FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings Bruin Family!

Well the school year is almost over for our cadets and now begins the “slow” summer training for 22 juniors and 2 seniors at Ft. Lewis, Washington for the Leader Development Assessment Course. These Bruins will spend 33 days training with cadets across the nation along with several of our cadre members and staff in support of this fantastic training event from June through August. Additionally, we will send one cadre member and seven future cadets to the Leadership Training Course at Ft. Knox, Kentucky where they will learn about the Army and if they complete all required training be offered an ROTC scholarship upon their completion. Finally, we’ll be sending three cadets to train at Airborne School, one to Air Assault School, and one to Mountain Northern Warfare Training School...in all a great summer lined up for many of our future Army leaders.

In other exciting news (see page 9), the UCLA administration has approved the development of an ROTC Memorial Plaque to be displayed on the outside of the Student Activities Center. We are now working with the UCLA Architect to design this most deserving plaque and plan to unveil it during the Veteran’s Day Weekend events in November. Please mark these dates down as we’ll have our 2nd Annual Alumni gathering on the Saturday football game. We’ll send out reminders early fall to find out how many football tickets you’ll need.

Christopher P. Talcott
Professor of Military Science

In the next week we will Commission 10 new Lieutenants into the Army. Two Lieutenants were commissioned this past spring and we’ll Commission six more this summer and next fall for a total of 18 new Army officers. This is the second largest commissioning class at UCLA in the last decade and next year will be even larger as we expect to Commission approximately 25 new Lieutenants. These results do not happen by accident and I continue to be thankful for the great cadre and staff we have working hard everyday to make a difference in the lives of our cadets. On pages 6-8 of this newsletter you’ll see the additional tremendous support received by our program from local community leaders, ex-military, and alumni. Thank you all for providing our students scholarship opportunities and recognizing their scholastic, athletic, and leadership attributes. When I started as the PMS last year we had approximately 56 cadets in the program. We finished up this year with 81 enrolled or participating cadets and I fully expect our program to be at 100 by next summer. It is an honor to coach, teach, and mentor these super young men and women. They truly fit UCLA’s motto....”Champion’s made here!”...and our program is a reflection of all your efforts.

Please have a safe and rewarding summer and we’ll see you in the fall. As always, Vicki will be around to make sure the team “has correct azimuth, direction, and pace count to our next objective!”

Christopher P. Talcott
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army
Professor and Chair

On our cover: The Army is going to the dogs! CDT Jason Henke (incoming cadet commander) and a furry friend navigate the wilds of Southern California.
**2007 Commissioning Ceremony**

17 June 2007
3:00 PM

Grand Horizon Room, Covel Commons
200 De Neve Drive
University of California, Los Angeles

All alumni and friends of UCLA Army R.O.T.C. are invited to join us to witness the commissioning of:

John Abraham  Katharine Alexander
Johnny Anderson  Ana Baez
Gericson Carpo  Christopher Fields
Jacquelin Marrero  Michael Stahlke
Kevin Sykora  Roy Yoo

Also honoring Summer and Winter Commissionees

Daniel Nelson
Jennifer Corbin
Bryce Matson

Featured guest speaker

Major General Paul E. Mock
63rd Regional Readiness Command

To RSVP or for questions, please call Victoria Sanelli at (310) 825-7381, or email vksanelli@ucla.edu.

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**2LT Spotlight: Bryan Pauley and Jesse Elmore**

The UCLA Department of Military Science is very pleased to announce the commissioning of our two newest Second Lieutenants — Bryan Pauley and Jesse Elmore.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT BRYAN PAULEY**

2LT Bryan Pauley will serve in the Engineer branch in the California National Guard. He is assigned to the 216th Company of the 578th Engineering Battalion. 2LT Pauley is a graduate of University of California, Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He received his commission at a ceremony in Wilson Plaza on 10 April 2007.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT JESSE ELMORE**

2LT Jesse Elmore branched Infantry in the United States Army Reserves. He will be assigned to the 416th Civil Affairs Battalion in San Diego. 2LT Elmore is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Arts in Arabic. He received his commission at a ceremony in Janss Plaza on 11 May 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS 2LT PAULEY AND 2LT ELMORE!
Every year we hold an awards ceremony to recognize the efforts and achievements of the cadets. The support of many generous organizations reward cadets for giving their best. This year’s award recipients, announced at a ceremony held on 11 May 2007, are:

**82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION AWARD, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER**
Kevin Sykora

**100th/442nd VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION GO FOR BROKE AWARD**
Daniel Nelson

**101st AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION AWARD, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER**
Tamara DeJesus

**AMERICAN LEGION PACIFIC PALISADES POST 283 MEDALS FOR MILITARY EXCELLENCE**
Gericon Carpo (Gold)
Jason Henke (Silver)
Maia Trotta (Bronze)
And
**MEDALS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**
Roy Yoo (Gold)
Jeff Johnson (Silver)
Bridgette Tuquero (Bronze)

**ARMED FORCES COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION AWARD, LOS ANGELES CHAPTER**
James Wolf

**ARMY SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION AWARD, LTC FRANK J. DALLAS CHAPTER**
Bryce Matson

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S. ARMY (AUSA) GOLD MEDAL**
Alexander Um
And
**MILITARY HISTORY AWARD**
Amanda Coyle

**AUSA, LOS ANGELES CHAPTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY OMAR N. BRADLEY SCHOLARSHIPS**
Carlos Adame
Johnny Anderson
Archie Arada
Jason Henke
Bryce Matson
And
**CADET OF THE YEAR AWARD**
Ana Baez

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, SANTA MONICA CHAPTER GOLD MEDAL AWARD**
Ana Baez

**DAUGHTERS OF FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF AMERICA AWARD, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER**
Amanda Coyle

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY SUPERIOR CADET AWARDS**
Aryeh Goldman, MS I
Amanda Coyle, MS II
Jordan Ritenour, MS III
Michael Stahlke, MS IV

**COL LEONARD R. DYKES SCHOLARSHIPS**
Brian Caines
Mageen Caines
Michael Calegari
Andrew Elkin
Jason Henke
Colin Hensley
Jeff Johnson
Jackeline Orozco
Victor Robles
Richmond Ruta

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, LOS ANGELES ESCHSCHOLTZIA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS**
Brian Caines
Mageen Caines
Michael Calegari
Andrew Elkin
Jason Henke
Colin Hensley
Jeff Johnson
Jackeline Orozco
Victor Robles
Richmond Ruta

**Hugo Sibrian**
**Christopher Troxell**
**Alexander Um**

**MILITARY OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AWARD**
John Abraham

**MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD**
Jamie Wing

**MILITARY ORDER OF WORLD WARS, OMAR M. BRADLEY CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP**
Daniel Nelson

**MILITARY ORDER OF WORLD WARS, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER AWARDS OF MERIT**
James Wolf, MS I
Andrew Elkin, MS II
Michael Calegari, MS III

**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, LOS ALAMITOS CHAPTER 519 AWARD**
Mageen Caines

**COL DON NORRIS SCHOLARSHIP**
Jordan Ritenour

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**Thank You!**

We are extremely grateful to all the award sponsors who make our annual awards ceremony a special event year after year. This Bruin Battalion tradition is only made possible by the generous support of these wonderful organizations and the amazing people who belong to them. Thank you!
RESERVE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION AWARDS, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
Carlos Adame, MS I
Brain Caines, MS II
Jason Kim, MS III

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER AWARD
Brandon Robertson

SUSAN EDWARDS AWARD
Jacquelin Marrero

UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AWARD
Jason Henke

WESTWOOD VILLAGE ROTARY CLUB OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD
Johnny Anderson

JIMMY YOKOYAMA FOUNDATION YANKEE SAMURAI AWARD
Ana Baez

As we reported in our last issue, the recent loss of 2LT Mark Daily has reminded us all of the high price of freedom. It has also drawn attention to the fact that UCLA currently does not have anything in place to honor those who have bought that freedom for us with their lives. Thus, we are very pleased to report that Chancellor Norman Abrams has approved the proposal to place a memorial plaque for ROTC alumni killed in action on the Student Activities Center building (formerly called the Men’s Gym). We are now in the process of working with the UCLA architects to design the memorial and hope to have it finished in time for Veteran’s Day.

We are also working on compiling a list of ROTC commissionees who have been killed in action. If you have information that would be helpful, please contact Victoria Sanelli of the Military Science Department. She can be reached at (310) 825-7381 or via email at vksanelli@ucla.edu.

If you would like to support the memorial with a donation, you may send a check made out to UCLA Foundation to:

UCLA Dvlmt-Col of L&S
Army ROTC Memorial Fund
Box 951413, 1309 Murphy
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1413

Any excess funds will be used by the department of Military Science to support ROTC activities.
Below: CDTs Colin Hensley and Michael Calegari present Phyllis Gilson, Veterans Coordinator at CSUN, with a special recognition award in appreciation of her exceptional support of the Bruin Battalion’s CSUN detachment.

Center: Spring FTX at Camp Pendleton. From left to right, LTC Talcott, CDTs Katherine Alexander, Roy Yoo, Austin Liu, Jennifer Corbin, Mike Calegari, Jacquelin Marrero, Dan Nelson, Micheal Stahlke, Ana Baez, John Abraham, Bryce Matson, Chris Fields, Ed Cruz, Sandy Vithayonth, Gericson Carpo and Johnny Anderson.

Top Right: Cadets at the 2007 Military Ball. From left to right, Hugo Sibrian, Jordan Ritenour, Jamie Wing, Kristopher Bachmann, Jason Kim, Tamara DeJesus, Cyrus Harrel, Charles Huynh and Tom Lyttleton.

Below: Go Bruins! Cadets, alumni and faculty tailgate at Jackie Robinson Stadium before the UCLA vs Arizona baseball game on 28 April 2007.
CSUN Run

This year, the CSUN detachment of the Bruin Battalion established its own student group at Cal State Northridge, the CSUN Army ROTC Club. The club’s officers are Jason Henke (President), Michael Caligari (Vice President), James Wolf (Secretary) and Colin Henslye (Treasurer).

On 7 May, the cadets sponsored a fundraising run for their new club. They had great participating and as you can see by the photos below, the cadets gave it their all! The cadets raised close to $2000 and will use their funds for new Matador PT t-shirts, the military ball and other cadet activities.

Above: CDT Thao, CDT Marerro, CDT Um, CDT Liu, CDT Orozco and CDT Lay run near the CSUN campus.

Left: CDT Alcaide and CDT Liu catch their breath after the CSUN run.

Victory!
Chancellor’s Cup 2007

On an overcast Saturday morning this quarter, the Army ROTC hosted the Air Force ROTC and the Navy ROTC in the annual Chancellor’s Cup competition. This year the competition consisted of five events: push ups, tug-of-war, flag football ultimate Frisbee and a ruck relay.

The students of the Air Force ROTC and Navy ROTC performed admirably, but once again they were no match for the Mighty Bruin Battalion. Army ROTC took first place for the fourth year in a row, with Navy ROTC taking second place and Air Force ROTC taking third place.

Congratulations Bruin Battalion!
Friends in Arms, Friends for Life
Viet Nam-Era Alumni

40-Year Reunion

The graduates of the Viet Nam-era are planning a reunion in Los Angeles for September 29, 2007. If you are interested in attending, please email rama@cruzio.com. Joe Hall (1966) has created a great website dedicated to the Army ROTC cadets during the Viet Nam War years. Visit the site online at www.UCLAROTCA alum.org

Upcoming Events

- CSUN Orientation: 20-22 August
- UCLA Orientation: 25-27 September
- Fall FTX (Camp Hunter Liggett): 26-28 October
- Alumni Tailgate (tentative): 10 November
- Holiday Party: 30 November
- Blood Bowl: 1 December

WANTED!

If you know the whereabouts of

Michael Sanders (class of 1985)

Please contact Victoria Sanelli at the Department of Military Science at (310) 825-7381, or via email at vksanelli@ucla.edu.

Alumni Stories: A Very Small Piece of The Battle of the Bulge, Part 3 (by Tom Boyd)

This is the third chapter of World War II veteran, Thomas D. Boyd III’s story of his part in the Battle of the Bulge. Boyd, a UCLA student and ROTC cadet, shared this account with fellow alumnus Bob O’Neill, who in turn shared it with us. We hope it will inspire you to write us and share your own stories of being a cadet or soldier.

Previously, Lieutenant Boyd and the 422nd’s C Company arrived at the Olzheimer Wald woods. Enduring cold, booby traps, wounded Germans, and strafing by the Luftwaffe, the young officer was finally given his first mission, to advance on Schonberg.

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Once over the ridge, we dropped down into a steep, wooded ravine and the company assembled there and rested briefly. After a few moments, I headed toward Capt. Kulzer, and he was heading toward me. He told me to get together a bazooka team and a light machine gun and head on up the hill to where 1st Battalion was being harassed by a tank. We were to relieve Battalion HQ of that nuisance tank. I called out Kozeak, Calahan and Garcia and one other man whose name, to my embarrassment, I don’t remember. He was the LMG gunner. I told Rossi to take over the platoon: “Take over, Rossi!” “Okay, Boyd.” (We had been told not to speak of rank, in case there were German snipers who would hear and single out the leaders as targets.)

My team and I headed up the slope in the direction Capt. Kulzer had indicated. About halfway up the hill we met Major Moon coming down the same path, a bandage around his throat. He told us his 1st Battalion HQ had moved, and we had best join the regimental HQ, and pointed toward a party moving up toward the same crest along another trail about 100 yards to our right. We swung over to them and fell in behind, struggling to keep up on the slippery, muddy trail. Colonel Deshenaux was in front, his staff behind him, as we came through thin woods toward the top. Some officer complained that we — looking at us — should get out in front of the colonel, but we couldn’t. The trail was worn knee-deep down into the mud, and we couldn’t get up out of it without stopping to crawl, and the colonel kept up his brisk pace, so we just struggled along.

Finally, we came out on top. Off to our left in the
fringe of the woods I saw the bank end of a half-track artillery piece with half a dozen men loading and firing away from us. Nobody in our group seemed to pay any attention to it. The track driver gunned the engine and pulled ahead into the woods. As it disappeared I realized it was a German vehicle — the tan-and-brown German desert-style camouflage, the muddy gray uniforms. We kept slogging up the trail. I told this to the HQ officer in front of me. He said “Nonsense, Lieutenant.” I shut up and kept slogging.

Pretty soon our muddy track up the slope leveled out and we were near the low, rounded top of the hill. Up ahead was a clearing and a low log shelter. I don’t know if it was something built by soldiers of one side or another, or by local wood cutters, but there was a slit trench beside the trail, and beside it a fallen tree-trunk or log. Colonel Descheneaux and his party made for the shelter, and I put my four guys along the edge of the clearing, facing through the thin woods north toward the ridge-top Auw-Radscheid Road (known to our side as “Skyline Drive”). This was the most likely approach of German tanks.

From here I went on a solo reconnaissance (I said I’d be back when I found what was what) down the hill through the forest toward Schönberg. I didn’t know who was where and it bothered me. I went carefully, a few trees at a time, alert for any signs of movement. Nothing. I moved down the wooded hill, and all hell broke loose around me: explosions, zinging shrapnel fragments, chopped branches, bark, twigs, gray smoke. Apparently it was mortars. I hadn’t heard any incoming artillery sounds, and falling mortar shells make only a faint, feathery, whispering sound — unheard through the background of small-arms fire elsewhere on the hill. I’d hit the dirt on the first burst, and now I rolled over and looked down through the trees toward the road south of Schönberg. It was about two hundred yards away, but through gaps in the trees I could see a line of German vehicles including two trailer-mounted long artillery guns, but something about them looked like the photos I had seen of German anti-aircraft guns. These were the notorious 88’s this was a flak outfit. Yeah, up ahead of them, to the right, were two truck-mounted (half-tracks) with quad clusters of smaller guns:

40-mm guns. I knew those. Hell, I had fired them in my earlier anti-aircraft basic training days. Everybody used them. I wondered if somebody down there had seen me. Maybe — if I could see them. There were Krauts all over each vehicle.

As I watched, one of the long guns swung toward me and it fired: a loud, flat crack, a tremendous sound, the flash leaving a lingering bright spot in the back of my eyes, and immediately there was a loud bang off to my left and the howling of fragments. It was about 20 yards to my left and a little behind. None of them hit around me and I later figured that was because this high-velocity shell traveled so fast that its cone of disbursement was long and narrow — like the cluster of a full-choked shotgun. That is, the fragments went in a tight cone-shaped pattern the same direction as the shell was going. Anyway, I wasn’t hit. I scrambled back up deeper into the woods, and back to the clearing where the Regimental CP had settled.

I went past the Regimental CP and toward a bunch of woods near the top of the hill where I had seen some GIs moving around. Behind them was a long, low log structure with GIs inside. I looked in and saw it was an aid station with a couple of medics moving around and lots of bloody bandages, and at least one IV bottle hung from an up-ended M-1 bayoneted into the ground. As I looked around two more guys came up behind me carrying a stretcher, so I stepped back outside to get out of the way. As I headed back down the slope toward the Regimental CP I saw a familiar-looking group in the end of the woods — it was Capt. Kulzer and his Company HQ group and Lt. O’Neil and the 1st Platoon. I asked Capt. Kulzer where my platoon was, and he didn’t know. He’d moved the company out of the draw where I’d left them, moving his HQ group and the 1st Platoon, with the 3rd Platoon to follow at an interval, but they hadn’t come along. He was sure they had moved out of that ravine, so I needn’t go back there looking for them. He expected a runner would be along soon and tell us where they were. (I found out later that Rossi and the platoon had moved up to the former motor-pool area, where many of our vehicles were trapped and abandoned, and held out for three more days with a number of other soldiers.)
So here I was, sans platoon, with my four-man bazooka-and-MG detail. I decided we'd better stay with the company CP until 3rd Platoon showed up. All the people around me started to dig holes and I decided to go round up my four guys and join them. Ass I got a few steps away from O’Neil, I heard a loud voice hollering, “Cease fire! Prepare to surrender. Break up yo’ weapons and scatter yo’ ammo. The Cunnel's decided to put up the white flag.” O’Neil and I looked at each other. What the hell? We walked together down to the Regimental CP group where the Regimental Exec., Lt. Col. Joseph Matthews, was doing the hollering. We asked what was going on.

He explained that the Germans all around us were going to bring in tanks and artillery and wipe us out if we didn’t surrender. We had no weapons but what we carried by hand, we were low on ammo, our supply train was lost, and he wanted to save the 120-or-so wounded who needed help.

I was shocked. Surrender? Hell, there wasn’t a Kraut in sight. I hadn’t gone all through all that training and all the crap to surrender here when we had to go find somebody to surrender to. I realized the situation, but I was unhurt. I asked if it would be OK if we just took off and tried to find our own lines. There were those beautiful woods all around us.

Colonel Deschenes, I realized, was sitting on the log behind Matthews, tears in his eyes, pounding one knee with his fist and complaining to a couple of staff officers, “If only they’d tried to contact us, send us some supplies, anything.”

Colonel Matthews said now it was every man for himself and he wished us good luck. He gave us his folded map and told us we should meet the 7th Armored Division at a town called Setz, and showed us the map and said, “Tell ’em where we are and to come and get us.” He added we’d better hurry as “The Cunnel” had already sent off a surrender party and message. We saluted and headed back to our company.

NEXT INSTALLMENT: Not ready to surrender, will our brave Lieutenant be able to sneak past the Germans to link up with the 7th Armored Division at Setz? Find out in our next issue!

CORRECTION: In last month’s issue, our typist fat-fingered Lieutenant Boyd’s unit. Lieutenant Boyd was a member of the 422nd, not the 442nd.