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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Schedule of upcoming events
- 2009-2010 Cadet Chain of Command
- New PMS introduction

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Cadet O'Neil Sets LDAC APFT Record

During this summer's Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, Washington Cadet Glory O'Neil achieved the highest physical fitness test score in the nation among all female Cadets. She



Cadet Glory O'Neil

scored 373 points on an extended scale (300 points is the max). 373 is a new (female) LDAC record to date! This score actually beats all males to date as well, save one.

Commander's Corner

My family and I cannot begin to express our excitement about being part of the University of Vermont's Green Mountain Battalion! Within the last four months we have received fantastic support from many of you; a true sign we are back in New England – thank you.

We would like to personally thank LTC Steve and Katherine Koebrich for all that they have done for the Green Mountain Battalion; and wish them well as they continue to serve in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in Washington DC.

Throughout my time in the Army I have come to believe that our Nation's ultimate resource is our people – human beings – specifically our future leaders. It is our job to teach, coach, & mentor our future commissioned officers.

Within the context of teaching, coaching, and mentoring, the non commissioned officer corps moves to the forefront! I'm proud to announce the arrival of our new Senior Military Instructor—Master Sergeant David Kozak. Within his first two weeks, MSG Kozak has had a significantly positive affect on the Cadets — be sure to ask your favorite Cadet how physical fitness training is going!

Both MSG Kozak and I are committed to ensuring our Cadets receive the best possible teaching, coaching, and mentorship. This process starts with the Battalion Staff; which I can assure you—"leads by example". In addition, we believe the Green Mountain Battalion Alumni, Cadet Parents, and the University of Vermont are critical links to the future success of our program. Many of the Alumni are serving in both the military and civil sector; your experiences are invaluable to the mentorship of our Cadets. In addition, many of the Cadet Parents share similar experiences and can learn from each other. We would love to hear from you and get you involved with the Battalion. Please check out our "Call to Alumni & Family" section.

Lastly, MSG Kozak and I look forward leading the Battalion and truly appreciate the endless support we have already received.



Michael V. Palaza
LTC, USA
Professor of Military Science



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Senior Military Instructor

Alumni and Families



Green Mountain Battalion Cadet rappels at the first Leadership Laboratory

Cost of a Cadet's uniform and equipment, \$1,817.53; Tuition, room, meals, and fees for a semester, \$19,000; the ability to lead, PRICELESS

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I hope this message finds you well. ROTC has played an integral part in starting your careers as Army Officers. Many of you are continuing to wear the uniform and are progressing through the ranks while continuing to make the Green Mountain Battalion proud. Some of you have moved on from the military and are providing your expertise in the civilian sector. No matter which track you have taken you will always be a part of the Green Mountain Battalion. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that some

great alumni functions are coming up. On 18 October we will be presenting three of our Cadets with awards at center ice at the beginning of the UVM/BC hockey game. In honor of Charlie Zabriskie, Cadet O'Neil will receive the Zabriskie Cup, awarded to the top scholar/athlete in the Battalion. We welcome you to watch UVM's President, Dr. Dan Fogel present these awards at this nationally televised game (ESPNU). Our Winter Alumni Reception will be held on Saturday, 13 February in conjunction with the UVM/Merrimack hockey

game. To our parents and families: We would love to include you in Battalion functions by starting a parents group; if there is anyone out there that would like to volunteer to help run such a group, please contact CPT Roszkowski at 802-656-5757.

Check out our website at www.uvm.edu/~goldbar which includes a link to our Facebook page.

2009-2010 Cadet Chain of Command

The new Cadet Battalion Commander is Cadet Glory O'Neil. She will be supported by her XO, Cadet Wesley Monaco and her CSM, Cadet Tucker Brown. Her staff consists of Cadet Thomas Griffin, the S1, Cadet Keith Harper the S3, Cadet Thomas Wong the S4 and Cadet Zachary Guerin the S6.

Assisting the staff are Cadets-John Brayshaw as the Assistant S1, Cadet Eric Shupp as the Assistant S3, and Cadet Phillip Harrington as the Assistant S4. The remainder of the MS IV Cadets are serving as TAC or liaison officers, assisting the underclassmen. Cadets Michael Chin and Raymond Plante are responsible for the MS III Cadets, Cadet Nathan

Holt is responsible for the MS II Cadets, and Cadets Jackie Horgan and Matthew Miclette are responsible for the MS I Cadets.

UVM ROTC Mission

The University of Vermont Green Mountain Battalion

ROTC recruits, develops/trains, retains, and commissions future Army Officers

and inspires them to a lifetime of selfless service to our Nation.

Welcome to class of 2013



Congratulations on your acceptance to college and the beginning of your life's journey. As part of the Green Mountain Battalion, you are joining an elite organization that will help you transition thru college and achieve your goal of becoming

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a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. As Military Science Cadets, you will learn basic knowledge about the Army such as the rank structure, drill and ceremonies, basic rifle marksmanship, wear and care of your uniform and equipment, basic leadership skills and ethics. Remember, that while you are in college, your number one priority is to maintain a high standard of academic performance. You must

maintain at least a 2.0 GPA to remain in the program; however, WE are not about minimum standards! The higher your GPA, the more choices you will have upon commissioning. Finally, I must emphasize the importance of physical fitness. The Army wants to ensure that you can meet the physical and mental toughness required of an Officer. Physical Fitness expresses self-discipline, teamwork, and exemplary leadership. Good luck in all of your endeavors this year and remember we are here to help you.

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Airborne School By Cadet Boissy



On January 7th, I embarked upon a journey that I will remember for the rest of my life. That journey was the Basic Airborne Course located at Fort Benning, Georgia. The goal of Airborne School is to teach students how to properly exit a C-130 aircraft flying at 1250 feet above the earth and land safely with the use of a parachute. However, the course taught me much more than just that. As a cadet, it taught me things about the Army (and being a soldier) that can never be taught in ROTC. It exposed me to the active-duty training environment, and it showed me that, to have success in the Army or civilian life, you must have confidence in your equipment and your training. Most importantly however, Airborne

School taught me how to put aside an intense amount of fear so that I could effectively perform the duties required of me.

Airborne School is broken down into three weeks: Ground Week, Tower Week, and Jump Week. During Ground Week, you learn the basics of jumping out of an airplane. You are introduced to your parachute, proper exiting procedures, and taught how to perform a "parachute landing fall." During Tower Week, you then build upon those skills by utilizing the 34 and 250 foot towers. During this week, you are also instructed on emergency procedures and how to steer your parachute. In order to advance to Jump Week, you must master the techniques taught to

you in the previous two weeks. Jump Week is totally different than the first two weeks. In this week, there is no more training. This is where you must apply everything taught to you up to that point. You must make 5 satisfactory jumps (one of which is at night) in order to receive your wings. I did that and graduated on January 30th. Airborne School was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I will never forget it. Before I left for the school, I didn't realize why paratroopers were so highly regarded; I now understand why. I feel a great sense of honor to be able to wear the parachutist badge. If anybody has any questions about attending Airborne School, please do not hesitate to ask.

Engineering Efforts in Afghanistan



COL O'Donovan in Afghanistan.

Colonel Thomas O'Donovan, UVM class of 82, will speak at the University in reference to his recent experience as the commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan District. While in command, COL O'Donovan was directly responsible for construction in support of US Forces in Central Asia and for facility construction and operations maintenance for the Afghan National Security Forces.

COL O'Donovan graduated from the University of Vermont in 1982 with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. After attending the Officer Basic Course, COL O'Donovan served in various command and staff

assignments as a company grade officer at Fort Bragg, NC, Germany, and Fort Hood, TX. After receiving his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington in 1992, COL O'Donovan became an instructor at the US Military Academy at West Point. Following his assignment at West Point, COL O'Donovan returned to Germany to serve with the 1st Armored Division as the Operations Officer for the 40th Engineer Brigade. In this capacity, COL O'Donovan deployed to Bosnia in 1995. He served as the Assistant Corps Engineer for V Corps and as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Engineering (plans) for

U.S. Army Europe, in Heidelberg, Germany. From 1999 to 2002, Colonel O'Donovan commanded the 52nd Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) at Fort Carson, Colorado, the Army's first tri-component battalion. In 2002, after graduating from the U.S. Army War College, he assumed duties as Chief of Staff and was then the Director of Training and Leader Development for the Engineer School in Missouri. Colonel O'Donovan is a registered professional engineer and he is a recipient of the Army Engineer Association's Silver De Fleury Medal.

President Fogal will present three UVM ROTC Cadets with the RECONDO award for superior performance at LDAC during the UVM/Boston College Hockey Game

Pictures from the Fall Leadership Lab



Cadet's hooking up to Rappel



MAJ Pelletier briefing the Cadets on Rappelling

Cadet taking cover during STX training



A UVM ROTC Cadet Rappelling

UVM ROTC Alum Promoted to Brigadier

UVM ROTC Alumnus Christopher Bishop, '79 was promoted to Brigadier General on September 29.

BG Bishop is slated to take over as the J3/J4 Vice Director of Operations, Plans, Logistics, and Engineering at the US Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, VA.

BG Bishop graduated from UVM with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1979. He has served on active

duty, in the USAR, and the Vermont Army National Guard. BG Bishop's assignments include the Army Chief of Staff, VTARNG, the Lead National Guard Planner and Senior Advisor, J4 NORAD and NORTHCOM, the Commander of the 86th Troop Command at Camp Johnson, VT, the J-6 Joint Forces Command VTARNG, Commander, Information Operations Support Center, RRTC, Northfield, VT.

Additionally, BG Bishop serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Specialty Coatings, LLC of South Burlington, VT.

Congratulations from The Green Mountain Battalion!

Greeting from Afghanistan - 1LT Connelly '07!

Greetings fellow Catamounts! For the past seven months the men of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division have been slugging it out with the Taliban in the crucial border region of Afghanistan. AO Yukon, located in the provinces of Khowst, Paktika, and Paktya, collectively known as the P2K region, is one of the front lines of the war in Afghanistan. A primarily Pashtun region, P2K is also the home of Jalaluddin and Sirajuddin Haqqani, the leaders of the infamous Haqqani Network.

My first three months in country I served in the Khost Province as the Fire Support Officer for Dog Company, 3rd BN, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment. The men of Dog Company have been all over the Khost Province from the strategic Spera COP on the Pakistani Border to the Zambar District in the north, D/3-509th has done it all. In my time with them, our operations focused on the Mandozai District in the center of the province. The most developed and educated district in the province, Mandozai sits right on the vital Khost-Gardez Road. This road links Khost with the rest of Afghanistan, and stretches from Khost City to Gardez, capital of the Paktya Province. Ninety percent of Khost's economy is derived from trading with the rest of Afghanistan on by way of the Khost-Gardez road. It is a vital link in the war in Afghanistan. In addition to patrolling and securing this road, the men of Dog Company were also tasked with expanding the local infrastructure and driving the Taliban out of Mandozai. I am pleased to report that as of 2 weeks ago, the men

of Dog Company had turned their old Combat Outpost in Mandozai over to the Afghan National Police and have moved on to another district in Khost!

In June I became the Platoon Leader and Fire Direction Officer for 3rd Platoon, Bravo Battery 2nd Battalion 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment at Forward Operating Base Kushamond in Western Paktika Province, Afghanistan firing two, 105mm Howitzers in support of C Company 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment. Over the past 4 months, we have sent over 1000 rounds down range in support of C Company troops in contact with the enemy, killing 15 Taliban in the process.

The pinnacle of all our efforts in this deployment was of course the national elections on August 20th. Not only where the elections a resounding success for the people of Afghanistan, but both the men of Dog Company, and 3rd Platoon Bravo Battery dealt a serious blow to the Taliban in their respective provinces as they skillfully and expertly thwarted Taliban attempts at disrupting the elections. As the fighting season winds down and the Taliban attempt to return to their winter bases in Pakistan, the men of 4/25 remain vigilant, ready to interdict and destroy the enemy before he can melt away over the mountains once more.

1LT Robert Connelly—'07 UVM





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Upcoming Events

October 3—Alumni Reception (Sheraton Hotel in Burlington, VT)

October 16-18—Fall FTX (Ethan Allen Firing Range, VT)

October 18—ROTC award ceremony during BC/UVM hockey game

October 24—Fall Leadership Lab #2 (Camp Johnson, VT)

October 23-25—Ranger Challenge Competition (Fort Devins, MA)

October 28—Fall Semester Record APFT (Camp Johnson, VT)

February 6—Spring Lab #1 (Camp Johnson, VT)

April 16-18 Spring Joint FTX with Clarkson University and University of New Hampshire (EAFR, VT)

April 24—Spring Lab #2 (EAFR, VT)

May 1—Military Ball (TBA)

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Green Mountain Battalion Cadet Staff from left to right: Cadets Wong, Chin, Harrington, Harper, Brown, Shupp, O'Neil, Plante, Holt, Griffin, Brayshaw, Guerin, Miclette, Monaco, and Horgan