

Cougar Battalion Newsletter

September 2010

Welcome Back!

Cougar Battalion Mission Statement:

“Educate, train, and inspire Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character; committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country, and competent in the basic skills of their chosen profession and prepared for a lifetime of excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.”

As the new school year has started and everyone has gotten back from summer training, it is clear that Cougar Battalion members are living by this mission statement and doing great things. Battalion members represented their battalion and schools well during summer training and continue to do so.

Battalion News:

- 40% of seniors in the Battalion are ranked in the top 30% of the nation.

-There are approximately 350 Cadets in the Battalion.

- LTC Leblow has left Cougar Battalion as PMS (Professor of Military Science) and has been replaced by LTC Boberg, who most recently was a professor at West Point.



LTC Boberg, new PMS for Cougar Battalion

-Congratulations to the new Battalion 2nd LTs: Peterson, Smith, Carter, Kerman, Kolkena, Koplín, Larmore, Caldwell, Condie, Santana, Pack, Weidner, Ellertson and Ingraham.



2nd LTs: Pack, Weidner, Ellertson and Peterson

BYU

<http://marriottschool.byu.edu/army/>

Summer Training

Many BYU Cadets successfully completed various types of summer training this year, including LDAC, Airborne, Air Assault, and Combat Diver School. BYU had 27 Cadets complete LDAC, including many who were ranked at the top of their platoons and regiments. Several were awarded the prestigious Recondo pin, which is only awarded to those Cadets who score above 270 in the PT test, pass the land navigation test and the obstacle course; all on their first try. Five of our Cadets commissioned as 2nd LTs upon completing LDAC.



BYU opening social

Beginning the Year

BYU's first few labs this year included: equipment draw and orientation, Drill & Ceremony instruction with platoon Drill competitions, and a social with food and sports. The program has many new freshmen this year, as well as Cadets just returning from their missions. Over the summer BYU lost a Cadre member; CPT Williams who has been replaced by CPT Carlile. Both Cadet leadership and Cadre have been working hard to make sure this year is fun and exciting for everybody and are looking forward to trying some new things.

Cannon Crew

For the past few years BYU Cadets have supported the BYU football team and this year is no different. Cadets volunteer to be part of the Cannon Crew; a team whose responsibility it is to do pushups for every touchdown and fire the George Q. Cannon. The Cannon Crew is a great opportunity for Cadets to watch a football game on the field and show our support to BYU. Following the game the entire company gets together to clean the stadium.



BYU Cannon Crew at a home football game

UVU

<http://www.uvu.edu/rotc/>

Last year Task Force Wolverine had great success among their Cadets. All 11 of the Cadets that went to LDAC (Leadership Development Assessment Course) succeeded and are now looking forward to receiving a commission into the United States ARMY in the coming year. There were also three Cadets who received their gold bar when they commissioned this past May.



UVU Cadets conducting an LRC (Leaders Reaction Course) at Camp Williams

This year Utah Valley University is expected to have more Cadets commission than any previous year. It is not only the fourth year Cadets that are experiencing larger numbers, but the program at UVU is experiencing significant growth as well. While everyone is excited about the success of the ROTC program at UVU we are just as excited for the FTX (Tip of the Spear) taking place in October. Tip of the Spear is the annual Fall semester FTX which mentally and physically challenges all those involved. Each squad will complete a series of events in a friendly squad vs. squad competition. Some of the events for the competition include: proper construction of a one man rope bridge, shooting, first aid and a road march. We can already see the caliber of Cadets improving and we are very excited to see where they will take this program in the near future.



UVU Cadets at Camp Williams

SUU

<http://www.suu.edu/business/rotc/>

LDAC – This summer, SUU sent 14 cadets to LDAC who performed admirably. While the SUU Army ROTC takes pride in the accomplishments of all its Cadets, we'd like to take the time to spotlight Cadet George Allred for his outstanding performance on the LDAC APFT. Cadet Allred had the fastest time of any Cadet in the nation this year, with a 2-Mile Run completion time of 10:35. Cadet Allred is an MS IV this year, and despite being the fastest Cadet in the US (and making the rest of us feel old and slow), he plans to continue his training and join the World Class Athlete Program. Congratulations Cadet Allred, we'll be watching for you in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games!



Cadet Allred

Training- SUU Cadets have a busy schedule this semester as they train for the necessary skills to be effective army officers. On the 16th of September our Cadets learned the 6 battle drills. The following week, we put those lessons to the test as we began squad level training and tactics. Squad tactics training will continue until the 14 of October when the Cadets will learn the principles of land navigation in preparation for the FTX (Dixie Thunder). The FTX will occur on the 29th & 30th of October.



SUU Cadets conducting Battle Drill Training

DIXIE

<http://www.dixie.edu/rotc/>

The Dixie State ROTC program began almost three years ago with only six students/Cadets. This semester, we have exploded to over 50 cadets. Cadet Shuck, our Company Commander, has been instrumental in this tremendous growth which has enabled us to be a fully functioning and efficient Company.

On 10 Sept 2010, tears fell from the eyes of students, faculty, and members of the local community as they watched the thick black smoke raise from the burning symbol of this proud country we are so blessed to live in. This was no protest, but the proper ritual of disposing of our beloved colors. Dixie State College Cadets, with assistance from the Vietnam Veterans of St. George, hosted the retirement of the campus's flag, along with almost 100 more that were worn, torn, and tattered. Some of these flags had been proudly flown from WWII to the war on terrorism



DIXIE preparing the flags for a proper retirement

On a happier note, let's give a big "new LT" salute to our finest and newly commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Jesse Ingraham. 2LT Ingraham is not only the fourth officer to leave Dixie State ROTC, but the first female officer. She has been such a great leader and asset to our program, not to mention her strenuous PT sessions. Over the summer on Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington State she finished ahead of 450 other cadets during the two mile run portion of the APFT with a total time of 13 min and 12 seconds. Not only did this make her the top female amongst her cadet peers, but it was one of the fastest run times recorded this summer. 2LT Ingraham will be missed as she leaves behind the ROTC program she helped build from the ground up. Good luck Lieutenant Ingraham!!



BYU Cadets in formation



Lt. Ingraham

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