Paladin Battalion Alumni and Friends,

It’s almost the end of another outstanding year in the Upstate and the Paladin Battalion continues to develop world class leaders for the U.S. Army. We will have 13 Cadets attending Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) and will commission, by the end of summer, 9 Second Lieutenants. The Paladin Battalion welcomed the opportunity to spend time with many of its alumni and new supporters throughout the year. Furman University welcomed Rod Smolla as the new President and his support, along with the support of the rest of the Furman administration and the faculty at both Furman and North Greenville University has been overwhelming. In October, LTG John Mulholland, Commander US Army Special Operations Command spent two days on campus, and dedicated more than two hours speaking with Cadets. Shortly after that, MG Richard Longo, US Army G3/5/7, visited as the key note participant in Furman’s Military Appreciation Day. He, along with an ACU-clad President Smolla and Football coaching staff, honored 24 of South Carolina’s Gold Star Families, and the Cadets raised almost $2000 for the Wounded Warrior Foundation. Planning is already underway for next year’s event, so get in touch if you want to help. In February the Paladin Battalion also welcomed LTG Dana Chipman, the 38th U.S. Army Judge Advocate General, to campus and was able to spend 90 minutes talking about the future of the Army that they are preparing to lead. Finally, congratulations to the Ranger Challenge Team – this year they were 5th out of more than 20 teams and were within striking distance of first place!!

News from our Paladins out in the world (more on page 12):
Adams, Nate (Robert) (‘03) S2, 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, in Savannah, GA
Buchanan, Adam (‘03) Fire Support Officer, 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA
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The focus this spring, as always, is preparing our juniors to excel at Fort Lewis during LDAC. They have been working hard and finished out their training with a final field training exercise. This year we again linked up with Cadets and cadre from Appalachian State, Clemson, Presbyterian and Wofford to conduct four days of tough training at Fort Jackson.

This was a great opportunity for the Paladin Battalion juniors to test their tactical leadership skills and they now realize how truly prepared they are to lead. Congratulate them on their accomplishments – they achieved the highest average APFT score and received the highest percentage of “E” evaluations by the time training was complete!! Congratulations are also due to Cadet Daniel Dixon – his performance throughout the past three years has earned him the position of Cadet Battalion Commander for school year 2011-2012!

This year’s seniors have done well in planning, resourcing, and executing all the battalion events. They started off strong and sustained that success throughout the year, first with a contracting ceremony during Furman’s Parents Weekend, and immediately followed by an incredibly successful military appreciation day.

This year’s sophomore class has been busy as well. They were the backbone of the successful Ranger Challenge Team and look to make it even stronger next year. They have also challenged themselves to take a more active role in the Paladin Battalion, planning and executing this year’s Dining Out, and working closely with cadre to develop next year’s training. The freshmen class has come a long way and really adjusted well to the demands of college and ROTC. Their work continues to make all the other Battalion efforts successful and it will be great next year when they take a more active role in the Battalion.

Two last thoughts before wrapping this up; Commissioning and Recruiting. This year’s commissioning ceremony is scheduled for 2:00 PM on 7 May in McAlister Auditorium. We look forward to seeing you at the ceremony if you are in the area. This year’s theme is a tribute to the U.S. Army medical service, and MG Richard Longo will again serve as the commissioning speaker. The focus this Spring semester has been, and for the foreseeable future will remain, recruiting. We are looking to bring in quality MS I, II, and III and we need help from everyone. All our Cadets are bringing in prospects, but a key component to this will be the guidance and support, as well as potential referrals, that the Paladin Battalion Alumni and Friends can provide. We ask that you look around for those folks who need advice on colleges, let them know about Furman and North Greenville Universities and the Paladin Battalion. Also, get involved in the ROTC Alumni Organization – you’ll get a separate information sheet soon, but please think about the advantages that the Paladin Battalion experience has provided, and help us continue to provide that to future generations of Army leaders.

Go Paladins!
LTC Mike Ellicott
Our new Professor of Military Science will take command in May 2011 after our commissioning ceremony and the departure of Lieutenant Colonel Michael Ellicott.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Gilleran enlisted in the Army at 18, serving for two years as a Truck Driver at Fort Lewis, Washington before being accepted to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School. A 1993 graduate of USMA, he served in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas as an Infantry Platoon Leader in 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment and as a Transportation Corps Staff Officer in the Division Support Command.

In 1999 he completed the Special Forces Qualification Course and served for three years in the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Stuttgart, Germany. He commanded three different Operational Detachments - Alpha (ODA) and served as a Company Executive Officer, deploying with his teams to Bosnia and Kosovo.

In 2002, returning to USMA, he served as a Company and Battalion Tactical Officer and Director of Cadet Programs in the USMA Corps of Cadets.

In 2006 he completed the Public Affairs Officer (PAO) Course at the Defense Information School and was assigned to U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) at Fort McPherson, Georgia, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs as the Media Team Chief.

In 2008 he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) where he served as the PAO of a Joint Task Force. He returned to FORSCOM and served on the Public Affairs Plans & Operations Team.

In 2009 he was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy. He deployed to Afghanistan serving as the Public Affairs Officer for Task Force Bayonet.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from the United States Military Academy in 1993 and a Master of Science degree in Education from Long Island University in 2003.

He has earned the Special Forces and Ranger tabs, the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman’s Badge, Senior Parachutist, Air Assault and Italian Parachutist Badges.

Lieutenant Colonel Gilleran is married. He and his wife have three children.
This past fall (School Year 2010-2011) the year began with an enrollment of 23 freshmen (14 on scholarship). These outstanding Cadets brought energy, enthusiasm and passion to the program with an unrelenting desire to carry on the great tradition of the Paladin Battalion. Colonel (Retired) Timothy Dixon was the guest speaker for the contracting ceremony which was held on September 25, 2010 inside the Charles E. Daniel Memorial Chapel on the Furman University campus. Two of these Cadets will attend summer training, Rocky Mountain High in Colorado Springs, Colorado where they will participate in an outdoor adventure program ranging from mountain bike riding to rock climbing.

LTC Ellicott administers the oath to the incoming Freshman class.
COL (RET) Timothy Dixon, Furman alum addressed the audience and contracting Cadets on Warrior Ethos, Army Values and leadership.

Cadets Alsip and Gray lead the Corps of Cadets into Daniel Chapel for the contracting ceremony.

Cadet Kacie Schoen takes the oath of a contracted Cadet.

Cadet Jacob Adams plays the National Anthem on his trumpet.

Cadets Chelsea Dyson, Matt Clemens and Nick Robertson stand to take the oath.
Ross Leigh, Kaitlin Kisiel, Antwan Glenn-Tracy

On December 10, 2010 Second Lieutenant Antwan Glenn-Tracy and Second Lieutenant Kaitlin Kisiel were commissioned in a ceremony at North Greenville University. Both of these young Officers will begin their military careers as active-duty Officers. Lieutenant Glenn-Tracy will be assigned to the Paladin Battalion as the Gold Bar Recruiter prior to attending the Signal Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Upon graduating from BOLC, he will be assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Lieutenant Kisiel was branched into the Quartermaster Corps and is currently attending the Quartermaster Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Lee, Virginia. Upon graduating from BOLC, she will be assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The recruiting team, Henry Anderson and 2LT Glenn-Tracy will work diligently to fill the freshman class for School Year 2011-2012. Even though Cadet Command has reduced offering 4-Year ROTC scholarships to incoming freshmen, Furman has been awarded three scholarships and expects to receive more prior to class enrollment in the fall. More than ten students have expressed an interest in attending Furman and participating in ROTC without an ROTC scholarship. These students will have an opportunity to compete for a scholarship when they arrive on campus.
Seven seniors will participate in the commissioning ceremony to be held on May 7, 2011 on Furman’s campus at McAlister Auditorium. Christopher Dixon and Phillip Reilly will be commissioned this summer after completing the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, Washington. We extend our sincere congratulations in advance to these future Officers.

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Congratulations to our 2010 commissionees from left to right; Lieutenants Russell Guilfoile, Travis Shaw, Korey Sims, Jason Criss, Jonathan Early, Tommy Robinson, Andy Capone and Benny Smith.
The Paladin Battalion continues to train with discipline and determination as we prepare our Cadets to be future Army Officers. Our current Senior class was successful at last year’s Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC), and has been full speed this year in preparing and mentoring our Juniors for the same challenge. Cadets Jacob Adams, Adam Ballard and Luke Corley will also have the opportunity to shadow a 2nd Lieutenant in an active duty unit through the Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) program and will gain valuable insights regarding expectations of them once they are commissioned.

Several of our current Cadets are currently slotted for other adventures and summer training opportunities. Cadets Wilson Duty, Daniel Dixon, Tim Harter and Justin Gray will attend Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia and Justin Linville will attend Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

The academic year began with a frenzy of activity. CLTC Hovdesven and his staff did a superb job of preparing the battalion to receive Cadets by revising battalion policy letters, establishing platoon and squad rosters, preparing physical training and lab plans, and readying supplies to support training. We seamlessly integrated the incoming Freshmen class of 23 Cadets into the battalion and began training. Our Ranger Challenge team trained hard for the late-October competition held at Fort Pickett, Virginia. Of the 18 schools competing Furman University finished fifth with a slim margin from fourth and third place finishers. We look forward to next year’s competition as we continue to train our “Black Team” year around.

We conducted our battalion field training exercise on 25-27 March 2011 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina which included rifle marksmanship, patrolling and patrol base activities to further prepare our Juniors for LDAC while exposing the remainder of the battalion to platoon-level field operations. As our culminating event, MSIIIs (Cadets Jacob Adams, Adam Ballard, Dustin Ballentine, Quentin Benjaminson, Keli Bezek, Luke Corley, Tommy Cummins, Daniel Dixon, Nick Dunn, James McDonald, Nodia Robinson and William Stallsmith) conducted a joint exercise with Wofford University, Clemson University, and Appalachian State University at Fort Jackson from 7 thru 10 April 2011 in preparation for LDAC this summer at Fort Lewis, Washington.
Furman held its 2010 annual Military Appreciation Day event on 9 October 2010, when the Paladins faced off against the Bisons of Howard University.

The Corps of Cadets raised funds through a paintball tournament for the Wounded Warrior Project and presented the organization a check for $1,925.00 at half time.

Captain (RET) Wayne Waldon, a Furman alum, wounded in Iraq accepts the check along with a Wounded Warrior representative from our new President Rod Smolla, smartly dressed in jacket and ACU pants and boots.
During his visit to Furman University sponsored by the Mayville Foundation, LTG Mulholland accomplished a lot:

He spoke to Dr. Mike Bressler’s class on International Peace and Security. LTG Mulholland had lunch with 20 members of the Riley Institute Advance team. He also addressed Furman’s 78 Cadets and cadre members. His keynote public address on “Afghanistan” was given to a standing room only crowd at Younts Conference Center.

Speaking to over 400 students and community members, he described the challenges of bringing peace to this fractured and war-torn country. Nevertheless, Mulholland stated unequivocally, the military is undeterred: “At the end of the day this will be about our will, our commitment as a military, and our commitment as a nation to give the Afghan people the peace they deserve.”

LTG John F. Mulholland Jr. assumed command of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command November 7, 2008. Prior to commanding USASOC, Mulholland was commanding general of Special Operations Command Central at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

LTG Mulholland graduated with a BA in history from Furman University in 1978, where he was commissioned as a 2LT of Infantry. His first post was with the 193rd Infantry Brigade in the former Panama Canal Zone where he served as a rifle platoon leader, weapons platoon leader and company Executive Officer in both 4th BN (Mech), 20th Infantry (Sykes Regulars) and Co. A (ABN), 3rd BN, 5th Infantry. He then moved to Fort Bragg, N.C., to attend the Special Forces Qualification Course. Upon graduation in September 1983, then-CPT Mulholland joined the 5th Special Forces Group (ABN), Project B-500. Since joining Special Forces, LTG Mulholland has commanded at the ODA, Company, Battalion/Squadron and Group levels within Special Forces. Additionally, he served in other special operations assignments including Special Operations Command South (Panama) as well as the operations officer at 1st SFOD-D (ABN). Then-COL Mulholland commanded Joint Special Operations Task Force-North (TF Dagger) in the opening days of Operation Enduring Freedom and Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-West (TF Dagger) in the initial campaign of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He subsequently served as the Chief, Office of Military Cooperation-Kuwait, as Commanding General, United States Special Forces Command (ABN) and as Deputy Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command.
Lieutenant General (LTG) Dana Chipman served as the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, and then as Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Central Command. He also served as the Commander and Commandant of The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia. On 1 October 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General and began serving as the 38th Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army.

LTG Chipman visited Furman University during the Spring semester and addressed several academic classes as well as the Corps of Cadets. He spoke about military law, current operations, the repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell and the future consequences of Army end strength for the outlying years.

He also allowed the Cadets to ask questions of their own. LTG Chipman’s daughter, a Furman Freshman was in the audience, though she is not a Cadet in the Paladin Battalion (there’s still room).
We could certainly fill this up and more with your news too!

You can find more alumni news and pictures on Facebook. Search: Furman ROTC Alumni

Evans, Andrew (‘03) Still on Active Duty

Fincham, Justin (‘03) Commander, 268th Network Support Company

Hearne, Jacqueline (Dinehart) (‘02) Company Commander, HHSC 15th MI will soon celebrate her 3rd wedding anniversary and has been selected to attend language training and grad school in preparation as a FAO in Northeast Asia.

Iliff, Erik (‘02) G2, 52ID (replicated) for NTC.

Krebs, Erin (‘03) Just selected to attend the MSC Junior Officer Week this year in Washington, DC. Erin was also nominated for the MSC Award of Excellence (Peer Award). She will change command 4 March, and finally getting to attend CCC in March, 70H course immediately following, and PCS to Shaw AFB (3rd Army) to work in ARCENT Surgeon Cell

Leipold, Cal (‘05) JAG Corps, doing trial defense work in Weisbaden, GE and recently went up against another graduate from ’00 Jess Rankin. Cal didn’t tell me who got the better of whom?

Taps:

David Otis Tomlinson (‘64), 68, died on January 10, 2011, at his home in Baltimore, MD, after a 14 year convalescence following a massive stroke. David graduated with honors from Furman University.

To all current and former members of the Armed Forces: We will establish a military alumni association during our annual Military Appreciation Day on 8 October 2011 and would like you to join us. We would like this group to become active in coordinating our annual Military Appreciation Day here at Furman, mentoring current cadets and future Officers of the Military Science Department (ROTC), sponsoring Officers reporting to your current duty post or area, providing oversight of the monies generated by the endowed fund (The Paladin Battalion Operational Fund), cheerleading and advocating for the program within the university and of course maintaining and enhancing the relationships that are started here and nurtured through our shared experience as Service Members.

The ROTC program here at Furman produces Army Officers, but we also know our brothers and sisters in arms have served our nation in all branches of the service. We welcome any and all services in this organization.

If you are interested, or know of alumni you think would be interested in becoming a member or serving, please send an email or call: Alumni Affairs Office
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Or call Bill Price, COMTEK at 864 294-3399 or send an email to bill.price@furman.edu