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About the newsletter

- The *Tiger Battalion Newsletter* is published quarterly, and will keep you updated on Battalion events, cadet accomplishments, and alumni information.
- We welcome your submissions! Contact the Army ROTC department at 585-475-2881 to find out how to submit an article or announcement.

From the Professor of Military Science

LTC Lynn Lubiak

As usual, the Fall quarter has flown by. Time flies when you are having fun. The Tiger Battalion has had many notable accomplishments this term.

First, the MSL 4 Chain of Command hit the ground running in late August and has performed magnificently. No signs of "LDAC-itis." They have stayed focused and motivated this entire quarter and have set the standard for the Battalion.

Next, the MSL 3s have settled into their rigorous and challenging training schedule in preparation for LDAC next summer. Each of you should strive to exceed the standard

next summer, as is the norm for the RIT Army ROTC program.

For the MSL 2s and MSL 1s, I sense that you all have now found your comfort zone with one academic term behind you. Stay motivated and concentrate on your academics. Your GPA plays a large part in accessions during your MSL 4 year.

To our newly contracted Cadets—Congratulations! Before you know it, you will be in leadership positions that will keep this Battalion exceeding the standards.

Also, many thanks for the

dedication and hard work of our champion Ranger Challenge team. **Iron Mike is home!!!**

I wish all of you a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season. Take care of yourselves and stay focused. Maintain the standards, stay motivated, study hard, and have fun. And don't forget: do the right thing, all the time, no matter what. Let's make the upcoming Winter quarter just as successful as the Fall term!

Tiger Battalion hosts Alumni Reunion

CDT Daniel Stafford

On October 11, the Tiger Battalion hosted its first annual Alumni Reunion as part of RIT's Brick City Homecoming Weekend. This event brought together current Cadets and distinguished graduates of the program for a day of food and activities sponsored by the Battalion.

The first event of the reunion was a barbeque lunch, which allowed Cadets to share their experiences in the program and alumni to share their experiences as an Army officer.

The alumni were very interested in the current state of the program, especially its growth over the years. To no

one's surprise, the alumni related that the Tiger Battalion was one of the elite ROTC units in the nation during their time, a tradition that continues today.

After lunch, the Cadets and alumni saw a one-rope bridge demonstration, led by Cadet Daniel Stafford. Along with Cadets Edward Monczynski, Andrew Goodnough, Sean Leary, Erik Aderman, James Oleksyn and Andrew Blair, the one-rope bridge team demonstrated the crossing of a 40 foot gap in under six minutes.

After the one rope-bridge demonstration, the alumni and other audience members were

allowed to test their might by attempting to cross the one rope-bridge. From the alumni, former MAJ Gary Duffey achieved the fastest crossing, with a time of 7.51 seconds.

After the one rope-bridge, LTC Lynn Lubiak presented gifts to the alumni and thanked all of them and the Cadets for making the first annual Tiger Battalion Alumni Reunion a success. She closed the reunion by encouraging everyone to attend next year's Alumni Reunion.

CDT Joshua Spath

Ranger Challenge Team wins competition

The Tiger Battalion's Ranger Challenge (RC) Team won the 2008 Second Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition. Held at Fort Devens, MA from October 18-19, the RC team defeated 19 other Army ROTC programs to claim first-place and bring home the coveted Iron Mike trophy.

Led by Captain CDT Joshua Spath, the team consisted of CDTs Connor McEvoy, Steve Metzger, David Jakubiec, Bill Sager, Andrew Kilcer, Will Braun, Jacob Van Duyne, Will Smith, Shane Hinton, James Flynn, and Jeramy Fobes.

For six days per week, for seven weeks, the RC Team trained on physical fitness, basic rifle marksmanship (BRM), weapons proficiency, hand-grenade assault, and land navigation, in preparation for the competition. The rigorous training paid off, as the RC Team upheld a tradition of winning the competition, marking the fifth time in six years that the Battalion has done so.

The Ranger Challenge Competition is conducted each year by the various brigades of the US Army Cadet Command. As part of Second Brigade, RIT



competed against Army ROTC programs from across the northeastern US, including neighboring Canisius College, SUNY Brockport, Syracuse University and Niagara University.

For the competition, each program sent their top Ranger Challenge to Fort Devens, MA for the two-day competition. The competition was composed of the following events: Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), Day and Night Land Navigation, Orienteering, Weapons Proficiency (disassembly and assembly of the M16 rifle), BRM, Obstacle Course, Hand-

Grenade Assault Course, and Mystery Event. All of the events were held on the first day, except for the APFT, which was held on the second day.

At the end of the first, exhausting day, RIT was in second place overall, with three second-place finishes (Mystery Event, Obstacle Course, Night Land Navigation), two third-place finishes (BRM, Day Land Navigation), one fourth-place finish (Weapons Proficiency), one seventh-place finish (Hand-Grenade Assault Course), and one ninth-place finish (Orienteering).

On the second day, the RC Team mounted an impressive display of physical fitness by achieving an average score of 344 on the APFT. This score earned a first-place finish, and pushed RIT into first-place overall.

Next year, RIT will compete in the Second Brigade competition at Fort Indiantown Gap, which will include some new events: One Rope-Bridge and 10 KM March. Any Cadet who is interested in trying out for the 2009 RC Team should contact CDT Spath for more information.



Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

-John F. Kennedy

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

- John Quincy Adams

Tiger Battalion holds Fall FTX

CDT Charles Ackley

One-hundred Cadets participated in the Tiger Battalion's Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX). Held at Fort Indiantown Gap in PA, from October 3-5, the FTX consisted of intense military tactics training.

On Day 1, the MSL 1 and MSL 2 Cadets visited the FIG Simulation Center, where they trained on M1114 Armored Humvees, M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, and M1A1 Abrams



Tank simulators. While the MSL 1s and 2s were there, the MSL 3s were training on land navigation while the MSL 4s supervised. After a hot meal and set-up of the assembly area (AA), all the Cadets moved out to train on the night land navigation course. Afterwards, it was back to the AA for rest before the start of Day 2.

For Day 2 training, Cadets separated into squads for Situational Training Exercises (STX). With 8-12 Cadets per squad, and led by an MSL 3, each squad faced a battlefield scenario that tested their ability to employ military tactics, such as assault a bunker.

Day 3 was the highlight of the FTX. It began with an ob-



stacle course that tested everyone's physical fitness. After the obstacle course, MSL 1s, 2s, and 3s departed FIG for RIT aboard a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. Lasting almost 90 minutes, the ride was a thrilling experience for each Cadet.

The Battalion's next FTX is scheduled for April 2-5, 2009, at Ithaca, NY, with Cornell University and Syracuse University.

MSL 4s reflect on LDAC

CDT Justin Baum

After three years of preparation, including the rigorous and challenging MSL 3 year, the Tiger Battalion's MSL 4s achieved distinguished results in the 2008 Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC), also known as Warrior Forge.

Located in Fort Lewis, WA, and lasting 32 days, LDAC assessed each Cadet's leadership ability and tactical proficiency.

MSL 4s spent countless hours last year training on Situational Training Exercises (STX), land navigation, Operations Orders (OPORDs), rifle marksmanship, and physical fitness, to prepare for the challenges of LDAC. Culminating with six day-per-week training during Spring 2008, the MSL 4s were fully-prepared to excel at LDAC, which they did.

Fourteen Cadets from the Battalion went to LDAC. Of those 14, ten earned an overall

"E" or "excellent," rating for LDAC, as outlined in the sixteen dimension-based Leadership Development Program. An overall "E" rating for LDAC requires a minimum of three overall "E" ratings from six different leadership positions, in conjunction with eight dimensional "Es."

On the Army Physical Fitness Test, the Cadets scored an average of 282, and for Basic Rifle Marksmanship, the Cadets scored an average of 30 hits on 40 possible targets.

The Cadets' average on the written land navigation test was 19 out of 20, with an overall score of 95 out of 100 on the land navigation course. Nine Cadets found all the day land navigation points, and eight Cadets found all the night land navigation points.

Additionally, all fourteen Cadets earned first-time "GOs" in Combat Water Survival Training, the Hand Grenade

Assault Course, the Individual Tactical Training Course, and the First Aid course.

In comparison to other Army ROTC programs in Second Brigade, the Battalion exceeded the average for the Brigade and for the US Army Cadet Command, reaffirming its reputation for distinguished success.

These remarkable statistics came only as a result of the dedication of the previous MSL 4s and the time and advice they gave. Combined with the commitment and assistance of the Battalion cadre, success at LDAC was inevitable. Now, the MSL 4s are set to bring their knowledge and experience to the current MSL 3s, and teach, assess, and coach them to exceptional outcomes as well.

This devotion is what makes the Tiger Battalion one of the best in Cadet Command.

The leaders who work most effectively, it seems to me, never say "I." And that's not because they have trained themselves not to say "I." They don't think "I." They think "we;" they think "team." They understand their job to be to make the team function. They accept responsibility and don't sidestep it, but "we" gets the credit. This is what creates trust, what enables you to get the task done.

-Peter F. Drucker

Announcements



Samantha Jo Lalka and Cadet Scott James Featherman, both from Rochester, NY, were married on August 9, 2008. The wedding was on a beautiful summer morning at Sonnenberg Gardens, Canandaigua, conducted by Pastor Dan Cymbal of Ridgeland Community Church.

The Tiger Battalion is pleased to welcome CPT Monique Barnhart as the new Recruiting Operations Officer (ROO). As the ROO, she is responsible for recruiting and marketing for the ROTC program. CPT Barnhart is a Military Police officer in the

NY Army National Guard, where she commands the 222nd Military Police. Prior to the National Guard, she was a US Coast Guard officer, serving 4 years in Alaska, Michigan, and Washington.

The Tiger Battalion held its Fall Awards Ceremony on November 7. Awards were presented, as follows:

Cadet of the Quarter:

CDT Will Braun

Best Platoon:

Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon

Drill and Ceremony Streamer:

Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon

GPA Streamer:

Bravo Company

Physical Fitness Streamer:

Bravo Company

Dean's List Award:

For academic GPA of 3.50-4.00

Cadet Honors Award:

For academic GPA of 3.20-3.49

Cadet Scholar Award:

For academic GPA of 2.90-3.19

ROTC Honors Award:

For ROTC GPA of 4.00

Platinum PT Award:

For APFT score of 300

Gold PT Award:

For APFT score of 290-299

Silver PT Award:

For APFT score of 280-289

Bronze PT Award:

For APFT score of 270-279

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Upcoming Events:

Commissioning Ceremony
December 4, 10:00AM
Building 70, Room 1400

Commissioning Ceremony
February 27, TBD
Location TBD

Dining Out
April 19, 2009, 5:00PM
RIT Inn & Conference Center

*Example is not
the main thing
influencing others,
it is the only thing.*

**-Albert
Schweitzer**

*Leadership is a
combination of
strategy and
character. If you
must be without
one, be without the
strategy.*

**-H. Norman
Schwarzkopf**

2LT David SaNogueira

A former Tiger Battalion Cadet, 1LT Mohsin Naqvi was killed in action on September 17, in eastern Afghanistan. An improvised explosive device destroyed his vehicle, killing five men inside. 1LT Naqvi had deployed to Afghanistan in July, and was training Afghan National Police forces.

1LT Naqvi was an assertive, intelligent, and innovative leader. Academically, he had earned the respect of his peers and professors as a computer science major at SUNY-Geneseo.

He also spoke from immense experience, having immigrated to the United States as a child, gained citizenship, faced religious adversity, and fought in the initial inva-



sion of Iraq. His views were not always popular, but they were always well-founded and respected, and best of all, they incited spirited discussion on numerous topics.

Intelligence is more than just academics and experiences though. As a Cadet, 1LT Naqvi excelled in many ways, quickly emerging as a leader in his class. He came to RIT as a loud, humorous enlisted Soldier, and left as a loud, humorous Second Lieutenant. Assistant Professor of Military Science MAJ Donald Powell remembered saying that "we have to get the 'Joe' out of him," but realized that changing him would be impossible. 1LT Naqvi's character and personality were just too strong.

As a young Cadet, I witnessed the MSL 4s attempt to "reign Naqvi in" and transform him into a perfect Cadet. However, as time went by, the MSL 4s, and even

cadre, realized that the "Joe" in 1LT Naqvi made him a good classmate, a good Cadet, and a good leader.

1LT Jim Caggy, another former Tiger Battalion Cadet said, "I've had many battle buddies throughout the years and Naqvi is one of the few that I am proud to have known and I would have been proud to serve with in combat."

The Tiger Battalion is planning a memorial in his honor.



In Memoriam

Fall Flashback

The most dangerous leadership myth is that leaders are born — that there is a genetic factor to leadership. This myth asserts that people simply either have certain charismatic qualities or not. That's nonsense; in fact, the opposite is true. Leaders are made rather than born.

-Warren G. Bennis



*You gain strength,
courage and
confidence by
every experience
in which you really
stop to look fear
in the face.
You must do the
thing you think
you cannot do.*

**-Eleanor
Roosevelt**

*Always do more
than is required of
you.*

**-George S.
Patton**

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MSL I

Agoglia, John	Bronze PT
Agostinelli, Quinton	Silver PT
Buoni, Jason	Bronze PT
Carr, Zachary	Bronze PT
Casey, Edward	Bronze PT
Cummings, Chris	Gold PT
Doprfeld, Jacob	Silver PT
Fobes, Jeremy	Gold PT
George, Thomas	Bronze PT
Hopkins, Justin	Bronze PT
Horey, Robert	Bronze PT
Huddle, Jeffrey	Silver PT
Humbert, James	Silver PT
Izyk, Austin	Silver PT
Jackling, Kyle	Gold PT
Scofield, Ian	Gold PT
Wolfe, Michael	Silver PT

MSL II

Aderman, Erik	Cadet Scholar, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Blair, Andrew	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Braun, William	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Cocchini, Michael	ROTC Honors
Conklin, Aaron	ROTC Honors, Silver PT
Dill, Stephen	Cadet Scholar, ROTC Honors
Erskine, Nicole	ROTC Honors, Gold PT
Flynn, James	ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Hinton, Shane	ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Holmes, Erik	ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Hugues-Simmons, Peter	ROTC Honors
Hutton Justin	ROTC Honors
Kanerva, Carl	ROTC Honors, Bronze PT
Kessler, Thomas	Cadet Honors, ROTC Honors, Gold PT
Lahna, Chelsea	ROTC Honors
McCall, Dwain	Cadet Honors, ROTC Honors, Silver PT
Minor, Kathleen	ROTC Honors, Bronze PT
Oleksyn, James	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Pomes, Joseph	ROTC Honors
Proctor, Vincent	Dean's List, ROTC Honors
Schuster, Chris	ROTC Honors, Gold
Smith, William	ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Van Duynes, Jacob	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT

MSL III

Armstrong, Andrew	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Silver PT
Bowen, Timothy	Gold PT
Chong, Seunghee	Dean's List, Gold PT
Coulter, Andrew	ROTC Honors, Gold PT

Dixson, Katherine	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Flaro, Danielle	ROTC Honors, Gold PT
Fritz, Edison	Silver PT
Goodnough, Andrew	Cadet Scholar, Platinum PT
Hanczyk, Michael	ROTC Honors
Jakubiec, David	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Kellsmurphy, Chester	Bronze PT
Kilcer, Andrew	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Kufel, Eric	Cadet Scholar, ROTC Honors, Silver PT
Leary, Sean	ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Lilly, Brian	Dean's List, Bronze PT
Mehmel, Thomas	Cadet Honors, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Monczynski, Edward	ROTC Honors, Silver PT
Muller, Vianna	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Gold PT
Prugger, Annmarie	Dean's List, ROTC Honors
Roney, Richard	Platinum PT
Sager, William	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Simpson, David	Cadet Scholar, Bronze PT
Spath, Joshua	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Stafford, Daniel	Cadet Scholar, ROTC Honors, Silver PT

MSL IV

Ackley, Charles	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Gold PT
Baum, Justin	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Gold PT
Fantauzzi, Michael	ROTC Honors
Featherman, Scott	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Bronze PT
Hamilton, Ryan	Cadet Honors, ROTC Honors, Bronze PT
Haupt, Benjamin	Cadet Honors, ROTC Honors, Gold PT
Inscho, Michael	Cadet Scholar, ROTC Honors, Gold PT
McEvoy, Connor	ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Metzger, Steven	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Palmiotti, Brian	Cadet Honors, ROTC Honors, Bronze PT
Rehbaum, Nicholas	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT
Uhrich, Daniel	Cadet Scholar, Silver PT
Webster, Charles	Dean's List, ROTC Honors, Platinum PT