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Commissioning Ceremony

June - August 2014
Summer Recess

October 2014 Army Ten
Miler and Reception

November 8th 2014
66th Annual Pershing Rifles
Ball

Commander's Corner

This past semester was another successful term for D8. At the conclusion of CONUS on December 8, the Company had added 7 new Privates, bringing total membership to 24.

To start, in late August the Company regrouped from summer training to begin NCO School. This process tested Privates on tactical proficiency, drill and ceremony, and other topics needed to both excel as an NCO and in ROTC. At the end of the week-long training, the Company had 4 new NCOs to start the school year.

With D8 now considered a club at Fordham, University funding allowed us to support various training activities throughout the semester. This included the Battle of New York Staff Ride headed by old boys LTC Jean-Marc Pierre and LTC (R) Frank Licameli. In addition to the Company's attendance, D8 also invited ROTC cadets from the Ram Battalion and newly formed CUNY AROTC. This group included Fordham's new PMS, LTC Elise Hunt, who was able to get a positive impression of the Company early on in her tenure. Additional activities outside of the candidacy process included D8 being represented at the Army 10 Miler, Marine Core Marathon, Ranger Challenge Competition and with the Army All-American Marching Band.

The candidacy process was successful due to the professionalism and effort displayed by all NCOs and officers. Recognition needs to be given specifically to XO Joseph Wengler P/R, 1LT Matthew Algierie P/R, 1SG Richard Callahan P/R and Chief Instructor Patrick Goldstein P/R. Our newest Company members represent Fordham AROTC, NROTC (Marine Corps option) as well as civilians from the Rose Hill Campus.

With such positive results, D8 is looking forward to the Spring Semester where we can focus on

developing the underclassmen and preparing the juniors for their respective summer training camps. Noteworthy events include a D8FTX, the Battle of Yorktown Staff Ride and the D8 Change of Command Ceremony.

Fraternally,
CPT Matthew Coughlin P/R

President's Message

Dear Brave Hearts,

As we begin the New Year, it is my pleasure to report that the Company and Alumni Association continue to be strong. However, it has been a few years since our last newsletter. Keeping up the "Touch of Elbows" is what gives our association strength and continued prosperity. We want to hear from you! Please send us pictures, a short story or simply a quick update. You can email our Assistant Secretary at sarah.k.clarke@gmail.com or send a letter to 30 Church St, Sudbury, MA 01776.

Every year the Company puts on a Military Ball, participates in the Army Ten Miler, executes a Professional Staff Ride, and conducts CONUS, NCO school and several other events. We welcome Alumni support and participation. We have several upcoming events over the next semester. The events are listed in the newsletter. The Association is conducting elections for board members this November during our annual meeting after the Military Ball. If you are interested in becoming a board member or volunteering some of your time, please contact me at ltchoblin@yahoo.com.

We look forward to another great year. I wish all the Cadets the best of luck over the summer at LDAC. You make us all very proud.

Mike Hoblin
President

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From the Minister of Information

A huge thanks to Sarah Clarke our Assistant Secretary, because of her we are finally putting out a Newsletter. So thank you, Sarah.

Congratulations to the new members of D-8. There will be seven new members joining the Blue & White and we wish to extend our congratulations to all of them for sticking it out. The Pershing Rifles Ball was a great success. It was held at Fordham's Lincoln Center the Ball and all 102 attendees had a great time. The new PMS LTC Elise Hunt joined us and our guest speaker was our very own LTC Mark Baaden who had many of us in tears with his gripping narrative. Thanks Mark for a wonderful job. We are looking at different venues for next year's Ball which will be 8 November, so save the date.

The Ball was extremely successful financially thanks to all the Alumni who ran ads and sent in donations coupled with the outstanding job done by the Company, spearheaded by PR SGT Jack Stapleton. Thank you all for a wonderful job.

Congratulations to Phil Crotty '64 who was the recipient of the COL Ronald P. Bernasconi Distinguished Service Award. Phil has been the Board of Director's Legal Counsel since the beginning of the Alumni Association. He has provided much needed advice. He has also worked closely with Fordham to ensure continued cooperation with the Association and the Company.

This year, another of our brothers will be inducted into the Fordham ROTC Hall of Fame. Frank Proto, our Treasurer, has worked tirelessly on our behalf as well as donating his time to other nonprofit Boards. Congratulations, Francis J.

Sadly this year we lost several brothers. They were COL Philip Hoblin, 1951; Robert Jeremiah, 1958; Robert MacDonnell, 1965; and Joseph Morabito, 1980. Please remember them in your prayers.

Also, we have a number of our younger brothers currently in Afghanistan. LT Alex Deardorff, 2013; LT Liam McGrail, 2012; and CPT Matt McKernon, 2007. Please keep all of them and any others that I may not be aware of in your prayers.

In addition, we have several of our young brothers who all served in the 10th MTN Division and have recently returned home. They include: LT Dan Osborne, 2010; LT

Anthony Del Vecchio, 2011; LT Michael Fitzgerald, 2010 and LT Tyler Nash, 2013. We are grateful for their safe return.

Finally, if you have special news to pass along, please forward it to me at chetreni@aol.com I will do my best to get the information out to the troops. All the best.

Fraternally,
Charlie
Secretary

Upcoming Events

1781 Battle of Yorktown Staff Ride and Mount Vernon Visit

Company D-8 will conduct its annual staff ride on February 15-16, 2014 as part of its goal to review the first and last major engagements of the American Revolution. This is the second professional development event done in repertoire with the Battle of New York Staff Ride in September 2013.

D-8 will travel part of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historical Trail from New York to Yorktown. At Yorktown the Company will analyze the causes of the Franco-American victory and British defeat and will conduct a cannon and musket live fire.

Following the Yorktown Staff Ride, the Company will pay its respects to President George Washington at his Mount Vernon estate. D-8 will be escorted by the Ladies of Mount Vernon for a lunch, manor tour, and wreath laying at the crypt of America's foremost citizen.

D-8 Lecture Series

- Session 1: Theories of War – LTC JM Pierre
- Session 2: The American Revolution – Scott O'Connell
- Session 3: The Yorktown Campaign – Dr. McCarley (On Site Lectures)

Meet the New PMS

Lieutenant Colonel Elise Hunt graduated from Seattle University and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the Military Intelligence (MI) Corps in 1997. After completing the MI Officer Basic Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, she was assigned to the 1st

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Infantry Division's Aviation Brigade in Katterbach, Germany where she served as a Brigade and Battalion Intelligence Staff Officer. In 1999, she deployed with 1-1 Attack Aviation Battalion to Kosovo, serving as the primary Intelligence Officer for a multi-national task force consisting of aircraft and personnel from the US, UAE and the Ukraine.

In late 2000, Lieutenant Colonel Hunt returned to Fort Huachuca for the MI Captains Career Course. In 2001, she attended the Counterintelligence (CI) Officer Course, where she earned the Badge and Credentials necessary to conduct CI investigations and operations as an Army CI Special Agent. Subsequently, she was assigned to 103d MI Battalion at Fort Stewart, Georgia where she served as the 3rd Infantry Division Intelligence Collection Manager and the Battalion Personnel Officer. Lieutenant Colonel Hunt deployed with the Division to Bosnia-Herzegovina and then to Iraq in January 2003 for the initial invasion and push to Baghdad.

After returning from Iraq in late 2003, Lieutenant Colonel Hunt moved to Mons, Belgium where she was assigned to the 650th MI Group providing CI support to NATO. She served as the Group Collection Manager and Assistant Operations Officer. Moreover, during her tenure she was honored to command three different organizations to include the Headquarters Company and a Detachment deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan. Her final and by far most rewarding assignment at 650th was as Commander of the Multi-National Region, composed of CI and human intelligence (HUMINT) officers from 15 NATO nations, providing CI support in five different countries.

In late 2007, Lieutenant Colonel Hunt moved to Fort Shafter, Hawaii to serve as the CI & HUMINT Staff Officer for US Army Pacific. She was responsible for formally establishing her section within the HQs structure (i.e. develop budget, organizational structure, training plan, etc.), providing technical oversight to all Army CI and HUMINT operations and investigations in the Pacific Theater, and planning and conducting CI and HUMINT support to Theater Security Cooperation exercises in Thailand, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Singapore, and the Philippines. During this time, Lieutenant Colonel Hunt also completed her Masters in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

In 2009, Lieutenant Colonel Hunt attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where she completed her military education requirements as a Major. Upon her return to Hawaii, she was assigned to the 715th Signal Battalion at Schofield Barracks,

Hawaii where she served as the Executive Officer for a strategic signal battalion.

From 2010 to 2011, Lieutenant Colonel Hunt served as the Chief of Interrogation Operations in Bagram, Afghanistan where she provided technical oversight to interrogation operations conducted in the western provinces of Afghanistan. During this time, she was assigned to both 101st Airborne Division and 1st Cavalry Division. While deployed, Lieutenant Colonel Hunt began work on a PhD in Management & Leadership from Capella University. She passed her comprehensive exams in December 2012 and is currently working on her dissertation.

Upon return from Afghanistan, Lieutenant Colonel Hunt was reassigned to the Department of the Army Military Intelligence staff at the Pentagon. Her primary responsibility was to coordinate and de-conflict joint CI investigations and operations conducted by the Army and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Lieutenant Colonel Hunt was selected as the Professor of Military Science for Fordham University in May 2013 and assumed the post in July 2013.

Lieutenant Colonel Hunt's awards include two Bronze Star Medals, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals and the Army Achievement Medal.

Fordham and D8 Alumnus Leads Superbowl Flyover

Fordham Alumnus and fellow Pershing Rifleman, LTC Bernard J Harrington, led the flyover of MetLife Stadium prior to the Seattle Seahawks' crushing defeat of Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos. Harrington, class of '97, is the commanding officer of the U.S. Army's 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment and commanded the flight of nine helicopters during the flyover.

Harrington credits much of his success to Fordham and the Pershing Rifles, stating, "Like so many military officers serving today, I feel that my Fordham experience, particularly being a member of the Pershing Rifles, provided me an outstanding foundation to serve in today's military.

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