



# PERSHING RIFLES COMPANY D8

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## Commander's Corner

This year is going to be one of the most interesting semesters as the new academic calendar begins at Fordham University. The Company has dedicated its time and efforts throughout the summer to achieve the characteristics in order to have a great year. This past summer, 16 members of Company D-8 were involved in a variety of training and work. Three Cadets graduated from the first ever CLC class at Fort Knox, and two midshipmen participated in their summer cruise lasting about a month long. Others participated on a trip with CULP as well as the first ever CIET training at Fort Knox. It was a heavy summer for training but also others filled their free time with internships and summer classes to keep busy. Furthermore, one of our newly commissioned Lieutenants is participating in IBOLC, and another spent the summer traveling the country with the well-respected Army Drum Corp.

The Company led off the Fall 2015 semester with the successful execution of NCO School. The first four days consisted of written tests, presentations, and newly added critical thinking exercises along with a Land Nav course at Van Cortlandt Park followed by the three day FTX located upstate. The privates tested their abilities to be adaptive and critically think throughout a variety of tests to develop their leadership skills and allow them to succeed as NCOs in the Company. NCO School was completed with the 12 mile run around Edward's Parade and finally, the promotion ceremony for D-8's newest NCOs.

This term at Fordham will be one of the most important in recent years and the Company's busiest yet. With a revamped candidacy cycle and training material, almost every weekend will be dedicated to the Company and ensuring the success of its members. On September 26<sup>th</sup> the Company will be traveling to Saratoga for our annual

Fall Staff Ride. October is our busiest month including some members involved in Ranger Challenge with ROTC, the Army Ten Miler, Columbus Day Parade, and the Army ROTC FTX. As always the ball will be one of the best events of the year that will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the McGinley Center on Fordham Rose Hill Campus. To end the semester we will be concluding with the execution of CONUS and the induction of the new privates into the Company. On behalf of the Company, Pershing Rifles at Fordham would not be made possible without the constant support and help from the Alumni Association. The success of our events could not be as great without all their hard work. We hope to continue this relationship and have one of the best years to date. Additionally, I would like to recognize all of those who helped with the successful completion of NCO School. Thank you all again and for the endless support, and I hope to see you at the annual P/R Ball.

Fraternally,  
CPT Kyle Healy P/R

## President's Message

Bravehearts: This has been an amazing year so far. Our senior cadets have graduated and each one of them managed to receive their branch of choice. Several of us attended the commissioning ceremony, they included COL John Bivona, Col Edward Winkler, LTC Mike Hoblin, Robert Rodriguez, Father Dan Sullivan S.J. and yours truly. Of course our very own General Jack Keane was the guest speaker who delivered a powerful speech. He also presented the first General Jack Keane Award to Cadet Ann Couture, a very worthy recipient. We hope one of our own will win next year.

The joint Regimental Luncheon on 20 September should be an outstanding event, hosted by our own Bob Rodriguez and E-8's Bob Sierra at the Morris Yacht & Beach Club. Bob will have more on it later, but again it will be a terrific opportunity

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to have a “touch of elbows” with fellow old boys and the views of the NYC skyline from across the river in the Bronx are spectacular.

Sarah Clarke has taken on the responsibility of the Ball and as you would expect she is doing an amazing job. She will tell you more about it, but we do have several surprises in store for you. So please save the date - 7 November. I really want to see as many of you there as possible.

The new NCOs look to be solid and should provide excellent leadership heading into the Fall Semester. The new Staff under the leadership of The Company Commander, Kyle Healy, has really excelled in the physical aspect of their training. Now they will have to get better with the books. I expect they will.

This group of young men has a chance to be one of the best companies in a very long time. Let us help them accomplish great things. Fraternally, Charlie

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## From the Secretary

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Bravehearts,

This has been an exciting year as we have upgraded our online presence and are working hard to make staying up-to-date and involved with the company easier than ever. I am pleased to report that we have launched a brand new website, now live at [www.prcompanyd8.com](http://www.prcompanyd8.com). We have added several new features to the website and plan to update this regularly that we hope will lead to more alumni participation. A few highlights that are now available:

1. Make donations at any time of year using PayPal or credit card
2. Click to be added to our mailing list. Help spread the word to fellow alumni!
3. Learn more about upcoming events
4. View photos of company and alumni events

Thank you to all those who have helped make this possible!

All the best,

Sarah Clarke  
Secretary  
Pershing Rifles Co D-8 Alumni Association  
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## 67th Annual Ball

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This year, we are excited to announce our return to the Fordham University Rose Hill campus for the 67th Annual Pershing Rifles Ball. The ball will be held at the McGinley Center on November 7th, 2015 and will begin with a cocktail hour at 1800 hours followed by dinner, dancing, and remarks by LTC (Ret.) John Bastone.

Rooms will be available at the Renaissance Hotel in nearby Westchester and can be reserved by calling 914-696-2713. The Annual Meeting will be held at 1000 hours on Sunday, November 8th, 2015 at the Renaissance Hotel. All alumni are welcomed and encouraged to join us for the annual meeting.

As always, we will be selling advertisement space for the ball book. More detailed information and invitations will be sent out next month.

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## Fordham Annual Fund and Bequests

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Many alumni routinely donate to Fordham University's Annual Fund. You will receive full credit at the Annual Fund if you designate your donation—or a portion of it—to the Pershing Rifles Club. To make a gift to the P/R Club, go to [fordham.edu/onlinegiving](http://fordham.edu/onlinegiving) and enter "Pershing Rifles Club of Fordham University" in the "other designation" text box. You may also — but are not required to — enter the account number # U0561. If you donate by check, simply indicate the above in the memo section of the check. Remember the P/Rs are a Fordham University Club—we are not a ROTC Club.

A second way of helping out is to designate Pershing Rifles Club of Fordham University as part of your estate planning.

Finally, if you also want to help ROTC and Veterans at Fordham, you can designate funds to the ROTC Commissioning Endowed Fund # U0803.

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## Fordham Magazine Articles

For several years the Alumni Association has endorsed and funded a program to increase the visibility of Pershing Riflemen by seeking to get articles printed primarily in the Fordham Magazine as well as also other periodicals. The effort was successful when the Fordham Magazine in Fall of 2014 contained an article featuring or mentioning several P/Rs: General Keane, Sergeant Eric Haas, CPT Danielle Scalione Sharp, LTC Jean-Marc Pierre, and Vincent Cannaliato. More recently, the Fordham Magazine featured LTC Mike Hoblin, his late father Colonel Phil Hoblin, and his just-graduated son, 2LT Mike Hoblin.

Our 1LT Petar Mostarac wrote an article that was recently published in the Army Sustainment Magazine concerning his deployment to Iraq. To read the full article and learn more about the U.S. Central Command Materiel Recovery Element's task of retrograding, redistributing, and disposing of more than 50,000 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of Army equipment in Afghanistan, visit:

[http://www.army.mil/article/143448/Scrap\\_transfer\\_or\\_retrograde/](http://www.army.mil/article/143448/Scrap_transfer_or_retrograde/)

The effort is ongoing. We have engaged a writer by the name of BG Ray Bell (retired), who is also a PhD. BG Bell is a graduate of West Point and lives in New York State near West Point. BG Bell has drafted a series of articles on our P/Rs, which we hope to see in future issues of Fordham Magazine, as well as The Officer Review published by the Military Order of World Wars, and other publications.

## Upcoming Events

**Metro NYC ROTC & Pershing Rifles Alumni Third Annual Luncheon**  
*September 20, 2015*

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 11:30am

LOCATION: Morris Yacht & Beach Club; 25 City Island Avenue; City Island (Bronx), NY

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Andrew Novo, Ph.D. – Princeton and Oxford Universities, a Professor of Strategic Studies at the National Defense University; "The Future of NATO."

**DRESS:** Business casual. Jackets and ties are not needed. This is a fun event with no time restrictions.

Rumor has it that there might be a "Knockout Drill Down." Price is \$63.00 per person payable to Robert Sierra, 1005 Lowber Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

Please email Robert Rodriguez at rbrodr@aol.com for more information

### **Saratoga Staff Ride** *September 26, 2015*

0600 – Meet up at Fordham Parking Lot  
0615 – Depart Fordham  
0915 – Arrive at Saratoga  
0930 – Guided Tour of Saratoga  
1230 – Lunch Provided by "Wheat Fields" (Local Eatery)  
1300 – Self Guided tour of sites not visited during the original tour  
1645 – Dinner at "Wheat Fields"  
1800 – Return to Fordham and End of Trip

### **Army 10 Miler** *October 11, 2015*

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McGinley Campus Center  
Fordham University Rose Hill Campus

**Annual Meeting**  
*November 8, 2015*  
Renaissance Hotel in Westchester

**Veteran's Week Mass at Fordham**  
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## Notable News

Elections for the Board of Directors will take place during the annual meeting on November 8, 2015. Please email Charlie Tagliareni at chetreni@aol.com with any nominations or interest



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CPT Kimberly Page ('06) and her husband CW2 Ron Page welcomed their third child on Friday, August 7th. Hazel Elizabeth was born at the Keller Army Community Hospital at West Point, weighing in at 7 pounds and 9 ounces.

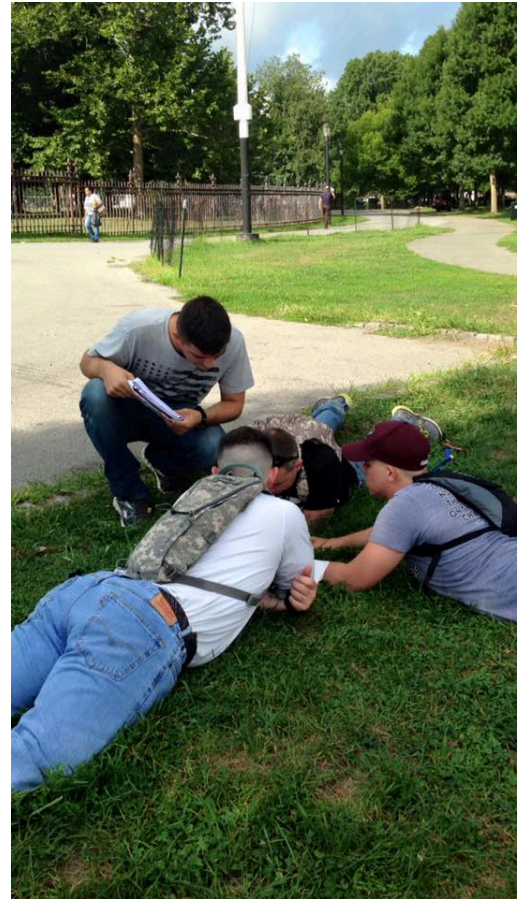


*Hazel Elizabeth Page*

Congratulations to the latest class of NCOs who graduated from NCO School earlier this month!



*Recent graduates of NCO School after the 12 Mile Run*



*Land Navigation during NCO School*



*Field phase of NCO School*

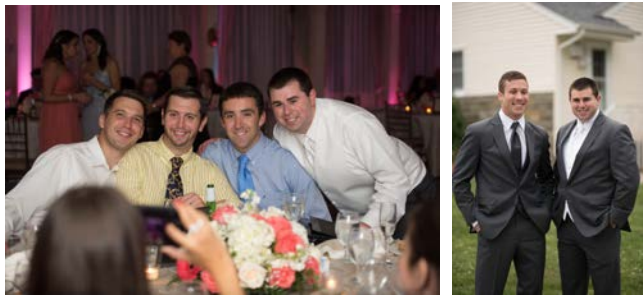


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PR Alumni Brian Clark ('07) and wife Laura Schreiber had their wedding this summer on July 2nd in Woodbury, NY. They were married at St. James Church with several other alumni in attendance. Brian currently works in Advisory Services at Ernst and Young in New York and Laura is a Reading Teacher in the West Hempstead School District.



PR Alumni Tyler Nash ('12) and wife Cassandra (also a Fordham ROTC graduate, '13) had their wedding this summer on the 4th of July in Sharon, CT. They were married at Lion Rock Farm with several other alumni in attendance. After living separately while serving at Fort Drum, NY and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Tyler and Cassandra are now stationed together at Fort Benning, GA.



*Fellow P/R Classmates*

Captain Andrew King (GSB '08) married Samantha Yandoli on June 5th, 2015 at Maris Stella Chapel in Avalon, NJ followed by a reception in Stone Harbor, NJ. The couple resides in New York City where Andrew works as an Accountant and Samantha as a Retail Buyer for Michael Kors.

