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.....I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.....

~Nelson Mandela

~ WELCOME BACK BISON-2008 Welcome back BBQ & Recruiting



The Bison Battalion conducted its 2nd Annual Welcome Back BBQ and Recruiting event this year during the freshmen orientation week at Howard University.

Bison's goldbar recruiter 2LT Kevin McGuire, a graduate of the Georgetown Army ROTC Program and Bison's Training NCO, SFC Kenneth Norris, planned, coordinated and executed a successful event. Over 30 potential Cadets and prospects arrived early Friday morning for a weigh in and take the Army Physical Fitness Test. The APFT is one of several requirements needed in order for a student to contract into the program and receive benefits associated with being an ROTC Cadet. Those that passed and met the prerequisites were contracted and receive full benefits. Those that did not, were still administratively in-processed and can still participate and they will be given another opportunity to meet contractual prerequisites at a later date.

Local Army Recruiters took advantage of the opportunity and joined Bisons at an outdoor picnic. Returning Cadets returned early to help out with the event. It was a warm reception as they pitched in to assist the incoming Cadets move into their dorms and adapt to life on a college campus.

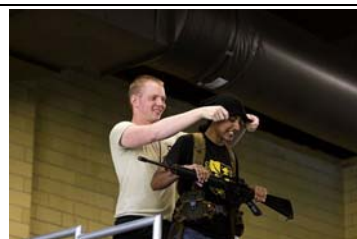
The program brought in about 33 great Cadet prospects that include: 23 freshmen prospects, 5 sophomores and 5 juniors. To date, we have contracted 10 Cadets; we are projected to contract another 5-8 on 10 September after our first semester Army Physical Fitness Test. Our goal is to have all 33 Cadets, fully qualified and contracted NLT 15 October!

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~2008 LEADER'S TRAINING COURSE FT. KNOX, KY Nurse and Educator's Visit



This summer two of Howard University's own faculty/staff literally "took the plunge" when they participated in the Combat Water Survival Test or "CWST" at Fort Knox, KY, among other events. We commend Dr. Patrick Goodin and Ms. Miriam Ahmed for attending the Leader's Training Course (LTC) Educator's visit and enthusiastically participating in the instruction and leadership training that Howard University Army ROTC students have experienced.

The goal of the annual visit is to show the Educators how Army ROTC teaches leadership and have them return to campus an active supporter of Army ROTC. The Educator's visit lasted for five days and was filled with excitement and high speed training, such as the High Ropes Climbing Complex, Small Boat Training, and Field Leader's Reaction Course. All participation by the educators was strictly optional, but highly encouraged. The educators also sampled Army field rations - Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) - just like their Cadets.

Another highlight of the visit was the banquet held in educator's honor. A flag ceremony depicting the history of the Army's campaigns was performed with Soldiers wearing vintage uniforms from the Revolutionary War to today's Army of One Soldier. A tour of the Patton Museum was also conducted during the visit as well as attendance at a graduation ceremony.



BISON PRIDE

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~COMMANDER'S CORNER



Greetings and welcome to the mighty Bison Battalion. After approximately 62 days at Fort Knox Kentucky for the Leader's Training Course; it is great to be back home and on campus! I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome the Class of 2012 to Howard University and our Nation's Capitol. We are so excited to have you on our team and we look forward to establishing and building a long term relationship. Your class without question; is our largest recruiting class since September 11, 2001. Again, congratulations on being accepted into the premier HBCU in the country. At this point, I hope you have started to settle in and make the necessary adjustments and changes to enjoy life on a major college campus. I know...the first couple of weeks in school can be overwhelming, stressful and filled with plenty of anxiety to say the least. I hope my cadre and the Cadet leadership helped to make your transition into college as easy as possible. Remember, your ability to quickly integrate and assimilate yourself into college and the military environment will help mitigate some of the stress associated with getting acclimated to life on a major university campus.

Upcoming events :

- 12 SEP-GWC AUSA Luncheon. ANCC
- 20 SEP-FTX LandNav
- 26 SEP-Howard University Convocation
- 6-8 OCT AUSA Convention

I strongly encourage you to reach out to the cadre, Cadet leadership, faculty, deans, staff and other students, and to seek guidance, advice and ask questions whenever necessary. Howard University and the Army ROTC department is an exceptional institution with innumerable resources and talented people to assist you in your quest for knowledge and leadership.

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I would also like welcome back members of the "Mighty" Bison Battalion! I hope everyone had an opportunity to take advantage of the summer break and spend some quality time with family, friends and loved ones. Congratulations to the new Cadet Battalion Commander George Johnson and his personal and special staff Cadet leadership. Johnson Excelled at Warrior Forge and earned the prestigious RECONDO badge this summer. I have charged and challenged him with continuing to build on the great work that has taken place during the past two years. I am completely confident that Cadet Johnson will leave an indelible legacy and mark on this proud and historic program! Leadership and Pride! LSC Bobbie L. Williams Sr.

Greetings to my fearless Bison,



It brings me great honor to serve as your Battalion Commander for the 2008-2009 academic school year. Having graduated from Warrior Forge, less than two weeks ago, I have grown to love and appreciate the Army and this program more and more. I am grateful for the opportunity to impart upon the Battalion, particularly the MS III class, the knowledge that my fellow MS IVs and I have acquired while at LDAC. I simply ask that you all prepare for this journey as my staff and I take the Bison Battalion to an entirely different level.

My goal for this academic school year is to have an average Battalion GPA of 3.0 or higher. Although we are ROTC Cadets, being a student is the number priority for success at Howard University, as well as in this program. Remember 40% of your Order of Merit Score is academics. Secondly, I want an average APFT score of 240 or better. Keep in mind that an officer should be able to lead physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally. Third, I would love to see you all be recognized for your greatness. Bottom line, I know each and everyone of you have talents to bring to the table, such as: the Rocks 5 Miler and Ranger Challenge, just to name a few...I think this is the year, that we show not only the Eastern Region, but the entire nation what Bison are made of. Lastly, my goal is for each and every one of you to enjoy yourselves and the program. Although we're about handling business, the Battalion is a close-knit family and you all are our newest addition. So on behalf of the staff, I welcome you! Although this may seem like a lot to ask for, keep in mind that "to whom much is given, much will be required!" I promise each and every one of you, that you will see the fruits of your labor as you seek to meet my aspirations. Lastly, I can rest assure that the legacy of the Howard University Bison will be restored as you all and my staff work together to reach these common goals. Again, I am honored to be your Battalion Commander and look forward to a successful, rewarding and memorable school year. BISON lead the Way! -LEADERSHIP AND PRIDE! C/LTC George Johnson III

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~BISON HEADLINERS

- ◆ Congratulations COL Norvell V. Coots, MD. He assumed command of the Walter Reed Health Care Center
- ◆ Congratulations to Bison's own ROTC Company 220193. The Association of the United States Army announced that they were the winner of the "Most Active" Company in the Nation for the year. Formal award ceremony will be held during the AUSA Convention.
- ◆ Congratulations to Cadets G. Johnson, B. Cobb, S. Brown and J. Brown on their successful completion of the Leader Development Assessment Course.
- ◆ Congratulations to Cadets L. Turner, A. McKinney, D. Smith, T. Brown and T. McCook on their successful completion of the Leader's Training Course. Welcome to the Bison Battalion
- ◆ Congratulations to Cadet P. Beckford. She graduated Airborne school this summer
- ◆ Congratulations to Cadet M. Tumbarello. He graduated both Airborne and Air Assault school this summer

...Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome....

~ Booker T. Washington





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~BISON IN ACTION

More Bison in action Photos in our album at <http://www.coas.howard.edu/departments/#army>



LTC Williams passes the traditional staff of the new Cadet BN Commander



Freshmen Cadets conduct an APFT to meet contractual requirements

...I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life

~Eleanor Roosevelt



Class of 2012 Cadets enjoys a welcome BBQ sponsored by Army ROTC



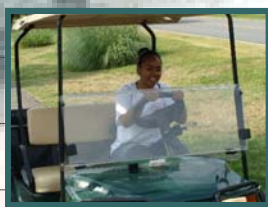
M. Ahmed from the COAS tries out the pool during the Educator's visit at LTC



Newly contracted Cadets takes the Oath



MSG Graves and Cadet Boone helps with registration at the GW Chapter Golf Tourney



TOP: CDT Anna Hicks takes a golf cart for a spin



BOTTOM: Freshmen Cadets awaits their turn to take their APFT



Bison Cadets volunteers at the 2008 GWC Golf Tournament



Bisons reveal their new canopy as CDT Anna Hicks briefs a curious bystander

Dr. Patrick Goodin, Chair, Department of Philosophy at the 2008 Educator's visit Ft. Knox, KY



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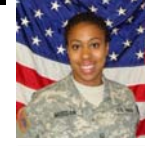
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~2008 CADET LEADERSHIP-Congratulations



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Battalion Commander
CLASS OF 2009 Political Science
HOMETOWN: Kansas City, MO



C/CSM JASMYN MORGAN
BN Command Sergeant Major
CLASS OF 2010 Psychology
HOMETOWN: Detroit, MI



C/CPT JEFFERY BROWN
Battalion S-2
CLASS OF 2009 MAJOR:
HOMETOWN:



C/CPT ANEESHA DANIELS
Battalion S-4
CLASS OF 2010 Clinical LAB Science
HOMETOWN: Neptune, NJ

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C/MAJ LLEWINGTINA KING
Battalion Executive Officer
CLASS OF 2010 Political Science
HOMETOWN: Spanish Town, Jamaica



C/CPT CHRISTOPHER HARRISON
Battalion S-1
CLASS OF 2010 Psychology
HOMETOWN: Colorado Springs, CO



C/MAJ BRUCE COBB
Battalion S-3
CLASS OF 2009 Adm of Justice
HOMETOWN: Oklahoma City, OK



C/CPT ROY MONTGOMERY
Battalion S-5
CLASS OF 2010 Political Science
HOMETOWN: Ft. Lauderdale, FL

~ALUMNI CORNER- 2LT Paula Safford CLASS OF 2007



As a little girl I had my entire life planned out and I was confident that life would be exactly how I had planned it. I knew I would attend Howard University, become an attorney, make mega dollars and retire young somewhere in Africa or my birthplace of New Mexico. It was not until my junior year in high school that I realized that I did not have the control over my life that I thought I did. As I sat in my high school Political Science class on September 11, 2001, I knew something major was about to happen in my life and things were not going to go exactly as planned. After that fateful day I made a resolution that I was going to serve my country in

some capacity. Despite the petitions of some family members and friends, I contracted my sophomore year at Howard and commissioned in May of 2007. It was during my senior year that I decided to put my aspirations of being an attorney temporarily on hold and go straight onto Active Duty to establish myself financially and get work experience.

My family was weary of my decision to postpone law school; constantly reminding me that a war was still taking place. Again, me thinking that I was in control of my life, I dismissed their concerns, confident in thinking that the Army would never send a brand new lieutenant to war. Oh how wrong I was. During my Officer Basic Course I was informed that I would be deploying. All I could think of was, as a Transportation Officer I was going to be constantly on the road going on convoys. While trying to digest everything that was going on, God told me not to be afraid because He was in control and that He would bring me back in the same condition that I left in. It was from that day forward that I was at total peace with my deployment.

As I arrived at COB Q-West, Iraq my first thought was "wow there's grass" Things quickly started changing as soon as I stepped on ground. I was told that I was no longer going to be working on Battalion staff, as planned, and that I was going to work at the Brigade level. I was excited and nervous at the same time when I got this news. Needless to say, my stay at Brigade did not last more than two days. A LTC told me that a brand new lieutenant did not belong on that level and that he wanted to find me a Platoon Leader position. I ended up going to a Quartermaster Company where I given two platoons. Immediately I started asking God how was this going to work out when I knew nothing about Quartermaster. He simply assured me that He knew what He was doing. He blessed me with two great Platoon Sergeants, SFC Thomas Shipp and SSG Anthony Melvin, who immediately embraced me and that took me under their wings. They were already 10 months into their deployment when I arrived and despite me being a brand new "LT" they showed me the respect that I deserved all the while mentoring me, guiding me and protecting me. They were commonly referred to as "my bodyguards", because I never went anywhere without one of them by my side. Although I was only in Iraq for 5 months I learned the basics of running a platoon, the importance of accountability and maintenance of equipment, getting to know my Soldiers on a personal level and how to be confident in myself and my abilities despite being the third youngest in the Company but the fourth highest ranking. I can honestly say that I enjoyed my deployment. I have made lifetime friends, learned valuable professional and personal lessons and served my country. This is an experience that I would not take back and I thank God for the opportunity and bringing me home safely and in the same condition I left in.

Lastly I want to give a shout-out to my sorority, my friend, my daily phone/email buddy while in Iraq, 2LT Goggans, who is still deployed. I miss you girlie and hurry home soon so we can act a fool!



TOP: A. Daniels is promoted to C/CPT as the Bn S-4



BOTTOM: LTC Williams and CDT Hicks chat with a prospect at the welcome BBQ