



BISON PRIDE

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~ COMMANDER'S CORNER



Upfront, I would like to personally thank MG (Ret) Gaskill for his great mentorship and unwavering support of the program. As well, I would like to commend and congratulate each Bison Alumni for reestablishing communications and reconnecting with the ROTC program. Your efforts will go a long way in helping us revitalize and grow the Bison Battalion for the long term. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback from the newsletter...from ROTC Alumni like Colonels Sharon Gresham and Norvell Coots. Their comments, feedback and efforts have already made an impact on the program and will pay major dividends down the road. Since starting the newsletter, we have had several Alumni stop by the battalion; like Colonel (Ret) Ernest E. Wood, AKA "The KOOL Killer". Colonel Woods' received his degree and commission from Howard University in 1969. He later received a Silver Star for his bravery and gallant actions against the North Vietnamese Army (NVA). In our efforts to continuously improve the program; I would also like to challenge all Alumni to encourage and motivate our young people to be better citizens and to recruit potential good prospects to consider becoming a ROTC cadet and future officer. Finally, the initial response and outpouring support for this year's spring ball has been tremendous! LTG Lloyd J. Austin III, Commanding General XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, has accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker. Bottom line, we are looking forward to seeing each of you at the ball on Saturday, 3 March; it is not too late to make your reservation or sponsor a guest of one of our cadets.



It's February, Bison Battalion, and now it's time to get motivated! We are picking up the speed and quickly approaching a very busy time of the year. The intensity of PT has increased, several FTXs are in the works, and there will be numerous other activities designed to prepare us for our journeys ahead. Now is not the time to be relaxed! First semester was a time to learn, and the second semester is the time to practice. Let's forget about ourselves and embody the spirit of teamwork and selfless service. Give this program 100% and it will do the same for you. Bison Battalion, LET'S GET MOTIVATED!!!!

Upcoming events :

- Staff Ride
- Bison Fund Raiser
- FTX-Ft. AP Hill

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~ BISON HEADLINERS

◆ Congratulations BG Michael T. Harrison on his recent promotion. His wife Alissa and son Michael Jr. pin the stars of Brigadier General at his recent ceremony in Fort Belvoir, VA.



◆ Congratulations to Cadet MS 2 Johnson. Always exceeding the APFT standards. 316 points on the extended scale.

◆ Congratulations Cadet MS 3 Hunt who was not far behind a perfect score with 286 points

◆ Congratulations to the following individuals on their Academic Achievement. They are on Dean's List for the College of Arts and Sciences.

-C/LTC LuRonnda Lane, C/CSM Paris Chavis, C/CPT Monica Jefferson, and CDT Roy Montgomery

◆ Congratulations to LTC Davette Murray, MS, on her promotion to Colonel.

~ SPRING BALL UPDATE-March 3, 2007

We are well under way in the planning phase of the 2007 Spring Ball. In case you did not get the update via email, LTG Lloyd J. Austin III, the Commanding General XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg has accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker. Cadets are working hard forming committees to ensure a successful and memorable event for all. We've got folks flying in from all over the United States just for the event. Could be the next best thing to Homecoming. We are all very excited to get the opportunity to meet everyone. Those who regretfully decline due to deployments, thanks for your monetary support. Be safe as you will be in our prayers. As a reminder, if you are planning to attend, please return the RSVP by 19 Feb 07. If you received an invite and RSVP via email, there is a correction on the cost. It is \$65.00 and not \$70.00. Sponsorship donations can be made payable to Howard University Army ROTC. For more information on this event email zgraves@howard.edu.

.....Every day you make progress.
Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb.

-Sir Winston Churchill-



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~ "HIT THE BOOKS" - mentoring at the next level

You really have to hand it to the Seniors. Just when you thought you have the Good Idea Fairy figured out and under control, here comes the Bison Seniors. They have taken mentorship to the next level with a program called "Hit the Books". The seniors have decided not to wait to be asked for help but instead are going out as an outreach group. This is a tutoring program exclusively for their junior Army Cadets to promote after school activities. They understand that being a Cadet and a student is demanding, stressful and frustrating. Especially for the freshmen, who are away from home managing their own schedule for the first time. The program meets on Tuesday and Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm. Their goal is to develop good study habits and teach time management skills for the younger Cadets to improve GPAs. This program will also encourage team building and allow the mentors to have more visibility over the academics of their juniors. Best of luck Bisons!

~ BISON IN ACTION



CDT Cobb scored 93 points for 66 push-ups



MAJ Lezlie Shackell gives an overview on CPDT and CTLT



Undivided attention as the PMS reiterated his expectations to the Corps of Cadets



C/LTC Lane observes the first APFT of the Spring Semester



MS1 Cadets Montgomery and Jenkins listens diligently during a brief



Potential Cadet Tucker receives final instructions for the PU event



TOP: Cadets Harrison and Cobb
BOTTOM: MS 1 Cadet Harrison finishes the 2 mile run

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do..

-Eleanor Roosevelt



~ Hugs from Home, Inc. - by C/CPT Stephanie Goggans S-5

Sending a handwritten letter to our deployed forces is one of the easiest ways to show your support. Hugs From Home, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed in 2004 designed to encourage deployed men and women as they serve our country in these trying times. Members "adopt" a soldier, write and send care packages, many weekly. The letters symbolize more than a word from home. Serving in the hostile environment overseas, these letters give a reality to the freedom that they fight for everyday. Go to hugsfromhome.org to find other ways to support our troops.



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~PRESS RELEASE-Kabul Afghanistan-#070111-01

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jan. 11, 2007 Michael T. Harrison Sr. promoted to Brigadier General

KABUL, Afghanistan — Michael T. Harrison Sr., Deputy Commanding General (Programs), Combined Security Transition Command -Afghanistan was (CSTC-A) recently promoted to the rank of brigadier general. He assumed his present duties April 2, 2006.

Harrison's primary role while deployed in support of the Global War on Terror and Operation Enduring Freedom is supervision of (CSTC-A's) Defense Reform Directorate, providing oversight for the manning, training and equipping of the Afghan National Army. He works directly with the senior officials of the Afghan Ministry of Defense to include the Minister of Defense, 1st Deputy Minister, the Chief and Vice Chief of the General Staff, and other leaders and Soldiers throughout the Afghan National Army.

The general works in partnership with the International Security Assistance Command (ISAF) and greater International Community to foster an active and mutually beneficial relationship between the Afghan National Security Forces and Coalition forces.

Harrison, a native of Surry, Va., and 1976 graduate of Surry High School, entered the United States Army in May 1980. His operational assignments include service as commander and staff officer with air assault, light infantry and training units in the United States and overseas. He most recently commanded the Victory Brigade at Fort Jackson, S.C.

A graduate of Howard University, Washington, D.C. with a Bachelor of Arts in English. he also holds a Master of Science in General Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

He is the son of Mrs. Catherine H. Harrison and Melvin G. Harrison (deceased) of Spring Grove, Va. Harrison is married to the former Alissa Earls of New Britain, Ct. They have three children; Michael, Jr., Mitchell and Jesse.

~CPT (RET) KOLETTE RENE TRAWICK- In Memory of...



Born June 30 1967, in Fort Lauderdale, Kolette Trawick was an athletic child who enjoyed skiing, track and field, roller skating, camping, cheerleading softball, ballet and gymnastics. She graduated Howard University in 1990 and was commissioned a 2LT and was branched Military Police. Unfortunately, she contracted a very rare kidney disorder that essentially ended her military career. After receiving her second and final kidney transplant, CPT Trawick passed on December 13, 2006. She was 39 years old. CPT Trawick was a decorated officer with an impeccable track record and deployments. Those included Panama, Guantanamo Bay Cuba, and hurricane Andrew Recovery in Florida. She commanded the 705th Military Police Battalion at the US Disciplinary Barracks in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. She was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), the Army Achievement Medal (2nd award) the National Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

CPT Kollette Trawick is survived by her mother, Marion Hones Trawick, her father LTC (Ret) John Trawick and her two sisters Dione Yvette and Nickole. On prayers are with you and our condolences to the Trawick family. God Bless.

JUNE 30 1967 TO DECEMBER 13 2006

~ALUMNI CORNER-Continuous Excellence-COL Norvell V. Coots



Greetings fellow Bison ROTC Alumni. It has been 27 years since commissioning, stepping on the yard at noon on Fridays with my Alpha brothers, and running around campus in my black beret and green ROTC Ranger tab. Ah, those were the days. And since those days, my life has taken a circuitous path through the reserves, then active duty as a Medical Service Corps officer, to the ARNG in Oklahoma where I completed my medical school education, and then back onto active duty where I've been ever since.

I currently serve as the Commander of the USAMEDDAC-West Point, a Brigade equivalent command, and am dual hatted as the 54th Surgeon of the United States Military Academy. This is particularly exciting as some of you "old heads" may remember that I came to Howard after leaving West Point at the end of my Plebe year. Funny how life often goes full circle! The MEDDAC consists of Keller Army Community Hospital and the Mologne Cadet Health Clinic, both at West Point, three remote Occupational Health Clinics in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, and the Ainsworth Health Clinic at Ft. Hamilton in New York City. Thanks to BRAC, this summer I will also gain the Patterson Army Health Clinic at Ft. Monmouth, and the Walson Army Medical Element and Occupational Health Clinic at Ft. Dix, both of which are battalion equivalent subordinate commands.

The years in the Army have been interesting. I have served in Korea for 2 years and in Germany for a total of 7 years (Wuerzburg and Heidelberg). I have been deployed to Honduras, Macedonia, and Kosovo. I have been a clinical dermatologist, the Deputy V Corps Surgeon, and a hospital deputy commander. I have been blessed with a total of 6 commands of varying sizes, and have even served at the Pentagon on the Surgeon General's staff. I am married and, believe it or not, have my very first child due this coming May!! I have no plans of retiring any time soon as I am still having far too much fun as an Army Doctor. Go Bisons!



TOP: MS IV provides feedback
BOTTOM: MS 1 Cadets Montgomery, Jenkins, Morgan and King takes the front row