Cadets individually counseling subordinates and leading them in remedial physical fitness training, Cadets receiving public civil service awards, Cadets stepping up from the junior class to run Company operations at SUNY Plattsburgh, and Cadre and Staff going the extra mile to ensure Cadets are being taken care of over the summer. This is what being an Army Officer is all about—Selfless Service!

LTC Michael V. Palaza
Professor of Military Science
As the Army adventure begins for our new 2nd Lieutenants, they will soon be subject matter experts in their new branches. Regardless of what branch they serve in, the most important part of their new careers comes down to one word, LEADERSHIP!

**Cadet Michael Chin** — Medical Service. Vermont National Guard, Co C (MED) 186th BSB 86 IBCT

**Cadet Thomas Griffin** — Infantry. Active Duty, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson Colorado

**Cadet Keith Harper** — Ordnance Corp. Active Duty, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York

**Cadet Nathan Holt** — Engineers. Vermont National Guard, Co A BSTB 86 IBCT (MTN)

**Cadet Matthew Miclette** — Nursing Corps. Active Duty, Walter Reed Medical Center, Bethesda Maryland

**Cadet Wesley Monaco** — Military Police. Active Duty, Fort Richardson, Alaska

**Cadet Thomas Wong** — Infantry. Active Duty, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York

**Cadet Phillip Harrington** — Engineers. Vermont National Guard, 131ST ENGR (Horizontal Construction)

**Cadet Glory O’Neil** — Medical Service. Vermont National Guard 3-126th AVN (Air Ambulance)

**Cadet Raymond Plante** — Aviation. New York National Guard, 3-142 AVN (Assault)

**Cadet Eric Shupp** — Field Artillery. New York National Guard, 2-108th Infantry Rgt.

**Cadet Tucker Brown** — Engineers. New York National Guard, 1156 ENGR (Vertical Construction)
On February 10th & 12th, SUNY Plattsburgh ROTC Cardinal Platoon held a 50/50 raffle at the men’s and women’s hockey games to raise money for the Wounded Warriors Project, a non-profit organization geared towards helping wounded Service men and women coming home from Afghanistan and Iraq. The Cardinal Platoon raised over $400 throughout the two nights, and plan on continuing their efforts through future fund raising events.

To support the Wounded Warriors Project visit the official website at: www.woundedwarriorproject.org

COLOR GUARD  CDT Jeremy Boissy

By definition, a Color Guard is “The ceremonial escort for the flag, as of a country or organization”. In the case of ROTC, the Color Guard serves many important purposes. Over the past semester, the Cardinal Platoon has become trained and proficient in its style and execution. Presenting the national colors is an honor, and must be treated as such. I, for one, was proud to see the platoon working together and adapting to the challenging conditions that presented themselves. We represented ourselves, ROTC, the Army, and our Country in a professional manner at various hockey and basketball games. A Color Guard gives us the opportunity to grow; as individuals and as a team. It gives some of us the chance to lead, and others the chance to learn. More importantly however, our performances serve as a reminder to the citizens of the United States that a small (but dedicated) group of men and women are putting themselves into harm’s way on a daily basis, so that our life may remain secure. That, to me, is the real reason for the Color Guard.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS PARACHUTE TEAM

On 5 May three great supporters of the Green Mountain Battalion had the opportunity of a lifetime—to tandem skydive with the Army’s elite Golden Knights Parachute Team! The three lucky jumpers (from left to right) were UVM Dean of the College of Engineering and Math Sciences—Dr. Chip Cole, UVM Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies—Dominic Grasso, and a member of the Vermont National Guard Officer Strength Management Team—2LT John Lescure.

The purpose of the event was to solidify relations with avid supporters; there’s no doubt that goal was met!

While receiving a brief of the activities to come; the soon to be jumpers were signing insurance waivers. It was at this point when the Sergeant Major from the Golden Knights looked at each of the jumpers and said, “In a few minutes, you will literally place your life in the hands of an American Soldier…someone you hardly know……something millions of Americans do every day and often take for granted”.

WOUNDED WARRIORS  by CDT ANTHONY MIGLIORE
Spring Joint Field Training Exercise (JFTX)

Cadets from UVM and SUNY Plattsburgh were joined by the Golden Knight Battalion from Clarkson University and the Wildcat Battalion from the University of New Hampshire to conduct a joint field training exercise (JFTX) at Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, VT April 23rd -25th, 2010. Cadets negotiated the day and night land navigation course, conducted Squad Tactical Exercises (STX Lanes), and Field Leaders Reaction Courses (FLRC) in order to help the MSIIIs prepare for LDAC. This also gave Cadets the opportunity to put what they have been learning in the classroom to practical use, while learning to work with Cadets from other programs.

Warrior Forge 2010 - University of Vermont student bests 453 Army ROTC peers in physical fitness

Cadet Christian Ruf finished ahead of 452 other Army ROTC cadets in the two-mile run on the Army Physical Fitness Test at Army ROTC's capstone training and assessment exercise, the 29-day Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC). Ruf ran the two-mile event in 11 minutes and 8 seconds making him tops in this event among his Cadet peers. Ruf’s top finish gives him the fastest time turned in to date this summer.
Levy Challenge

Cadets Ryan Finnerty, Christian Ruf, Bradley Patnaude, and Brian Hamel traveled to Norwich University on March 21st to compete against 42 teams from surrounding ROTC Battalions. Each team raced for time from the start of the first event until the last event was finished. The events were a 4-mile ruck run, 600m swim, a team physical fitness test (200 pull-ups, 800 sit-ups, and a 3-mile run divided between team members), a 1.5-mile litter carry, a combat endurance course, and a 9-mile ruck march to the finish. The Green Mountain Battalion finished second overall, beating out 41 other teams in their first Levy Challenge competition. Thank you to the Green Mountain Battalion Alumni Association for supporting the Levy Challenge team and providing their entrance fee to the competition.

German Proficiency Badge

Cadets Bradley Patnaude, Brian Hamel, Dallas Apotheker, Ryan Finnerty, Warner Clark, Glory O’Neil, Stephanie Goldberg, and Travis Gerbatsch traveled to Cornell University to earn the German Armed Forces Combat Proficiency Badge, an eagle that can be worn on the Army Class A uniform. To earn the badge, the Cadets were required to pass a series of events. The events included a 200m swim, long jump, 100m sprint, 3000m run, shot-put, 19-mile ruck march, and pistol marksmanship. They were also required to become Combat Life Saver (CLS) qualified, or pass a written First Aid exam. Thank you, and congratulations, to Cadet Patnaude for arranging and leading this effort with unprecedented success.

Spartan Race

On May 16th Cadets Emily Nunez, Bradley Patnaude, Travis Gerbatsch, and Christian Ruf participated in the Spartan Race; an obstacle course and race at the Catamount Outdoor Family Center in Williston, VT. We would like to give our most sincere gratitude to the Green Mountain Battalion Alumni Association for supporting the team and providing the team’s race entrance fee.
Welcome to the parents and families of the Green Mountain Battalion Cadets. Whether your Cadet is a new ROTC freshman or a seasoned upper classman, your involvement is important to your student’s success. While previously families have been invited to various events throughout the school year, more of an emphasis is being placed on developing a “family” community of interest to share in the ROTC experience.

As a parent, I have been involved in the program for three years since my son is a senior Cadet at UVM who will be graduating next spring. I encourage you to support your Cadet in this wonderful and challenging experience of growth and leadership by active involvement in the process through attendance at events and communications with the ROTC Battalion staff. While for many, as it was for me, this may be the first experience with a family member joining the military. I had many questions about expectations, processes, commitments, and requirements. The Battalion ROTC staff provided many of the answers. However, by attending functions and getting to know other parents and families of ROTC Cadets, I was able to communicate with a network of parents that share in the same experience.

You and your families are invited to attend the following functions which will help you establish a communication channel between yourselves and LTC Mike Palaza, the Professor of Military Science, his staff, and parents and families of other Cadets.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Fall Semester:**
- August 27-28, 2010: New student move-in
- August 29, 2010: R-Day and BBQ for all incoming cadets and families, at UVM and SUNY Plattsburgh 9:30am to 3:00pm
- September 4, 2010: Camel’s Hump Hike
- October 2, 2010: Fall Parent/Alumni Reception from 5 to 7 pm, location TBD

**Spring Semester:**
- February, 2011: Senior Cadet Branching Ceremony
- April, 2011: Annual Military Awards Banquet
- May, 2011: Senior Graduation and Commissioning Ceremony

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Family Community of the ROTC Green Mountain Battalion.

Sincerely,

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Recruit Day 2010

All new incoming Cadets must attend Recruit Day (R-Day) on Sunday, August 29th for UVM, SUNY Plattsburgh, Champlain, Saint Michael’s, Middlebury, Castleton State, and Johnson State Cadets.

UVM Cadets and their families should arrive at the ROTC Building (601 Main Street) no later than 9:30 am. From 9:30 to 10:00 new Cadets will meet the Cadre and senior Cadet Chain of Command. From 10:00 to 1:00 Cadets will complete necessary administrative paperwork, and will receive their equipment and uniforms. At 1:00, new Cadets and families will take a tour of the Athletic Facilities where Physical Training is conducted. At the completion of the tour, there will be a BBQ social at 601 Main Street for all Cadets and their families.

SUNY Plattsburgh Cadets and their families should arrive at Sibley Hall no later 9:30 am. New cadets will complete all necessary administrative paperwork, and receive their equipment and uniforms. The Day will end with a BBQ social for all Cadets and their families.

All new Cadets must bring their student ID card, and must know their student ID number, social security number, and blood type.

Recruit Day 2010

University of Vermont

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