



BISON PRIDE

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~COMMANDER'S CORNER

Upcoming events :

- 6-8 OCT AUSA Convention
- 11-12 OCT-Joint FTX
- 16-OCT-JROTC Day
- 17-OCT-Alumni Luncheon
- 18-OCT-Homecoming Game and Parade

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Upfront, I would like to personally commend our new Cadet Leadership for facilitating the successful integration and assimilation of our new Cadets! Your leadership by example has paid major dividends early in the semester. I would also like to congratulate and commend our new Cadets for embracing the command leadership and philosophy.

Secondly, I would like to thank the entire Cadet Corps for your tireless and unwavering support you have given to the Commander's Leadership Outreach program. Your support to the George Washington Chapter of AUSA, ROCKS 5-Miler, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Howard University 141st Convocation were all executed in a first class manner! You continue to demonstrate

the true meaning of selfless service and the spirit of volunteerism!

Finally, just a friendly reminder; we have several key events taking place in the month of October to include: Annual AUSA Convention, Army Ten Miler, 15th Annual JROTC Day, Army ROTC 90th Anniversary Celebration, Howard's Homecoming Parade and Game and 3rd Brigade Annual Ranger Challenge Competition. We hope to see you at some of these important events! Leadership and Pride!

LTC Bobbie L. Williams Sr.



Greetings to my fearless Bison,

Leadership and Pride! As I glance over our first month of this academic school year, I can't help but hear these words resounding in my ears. LTC Williams always stated that he is the business of recruiting, retaining, matriculating, training and commissioning some of the finest officers that this Army will ever see. But amongst all of this he wants to develop leaders who are competent and confident in their abilities. Within this short time-frame, LTC Williams and I have seen our visions begin to unfold through the efforts that you all have put forth.

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the ROCKS 5 Miler Team for the greatest success that this Battalion has ever seen. On 13 Sep 08, the men's team walked away with the Bronze Medal; yet, the fairy tale ending came true when the women's team took home the GOLD. It takes a disciplined individual to run 5 miles, yet you all have proven that despite the odds that were against you, you had Pride in Howard University, your Battalion and most importantly yourself. For this I would like to say job well done.

Secondly, I would like to thank my staff for understanding my vision and doing whatever is required to make this vision become a reality. With the recent implementation of Mentorship and Leadership Outreach Program, Cadet Tutoring Program, as well as the Bison Fitness Plan, I am sure that my goals of scholastic and athletic success will soon become a reality.

Holistically, I am extremely proud of the direction to which this program has progressed. As I stated in the beginning of the year, my goal is for the nation to see what you all are capable of; and as this academic year progresses, I charge you all to stay focused, motivated and dedicated, because as my parents always state: THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

~LEADERSHIP AND PRIDE! C/LTC George Johnson III

~BISON HEADLINERS

- ◆ Bison Battalion will host the 1st Annual Alumni Luncheon on 17 OCT 2008 in the Department area. Sponsorship will be accepted and appreciated.
- ◆ Congratulations to Cadets L. King, R. Montgomery, J. Thomas for making the 2007/2008 College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List
- ◆ Congratulations to Cadets S. Brown, A. Hicks, C. Harrison, L. King, R. Montgomery, J. Thomas, and M. Tumberello for being accepted in to the National Society of Scabbard and Blade
- ◆ Congratulations to Cadets L. King and R. Montgomery for being accepted into the Golden Key International Honor Society
- ◆ Congratulations to Cadet C. Harrison on the publication of his work "Factors that Contribute to the Under- Diagnosis of MTBI in Returning Soldiers"

..Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success.....

~ Dale Carnegie



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~BISON IN ACTION

More Bison in action Photos in our album at <http://www.coas.howard.edu/departments/#army>



Army ROTC Cadets represented at the 141st Howard University Convocation



Bison Color Guard Team at the GW Chapter Luncheon

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

~Sir Winston Churchill



Cadet Torres accepts an individual trophy at the Rocks 5-miler



Bison women's Team takes 1st Place at the Rocks Inc. 5 miler



2008 Cadet Social



Bison Color Guards at the Paralyzed Veterans of America Banquet



TOP:

Cadets pose with David Oliver the 2008 Olympic Medalist

BOTTOM:

C/2LT Hopewell were among guests at the Paralyzed Veteran Banquet



Bison Color Guard Standing Tall at the 2008 Convocation



Members of the ROTC Company 220193 5-miler and support team



2008 Howard University 141st Convocation hosted by President Sidney A. Ribeau



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~ROCKS Five Miler - "Can't Smoke a Rock"



Twenty Seven of Howard's ROTC cadets participated in this past Saturdays "The Rocks" 5 mile run. Seventeen of those were runners and ten were volunteers. The Rocks INC is a non profit organization comprised of active duty, reservist, current and former commissioned officers of the United States armed services which serve to provide professional and social interaction within the officer corps and has been in existence for thirty four years. The Rocks run consisted of a five mile running course, along with a two mile walking path located at Burke Lake Park, Fairfax Station Va. Participants in this event were Morgan State University, Georgetown University, Bowie State University, Howard University, Norfolk State University, Hampton University, George Mason University; several commissioned officers as well as former officers and volunteers.

The event took place Saturday, September 13th 2008 from 0830 to 1130 in Burke Lake Park. This event is aimed at promoting interaction between ROTC cadets, current commissioned officers, as well as former commissioned officers. Howard University was very well represented; the ROTC females won the first place team trophy, Whitney Greer who ran 42:38 placed 2nd in the categories of female 19 and under, and 1st place female Cadet, Luz Torres who ran 43:45 placed 3rd in the female 20-29 age group, and 2nd place female Cadet; Petitecha Beckford who ran 45:56 who placed 3rd in the ROTC female Cadet category. Howard's Males placed 3rd overall with George Johnson III who ran 33:14 and won 2nd place male 20-29, as well as 3rd place male Cadet, along with Shaquille Turner running 35:34 and winning 3rd place male 19 and under.

~ALUMNI CORNER-COL (R) Leo E. Rouse, D.D.S., F.A.C.D.



Greetings fellow Bison ROTC Alumni and distinguished members of the Bison Battalion. I am privileged and humbled to greet you as a Howard University Reserve Officer's Training Corps Alumnus from the Commissioning and Graduating Class of June 6, 1969. Thirty-Nine years ago, a humbled young man was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant by MG Frederick Davidson into the Medical Service Corps. My ROTC experience set me on a pathway of humility, integrity, professionalism, leadership, academe and management. My success as a Distinguished Military Graduate led me to the Howard University College of Dentistry in 1969 and subsequent graduation in 1973 followed by a distinguished career of twenty-four years as an Army Dental Officer. I retired from Active Duty in July of 1997 and returned to Alma Mater as an Associate Dean followed

by my appointment to Dean of the College of Dentistry on April 27, 2004 by the Howard University Board of Trustees and President Emeritus H.P. Swygert.

The previous paragraph provided the synopsis of my journey from Alma Mater to the U.S. Army Medical Department and back to Alma Mater but that success is attributed totally to the outstanding cadre led by our Professor of Military Science, Colonel [Ret] Dewitt Cook and my nurturing as a young cadet. What a journey - leadership development, summer camp at 'The Gap' in Pennsylvania and the experience of the 60's at HU. I learned to lead as a young cadet, how to accept criticism with humility, how to stay focused and realize that team building leads to success and pride in any organization. Yes, my journey back to Alma Mater was set in motion by the great cadre of officers and NCO's of the ROTC Brigade and 39 years later I am still grateful for the opportunity to serve in the Officer Advanced ROTC program at HU.

Dental School was challenging, but I knew that I would serve in the U.S. Army upon graduation and what an experience that was with an internship, postdoctoral graduate training, Command and General Staff College, the Army War College, an opportunity to teach at the Army Medical Department Center and School and subsequent commands to include the first African American to command the U.S. Army Dental Command - a worldwide command with 4,000 officers, enlisted soldiers and DA civilians in 7 subordinate commands. I take pride in the fact that my current position as Dean of the Howard University College of Dentistry was set in motion by my outstanding years at Howard with special emphasis on the leadership development gained from my experience in the HU ROTC Brigade.

To all of the outstanding men and women in the Bison Battalion you are in the prime of your lives both spiritually, mentally and professionally in this great experience called ROTC - your future is bright and I do mean *Bison Bright*. Pursue excellence in all that you do regardless of your destination-stay focused, respect others, lead unselfishly and above all keep your faith in God and understand the concept of 'Servant Leader'.

As a grateful Alumnus, I say thank you to the present cadre of Officers and NCOs who instill in young men and women daily - Bison Pride. ARMY STRONG!



TOP: Bison Women's 5 miler
BOTTOM: LTC Bobbie Williams chats with a faculty member during the 2008 convocation



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~Community Outreach-ROTC Company starts off the year

The Howard University Army ROTC program is committed to serving the entire Army Family. In one month, Bison Cadets participated in more than four community events.

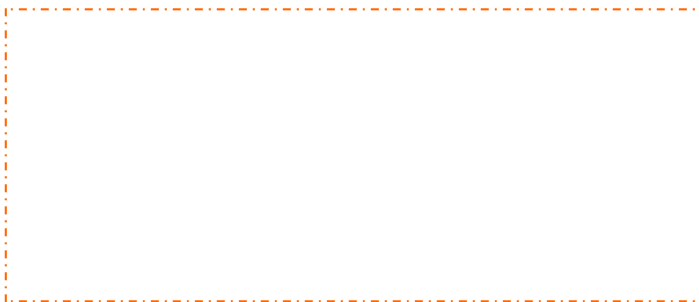


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.....I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.....

~Nelson Mandela

~LEADERSHIP OUTREACH AUSA and Scabbard and Blade

The Association of the United States Army or AUSA is a private, non-profit educational organization that supports America's Army - Active, National Guard, Reserve, Civilians, Retirees and family members. AUSA provides numerous Professional Development Opportunities at a variety of events both local and national. The Howard ROTC Company is a Subchapter of the George Washington Chapter of AUSA. The ROTC company serves the national mission by providing community service opportunities to our cadet members and by incorporating the AUSA mission into campus activities through numerous informative and helpful programs.

Howard University Army ROTC welcomes a new student organization to its student support initiative this year. The National Society of Scabbard and Blade was reactivated at Howard University by the National Commander MG (RET) Douglas Dollar. The Scabbard and Blade is a joint service honor society that unites cadets and midshipmen from all over the country in military excellence. The society strives to better these cadets and midshipmen as future officers and to strengthen the joint service relationship through service to the community and leadership opportunities. The Howard University chapter dates back to the early half of the 20th century, but was later deactivated due to membership inactivity. Membership is limited to the top 10% of the Order of Merit List.