to give the seniors a well-deserved night off. These tasks include the aforementioned entrance ceremony, a fallen soldier’s table ceremony, and the presentation and retirement of the colors. After budgeting expenses, numerous meetings, and tedious rehearsals this year’s army ball was ready to go!

The evening consisted of a happy hour to socialize and introduce guest from outside the Battalion, a receiving line, senior recognitions, a formal dinner, and dance. LTG Palumbo delivered a short speech after the meal and was presented with a battalion token of appreciation, a football signed by Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly. The guest of honor even took part judging the traditional class dance off with current cadre, which was won by the juniors despite a strong showing by a few select seniors.

This event has been a long-standing tradition that has strengthened the relationship of the cadets apart of this battalion for years and will continue to do so in the future. Overall, the Spring 2013 Army Ball was a well-planned and entertaining night for all who attended.



Photos clockwise from the top right: MSII cadet Jack Pearl dances along during the sophomore’s piece of the competition; Senior cadets Joe Mannor and Alan Kershaw smile for the camera; MSII Connor Rademaker leads the BN Color Guard team during the retiring of the colors for the evening.



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Additional Army Ball Photos



Photos clockwise from top left: LTG Palumbo says a few words after the meal; senior cadets Michael Dompierre, Dan Courtney, and Garret Quick pose for a photo; LTC Polhamus enjoys the first dance of the evening with his wife Michelle; senior cadets show off their moves during the dance off; senior cadet Katie Roitz enters the room beneath the saber arch with her date James.

