GOLDEN TIGER BN

1 June 2011

Alumni Corner

Alumni, active, reserve component, separated, and retirees:

Hello. It is vital that we establish an ongoing relationship with you. I invite you to come and talk with Cadets and Cadre at any time. We will make time because your feedback, insights and perspectives are so important.

We will have a special presentation to the alumni during Homecoming weekend, Nov 4-6, 2011. Additionally, we hope to establish the Tiger Battalion Alumni Chapter via virtual meetings and visits by Spring 2012. Monthly, I will send out an update directly to you.

Ladies and gentlemen, we want and need your help. Outside of your valuable time, we also need your financial support. Some of the events for the upcoming year include the Army Ten Miler, Washington, DC, Best Ranger Buddy, Lawrence, KS as well as a Dining Out and Military Ball.

Please provide me input on your great accomplishments, locations, and emails of other grads. I also encourage you to contact me at: robbie.cross@us.army.mil or call (334) 727-8379(o) or personal cell phone (251) 382-0096.

I look forward to meeting and learning from you. Thanks for your support.

The Golden Tiger Battalion will be stronger because of you.

Commander's Notes
LTC Robbie Cross

It is truly an honor and privilege to be the commander at such a great institution. I look forward to working with you.

This is just the beginning of many new innovations. With your ideas and hard work, the future is bright. The Battalion is only as good as our greatest assets – YOU.

I have high expectations for myself, cadre, staff, cadets, alumni, and friends. Walk with your heads high, look sharp, remember our heritage, and always remain professional. Excellence is not our goal, it is our standard. **Tiger Pride!**

SGM's Notes
MSG Angel Cordero

It is both an honor and privilege to be a part of the mighty Tiger Battalion. I look forward to another great year of working with the battalion to produce excellent future leaders. **Tiger Pride!**

Thoughts for the Moment

1. "Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way." -- Booker T. Washington

2. "A competent leader can get efficient service from poor troops; while on the contrary, an incapable leader can demoralize the best of troops."
   -- Gen. John Pershing

3. "Success is a state of mind. If you want success start thinking of yourself as a success." -- Joyce Brothers

Congrats to:

- **2011 Commissionee:**
  Kristen Johnson

- **2011 Nursing Capping Honoree 2011**
  Lenisha Dickson

- **HOOOAH, to Honor Society Inductees**
  CDT O'Garro and CDT Scott

Hails

CPT Thorpe & CPT Bishop

Farewells

LTC Clark & MAJ Turner

School of Nursing – Upper Division Selectees:

CDT Brooks *CDT Cheatum*
CDT Edwards *CDT Rhodes*

Leader's Training Course (LTC)-bound Cadet to Fort Knox, KY: CDT Burch

Leadership Development & Assessment Course (LDAC)-Bound Cadets to Fort Lewis, WA:

CDT Colquitt
CDT James
CDT Williams, K.
CDT Moore
CDT Banks
CDT Williams, C.
CDT Reese
CDT McNair
CDT O'Garro

CDT Posey graduated from Airborne School & received his silver wings.

Airborne Training-bound *Cadets:*
CDT Murphy, J. *CDT Rodney*

Air Assault-bound *Cadet: CDT Cisco*

Scholastic Excellence:

Cumulative GPA

CDT Rhodes	4.00
CDT Murphy, H.	3.72
CDT O'Garro	3.71
CDT Edwards	3.69
CDT Cheatum	3.55
CDT Scott	3.39
CDT Parker	3.345
CDT Forby	3.24
CDT Smith	3.13
CDT Russell	3.10
CDT Dickson	3.10
CDT Oliver	3.08
CDT Wilkins	3.02
CDT Singleton	3.00
CDT Love	3.00
CDT Thomas	3.00
CDT Moore-Hinton	3.00
CDT Rodney	3.00

Spring '11 Term GPA

CDT Rhodes	4.00	CDT Murphy	3.94
CDT Banks	3.60	CDT Edwards	3.55
CDT Cheatum	3.50	CDT Wilkins	3.50
CDT Joshua	3.50	CDT O'Garro	3.47
CDT Moore-Hinton	3.35	CDT Scott	3.35
CDT Benton	3.28	CDT Smith	3.28
CDT Williams, C.	3.20	CDT Johnson	3.18
CDT Reese	3.16	CDT Rodney	3.07
CDT Fann-Bradley	3.06	CDT Love	3.00

270 & Above APFT

CDT Reese, CDT Mallory, CDT Rhodes, CDT Milner,
CDT Baranco, CDT Murphy, H., CDT Moore, CDT Posey

Future Activities:

Fall 2011

• Cadet Change of Command	24 Aug
• Army Ten Mile Run, Washington D.C.	9 Oct
• Ranger Challenge	13-16 Oct
• Open House (prospective students)	29 Oct
• Homecoming	4-6 Nov
• Dining Out	3 Dec

Spring 2012

• Cadet Change of Command	11 Jan
• Spring Break	3-11 Mar
• Joint FTX	23-25 Mar
• Open House	24 Mar
• Best Ranger Buddy Competition	31 Mar
• Pershing Rifles/Pershing Angels	

Convention	TBD
• Military Ball	20 Apr
• Awards Ceremony	25 Apr
• Commissioning Ceremony	11 May
• Commencement	12 May

LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

20 April 2011

Memorandum for Tuskegee University Army ROTC, Golden Tiger Battalion

Subject: Command Philosophy

1. Provided is my command philosophy:

Mission. To recruit, train, retain, and commission future leaders.

Vision. There is a three-fold vision for the BN:

a. Train and continue to develop ourselves in Warrior Tasks, our areas of expertise, and organization assignments.

b. Recruit, teach, coach, mentor, and train our greatest resource - the Cadets, to assist them in finding their own s solutions. We do this by developing, inspiring, empowering and holding Cadets accountable. High standards for Cadre and Cadets, nothing less. Leadership starts with us - the Cadre.

c. Family First, mission always. Ensure your family is taken care of, address issues, and seek assistance when needed. Also understand, our BN is a family too.

2. Main points.

a. We are all leaders and must live the Army Values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. These are not just buzzwords, so we must be mindful of what they actually mean.

b. Warrior Spirit. Always keep the Warrior Ethos in the back of your mind. As you already know, our individual and collective specialties mean very little if we do not survive. The Warrior mentality is a mindset that must be remembered as we learn, teach, and prepare future leaders and ourselves for life.

c. Attitude is everything. A positive attitude, despite circumstances, may not make things better; however, a negative/poor attitude can definitely make things worse. Either you are part of the solution or part of the problem.

d. Be a problem solver, not just a problem identifier. If something is wrong, try to provide alternatives or recommend a solution. Do not just state a problem. As leaders, we are obligated to resolve problems.

e. Communication is important. Keep lines of communication open. As I inform you, you must do the same. Do not allow me to find out about something relating to you from outside of the Tiger Battalion.

f. Physical fitness is essential. The APFT average goal for Cadre is 290; the Cadets, 260. Physical fitness, along with proper diet, is vital to maintaining body fat/height-weight standards. It is an awesome stress reliever, provides energy, endurance, and is good for the body, mind, and soul. PT must be a way of life.

g. Balance in life is important. We must maintain balance of work and play (relaxation). Find positive ways to energize yourself. Motivation (or lack thereof) come from within and affects others.

h. Professionalism. We are the examples for the Cadets and they are the examples for future Soldiers. The example we set, they will follow and emulate. We must always conduct ourselves appropriately, not just because someone is always watching, but because it is the right thing to do.

3. I thank God for the opportunity to serve. Remember, **TEAM** means **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore.

-- **ROBBIE J. CROSS**, *Professor of Military Science*