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1 September 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR: Provost, Dr. Jim Coleman, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice
Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Arkansas

SUBJECT: Army ROTC Annual Program Report 2016-2017

1. The Department of Military Science (Army ROTC) at the University of Arkansas Fayetteville continued a tradition of excellence during SY 16-17. We commissioned 20 officers in mission set 2017, our thirteenth consecutive year of commissioning twelve or more second lieutenants and our eighth consecutive year of commissioning 20 or more lieutenants. We were successful in meeting our assigned mission from United States Army Cadet Command. Our growing number over the last decade continues to make the University of Arkansas Army ROTC program one of the top performers in our brigade that includes 8 states (AR, OK, TX, NM, AZ, UT, CO, WY) and 36 host institutions. The outlook for enrollment for SY 17-18 is outstanding and we are on glide path to exceed our increased commission mission in 2018. We are postured to achieve or exceed our mission in 2018 and 2019.
2. Cadre/Staff personnel information for SY 16-17:
 - a. Departures:
 - (1) CPT Justin Becker moved to Orlando, FL in May after serving with the Army ROTC here in Fayetteville since July of 2014.
 - (2) SFC Justin Evans moved to his next station at Ft. Sill, OK in June, after serving at Northeastern State University (NSU) in Tahlequah, OK for 3 years. He was a Military Instructor.
 - (3) CPT Jarrod Pipkin left the program in June in order to take a position with Walmart. He had served with the ROTC program as an APMS at NSU since 2014.
 - (4) MAJ Tim Stith left us on August 1st. He's going to be working throughout the northwest part of the state for recruiting for the National Guard. MAJ Stith came to us in January of 2015.

b. Arrivals:

- (1) MAJ(R) Walter Hadley was able to come back to his same position as a contractor on February 1st. Mr. Hadley will be serving as our MSII class instructor this fall.
- (2) CPT Kenneth Watthuber joined us before summer began. He serves as our APMS (Assistant Professor of Military Science) at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK.
- (3) 2LT Geoffrey Logan, a recent graduate of our program, is currently serving as our Gold Bar Recruiter until he departs for BOLC (Basic Officer Leadership Course) at Ft. Benning, GA. He started on May 30th and left in early August.
- (4) SFC Kenny Gream joined us on July 22nd. He Serves as a Military Instructor at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK.
- (5) CPT Dayton Leavitt arrived on July 26th. He serves as an Assistant Professor of Military Science and teaches our MSII with Mr. Hadley.

c. Other:

- (1) Mrs. Peggy McClellan continues her outstanding service (32 years) to the department.
- (2) Mr. Norm Walker continues volunteering as the marksmanship instructor and advisor to the Pershing Rifles Organization. He has done this at no cost to the University for more than 20 years.

3. Cadet Activities for SY 16-17:

- a. 19 August 2016 - The Army ROTC program conducted Freshman Cadet Orientation in order to receive, integrate and orient our new scholarship cadets to the Army ROTC Program. We had a record number of 25 freshmen scholarship cadets. The orientation was the first opportunity to exercise the MS-IV (4th year) Cadet Staff, as they assisted in set-up, teardown, briefings and Q&A. The incoming Cadets received briefings pertaining to scholarships, policy overview, public safety, Army medical careers and the Nursing school. The cadets completed administrative requirements, received supply issue and were introduced to military customs and uniform wear. Parents and family members were invited to familiarize themselves with cadre, other cadets, and the program that their son/daughter has joined.
- b. August 25 - The University of Arkansas Army ROTC program kicked off the year with our annual Welcome Back picnic at Wilson Park. Cadet Commander Logan introduced the

event and LTC Quayle made remarks. We took the opportunity to recognize cadets who attended summer training, Airborne School, Air Assault School, and the Army's cultural immersion program. The event allowed for cadets from different classes to get to know each other and to be better acquainted with the program. This year, we invited the Air Force ROTC to join us. In attendance at the picnic were Connor Flocks, the ASG President, as well as all the cadets and faculty of the program. We also had the privilege of having Representative Steve Womack as our guest speaker. Rep. Womack spoke of the importance of the ROTC program, because being an officer is such an important job. He is a wonderful speaker.

- c. 01 September – Our cadets and cadre had our annual SHARP (Sexual Harassment/Assault and Response Program) and Title IX Training. Along with our cadre participating in the training, we had SFC Jean Genereau give a presentation for the Army's SHARP training and Tyler Farrar, Title IX Coordinator for the University give a presentation for the University's Title IX training. The cadets participated in role playing activities to reinforce the principles being taught.
- d. 11 September - From 05:15 till 07:00 a.m. on the morning of September 9, 2016, University of Arkansas's Army and Air Force ROTC cadets and cadre, members of area police forces, Kappa Alpha Fraternity, area National Guardsmen, EMTs and other civilians gathered at the Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium to participate in a memorial stair climb in remembrance of the attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001. Though many of the cadets were too young to remember much about the attacks, they understand the significance of the tragedy and are happy to pay their respects to those lost. Many of the cadets remarked throughout the year that this was their favorite activity of the year.
- e. 15 September – 11 Cadets raised their right hand and gave the Oath of Enlistment and our Fall Contracting Ceremony. The cadets that enlisted are: Paul Lee, Travis Cumming, Josiah Johnson, Jacob Benjamin, Justin Caylor, Heath Land, Jacob Adel, Jackson Berg, William Coats, Jacob Self and Trevor Larson.
- f. 11 October – Our cadets hosted a fundraiser night at Zoe's Kitchen. This was one of a number of fundraisers – such as providing security at the football games – to benefit the Cadet Fund. This fund is used to pay the costs of the Military Ball – a required training event – among other things. This year, the cadets used over \$3,000 to update the exercise room.
- g. 15 October - The University of Arkansas Athletic Department and Army ROTC Program commemorated the 100 successful years of ROTC service to America. LTC Quayle awarded LTC (retired) Long in honor of CPT Paul Long for his service and sacrifice to our nation as well as his induction into the ROTC Hall of Fame. CPT Paul Long is an alumnus of our program, having served as a Cadet Commander in the Fall of 1982 and then

commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Spring of 1983. He was killed in the Gander, Newfoundland plane crash in December of 1986. The plane was carrying about 200 US soldiers trying to come home for Christmas.

- h. 20-23 October – Regional ROTC Ranger Challenge at Camp Robinson, near Little Rock, AR. Our team of 11 cadets placed first. The purpose of the Ranger Challenge Program is to challenge cadets in tough mental and physical competition, enhance leader development, develop team cohesion, develop healthy competition among the battalions, and provide a highly visible and dynamic recruiting and retention vehicle.
- i. 21-22 October – 12 of our cadets participated in Outback in the Ozarks, a 200 mile relay race that starts in Eureka Springs and covers many areas of NWA and ends in Prairie Grove at the Battlefield Park. The legs of the race ranged from the shortest being two miles to eight being the longest. Each cadet completed at least 15 miles, running about a 7.5-minute-mile pace. This year a total of 84 teams competed. After a long 48 hours of running, the Army ROTC team took 3rd in the Men's Open Division and placed 6th overall. Although the Outback in the Ozarks is not an ROTC function, we are proud of our cadets participating of their own accord in an event that requires such physical strength and endurance.
- j. 03-06 November – Our Ranger Challenge team participated in the Brigade level competition at Camp Bullis, TX and placed 2nd overall.
- k. 12 November - The ROTC program supported the Veteran's Day 5k run to benefit the Fayetteville National Cemetery. The money raised in this 5k is to support the upkeep of the Fayetteville National Cemetery.
- l. 18-19 November – Razorback Brigade participated in their annual Fall FTX (Field Training Exercise) at Lake Wedington, near Fayetteville, AR. This is essential training for becoming an Army officer.
- m. 16 December - The Army ROTC commissioned 3 cadets in a joint ceremony with the Air Force ROTC at UAF. They are as follows:
 - a. Kyle D. Cardwell – Degree: Interdisciplinary Studies; Branched: Arkansas National Guard, Medical Service Corps
 - b. Justin R. McFadden – Degree: Management; Branched: Missouri National Guard, Transportation Corps
 - c. Robert Luke McQuilkin – Degree: History; Branched: Active Duty, Field Artillery

The speaker at the ceremony was COL(R) Frank Long, Father of CPT Paul Long and alumnus of the Air Force ROTC, class of 1955.

We also had 3 cadets commission from UAFS & NSU:

- a. NSU - Jonathan C. Jordan – Degree: Criminal Justice; Branch: Active Duty, Infantry Branch
 - b. UAFS - Brittany L. Toney – Degree: Nursing ; Branch: US Army Reserves, Nurse Corps
 - c. UAFS - Karl Kruskopp – Degree: Information Systems; Branch: US Army Reserves, Signal Corps
- n. 06 March – The University of Arkansas Army ROTC senior cadets, along with the senior cadets from the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith and Northeastern State University, traveled to the Pea Ridge National Military Park in Northwest Arkansas to conduct a staff ride focused on the Civil War's Battle of Pea Ridge. The senior cadets prepared lessons for specific parts of the battle and presented their findings on the battle during the battlefield tour. This event allowed the Army ROTC cadets to see first-hand, both the terrain and soldier perspectives across the battlefield, provided a unique opportunity to learn about strategic movements and decisions made that ultimately won and lost the battle for each side. It also served as an opportunity for cadets to learn more about military history. Staff rides constitute an integral part of leader development and unit cohesion as these cadets will soon begin their careers as new officers.
- o. 11 March - The University of Arkansas Army ROTC, along with our subordinate program at University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, held their annual Military Ball at the Alumni House, here on campus. 85 people attended the event, which consisted of a receiving line, senior class presentation, Fallen Soldier Table Presentation, ceremonial toasts, and a guest speaker. The keynote speaker was 1LT Andrew Pang, a 2012 graduate of our program. Lieutenant Pang serves in the Arkansas National Guard as Commander of C BTRY in the 2-142nd Field Artillery Battalion.
- p. 19 March - One of our cadets, Nathan Ley, participated in the 75th Anniversary Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands, NM while on Spring Break. It's 26.2 mile march to commemorate WWII POWs in the Phillistines who were forced to "march" 60-69 miles to relocate. Like the Trail of Tears, thousands died in the march. Our Brigade Commander Jason Holloren and Command Sergeant Major Rodrick Hudo were there, likewise. Although this is not an ROTC event, it is a very patriotic, grueling march and worth mentioning that CDT Ley has the kind of character to accomplish such a feat. We are very proud of him.
- q. 31 March – 02 April – The Army ROTC participated in the Spring Regional FTX at Camp Robison, AR.

- r. 07 April – Mr. Charles Kinslow, a Navy Veteran and First Vice President of Investments at Raymond James in Little Rock, provided lunch for all of our senior cadets at Whole Hog Café. Mr. Kinslow volunteers to do this annually for all senior cadets participating in Army or Air Force ROTC throughout the state of Arkansas. Randy Massanelli, Vice Chancellor for Government Relations (and former ROTC cadet) joined us, as did veterans Erika Gamboa and Buster McCall, Director and Associate Director (respectively) of the Veteran’s Resource and Information Center at the UA and veteran.
- s. 20 April – Our cadets participated in Take Back the Night, a march against sexual violence held annually in our community to raise awareness during Sexual Assault Awareness month.
- t. 10-14 April – Cadet Olympics – The Army and Air Force ROTC programs compete against each other in an annual Cadet Olympics that includes various sporting events. This year the Army ROTC program won seven out of eight events and won the overall competition. This year’s events included Swimming, pull-ups, relay run, buddy carries, futsal (indoor soccer) and dodge ball. This year, The Army ROTC won every event except dodge ball.
- u. 20 April – Cadets received marksmanship training at Ft. Chaffee from the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center out of Camp Robinson. Instructors were MAJ Dwayne Page, MAJ David Stapp, and SSG Nicholas Garay.
- v. 27 April - The Army and Air Force ROTC departments conducted the Annual Joint Awards Ceremony in Giffels Auditorium, Old Main. There were about 30 awards given to very worthy cadets. The presenters of many of the awards were veterans representing various organizations.
- w. 02 May – The Army ROTC Razorback Brigade was presented with a very prestigious Award – The General Douglas MacArthur Award for the 2015-16 school year. The award was presented by Col. Jason Halloren, Commander of the U.S. Army Cadet Command's 5th Brigade, which covers an eight-state region including Arkansas. The awards from the U.S. Army Cadet Command and the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Foundation are based in part on cadet performance and cadet retention rate. The eight winners (one from each Brigade) were selected from among 275 senior Army ROTC units nationwide.
- x. 12 May – The Army ROTC program commissioned 12 lieutenants from the University of Arkansas. The individuals commissioned include:
 - a. Madeline Beck: Degree: Supply Chain Management with a minor in Sustainability; Branched: US Army Reserves, Quartermaster Corps
 - b. Benjamin L. Hughey: Degree: Geography, Branched: Active Duty, Armor Branch

- c. Eric L. Jeter: Degree: Political Science with a minor in Geography, Branched: Active Duty, Aviation Branch
- d. Geoffrey L. Logan: Degree: Double major in International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies with minors in Arabic and Geography, Branched: Active Duty, Signal Corps with a branch detail of Armor
- e. Matthew R. Lund: Degree: Criminal Justice, Branched: Active Duty, Signal Corps with a branch detail of Armor
- f. Joewaan M. Mitchell: Degree: Educational Studies, Branched: Active Duty, Quartermaster Corps
- g. Henry R. Neal IV: Degree: Educational Studies, Branched: Arkansas National Guard, Medical Services Corps
- h. Nicholas M. Norwood: Degree: Double major of International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies, Branched: Active Duty, Infantry Branch
- i. Tiffany T. Phan: Degree: Criminal Justice, Branched: US Army Reserves, Medical Services Corps
- j. Wilburn C. Shaw: Degree: History, Branched: Active Duty, Military Intelligence Corps with a branch detail of Infantry
- k. Emily N. Sumrall: Degree: Nursing, Branched: US Army Reserves, Nursing Corps
- l. Robert J. "Trace" Williams: Degree: Management with a minor in Finance, Branched: Active Duty, Finance Corps with a branch detail of Infantry

Three of the new second lieutenants were given the Distinguished Graduate Award from Cadet Command, signed by Major Gen. Christopher P. Hughes, commander of Cadet Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Second Lieutenant Geoffrey Logan was this year's George C. Marshall award winner, given to one cadet in the U of A battalion of about 125 cadets who demonstrates "leadership and scholastic qualities that epitomized the career of General Marshall." The guest speaker at the event was COL Christopher S. Stanger, Director of the Joint Staff for Arkansas National Guard and 1991 alumnus of our program. There were several VIPs present at the ceremony, including the Chancellor and Major General Mark Berry, Adjutant General for the Arkansas National Guard. The University of Arkansas Army ROTC is very proud of our newly commissioned officers.

- y. We also commissioned 3 cadets at our subordinate schools, Northeastern State University (NSU) and the University of Arkansas, Ft. Smith (UAFS):
 - a. NSU - Aaron Cummings: Degree: Criminal Justice, Branched: Oklahoma National Guard, Infantry Branch
 - b. UAFS - Samuel Lisk: Degree: Chemistry, Branched: West Virginia National Guard, Medical Services Corps
 - c. UAFS – Adrian Whitaker: Degree: Criminal Justice, Branched: US Army Reserves, Military Police

- z. Between our Fayetteville campus, NSU and UAFS, we commissioned 21 officers over the last year.
- aa. The Army ROTC Color Guard performed at several events during SY 16-17 for veterans, community and university functions.
- bb. Twenty-One (21) cadets represented the University of Arkansas Army ROTC program at Advanced Camp, which the Army conducts each summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky. They performed very well. Four cadets performed in the top 10%, with two of those ranking at the top of their class. At least 10 cadets attended Basic Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky this summer. One of our cadets at Basic Camp earned the ApexTech Warrior Award. CDT William Coats received the award on 26 June. The award is given to the cadet who best demonstrates “comprehension of diplomatic approaches and the fundamentals of leadership and team building.” 2 of the 21 did not complete Advanced Camp. 1 will return next year.
- cc. We had two (2) cadets attend Airborne School. CDT Andrew Stengel graduated Airborne School on 09 June and CDT Jacob Self graduated on 18 August.
- dd. Six (6) of our cadets participated in the Army’s cultural immersion program:
 - a. Matthew Adair (JBU) went to Malawi
 - b. Jacob Adel went to Rwanda
 - c. Jacob Benjamin (JBU) went to Lithuania
 - d. Jake Ellis went to Guatemala
 - e. Paul Lee went to Burkina Faso
 - f. Jacob Self went to Guatemala
- ee. One cadet, Jarrod Almond, went to Jordan in Project GO.
- ff. At least one cadet attended Cadet Troop Leadership Training at Ft. Benning, GA and one cadet earned an internship with the FBI in Washington DC this summer. All training and internships that our cadets attend is at no expense to the University.

4. Curriculum and Training:

- a. The department is fully automated on the Blackboard system for all academic classes. The curriculum is focused on leadership, ethics, counseling, communications, and decision-making.
- b. The department continues teaching marksmanship and survival skills courses, and these courses are open to the university population at large. This past year over 30 students from the university population took these classes at no cost to the university. These

“open enrollment” classes garner approximately \$10,000 in tuition to the university and when coupled with our mandated classes for our cadets, the total gain is over \$145,000 in tuition for the university, all at no cost to the University.

- c. The Pershing Rifles marksmanship organization continues to represent the school and department in a distinguished manner. This year the organization received positive local and state media attention. The marksmanship is coached by volunteer Mr. Norm Walker, who has taught the class for over 20 years and coached the team in a gratis manner.

5. Inspections:

- a. The department did not undergo inspection this year due to budget constraints at the Department of the Army level.

6. Enrollment, Scholarships and Incentives (Spring 2017):

Enrolled: 38 Total (24 UAF, 6 UAFS, 5 NSU, 3 NWACC)

Contracted: 56 Total (44 UAF, 6 UAFS, 3 JBU, 3 NSU)

Scholarship: UAF only = 45 (tuition - \$518,061.25, does not include books and monthly stipend)

Females: (UA only) = 15

Minorities: (UA only) 12

- a. We awarded four (4), 4-year scholarships to incoming freshman and an additional eight (8) 3.5 or 3 year Scholarships to incoming freshmen for SY 16-17. This amount of scholarship offers were increased since SY 15-16. The increased was reflected in the 3-Year Advanced Designee Scholarships to ensure that the students are serious in pursuing education and a commission as an Army officer.
- b. Campus based 2 and 3-year scholarships, when added to our nationally awarded four year scholarships, brought the total number of Army ROTC scholarships given at the University of Arkansas to forty. Including the monthly stipends paid to cadets and payment for fees and books, the total dollar amount brought to the university community by Army ROTC **exceeds \$800,000**. This total does not include our National Guard and Army Reserve cadets who received state and federal tuition assistance and Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits.

7. University Support:

- a. Support from the University continues to be excellent, especially when compared to other programs in our geographic area.

- b. The University's room and board enhancement constitutes an integral part of the programs recruiting effort. It remains a critical incentive to entice students to attend the U of A and participate in the Army ROTC program and allows us to recruit quality students on a regional and national level.
- c. The Army ROTC at UAF would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor and Executive Manager of Facilities Management, Mary Willis, Program Coordinator from the Academic Scholarship Office, Jacklyn Gentry, Assistant Director of the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing and so many others for their support and assistance to the Army ROTC program.

8. Requests for Support:

- a. Consideration for tuition remission for ROTC classes only, for Arkansas Army National Guard and USAR students would help improve participation in the freshman and sophomore years. Getting these students in the program early and helping them remain in school in the long term will benefit the program, the university, and the state that needs leaders from this institution to lead our Arkansas Army National Guard units. Many students that attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training in high school prior to arriving at the university qualify for state tuition assistance. However, they do not take ROTC because they can enter as juniors into the ROTC program based on the fact they have been to basic training. To take the freshman and sophomore level classes requires tuition payment (from limited state tuition assistance) for a class they technically do not require, but one that will help keep them focused and in school. This would also serve as a tool to recruit ARNG students from other states (which offer tuition remission) to consider the U of A.

Furthermore, I will enlist the support of the Registrar and Director of Admissions to facilitate the out of state tuition waiver in a timelier manner for our scholarship winners. Most, if not all, of our scholarship winners meet the criteria for this award but if not processed in a timely manner this ties up funds which adversely affects the total number of scholarships we can award.

- b. Due to continuing resource constraints, economic and personnel resources for the program continue to diminish. Federal rules and regulations limit the way federal dollars received can be spent. The university could help offset this in a number of ways:
 - (1) Use of university transportation assets at reduced rates to transport our cadets to off campus training sites would benefit the program. Currently, it is cheaper for the program to rent vehicles rather than to use university vehicles.
 - (2) The amount of credits granted for ROTC training and leadership courses vary from college to college within the University. Some colleges grant no credit and others

grant up to 12 hours. A standardized policy for granting credit for leadership training would simplify the process for students and benefit the program.

9. Classroom/Building Improvements:

- d. With the registrar's office placing non-ROTC classes in our two remaining useable classrooms, we look to the University for assistance with upgrades in our audio/visual equipment.

- b. This year, our department was able to purchase painting, repairs and equipment for the Army ROTC building.

Summary:

As the oldest organization on the University campus, the proud tradition of the "Razorback Brigade" is alive and strong. Our aggressive marketing and recruiting efforts throughout the state and region, along with the cadets dedicated efforts, have enabled our program to meet the U.S. Army's commissioning goals. The University of Arkansas ROTC program has commissioned twelve or more officers for eleven straight years. Sustained recruiting efforts and continued university support constitute essential ingredients for the continued success of our program going forward. We anticipate an environment of constrained resources for the next several years as the Department of Defense adjusts to shrinking budgets. Nevertheless, the support of the University, the Arkansas National Guard, and the local community will enable the ROTC program to continue to recruit, retain, develop, and commission young Americans of exceptional character to serve as leaders in all components of our Army in order to meet the requirements of our State and Nation.



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