

### Program Growth Continues



I would like to thank all of our Alumni for your continued service and leadership. Your legacy remains, and the core strengths of graduates who can think both 'Creatively and Critically', continue to align with the University and our Army. We have grown to over 90 contracted Cadets with 27 preparing to go to Leadership Development Course at Fort Lewis this Summer. This is over a 50% increase from Summer 08, where our Cadets attained 5<sup>th</sup> in the Nation in Physical Fitness scores and were above Brigade and Cadet Command in every other leadership category. The continued growth and excellence in training is due to the outstanding work of our Recruiting Officer, MAJ Allen Back and the Non-commissioned Officers responsible for training, MSG Sirry, MSG Kleem, SFC Jones and MSG Gilbert. Our demographic continues to be a solid balance between National Guard, Reserve and Cadet Command Scholarships and we continue to attract outstanding young people ready to serve.

### Fall 2008, Spring 2009 Commissionees

Fall 2008 Commissionees: Kevin Chesnut; Field Artillery; Christopher Cartier; Armor, Daniel Stamper; Medical Service Corps, Glenn Ashcraft; Military Police Corps, Kandy Hubbard; Aviation, Nathaniel Brown; Aviation

Spring 2009 Commissionees: Ashley Bishop; Quartermaster, William Bullock; Military Police Corps, Peter DeBlass; Military Police Corps, Alexander Diebold; Air Defense Artillery, Heather Ellis; Military Intelligence, Sharon McDonald; Ordinance, Terry McMillan; Infantry, Anthony Moore; Quartermaster, Scott Shafer; Armor, Benjamin Tarrier; Signal Corps

### Pershing Rifles 2009

To our PR Alumni,

Just wanted to let you all know that we have returned from the National PR Competition with trophies yet again. Our team earned 1st Place in Platoon Regulation, 1st in Squad Exhibition, 1st Place in Duals Exhibition, and a 2nd Place finish in Individual Drill. Our guys had a great performance and they are a very young team, so we fully expect an even better performance next year in Tallahassee, Florida.

### Hails and Farewells



**MSG Gilbert**



**MSG Sirry**

I would like to welcome **MSG Phillip Gilbert** to our department. He will be our Senior Military Instructor and OPS NCO in addition to our primary MS I level instructor. He is already taking charge and making a difference with all of our programs.

I would like to let everyone know that **MSG Sirry** will retire in June after 4 years of very dedicated and honorable service to this department, the University and our Army. A lifelong Ranger and committed trainer, MSG Sirry is a consummate professional and our most valuable player this last year.

# Alumni News

Spring 2009



## Army 4 Year Scholarships EKU Room and Board Scholarships GRFD Scholarships, SMP

This has been a another great recruiting year for ECU Army ROTC. We had the largest incoming Freshman class in decades reporting for Colonels' Challenge 2008 totaling 39 new Cadets. Currently, ECU has 25 Freshman on 4 year scholarships and another 18 SMP's as Sophomores and Juniors since opening enrollment began in August 2008. In addition, ECU led 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade with 12 students attending Leaders Training Course and will send even more this Summer. Cadet Command scholarships will remain strong through FY 2009 and FY 2010 coupled with room and board scholarships offered through ECU. There are 94 contracted Cadets and another 41 enrolled in the program for a total of 135 Cadets. ECU Army ROTC is preparing to receive over 30 new freshman conditional scholarship recipients reporting for Colonels' Challenge 2009. I would like to say Thank you for your continued support because your monies and referrals are positioning your program to new heights. If you know a prospective student please contact MAJ Allen Back (859) 622-1215 [Allen.Back@eku.edu](mailto:Allen.Back@eku.edu) for more information. Also direct high school juniors to Cadet Command web site <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc>. COLONELS' PRIDE!

## Calendar

5k Run for the Gold	EKU	28 MAR 09
Spring FTX	BGAD	17-19 APR 09
Cadet Awards Ceremony	EKU	30 APR 09
Commissioning	EKU	08 MAY 09
Graduation	EKU	09 MAY 09
Warrior Week	BGAD	11-15 MAY 09
Colonel's Challenge	EKU	17-21 AUG 09
Football vs. VA Tech	EKU	19 SEP 09
JROTC Cadet Stakes	EKU	26 SEP 09
Ranger Challenge	Ft. Knox	TBD OCT 09
Football vs. Tenn. State	EKU	10 OCT 09
Football vs. UT Martin (Homecoming)	EKU	17 OCT 09
Fall FTX	BGAD	22-25 OCT 09
Football vs. SE Missouri	EKU	31 OCT 09
ROTC Alumni Seminar	EKU	13 NOV 09
Veteran's Memorial &	EKU	14 NOV 09
Football vs. W. Carolina		
Commissioning	EKU	18 DEC 09
Graduation	EKU	19 DEC 09

Alumni are invited and encouraged to attend to the Veterans' Memorial Ceremony, Football Games, Commissioning Ceremonies and the Military Ball. If you would like to come see your Cadets in action, contact any of our personnel (see next page).

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**Cadet Scott Shafer  
2009 Hanlon Leadership  
Award Winner**

## John Hanlon Award

This year's John Hanlon Leadership Award was presented to Cadet Scott Shafer on February 13, 2009. Scott is a Psychology Major inline to graduate in May and move to LDAC at Fort Lewis, Washington for 45 days, and then off to his Basic Officer Training. He branched Armor and served as Battalion S4 and Battalion Command Sergeant Major as a Senior. The Consummate Team Player, Scott will have an outstanding career. Our hats off to this excellent Cadet.

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## Update for Correspondence

We are pleased to announce that we have established an email account for incoming and outgoing correspondence with our ROTC Alumni. This will be our primary source for correspondence so please provide your email address to us at [rotcalumni@eku.edu](mailto:rotcalumni@eku.edu). If you do not have an email address and would like to receive correspondence by mail please be sure to let us know this so we can continue to keep you informed by mail.



# “Cadets in Action”

