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6th Brigade Newsletter for Army ROTC Advocates

COMMUNITY LEADERS & EDUCATORS: INFLUENCING TOMORROW'S LEADERS



ARMY ROTC CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE NATION

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) began with President Wilson signing the National Defense Act of 1916. Army ROTC is the largest officer-producing organization within the American military, having commissioned more than half a million Army Officers since its inception. Today, Army ROTC has 273 programs at colleges and universities across the nation, with enrollment of more than 35,000 college students. Join us over the coming year as we celebrate our rich 100-year history with alumni events and centennial commemoration activities. Share with us your stories and photographs at [#ArmyROTC100](#) and [#ArmyROTCAlum](#).



1917 Officers of the Corps

THE RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS HAS A RICH AND STORIED HISTORY.
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www.cadetcommand.army.mil

For 100 YEARS . . .

Army ROTC has provided the nation with the right leaders at the right time.

Army ROTC graduates that serve as Army Officers possess leadership and managerial skills that last a lifetime.

Army ROTC has been the premier pathway to an exciting and prestigious profession.

Army ROTC graduates remain fully prepared to lead the forces defending our freedom in an increasingly complex world.



SUMMER GRADUATES COMMISSION

We salute the 189 college graduates who successfully participated in our 6th Brigade Army ROTC program at colleges and universities throughout the Southeast and, upon graduation, commissioned this summer as United States Army 2nd Lieutenant Officers. They will receive specialized training in one of 18 different Army career fields, including the NEW Cyber branch (see page 4).

PUERTO RICO
& Virgin Islands
73 Cadets



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FOR COLLEGE ARMY ROTC CADETS, THE WORLD IS THEIR CLASSROOM

A junior at Florida Southern College in his hometown of Lakeland, Florida, Pedro Cuervo is majoring in political science while simultaneously enrolled in Army ROTC. As part of his college Army ROTC program, Cadet Pedro Cuervo went to Cambodia this summer to teach English to Cambodian soldiers.

Cadet Cuervo was in the top 1,000 out of the 25,000 people tested for Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP). He was selected along with 23 other Cadets and enlisted soldiers to go to Cambodia, a trip funded through College Army ROTC and the U.S. Army Cadet Command.

Every year, hundreds of college Army ROTC Cadets travel the globe, spending up to three weeks immersed in foreign cultures, learning more about how others around the world view the U.S. and, in the process, learning more about themselves. "It was hard not having clean water, air conditioning or soap," Cuervo said. "But that made it a better experience for us. The soldiers respected us because we were doing all the same things they were; we were on the same level." The main goal of traveling to Cambodia was to teach the soldiers to speak English, but Cuervo said he learned about Cambodian culture such as eating a spider — which he said tasted like beef — and drinking out of a coconut while walking through the busy Cambodian streets. He also saw the Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world.

Immersion into foreign cultures exposes Cadets to the realities of vastly different lifestyles, economic standing and world perspective. For more information about the opportunities for immersion in more than 40 countries, visit www.cadetcommand.army.mil/culp



Cambodian soldier Sum Nang (left) learns English from Florida Southern College ARMY ROTC Cadet Pedro Cuervo.



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FROM COLLEGE
ARMY ROTC TO
ARMY
ASTRONAUT

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AND BEYOND!

Lieutenant General (Ret.) "Bud" Forster, an alumni of University of Alabama's ROTC program, stands with UA Cadet Bart Jeffery (left) and Cadet Hayden Faith (right), both enrolled in College Army ROTC at the University of Alabama. Dr. Forster was recently honored at the UA vs. Ole Miss football game for his service to the Nation and the University. Dr. Forster was class of 1960, commissioning with the Army into Field Artillery, then he branched into aviation. Forster was the first officer selected by the Army for astronaut training. After retiring from his 30-year Army career in 1995, he continued to excel in private industry, winning numerous awards for his contributions to aviation technology. Dr. Forster was inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame in 2010. An exemplary lifelong career that began with college Army ROTC!

COMMUNITY LEADERS VISIT U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND HEADQUARTERS



(left to right) **Maj. General Peggy Combs**-Commander, US Army Cadet Command, Ft Knox, KY; **Ben Minnifield**-Lemont Scott Group, Jackson, MS; **Dr. Tom Crute**-Georgia Regents Univ Chemistry Professor/Department Chair, Augusta GA; **Latina Rivers**-US Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL; **Lieutenant Col. Dan Knight**-Professor of Military Science, Alcorn State Univ, Lorman, MS; **Colonel John Pugliese**-6th Brigade TITANS Brigade Commander, Savannah GA; **Dr. Miranda Beard**-President National School Boards Association, Laurel, MS; **CSM John Carpenter**-6th Brigade TITANS Command Sergeant Major, Savannah GA; **Dr. Janet Guyden**-Provost, Grambling State University, Grambling LA; **Dr. Amy Ross**-University of Georgia Geography Professor, Athens GA; **Marni Kendricks**-Univ of Mississippi, Asst. Dean of Engineering

COMMON GOAL: LEADERS FOR LIFE

6TH BRIGADE ARMY ROTC WELCOMES NEW PARTNERS

GEORGIA SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION:

Dr. Barbara Wall, Director for Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education
Emily Spann, Program Manager for Transition and Development
Dr. John Pritchett, Program Specialist for Middle School Programs
Gary Mealer, Program Specialist for JROTC Programs/Dual Enrollment Coordinator
Maria Grovner, Program Specialist for School Counseling/School Social Work
Dr. Myrel Seigler, Program Manager for School Counseling/School Social Work



CYBER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, FORT GORDON, GEORGIA:

Kimberly Burr, Chief, Learning Innovation, U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence
Monica Baker, Instructional Systems Specialist, U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence



Adults who actively lead in their community, along with parents, school guidance counselors, teachers, athletics directors and coaches, and other successful leaders are the folks that young people look to for guidance as they approach adulthood. When these leaders and educators partner with Army ROTC, they are informed about financial support such as scholarships, monthly stipends, and payment for books, along with the many career opportunities available for Army Officers.

Share the Army ROTC opportunity with the young people in your life. For scholarship application details, visit www.cadetcommand.army.mil/scholarships.

JROTC TEAM TAKES 1ST PLACE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION



Congratulations to Norcross High School's Army JROTC Academic Team for taking top honors in the 2015 JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB) National Championships held in Washington D.C. A public high school located in Gwinnett County, Georgia near Atlanta, Norcross High School competed with a team of four of their JROTC Cadets.

The competition began in September 2014 with 1,708 teams from high school JROTC programs across the nation. For teams to advance, they must successfully answer progressively-difficult questions. After three rigorous rounds of academic competition, the team advanced to the National JLAB Championships held on the campus of Catholic University of America in Washington DC where they out-performed 24 other Army teams. They finished with a perfect 13-0 record, beating some of the best public and private high schools in the nation!

Sponsored by College Options Foundation, the annual JLAB competition prepares high school students for college, stressing math, science, and language arts, as well as the JROTC curriculum. For more information, visit <http://collegeoptionsfoundation.net/>.



(left to right) Cadet Maj. Nick Bunner (Team Captain), Cadet Maj. Kyle Holstein (Team Captain), Cadet Capt. Yarley Larumbe, and Cadet Cpt. Malijah Burgess. **2nd row:** Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Frank J. Cook (Norcross H.S. Senior Army Instructor), Major General Peggy Combs (Commander, US Army Cadet Command), Sgt. Major Gabriel Arnold (Command Sergeant Major, US Army Cadet Command), and Mr. Leon McMullen (Deputy Director of Junior ROTC)

High school students around the world join Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). To learn how JROTC motivates young people to be better citizens, visit www.usarmyjrotc.com/



COMMANDER'S CORNER

ARMY OFFERS NEW CAREER IN CYBER TECHNOLOGY

Our job in 6th Brigade is to select, develop and commission the best Cadets for the future of the nation and our Army. We are specifically seeking college-bound students majoring in Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Upon graduation and completion of college Army ROTC, Cadets will commission as Army Officers to serve the nation and the Total Army as a full-time Active Duty Army Officer, or part-time in the Army National Guard or the U.S. Army Reserve.

Many opportunities exist in the Army for Cadets interested in STEM careers, including a career in Cybersecurity, a fast-growing industry with high-paying opportunities. The demand for cybersecurity professionals has grown 3.5 times faster than the demand for other information technology jobs over the past five years. The Army has recently created "Cyber" as functional branch for officers in order to build a professional team of elite cyber warriors to defend Army networks and provide dominant full-spectrum cyber operations. For information about Army cyber career opportunities, visit www.arcyber.army.mil/g1.html.

Several universities among 6th Brigade ROTC programs are recognized by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as Centers of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Information Assurance Education. Congratulations to Auburn University, Jacksonville State University, Tuskegee University, University of Alabama, University of South Alabama, Columbus State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Mississippi State University, Florida A&M University, Florida State University, and Florida Institute of Technology. For more information, on the CAE IA/CD designation, visit www.nsa.gov/ia/academic_outreach/nat_cae/.

The Army ROTC 6th Brigade team and I look forward to academic year 2015-2016, certain to be a year of excellence!