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Upcoming events :

- April 27, 2007 Spring Awards Ceremony 11:00am

~COMMANDER'S CORNER



Upfront and foremost, on behalf of my entire family; Pauline and I would like to thank you for the outpouring of love and unwavering support shown and given to us during our time of bereavement. Your unconditional love and support, deeds of kindness, words of comfort, prayers, cards, and flowers will always be remembered and never forgotten. As one could expect, it has been a very difficult time for the entire family; however God has given me the strength and courage to be "STRONG" for my family and loved ones during this time of loss. I have asked God to grant me the peace and serenity to accept the thing I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as he did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever in the next. Pauline and our entire family know that we must trust in the Lord God with all of our hearts and lean not on our own understanding; but in all our ways acknowledge him, and he will direct our paths (*Proverbs 3, 5-6*). Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers!

On a much happier note, Pauline and I would like to announce the birth of our second grandchild Brooks Landis Williams Jr. He was born on 15 March 2007 at Mary Washington Hospital, and weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces. The proud parents are very happy and their son and our grandson are doing great!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who contributed to making this year's Bison Military Ball a first-class event and special evening for all those that could attend. As well, I would like to thank our sponsors, alumnus and everyone who contributed to making this year's Ball possible.



Bison Battalion, it is now crunch time! The end of the semester brings about last assignments and final exams. Be prepared! 2007 graduates, make sure that all requirements are fulfilled. No surprises! LDAC attendees, if you are weak in any area, do not wait until it is too late to fix it! Don't get into the mindset of what you need to pass, get into the mindset of what you need to be the best of the best. LTC and CTLT attendees, prepare yourself for good training that will advance you pass your peers. Airborne School attendees, train yourself mentally and physically to jump out of a perfectly good airplane. Cadets, wherever you're going and whatever you're doing, now is the last call for preparation!

~BISON HEADLINERS

- ◆ Congratulations CDT MS I Roy Montgomery. He was a ROCKS Inc. Freshmen Scholarship winner that was recognized at the ROCKS Inc. Gala on 24 March 2007.
- ◆ Congratulations to CDT MS III Royce Branch II. He was the RC Cartwright Scholarship winner presented at the ROCKS Inc. Gala on 24 March 2007.
- ◆ Bison Battalion welcomes our new Training NCO, SFC Kenneth Norris and his family to the team. SFC Norris arrived here from the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas
- ◆ Bison Battalion welcomes our new Logistics Tech, Mr. El Hajj Salaam and his family to the team. Mr. Salaam joins us from Atlanta, Georgia
- ◆ Congratulations to LTC Bobbie Williams and Pauline Williams on the birth of their new grandson, Brooks Landis Williams Jr. Born March 15, 2007.



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...They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself....

-Andy Warhol-



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~BISON IN ACTION~

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..avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position falls, your ego goes with it..



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PHYSICALLY FIT
CADET



GEN (RET) COLIN POWELL WAS AMONG
THE HONORED GUESTS AT CONVOCATION



TOP: HU 2007 CONVOCATION
BOTTOM: CDT MS I MORGAN ASSISTS IN
PREPARING THE COLORS FOR DISPLAY



CDTs GOGGANS AND MCKEE AT PRINCE,
LAS VEGAS DURING SPRING BREAK 07



CADET MS I HARRISON SQUEEZES IN
ANOTHER SIT UP
DURING THE APFT

~SPRING BREAK 2007-Bisons on the loose

Bison Cadets did a little of everything for Spring Break 2007. Some went home, some spent time in FI, and some were in Las Vegas. But there were those that chose an alternative spring break. Cadets Montgomery and Johnson spent their spring break in Louisiana helping out in the recovery from hurricane Katrina.

Cadets Goggans and McKee spent their Spring Break in sunny Las Vegas, Nevada. Besides enjoying the warm weather and time off from school, they had fun walking the Las Vegas Strip and shopping in the area's many stores. Some of the hotels and resorts they visited included The Bellagio, The Wynn, Caesar's Palace, The Riviera, The Fremont Strip, and others. The Rio Hotel features Club Voodoo, an open air bar on the 51st floor. They also got the chance to see *Purple Reign*, a Prince impersonator show with a funky live band.





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~GW CHAPTER 2101 AUSA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Bison Battalion Cadets conducted a membership drive to the George Washington Chapter of AUSA. An organization is as strong as its members, therefore, Bison Battalion Cadets wanted to be a part of a team that not only supports us but supports those that serves by joining. Bison Battalion is also applying to become an ROTC Company under the GW Chapter.

AUSA is a private, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to maintaining a strong national security with special interest in all components of the Army. The basic purpose of establishing AUSA was to provide an organization that could speak with one voice for the entire Army and civilians interested in the Army and national defense.

The George Washington Chapter officially petitioned the AUSA Council of Trustees on October 24, 1967 to become a chapter in the Washington, D.C. area to include the boundaries of the Military District of Washington. The membership is comprised of Active duty soldiers, Reservists, National Guard, ROTC cadets at the Georgetown and Howard Universities, Retirees, Department of the Army civilians, and Industry partners. The chapter was cited as "The Best Overall Chapter" twice times in the past several years. It has also received many prestigious AUSA, Army Awards and Streamers over the years; "Best Newspaper", "Army Ten Miler", "Take the Hill", "Merit and Chapter of Excellence". It continues to be the Flagship chapter in the National Capitol Region focused on serving the Country and the Army.

The Chapter President, Mr. Ed Dauksz and the Chapter Board has always been there for the Bisons, and we can't thank you enough for their contributions.

Joining or switching is easy. Visit them at <http://www.gwcausa.org/index.htm> and be a part of the team.

~ALUMNI CORNER- 1LT Tyreese Brown, Class of 2005

Greetings Fellow Bison,



I am 1LT Tyreese Brown, c/o 2005. I'm writing to you all from the sands of Iraq. Myself and my platoon are currently the only Chemical unit in Baghdad supporting OIF 06-08. We are attached to the 1st Calvary Division which is based out of Fort Hood, Texas.



I write in an effort to give you cadets the motivation and inspiration that you may need when planning to join the Army as a leader. Some of you may remember me as CDT Brown, the strong willed, rebellious, funny, and at times stubborn cadet in the Bison Battalion. Some may remember me not taking full advantage of everything ROTC had to offer. As a freshman and sophomore in ROTC I didn't understand the commitment that I was making to the Army. It wasn't until I became an MS3, at the start of OIF I, that it struck me as to how serious I needed to become in order to be successful and lead soldiers. My last two years as a cadet I held the position of the 1SG and then later became the battalion S-3.; but it wasn't until I was introduced to my platoon, that I realized that soldiers relied on me to lead them into combat...FOR REAL!

..we succeed only as we identify in life, or in war, or in anything else, a single overriding objective, and make all other considerations bend to that one objective...

-Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Entering the Army as a Second Lieutenant, you are expected to be a leader. Though, you may not know everything about the Army, just wearing the gold bar catapults you to a higher standard than those that you lead. You are expected to be a gentleman or lady, an officer, and a professional at all times. This is a lesson that I learned very quickly when entering the military. So to all of you seniors headed to BOLC, OBC, and your first duty stations; my advice to you is this:

Stay Focused! As a second lieutenant, just graduating college, you have already surpassed the peers that walked across the stage with you. Most of your friends will be interviewing and looking for jobs, while you already have a career waiting for you. The military has many distractions that can tear you away from the career progression you seek, but soldiers rely on you to always be focused on the bigger picture or mission. Always remember "Mission first, people always!"

Stay Mentally and Physically Fit! As a platoon leader you are always in the spotlight. You have to lead the way when it comes to being tactically and physically fit. Know your job inside and out. While in OBC, learn as much as you can about the branch you are entering. You will be the expert, but you won't know everything. Be open to learn from your platoon sergeant and all of your NCOs in order to help perfect your craft. When it comes to being physically fit, always push yourself to higher limits. Your soldiers want to see you out front motivating and leading them. They want to know that you are just as fit as they are, and they'll test you to find out. So I charge you to always lead by example.

Lastly, LIVE the Seven Army Values! The Army has charged you with being an example to soldiers, so be just that. Each value depicts all the basic principles a soldier should have. All of your soldiers will be wearing these around their necks attached to dog tags, and you should do the same. But don't just wear them; apply each of them to your every day lives. These values are the foundation for any "good" officer, but knowing how to encompass them into your life will make you a "great" officer. Cherish them with all you have, and never let any of them be compromised.

Howard University Army ROTC is one of the best programs I could have entered. Being a part of this program help to lay the foundation of my professional career as an Army Officer. I say to all of you reading these words, take advantage of the knowledgeable cadre you have. They know what lies ahead of you. Pick their brains about anything you may want to know concerning the military. Learn as much as you can, and take this commitment very seriously. We are a country at war, and remember you have a platoon of soldiers waiting on you to take them there and back. Peace, blessings, and good luck to all of you.



TOP: CDT BRANCH PREPS THE GRILL
BOTTOM: SNACK TIME AT FORT AP HILL

1LT Tyreese Brown-181st Chemical Company-Camp Liberty, Iraq-Platoon Leader