



PERSHING RIFLES COMPANY D8

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Commander's Corner

With Fordham's academic term beginning once again, The Company looks forward to another highly successful semester. This past summer, all 24 members of Company D-8 participated in a variety of training and work. The Company had four cadets graduate LDAC, as well as one midshipman graduate OCS. A majority of the cadets also participated in some form of additional military training to include Airborne School, CTLT, DCLT, and CULP, as well as multiple university-sponsored study abroad programs. Furthermore, all of our newly commissioned Army Lieutenants have already arrived at BOLC, while our Navy and Marine Corps brothers will be reporting to TBS and Flight School shortly.

The Company began the Fall 2014 semester with the successful execution of NCO School. Several days of classroom instruction and a three-day FTX in upstate New York allowed the privates to further develop leadership skills and allow them to succeed as NCOs in The Company, as well as cadets in the ROTC program and students at Fordham University. NCO School concluded with the completion of the 12 mile run around Edward's Parade, and the promotion ceremony for D-8's newest NCOs.

The upcoming term at Fordham is perhaps The Company's busiest yet. In addition to regularly scheduled weekly candidacy meetings, almost every weekend will be occupied for the members of D-8 as well. On September 27th, The Company will travel to Maryland to participate in the Battle of Baltimore Staff Ride. The month of October brings new challenges to D-8, with the annual Columbus Day Parade, Army Ten Miler, and Marine Corps Marathon in addition to a regularly scheduled Army ROTC FTX. Perhaps the most highly anticipated event of the year for The Company is the Ball, which will be held on November 8th at City Island. The Fall 2014 term will conclude with the execution of CONUS and induction of new privates into The Company. I speak on behalf of each individual Pershing

Rifleman at Fordham when I express my sincere gratitude for the work of the Alumni Association, which has had a greater and more positive influence on The Company each year. Without the support of the Alumni Association, most of our training events would not be possible. I would also like to specially recognize LTC Jean-Marc Pierre for his outstanding work with the Staff Ride program, which improves each year and is an unparalleled accomplishment for any university or ROTC program. Additionally, I would like to personally recognize and thank The Company XO, Patrick Goldstein P/R, and The Company 1SG, Kyle Healy, for their work in their successful execution of NCO School. Thank you all again for your endless support, and I hope to see you at the annual P/R Ball this November.

Fraternally,
CPT Matthew Coughlin P/R

President's Message

Dear Brave Hearts,

I would like to thank you for your participation in the Fordham University Pershing Rifles Company D-8, the D-8 Alumni Association and especially for your service to our Nation.

In the next few years we commemorate many significant events: the Bicentennial of the War of 1812; the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War; and the Centenary of World War One. During these remembrances we must continually acknowledge our Members past and present. Our thoughts and prayers are with you who served with honor in Korea, Vietnam, during the Cold War, Grenada, Panama, Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the last year, our Company D-8's alumni have succeeded at all levels within the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. We have done very well with promotions to Captain. We also have our first Navy fighter pilot and several War College graduates. The alumni have hosted two Revolutionary War staff rides to New York and Yorktown.

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As always we need your continued assistance to make D-8 prosper. The alumni association and cadets exist because of generous financial support for the annual ball, staff rides, and training events. More importantly, we need your participation. We need you to volunteer your time as a mentor or as a staff ride instructor. We will host a reception for the 30th Annual Army Ten Miler and a staff ride to Valley Forge. We hope to see you there.

Finally, 2014 is the 120th Anniversary of the National Society of Pershing Rifles. Fordham University's Company Delta Eight and its alumni stand head and shoulders above the rest. Thank you and God Bless.

Jean-Marc Pierre
President (Acting)

From the Vice President

Bravehearts, once again we are off to another exciting year. Under the leadership of LTC Jean-Marc Pierre, the company will travel to another exciting Battleground, Valley Forge. The company will also participate in the Army 10-Miler. I am sure the company members will represent us well.

This year we are trying a new venue for the PR Ball celebrating 67 years of Pershing Rifles at Fordham. The Ball is 8 November at the Morris Yacht & Beach Club on City Island in the Bronx, a short distance from Fordham. We will be using the Renaissance Hotel as our Headquarters, to reserve a room call 914-696-2713. The Ball will begin with cocktails at 1800 hours followed by dinner at 1900. The Ball venue is new and different with great views of the NYC skyline. I am hoping this move will encourage more attendance, so please make every effort to be there. The Annual Meeting will be at the Renaissance at 1000 hours on Sunday morning.

In addition, E-8 will host a 21 December Luncheon co-chaired by Bob Sierra, E-8 and our own Robert Rodriguez. The luncheon will be at the Chart House Restaurant in Weehawken, NJ. I will send another email blast about this one more time. There will also be an optional visit to the 9/11 Memorial the following day. It should be a great time.

The nominations will soon be upon us for the Bernasconi Award and the ROTC Hall of Fame. Please participate and nominate worthy individuals especially for the ROTC Award so we can continue to put a PR Brother into the Hall.

Our young men under the capable leadership of Rich Callahan will be recruiting heavily this fall and hopefully will bring a stellar group of cadets into the fold.

I hope to see many of you at Homecoming 13 September where we'll hold tables for members of D-8. We also plan to attend the Fordham – Army game so plan on being there 22 November. Be well – fraternally, Charlie

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Upcoming Events

Battle of Baltimore Staff Ride *September 27, 2014*

Block #1 – Orientation

0900 Arrive at Fort McHenry (Flag Raising)
1200 Lunch at Broadway Diner

Block #2 – British Landing

1330 Board Bus
Stop #1 – North Point Landing / Fort Howard Park
Stop #2 – Todd's Inheritance
Stop #3 – Battlefield Acre Park
Stop #4 – Methodist Meeting House

Block #3 – Baltimore Defense

Stop #5 – Battle Monument
Stop #6 – Federal Hill
Stop #7 – Fells Point Visitor Center
Stop #8 – Patterson Park
Stop #9 – Star Spangled Banner Flag House

1730 Company Dinner at Langermann's

Guest Lecturer: Mr. David E. Hilkert, Historian,
International and Field Programs Branch

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Location:

The Chart House Restaurant – Weehawken, NJ

Cost:

\$67.00 per person

Guest Speaker:

Lieutenant Colonel Elise Hunt, USA, Professor of Military Science, Fordham University

Keynote Speaker:

Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, USA, Ph.D.
Brigadier General Guy Sands-Pingot, USA (Ret),
CCNY, D-8.

Other Guests:

Rev. Fr. Daniel J. Sullivan, S.J., Ph.D - Professor of Biological Sciences at Fordham, D-8 Founder
Rev. Fr. Ronan Murphy, Diocese of Camden
LTC Richard Gussenhoven, USA, Professor of Military Science, CUNY
2 LT William T. O'Neill, USA

Optional Event:

December 20, 2014, 1pm
Tour of "9/11 Memorial and Museum"

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

Bernasconi Book Sales

The Bernasconi Book is a compilation of historical and memorable stories about Pershing Rifles Company D-8. For more information or to purchase a copy, please contact Charlie Tagliareni at ChetReni@aol.com

Bernasconi Award

We are soliciting nominations for the Colonel Ronald P. Bernasconi Award to be presented at the P/R Ball on 8 November. The Bernasconi award is presented to one Pershing Rifle Alumnus or Alumna for outstanding achievement in the area of military, government, community, or business service. If you would like to

nominate an individual for the award please contact Mark Riccio, at redleggoose@hotmail.com no later than the 4th of October

Notable News

Elections for the Board of Directors will take place during the annual meeting on November 9, 2014. Please email Jean-Marc Pierre at pierrejm6@hotmail.com with any nominations or interest.

Congratulations to LTC Mike Hoblin (PR '91) and LTC Bob Berry (PR '92) who recently graduated the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks on July 25 2014 (pictured below, left)

Congratulations to Mark Riccio, who graduated from the Naval War College. Mark Riccio (Colonel US Army Retired, Fordham CBA 1982) received a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies with a concentration in irregular warfare from the U.S. Naval War College on June 20th. Mark is pictured below (right) with his wife Marlene (Pokrinchak) Fordham CBA '81 and Admiral John Richardson who gave the commencement address and was also the USJFCOM J-5 when Mark was the USJFCOM J-5 Strategy Division Chief.



Hall of Fame Submissions

As noted in the current issue of the Fordham Veterans and ROTC Newsletter, the deadline for Hall of Fame submissions is October 30. The alumni association requests that all alumni prepare and submit a nomination for worthy candidates, regardless of age.