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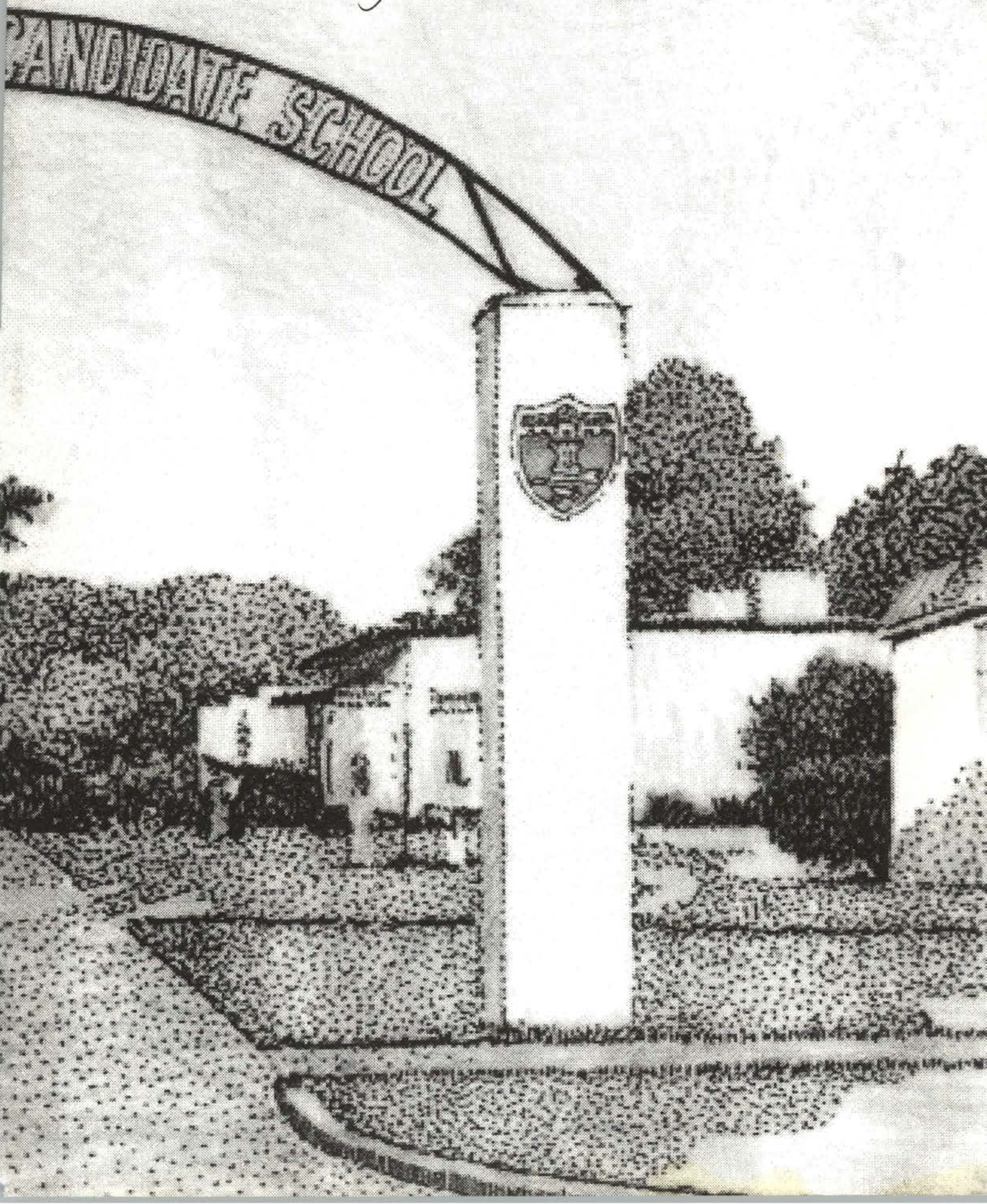
OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL
D Co. 3rd Battalion 11th INF Regiment



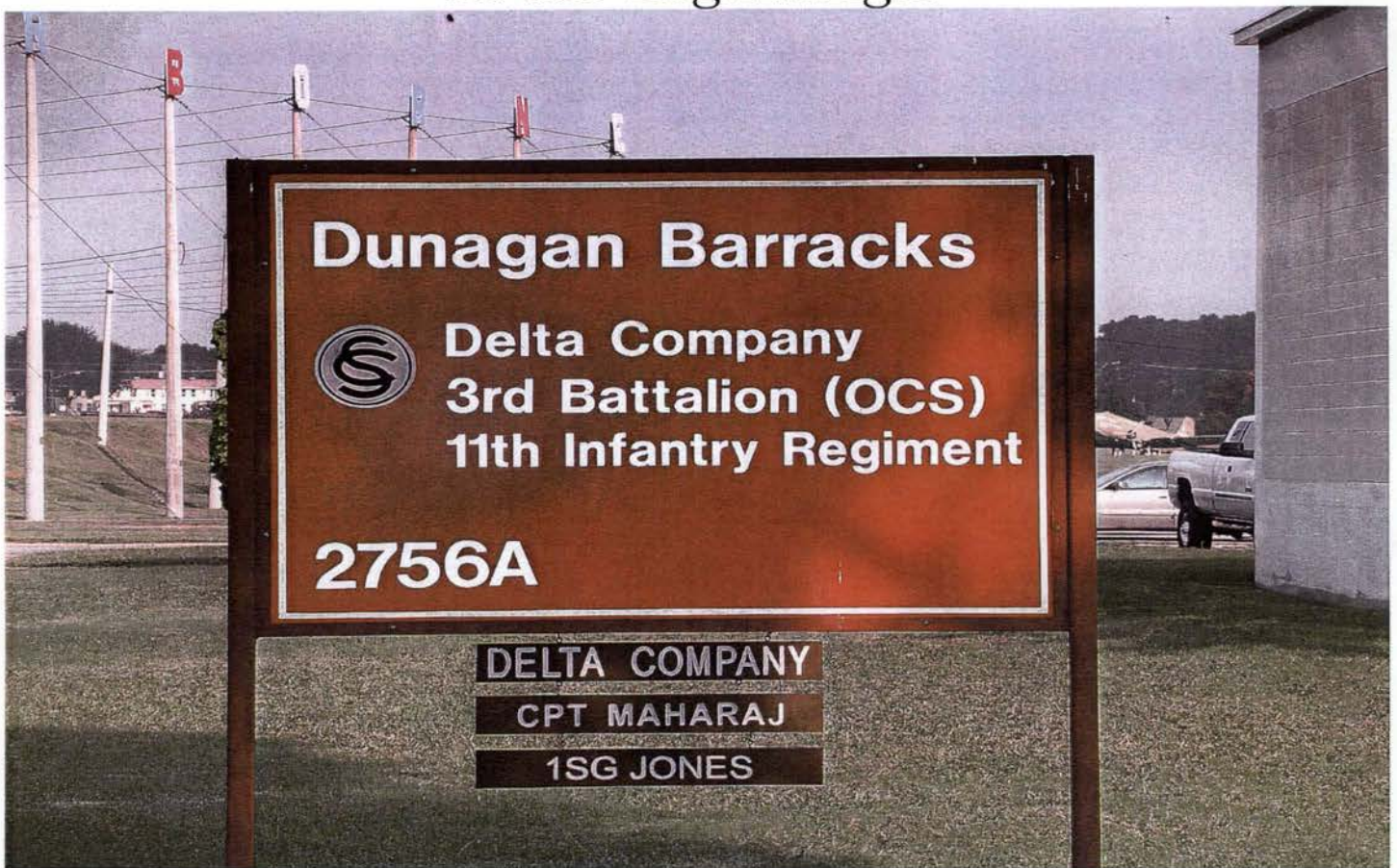
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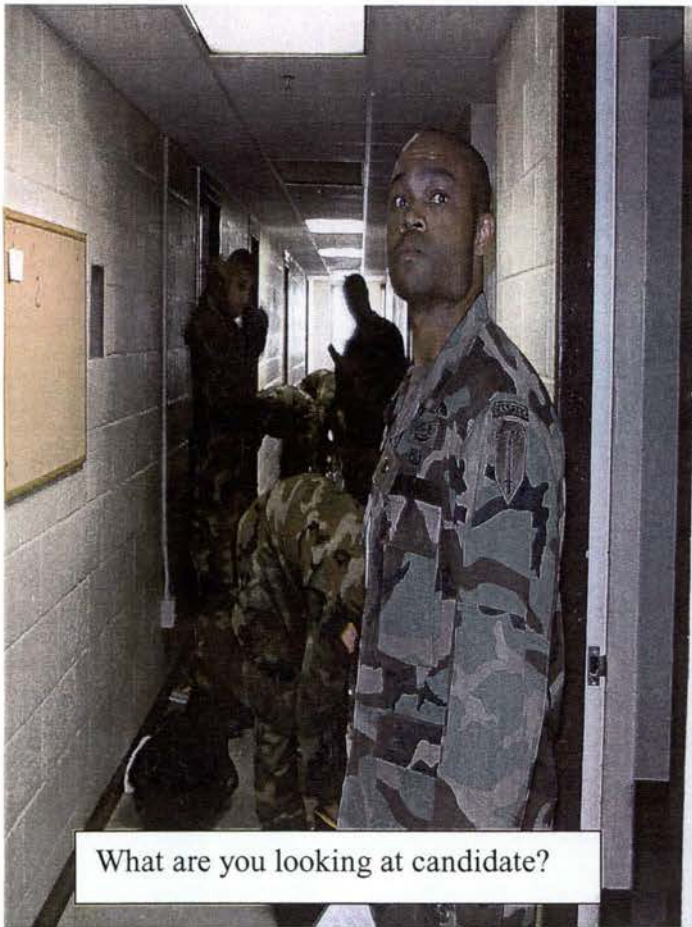


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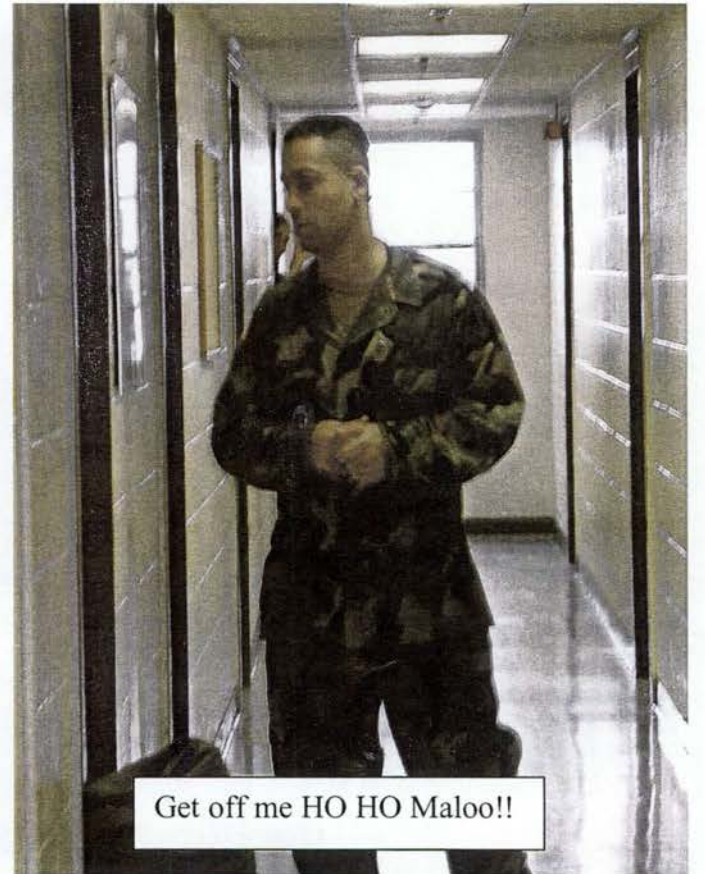
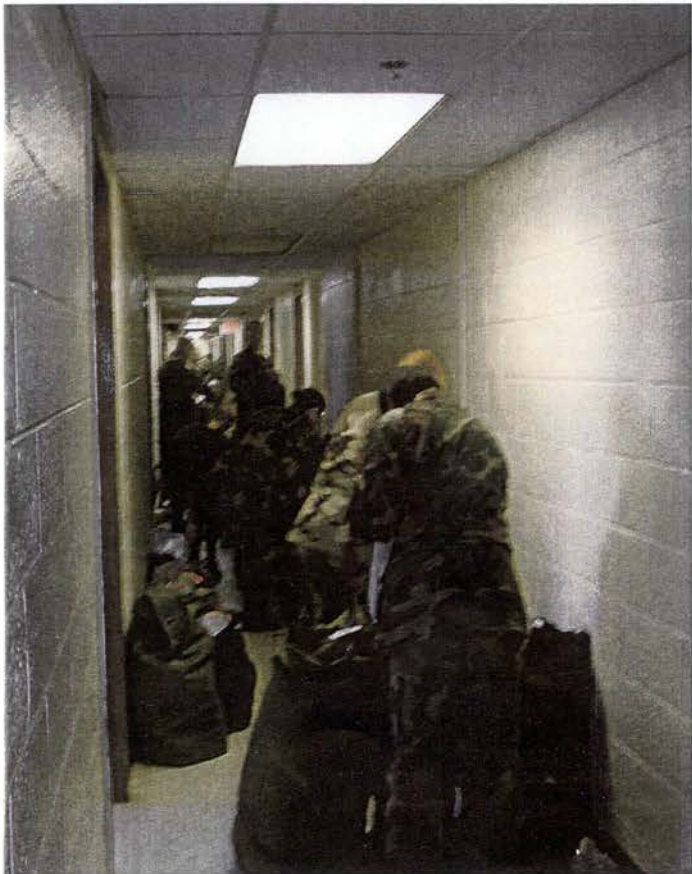
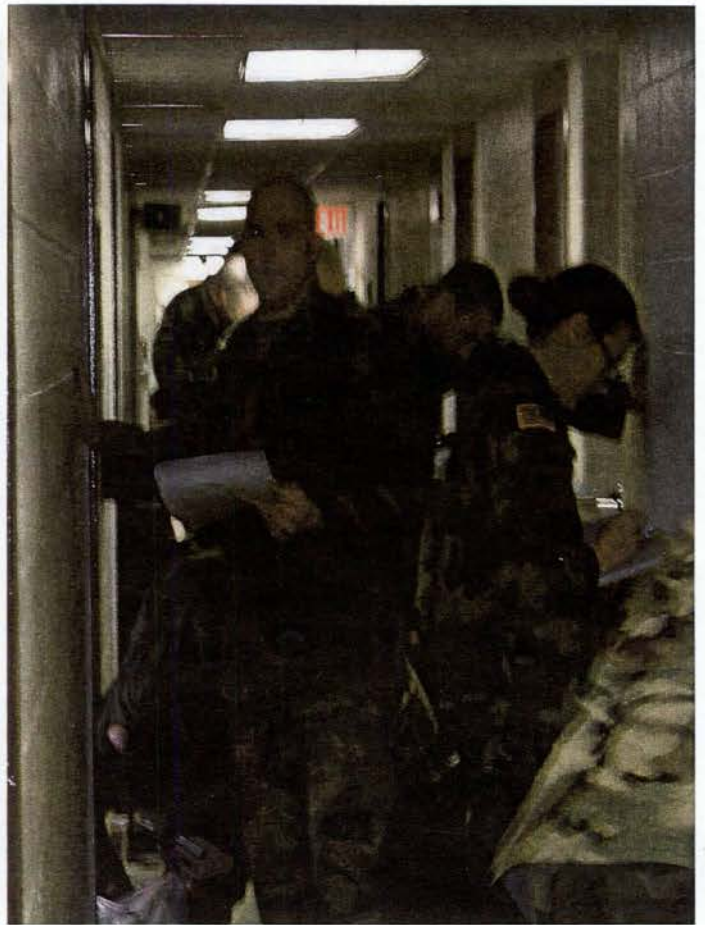


In the Beginning...





What are you looking at candidate?



Get off me HO HO Maloo!!

THE OCS HISTORY

The idea for the modern Officer Candidate School for Infantry was conceived in June 1938, when a plan for an officer-training program was submitted to the Chief of Infantry to Brigadier General L. Singleton, commandant of the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. No action was taken until July 1940, when Brigadier General Courtney Hodges, Assistant Commandant of the Infantry School, submitted a revised plan. The new program went into effect in July 1941, as the Infantry, Field Artillery, and Coastal Artillery Officer Candidate Schools. Other branches later followed with their own Officers Candidate Schools. On September 27, 1941, the first infantry OCS class graduated 171 second lieutenants out of the 204 men who started the 17-week course.

The man credited with establishing the format, discipline, and code of honor still used in OCS today was General Omar Bradley, then Commandant of the Infantry School. As the Commandant of the Infantry School, General Bradley emphasized rigorous training, strict discipline and efficient organization. These tenets remain the base values of today's Officer Candidate School.

Between July 1941 and May 1947, over 100,000 candidates were enrolled in 448 Infantry OCS classes, of these approximately 67 percent were commissioned. After World War II, Infantry OCS was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas, as part of the Ground General School. All other Candidates Schools were discontinued.

In November 1, 1947, the Infantry OCS was discontinued. The final class graduated only 52 second lieutenants.

A shortage of officers during the Korean conflict caused infantry to reopen OCS at Fort Benning on February 18, 1951. At this time, the course was lengthened from 17 to 22 weeks. The name was changed from The Infantry Officer Candidate School to the First Officer Candidate Battalion, Second Student Regiment. The strength of OCS increased rapidly. As one of eight branch programs, Infantry OCS included as many as 29 companies with a class graduating every week. During the Korean War, approximately 7,000 infantry officers graduated from OCS at Fort Benning.

On August 4, 1953, OCS was reduced from eight to three programs: Infantry, Artillery, and Engineer.

Shortly before the onset of the Vietnam Conflict OCS had been reduced to two programs, Infantry and Field Artillery. During the height of the Vietnam Conflict, Infantry OCS was one of five programs and produced 7,000 officers annually from five battalions at Fort Benning. Towards the end of the conflict OCS reduced to two programs, Infantry and Female OCS. Infantry OCS was reduced to two battalions and presently maintains one battalion.

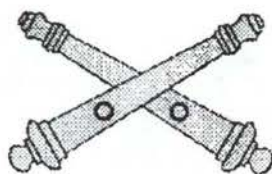
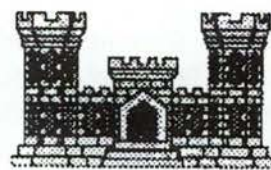
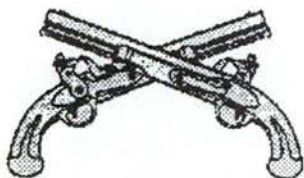
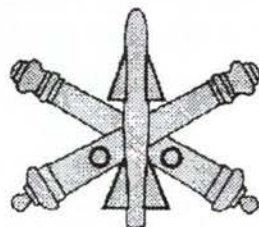
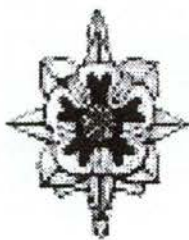
In April 1973, a Branch Immaterial Officer Candidate School was created to replace the branch specific courses and length of the course was reduced to 14 weeks. OCS for female officer candidates remained at Fort McClellan, Alabama until December 1976, when it merged with the branch immaterial OCS program at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Today's officer candidates enter the school from throughout the force. OCS continues to provide commissioned officers to the total force of all sixteen branches of the Army.

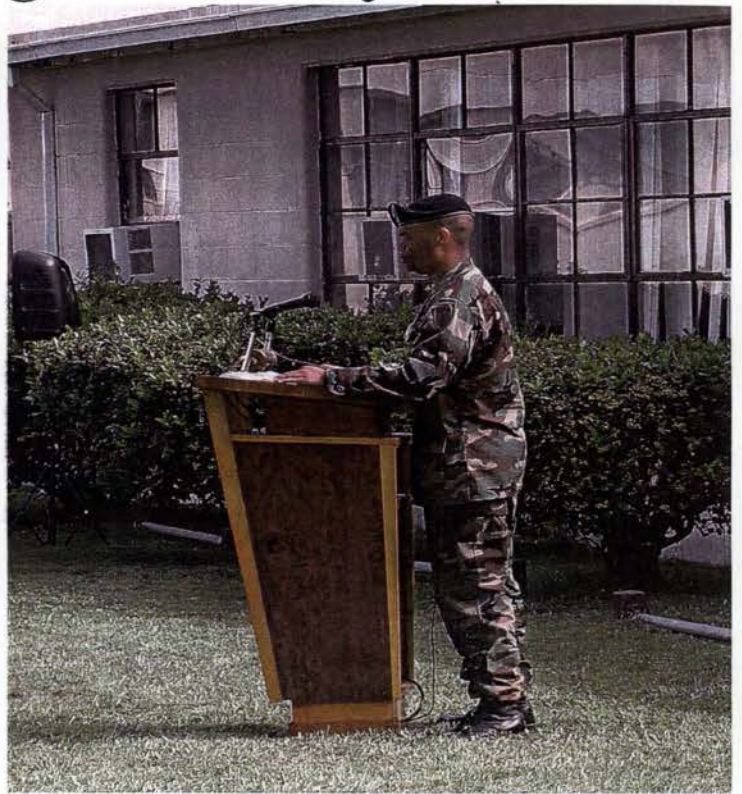
On June 2, 1998 to further integrate the Army, the Army National Guard OCS Phase III candidates began training alongside their active duty counterparts at Fort Benning. Officer Candidates from the National Guard and Army Reserve conduct the final phase of training before commissioning during their two-week annual training period. Over 650 future officers were trained for the Army in the first year, with similar numbers being trained in subsequent years.

The mission of OCS remains: to train selected personnel in the fundamentals of leadership; basic military skills; instill professional ethics; evaluate leadership potential; and commission those who qualify as second lieutenants in all sixteen basic branches of the Army.

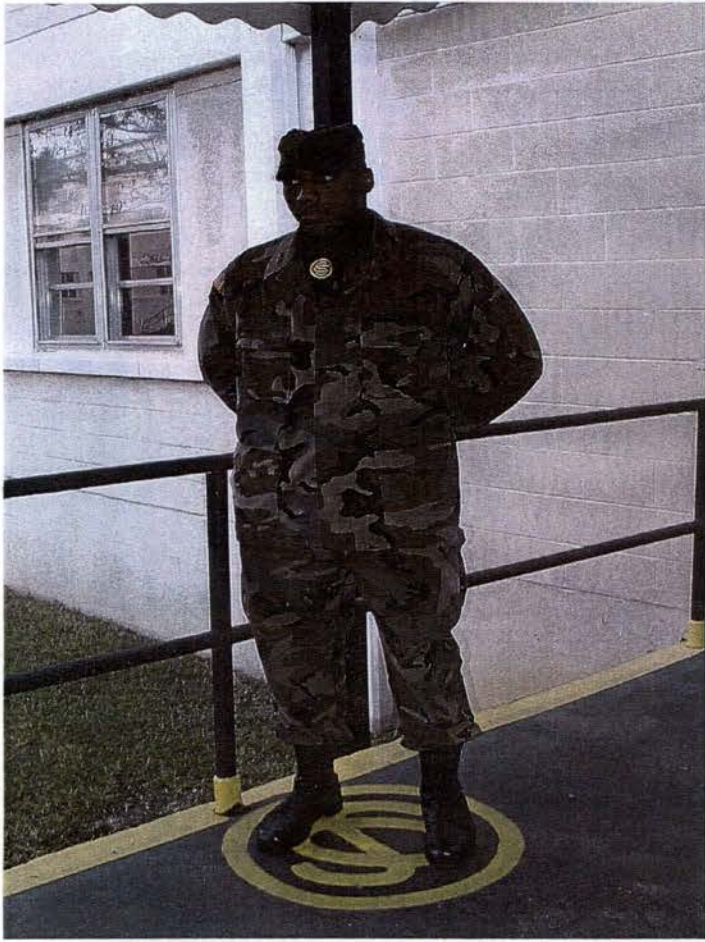
Standards! No Compromise!



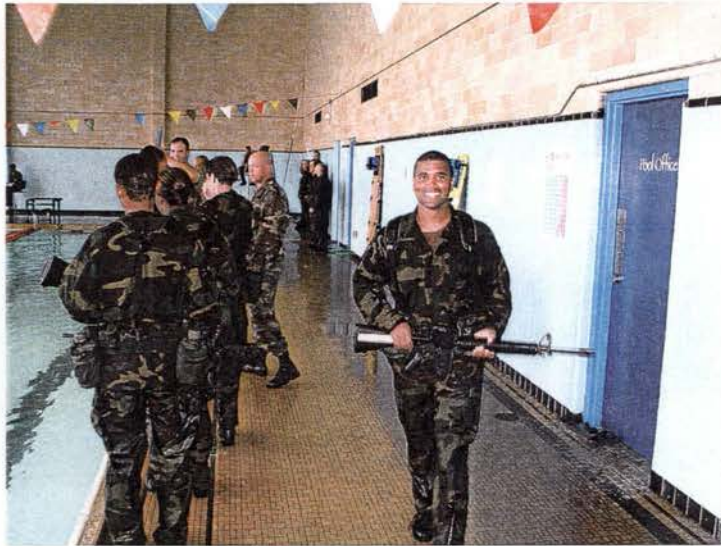
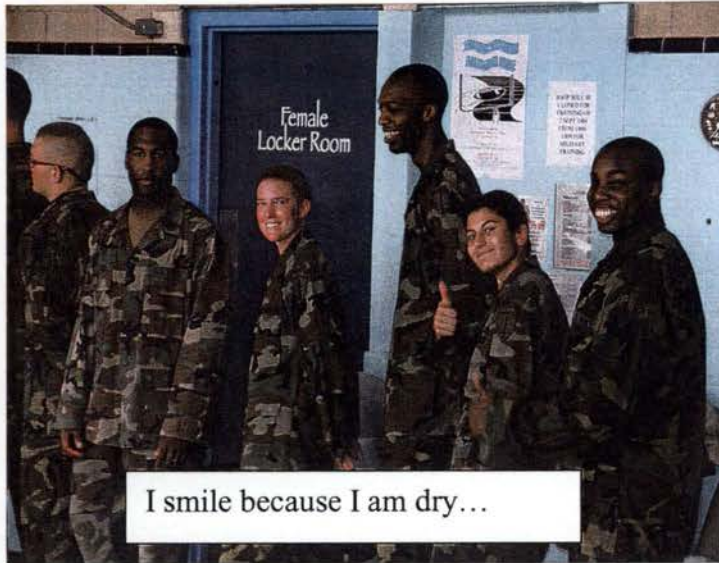
BOC Phasing Ceremony

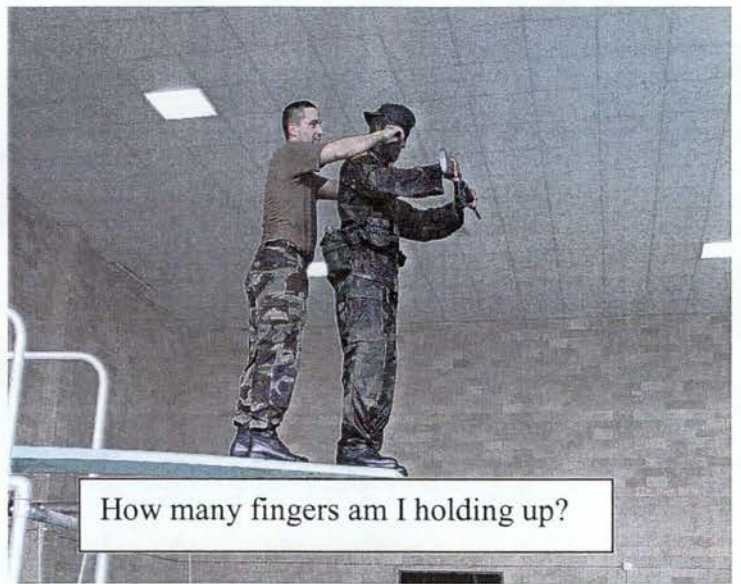
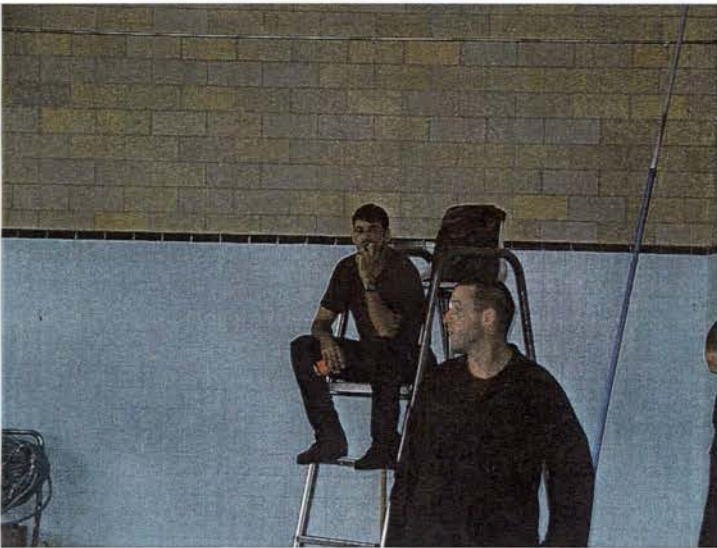
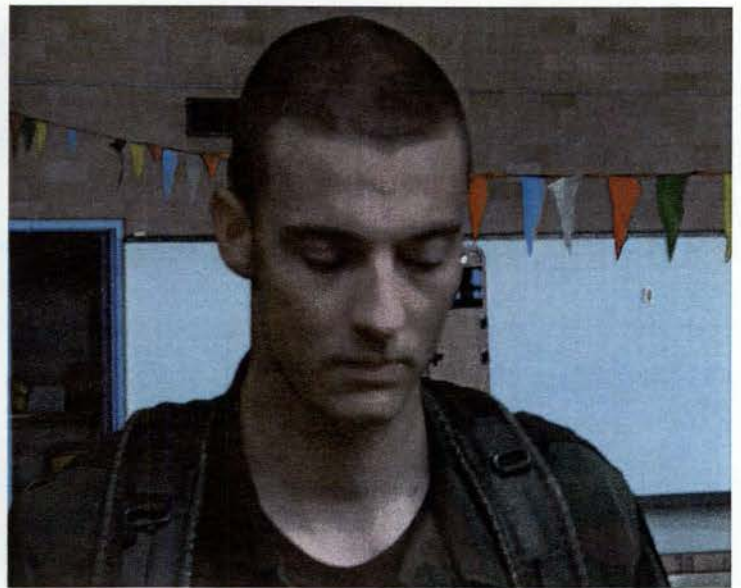


Let the Procedures Begin!

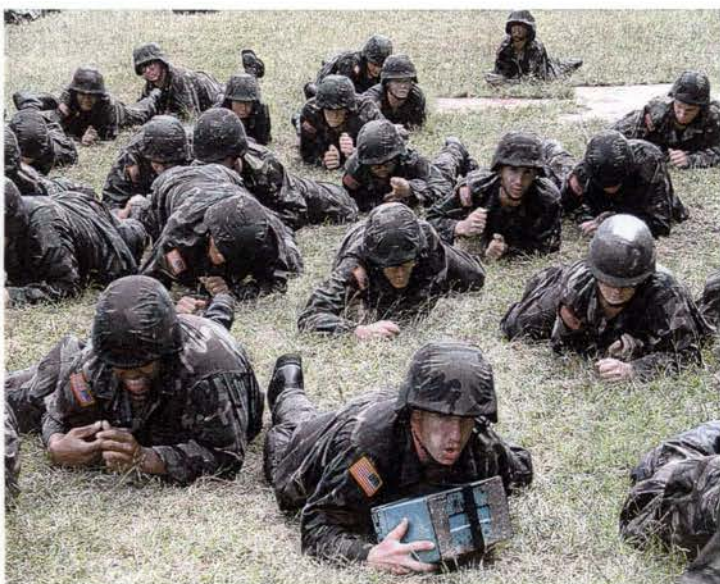
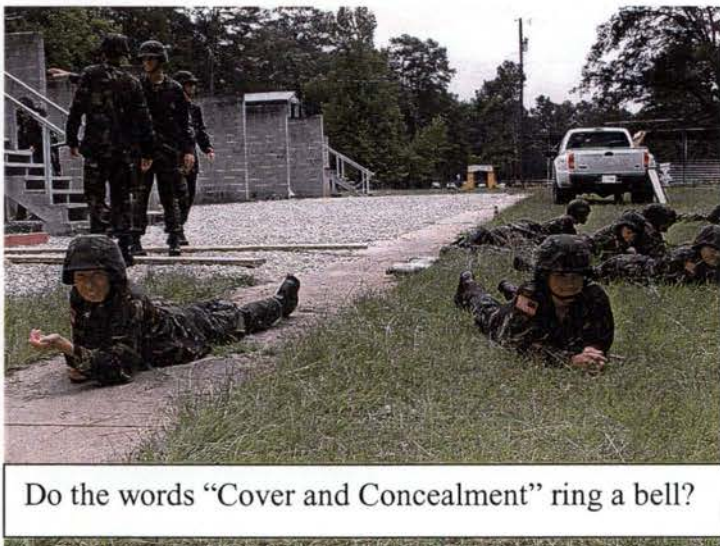
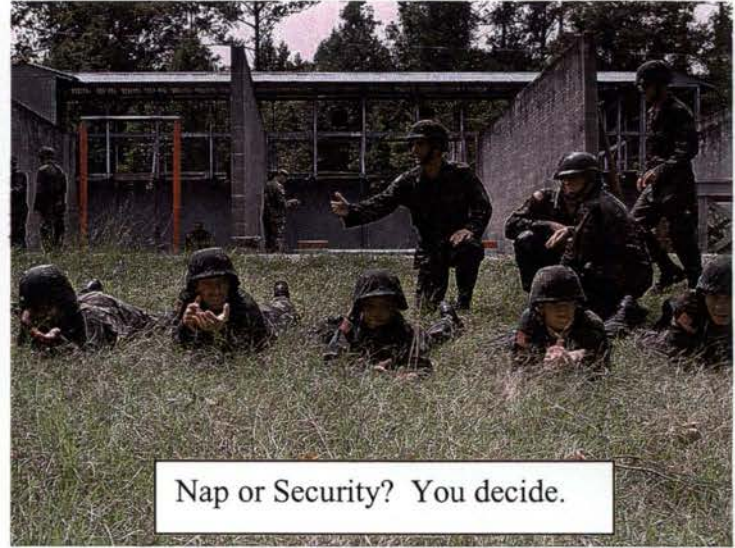
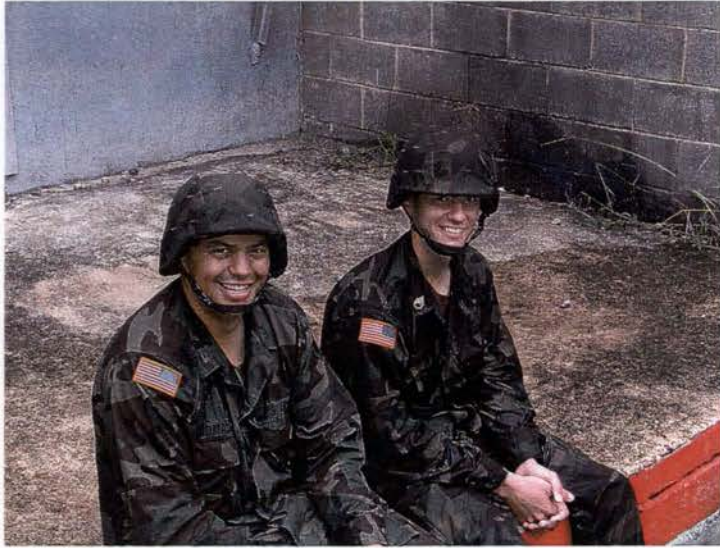


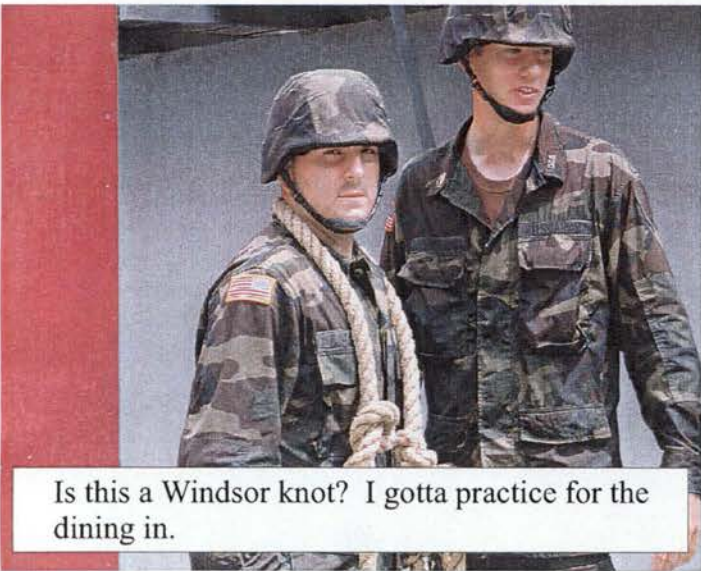
Combat Water Survival Training



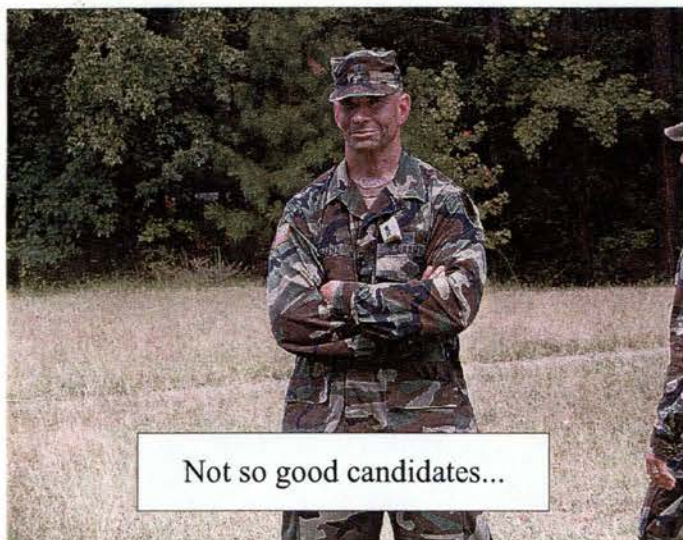


Leaders Reaction Course

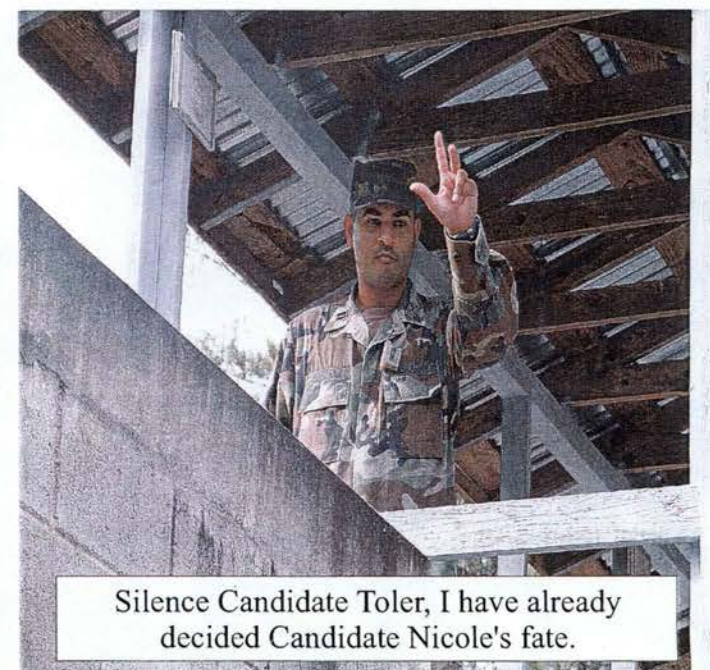






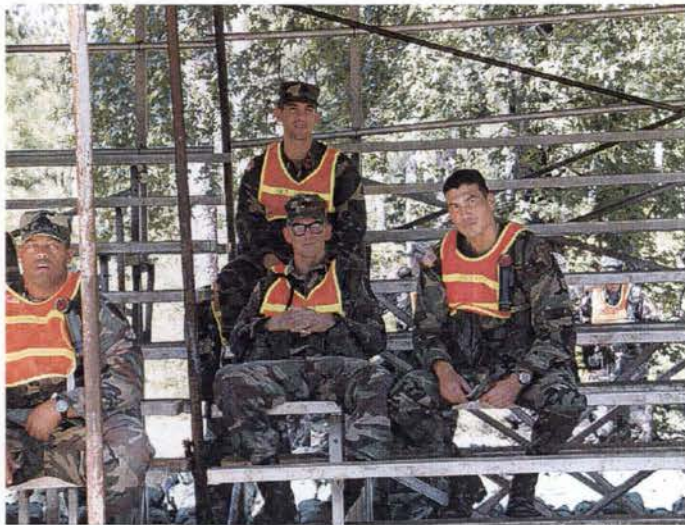


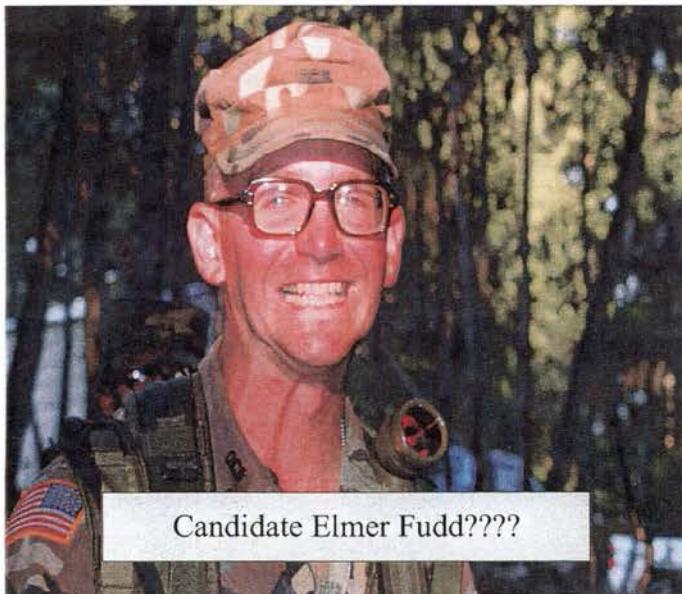
Not so good candidates...



Silence Candidate Toler, I have already decided Candidate Nicole's fate.

LAND NAVIGATION

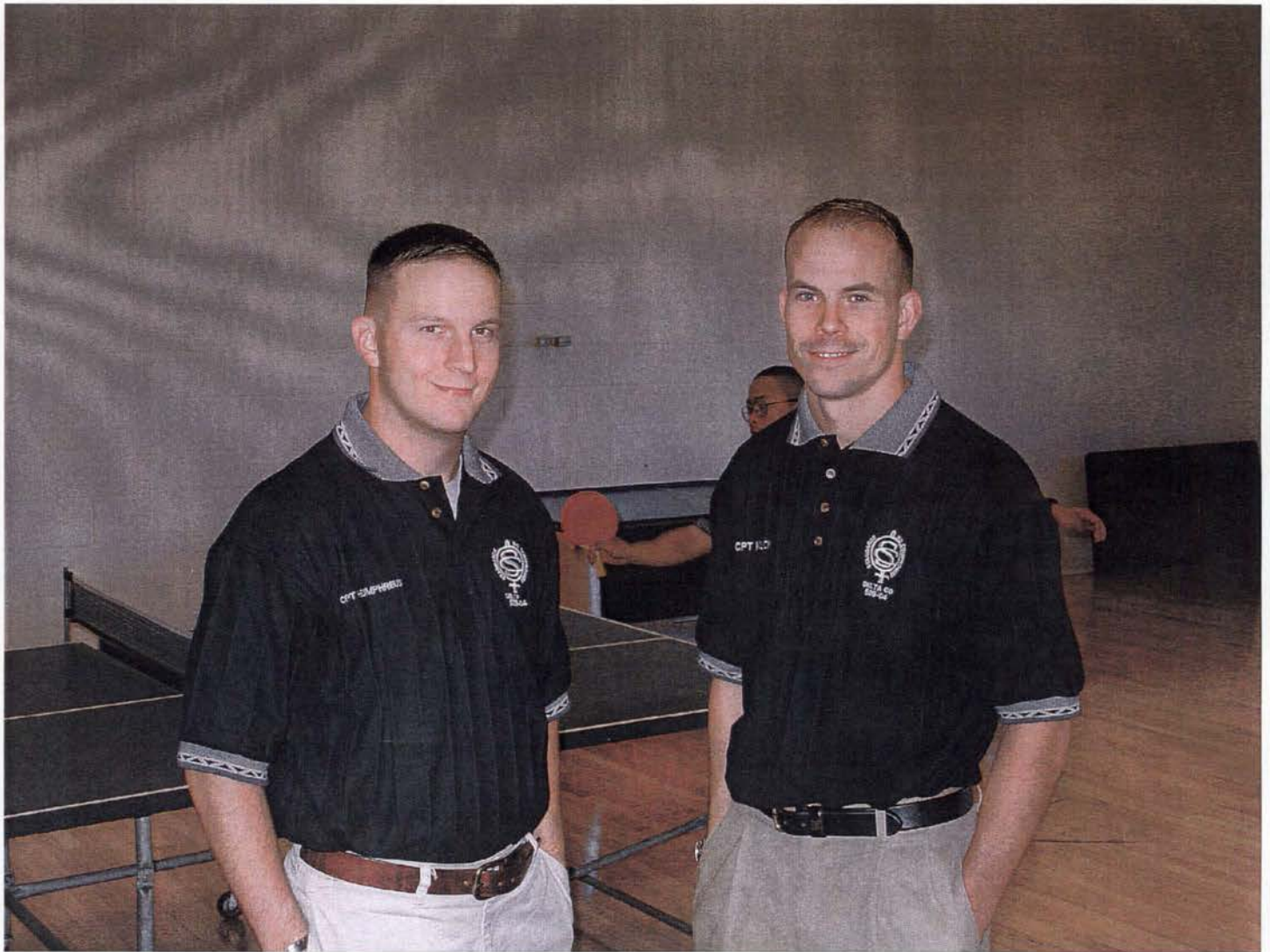




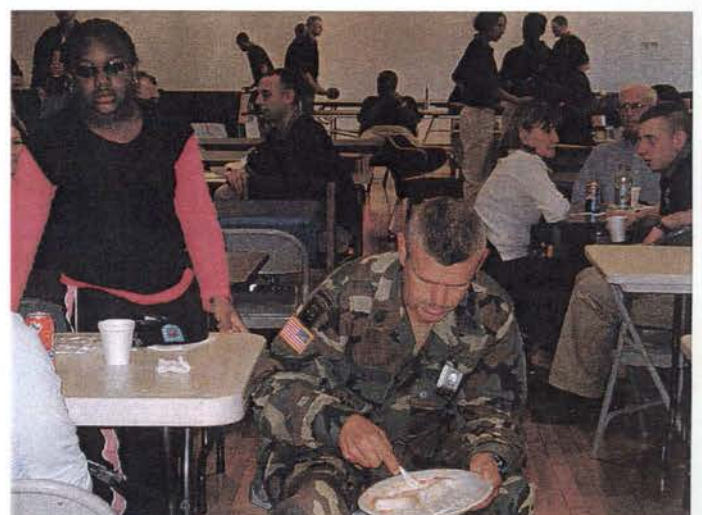
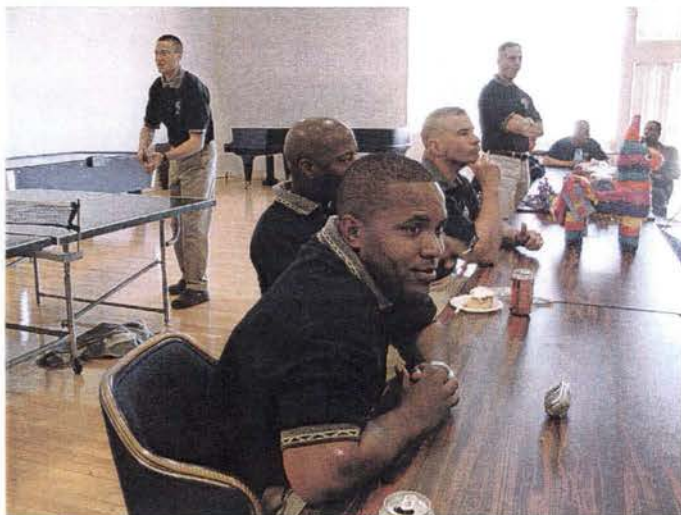


MIDCYCLE PICNIC



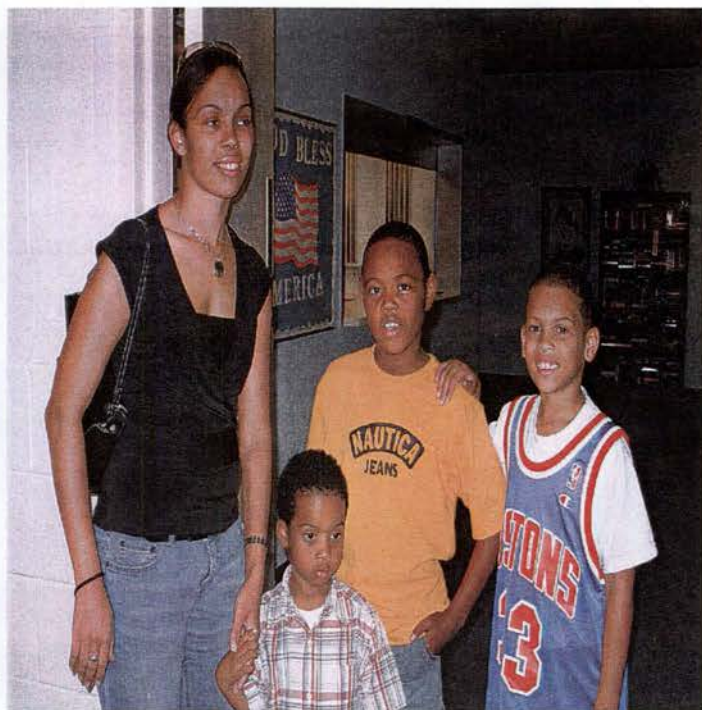


BY GOLLY IS THAT A SMILE I SEE?!

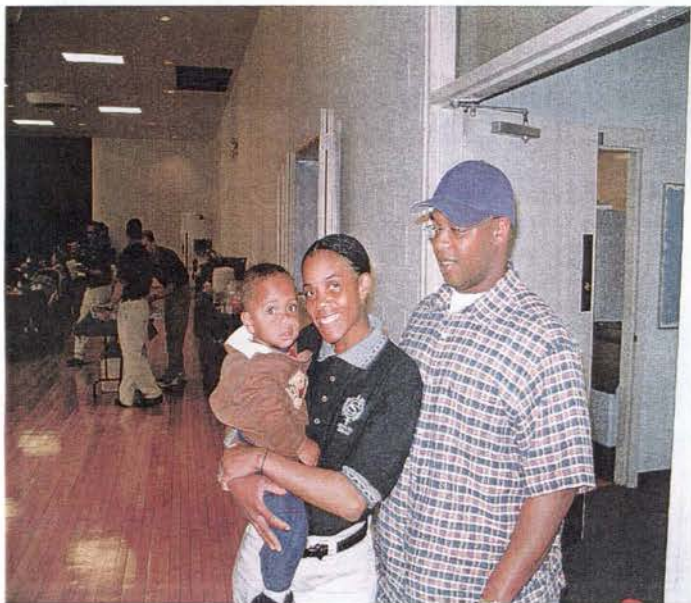




THE CASTILLO FAMILY



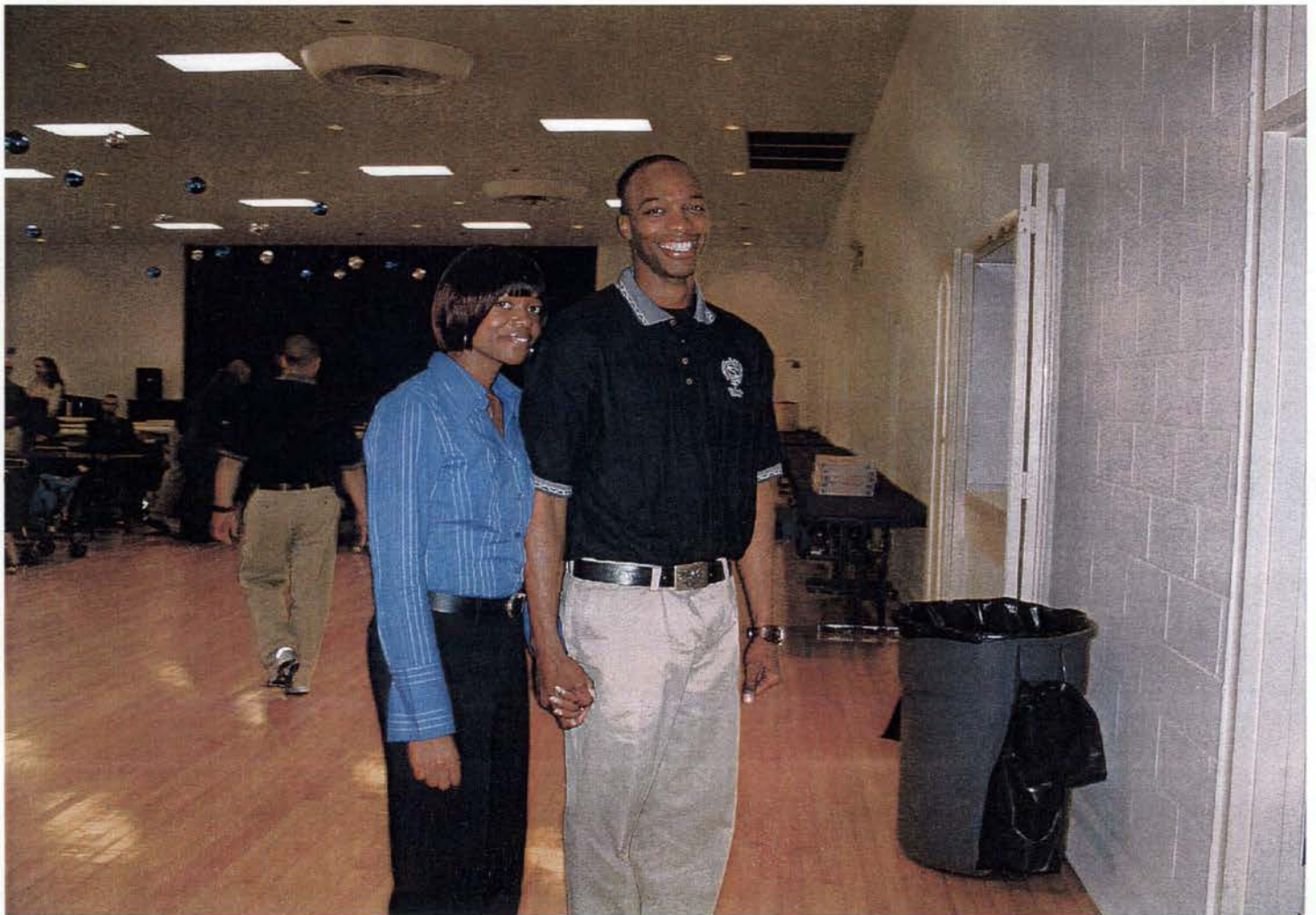
THE BROWN FAMILY



THE JOHNSON FAMILY



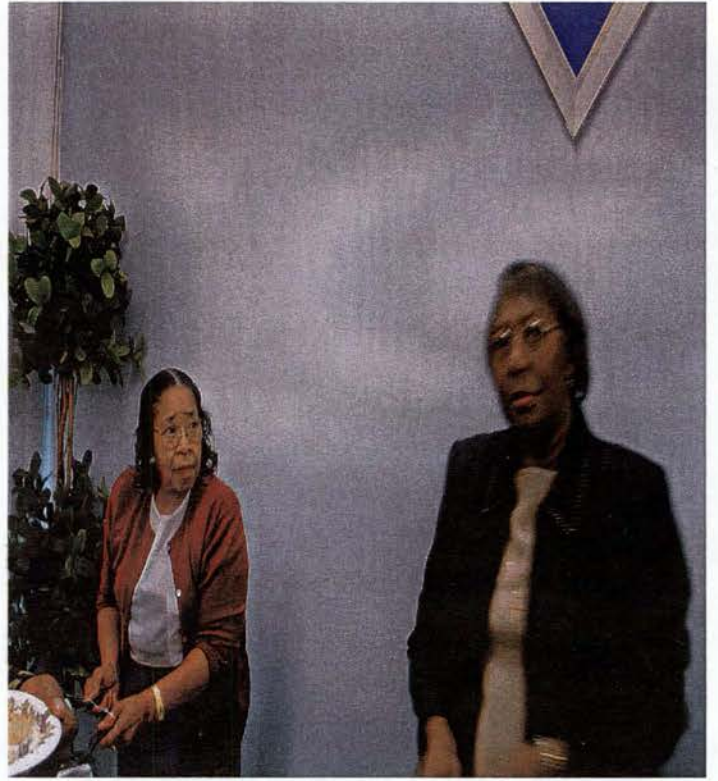
LITTLE PATCHUS AND MOM



FRIENDS IN THE CHAPEL



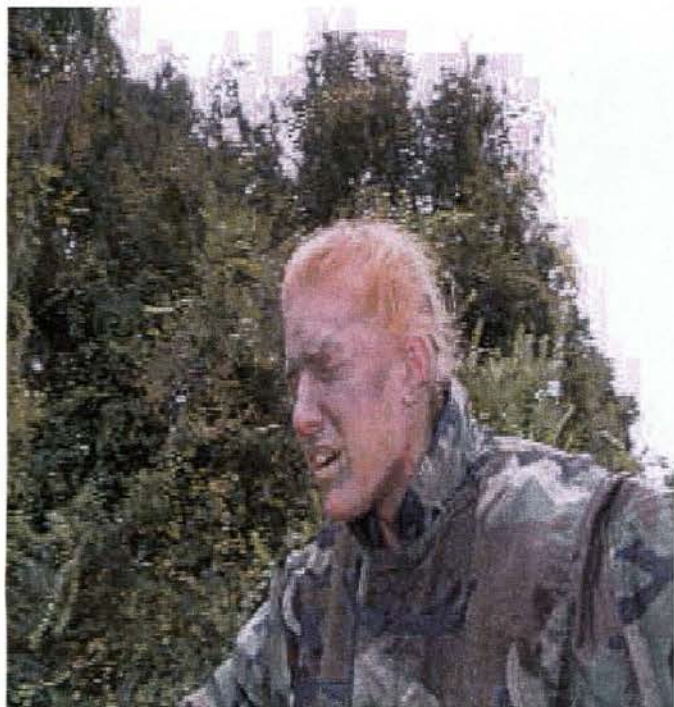
**CHAPAIN ROSADO AND
CHAPLAIN REVELL**



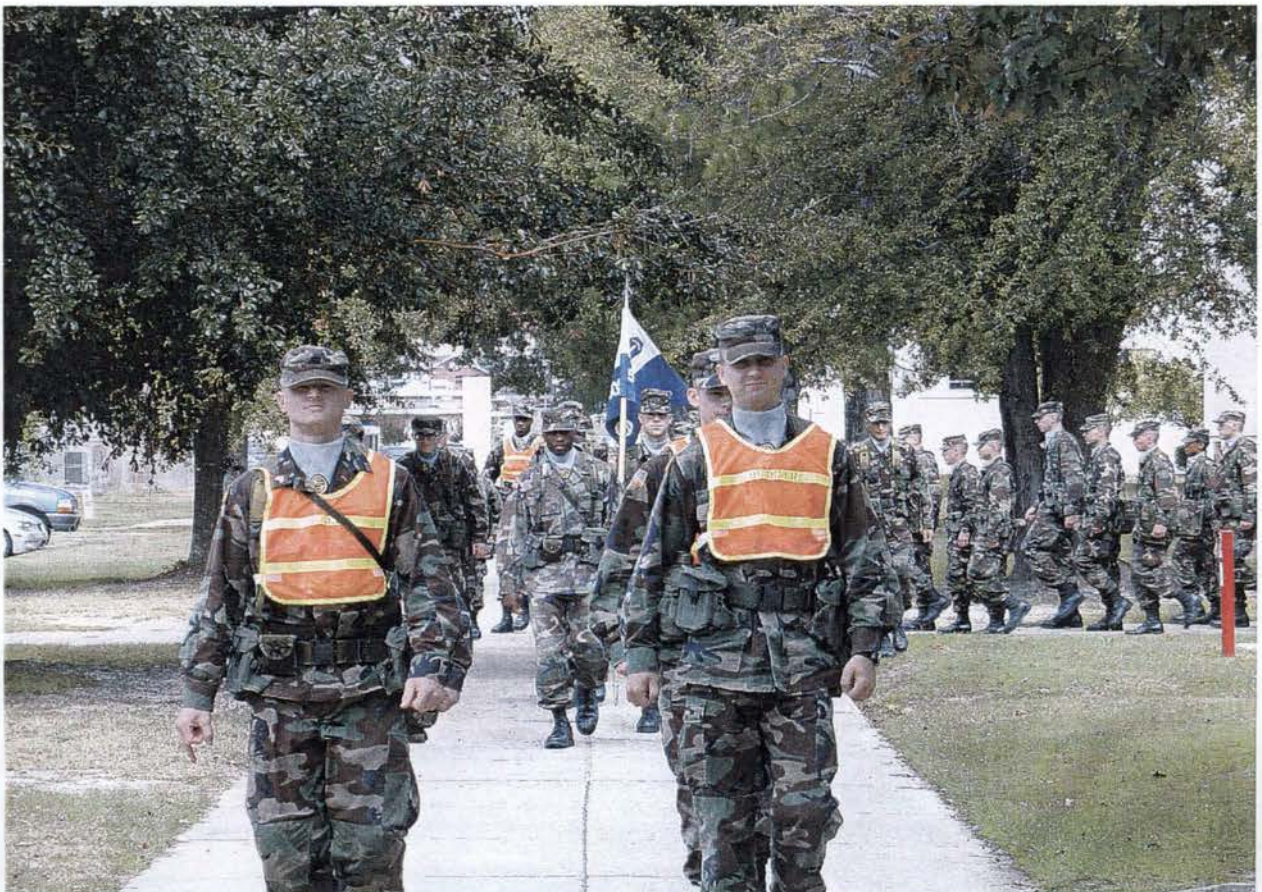
TIME TO SOCIALIZE AND HAVE SOME COOKIES

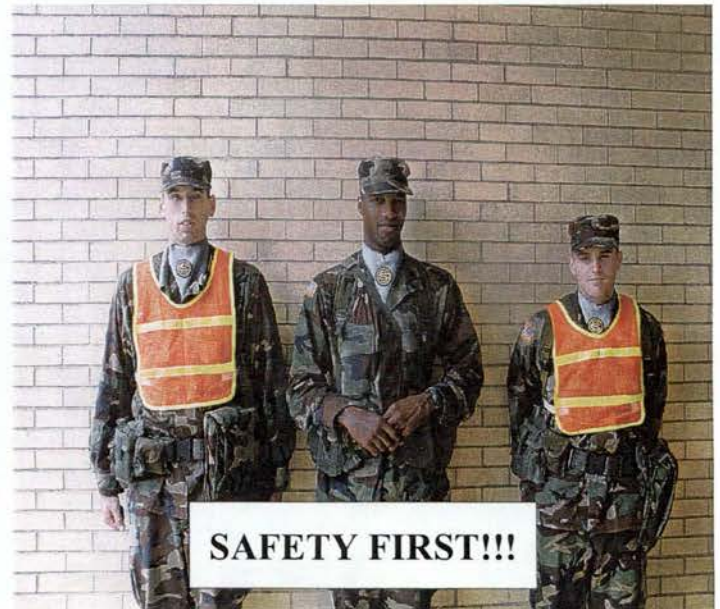
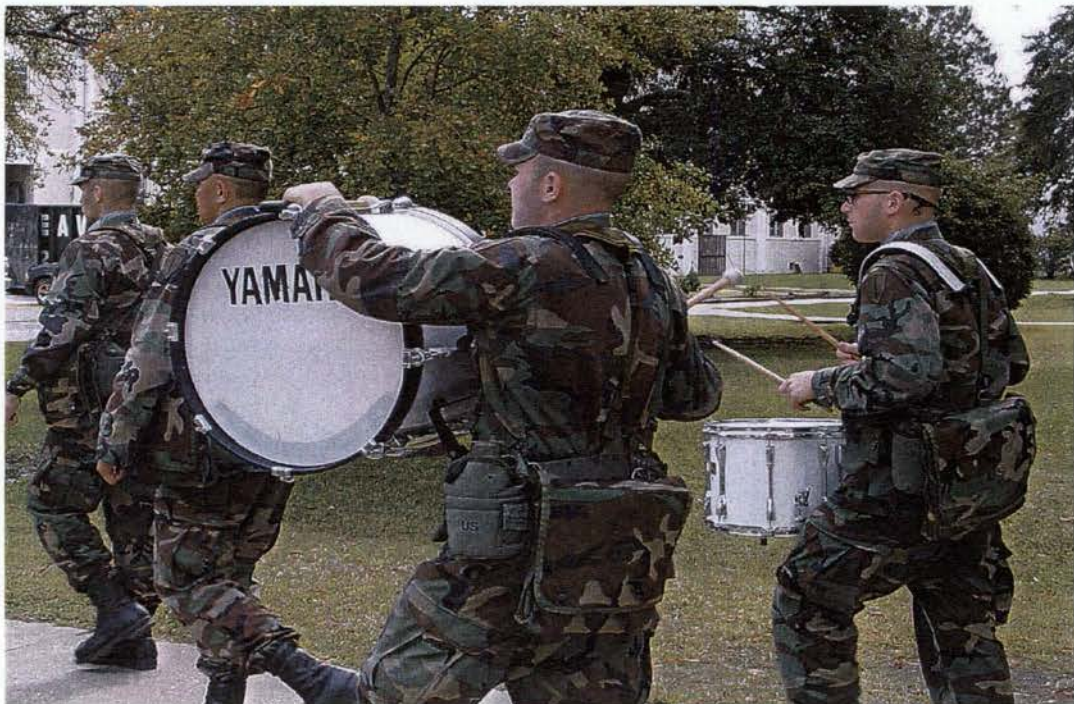
FLX I

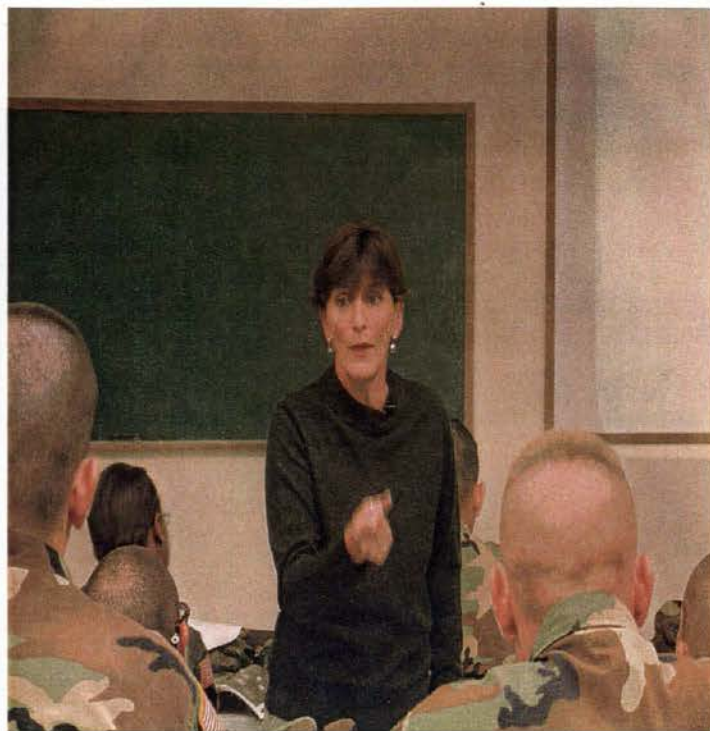
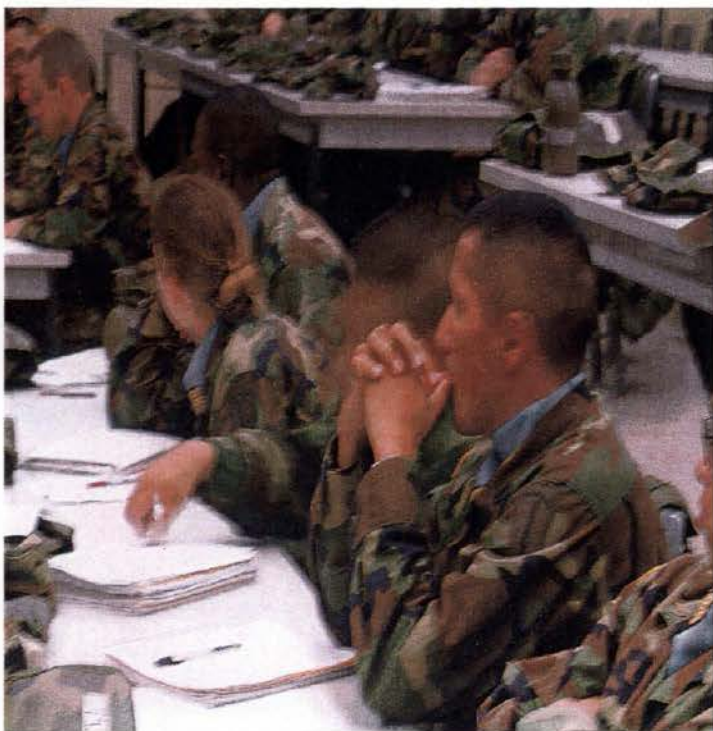




OUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME...







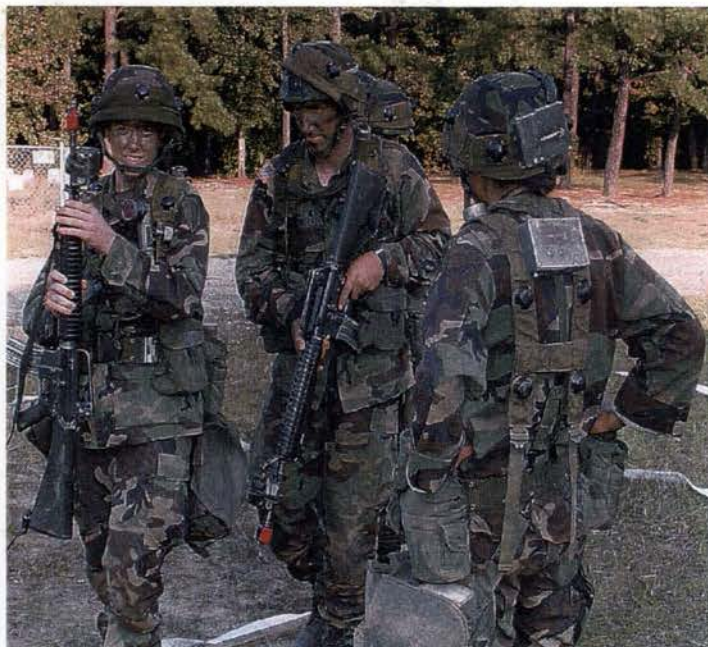
SFC Sampson provided outstanding help
with the Call for Fire class



I now pray for the strength to sta awake
during this class

FLX II/III

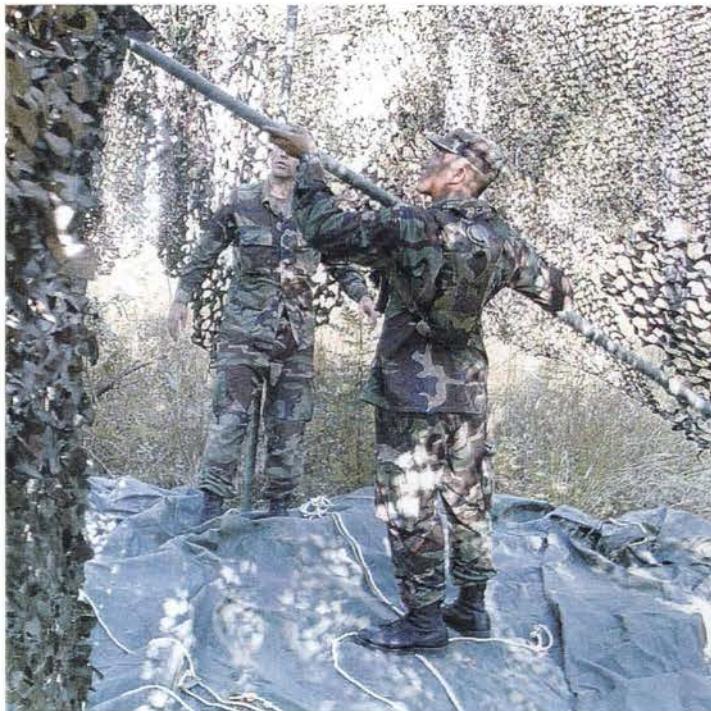


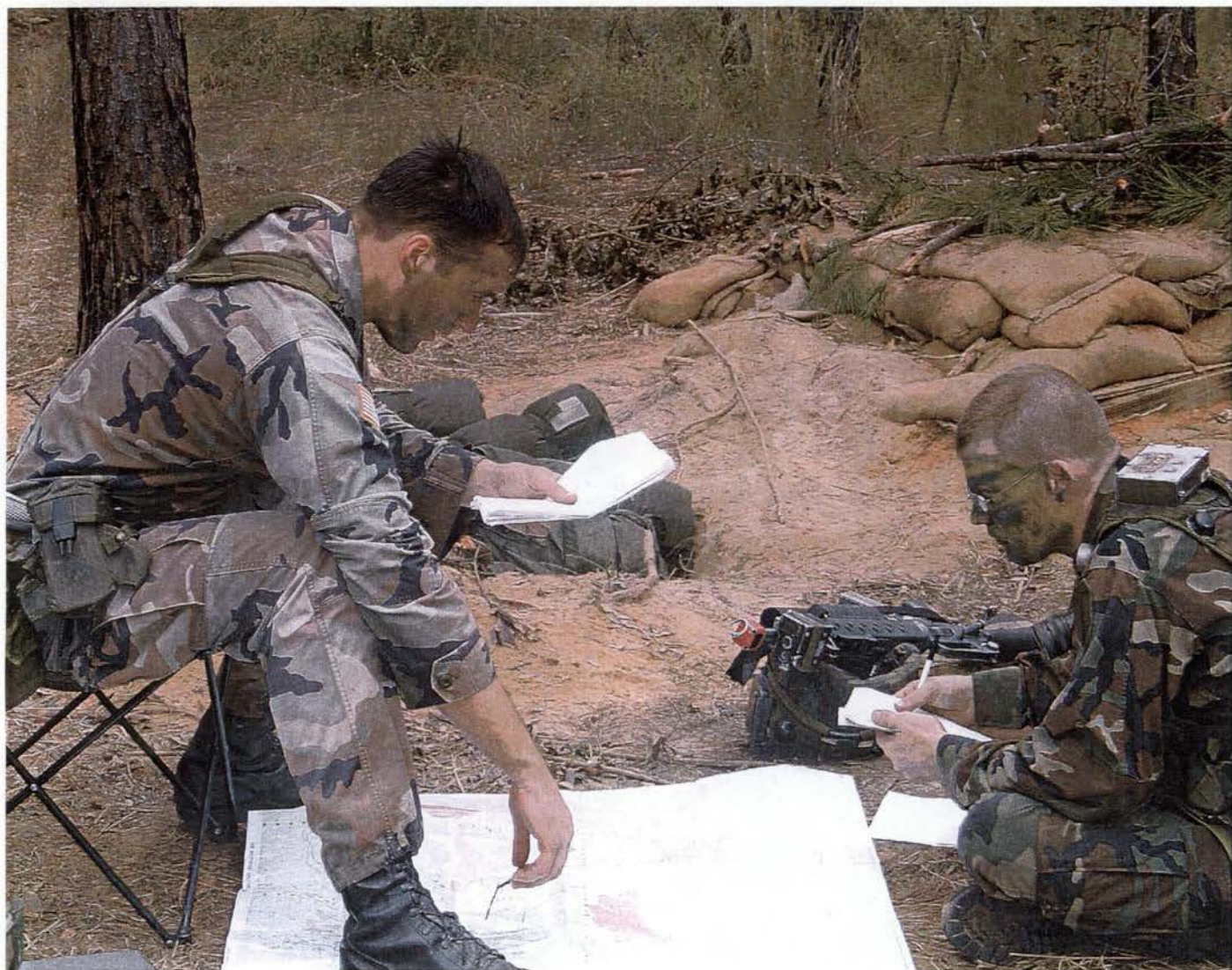


CPT JOHNSON INSTRUCTS ENTRY TECHNIQUES









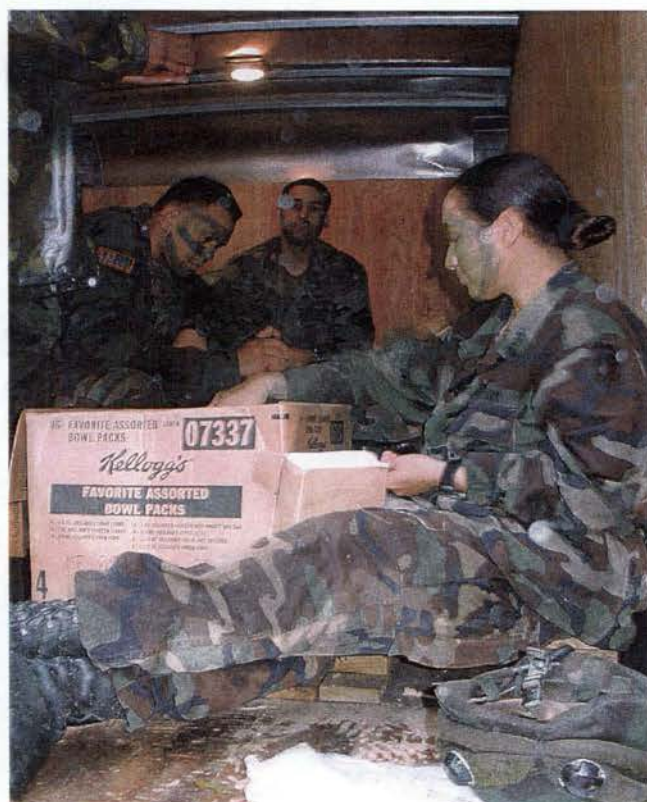


I know there is a fighting position around here SOMEWHERE!!!!

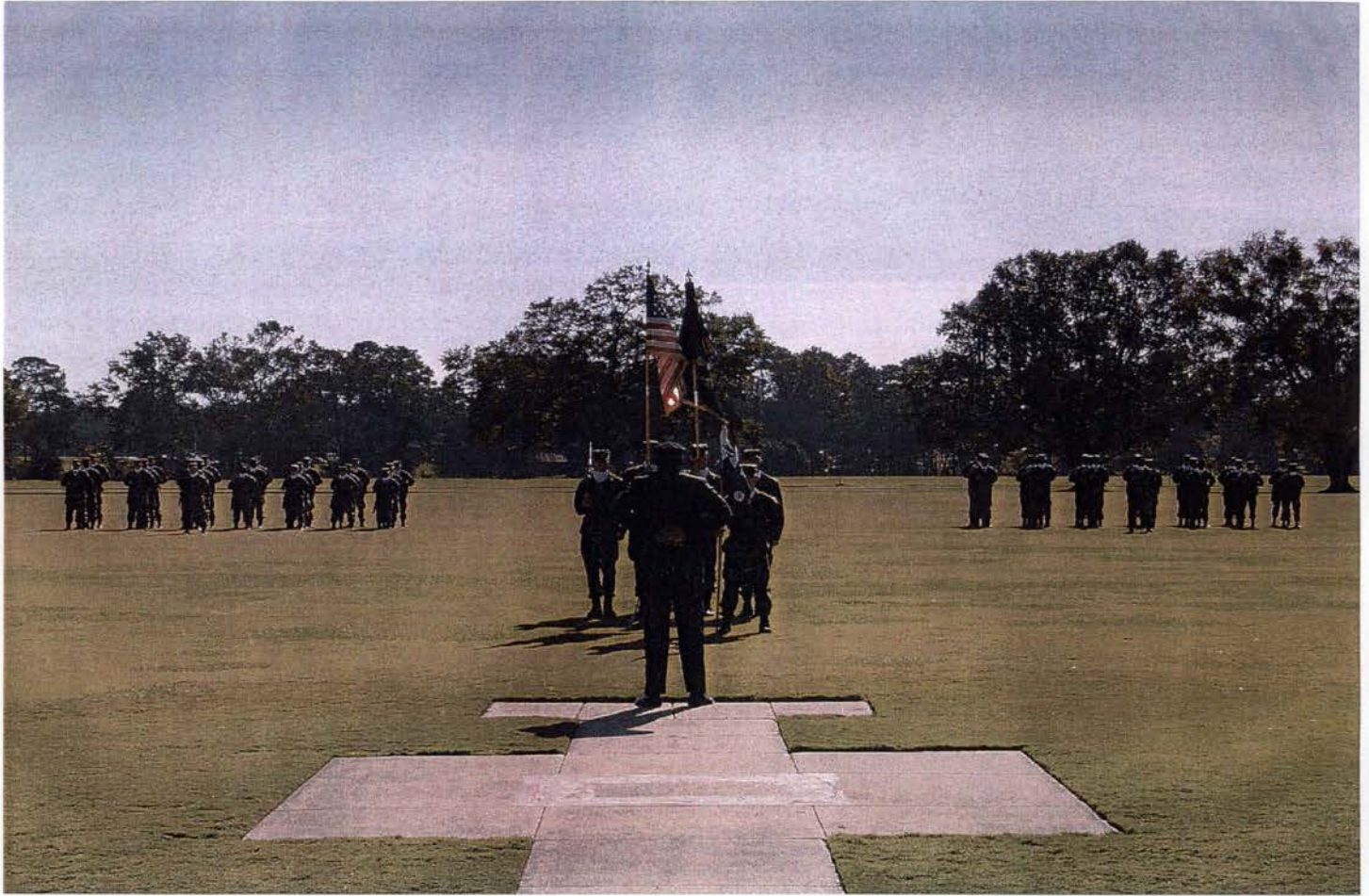




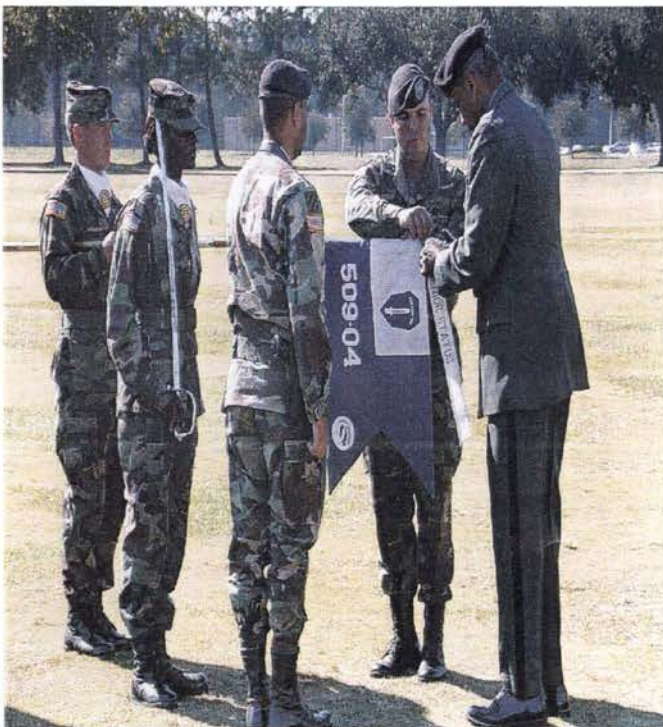
BREAKING CAMP IN THE RAIN



SENIOR STATUS REVIEW



REVIEWING OFFICER: COL(RET) ANDRE FRANCIS





Commander of Troops: SOC Macias **Guidon bearer:** SOC Toler **Color Guard OIC:** SOC Patchus
Color Guard: SOC Buckner, SOC Yuhasz, SOC Freshwater, SOC Purdue



1st Platoon Leader: SOC Quilon



2nd Platoon Leader: SOC Rogers



3rd Platoon Leader: SOC Hoomalu

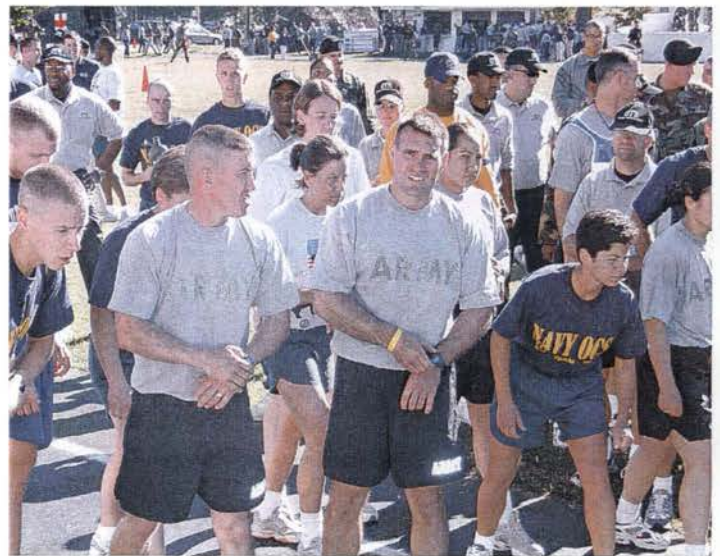
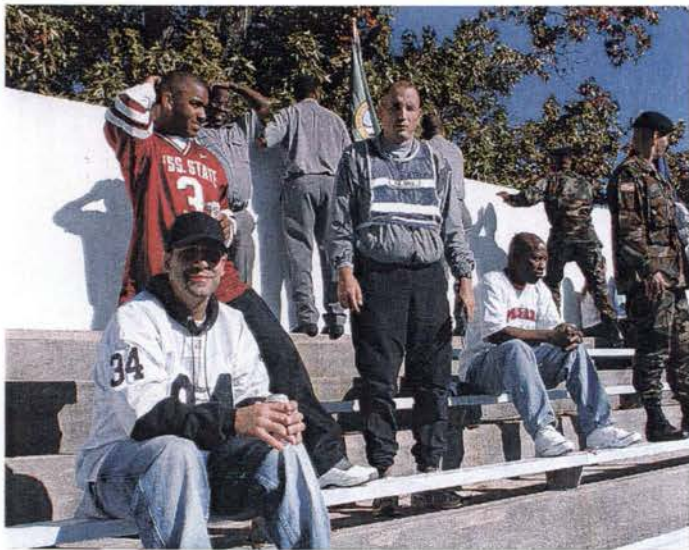


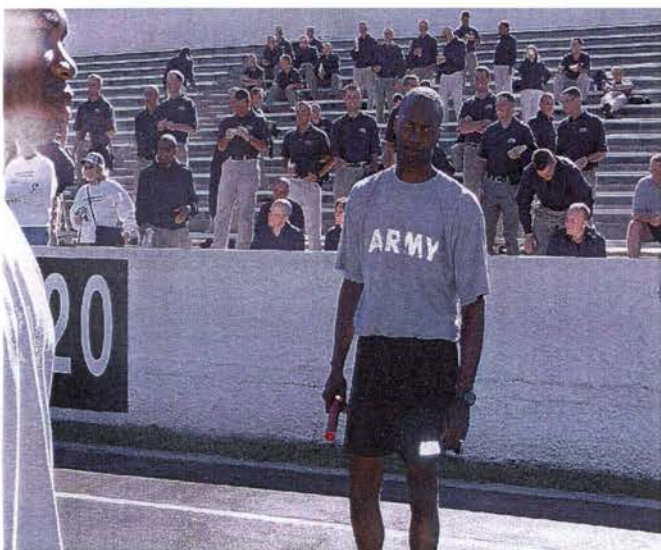
D Company Cadre enjoy the ceremony



LTC Booth, COL Grube, COL (R) Francis

Joint Military Athletic Competition







OC ROGERS RECEIVES HIS MEDAL



Delta Company's JMAC Team



Front row: (L-R) LOCSIN, TOLER, PULIDO, WINTERS, CLEMENTE, DEGENHARDT

Back row: (L-R) HOOMALU, MIDDLEMISS, DEJERINETT, FRANCO, ROGERS, BROWN, D. RIESEL, HALL, T., CASTILLO

Delta Company set the standard with the most competitors from a single unit in the battalion!

With a total of 18 gold medals won for both individual and team events, we continue to outshine the rest.

**Now that all the fun and games are over, its time to
get back to business!**

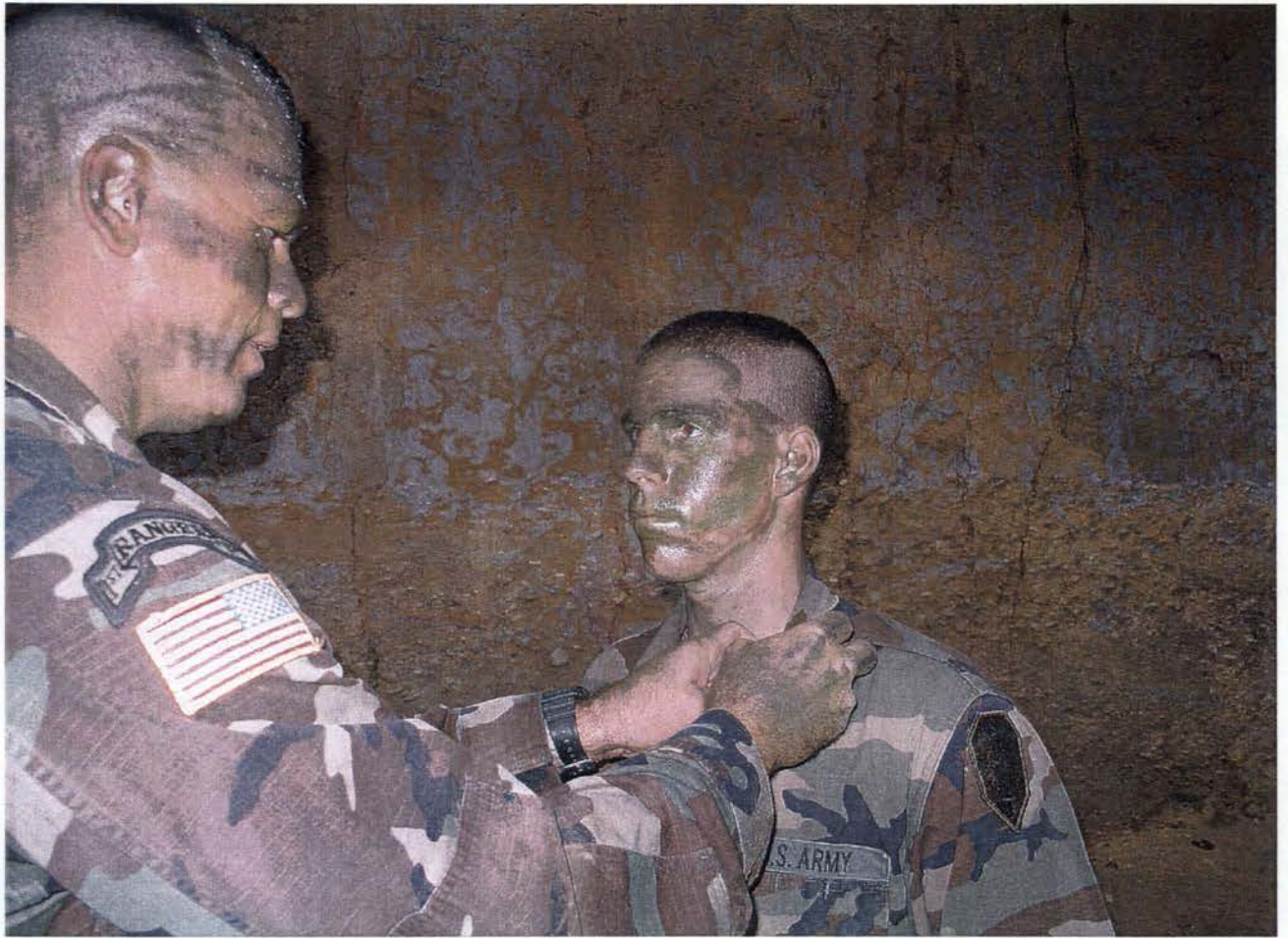
**Those branching *Infantry* had a nice little clean
run as a prelude to their branching ceremony.**



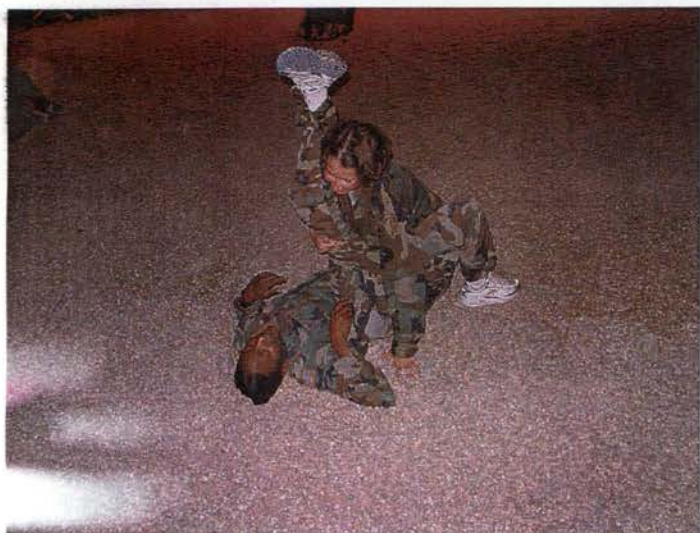


Why didn't I branch Signal!?!%&





COMBATIVES TRAINING



"Don't let my size fool you."



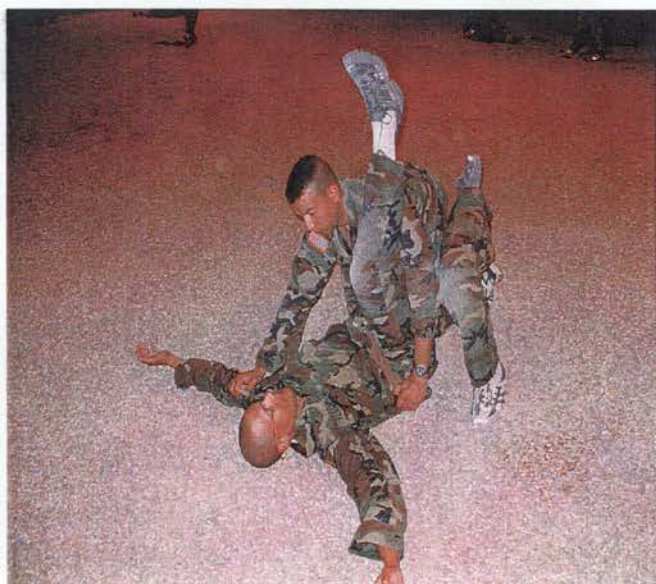
"Come on man, let me win."



"Go ahead, tap out!"



"Yes, I do have something to prove!"



THE DINING IN...A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



"Welcome aboard D CO, I am SSG Mueller the driver of this party bus.
Watch your step, enjoy the ride but please clap on beat."



"Hurry up, we can't hold these smiles forever!"



"Do we look great or what?"





D. CO Color Guard
The Epitome of Style and Grace



"...and they said D. CO was cheap!"



THE INFAMOUS GROG CEREMONY



"Need you ask why I get to carry the champagne?"



"I won't drop the bottle, I promise."



"Good Times, Good Times!"



"We don't mind drinking out of the Grog...Now that was an example of a stupid question!"





"The Head Table"



"Yes, I am old enough to be in the Army!"



SOC Spofford serenades us with..."You've lost that loving feeling" while strolling around the Mess.



"THE SKITS"



"Look here Freaky..."



"Make two left faces and move out."



CPT Kucik, CPT Johnson and SSG Mueller Impersonate
Candidates Clemente, Clarke and Evbuomwan



Candidates Nielson and Grube depict life after OCS



"Can you guess whi I am? CPT McFarland of course."



"Even in a skit (portraying SFC Brown), I am SOC Farmer
and I still have a question...You know, back at my unit.."



Stop! Go! Candidate...Minus 2, now move out!



Our CO, CPT Maharaj, an OCS Graduate.



"Standards, No Compromise!"



1st Platoon

"DO IT!"



2 LT DAVID R. BEERS, JR (MI)



2 LT JESSE BISNETTE (EN)



2 LT BOOTH



2 LT TREBOR W. BOSLEY (AG)
"Boomer Sooner"



2 LT DAVID N. BROWN, III (OD)



2 LT ERIK D. BUCKNER (FA)
"OU is Total Dominance"



2 LT FRANCINE Y. CLARKE (TC)
francine.y.clark@us.army.mil



2 LT COLETTE Y. COTTMAN (SC)
"Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run
than exposure. Life is either a daring adventure
or nothing." (Helen Keller)



2 LT SKYLER R. COURTNEY



2 LT SCOTT M. DAVIS (SC)



2 LT BARRY B. FARMER (ADA/QM)
"Just 101 more *!?!* days!"



2 LT BRIAN FURBER (TC)



2 LT TIMOTHY JOHNSON (MP)



2 LT RACHEL A. LANDRY (SC)
"In my life"



2 LT TANIKA MACIAS (CM)



2 LT WILLIAM L. MARTIN



2 LT BENJAMIN B. MCINTYRE (QM)
"The future belongs to those who prepare for
it today." (Anon)



2 LT ELISABETH R. McQUISTON (MI)



2 LT CHRISTOPHER MOLITE (ADA)



2 LT BRIAN PAWLIKOWSKI (ADA)



2 LT MATTHEW A PERDUE (AR)



2 LT SCOTT PERL (AR)



2 LT JIMMY QUILON (TC)



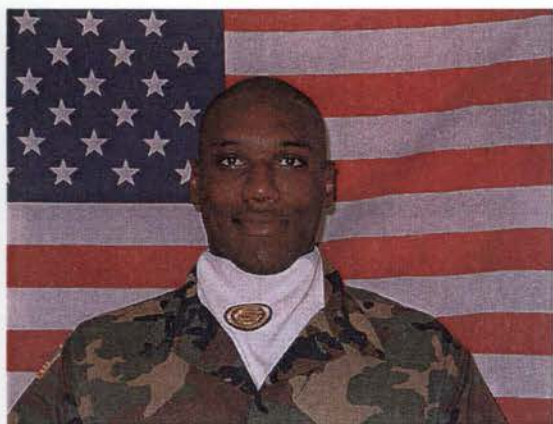
2 LT ADAM D. SEARL (IN)



2 LT JOSE A. VELA II



2 LT MATTHEW C. WAITE (IN)



2 LT DURTANA WALKER (OD)



2 LT JEREMY WALKER (SC)



CPT WIGGINS



**"TAC NCO OF THE CYCLE"
SFC BROWN**



SFC ADAMS



SFC STEWART

2nd Platoon





2 LT ERIC ABDUL (IN)
"WHEREVER YOU GO, THERE YOU ARE"



2 LT ERIC L. BROWN (AR)
"It all had to end sometime"



2 LT CLAYTON J. DEGENHARDT (EN)



2 LT ENESDRA DEJERINETT (SC)
"It's not about being a team or building "teamwork",
it's about being individuals."



2 LT RYAN DUFFY (IN)



2 LT JAMES A. FIELDS (ADA)
"I will not micromanage how you pull security"



2 LT PETER B. FLORES (CM)

"One Team, One Mission, One Fight!
If possible, have fun..."



2 LT JAMES O. GRUBE (OD)

"I didn't know it was going to be a tactical I dump!"



2 LT KHALED HAMDY (CM)

"Failure is not an option"



2 LT DARRELL W. JONES

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2 LT TYSON F. KAMPENHOUT (IN)



2 LT JAYNE MASTRONARDI (SC)

"It is hard being a Princess, but someone has to do it!"



2 LT LAURIE T. NIELSON (AG)
 "Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others
 without getting a few drops on
 yourself." (R.W. Emerson) "GIG 'EM AGS"



2 LT SEAN PENWELL (AR)
 "Yeah, Route Step, Woo-Hoo!"



2 LT MICHAEL L. RASH (AR)



2 LT LAMAR ROGERS
 "Change is painful people!"



2 LT LATARSHA SCOTT (QM)
 "You still have two more meals!"



2 LT CLAUDIA E. SPIERS (MP)
 "Sweet!"



2 LT JAMES G. SPOFFORD (FA)



2 LT JOHN TALLARICO (IN)
"Follow Me"



2 LT VIREN E. TENNEKOON (IN)
"Who dares wins"



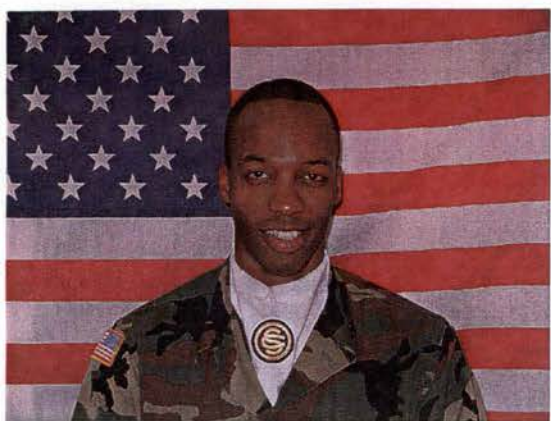
2 LT TREVER P. TOLER (MI)
"Leadership is a matter intelligence, trustworthiness, humaneness, courage, and sternness." (Sun Tzu)



2 LT RYAN WIDRIG (MI)



2 LT JOHN WIEBELD (MI)



2 LT WILSON N. WINTERS, III



2 LT DEREK YOUNG (SC)
"...But I just got here!"



2 LT RONALD YUHASZ (ADA)



CPT McFARLAND



CPT JOHNSON



SFC HARPER

3rd Platoon



“GET ER DUN!”



2 LT RYAN R. MIDDLEMISS (IN)



2 LT ROBERT MORRIS (IN)
 "HEY GUYS...I NEED YOUR PARK CARD BY 1900."
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2 LT STACEY N. MORSETH (CM)



2 LT CHRISTOPHER NOHLE (CM)
 "GET'ER DUN" christopher.nohle@us.army.mil



2 LT MICHAEL J. PATCHUS JR. (ADA)
 "We'll not need food when we are winning!
 We will eat the enemy!" (GEN George S. Patton)



2 LT VIVIANA PULIDO (CM)
 "SERVICE ALWAYS FIRST" viviana.pulido@us.army.mil



2 LT BENJAMIN HALL (MP)
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2 LT TIMOTHY E. HALL (IN)



2 LT EDWARDARTHUR HOOMALU (EN)
ALWAYS BE FLEXIBLE! "DEEP SEA!"



2 LT MATT HOPKINS (ADA)



2 LT CHERISSE R. JOHNSON (TC)
Always remember to count your blessings and place GOD first! "Make the most of today. Translate your good intentions into actual deeds." (Greenville Kleiser)



2 LT LOCSIN alberto.j.locsin@us.army.mil
"People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf." (George Orwell)



2 LT TERRY RIESEL JR. (EN)
 "Come on all you girly candidates!"



2 LT JASON SCHULZ (TC)
 jay.schulz@us.army.mil "Class Clown"



2 LT THEODORE W. STEPHENS (CM)



2 LT ERIC ALAN SWETT (MI)



2 LT BRANDON S. WADE (AD)
 When the Lord is on your side, all things are possible. May God bless us all.
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2 LT BRIAN WARREN (MI)



CPT KUCIK

"If I don't have anything nice to say....I'll say something not so nice."



CPT HUEMPHREUS

"The happy cadre for the happy candidates."



SSG MUELLER

"If I'm talkin' too fast
just let me know."

CPT MAHARAJ
Company Commander



1SG JONES
First Sergeant



Delta Dawg 6
"Ghetto Fab"

Delta Dawg 7
"Want me to show you a pressure point?!"
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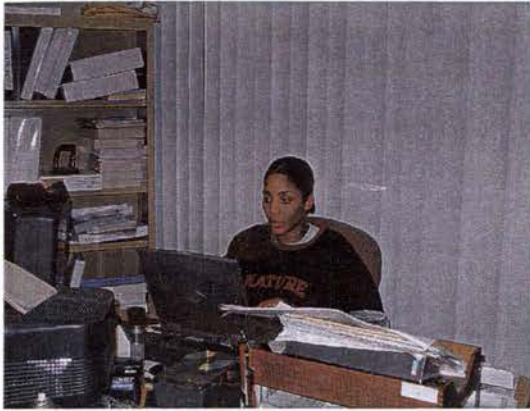


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It's 1 a.m. and while the kiddies are asleep, the yearbook crew is steadily working!
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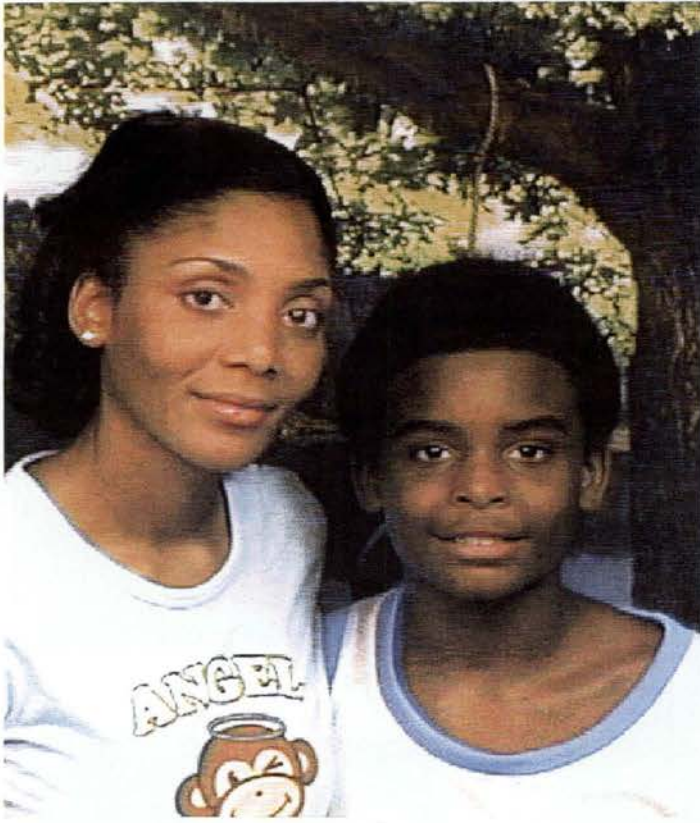


GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!!!

Thanks Mom for being a wonderful role Model. You are the reason for my being. It will Never be forgotten.

Jarvis, My husband, My Lifetime, My soul mate & My best friend, Thank you for all you do everyday! For believing in me, for loving me, being a great Dad and for simply being you! Clearly the best NCO the Army has! Jared, Mama loves you and will be home soon! To all of my friends & family, Thanks for everything! I love ya'll!!! Cherisse

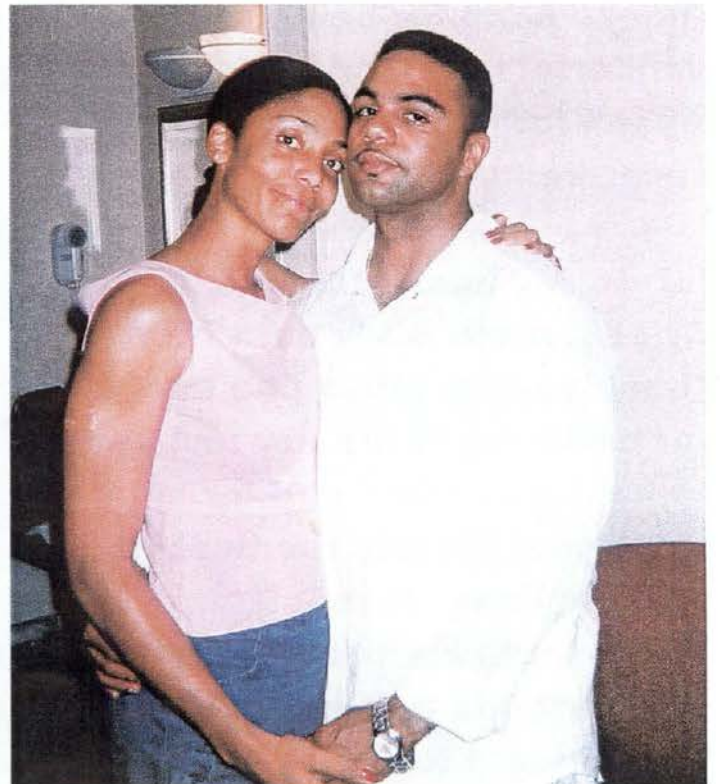




*To the
2 men
in my life,*

*Thank you for being
my inspiration...*

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"I BENT MY WOOKIE"



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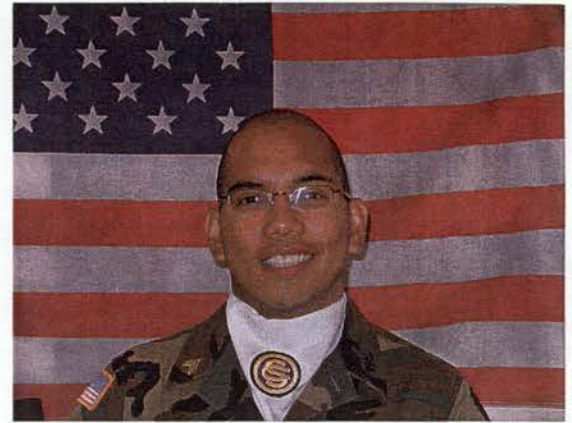


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"The spines of others are stiffened by
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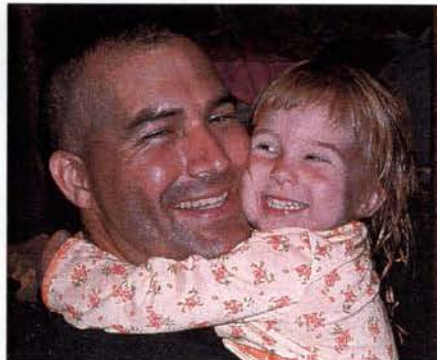
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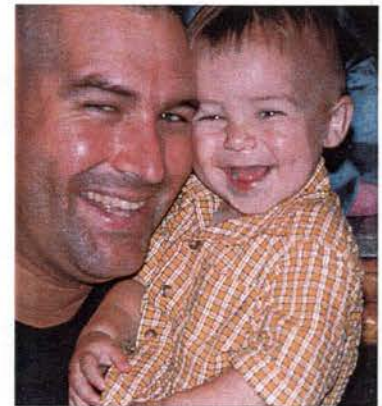
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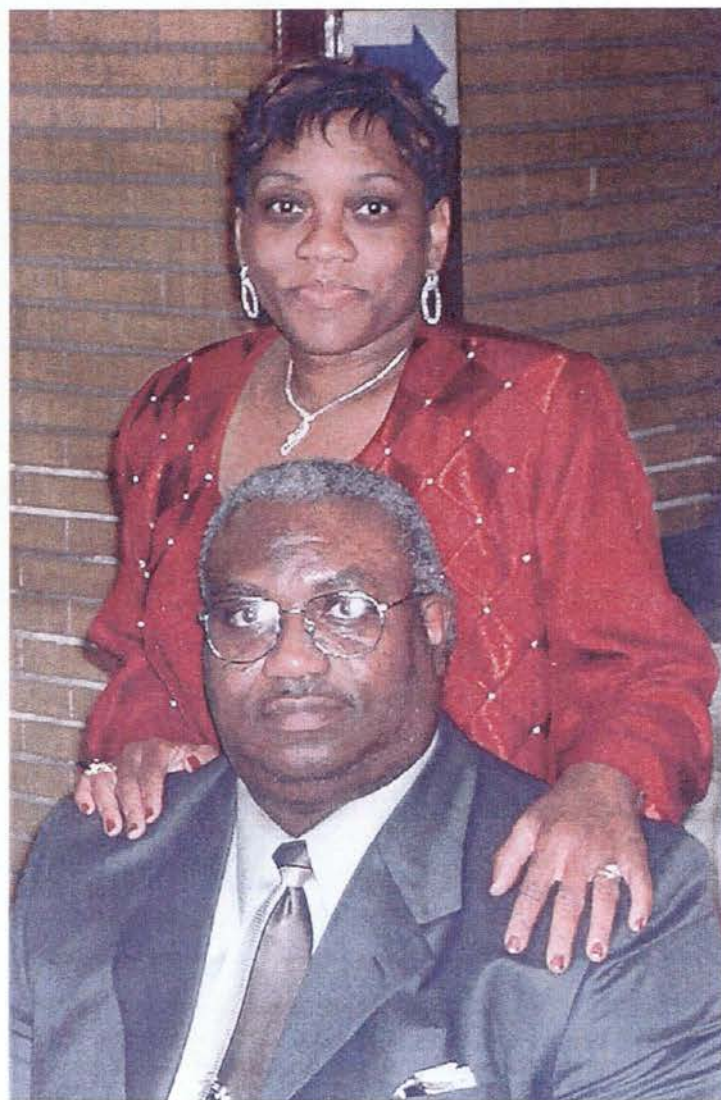
Mommy,
I just wanted to tell you,
that I Love You and My daddy
And I are **THIS** Proud
Of You!!!

Cherisse,

Leaving your family is never easy and for you it had to have been extremely hard. Leaving behind your Lil' Noodle (Jared) and all of your loved ones, although temporarily in AL, VA, GA, NJ and Germany had to take a lot out of you! But, like always you persevered and overcame the obstacles placed in front of you. We just wanted to let you know, that we are proud of you as a Mother, Wife, Daughter, Grandchild, Niece, Cousin, Aunt, Friend, Sister-in-Law and Soldier. You are a sterling example for all to follow. Good Luck in all your future endeavors. From the Johnson, Whitehurst, Echols, Perez, Clark, Newby, Bellard, Boxley and Lewis Families.

Candidates Name: Cherisse R. Johnson

Congratulations to Our Son, 2LT DURTANA C. WALKER



Tommy & Dorothy Walker
"Semper Fi"

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2 LT BRANDON SCOTT WADE



Dear Brandon:

We are so thankful to the Lord for your safe return from Iraq to attend Officer Candidate School. Thank you for all that you have done for our family and our country! We have missed you every day that you have been away. Come home to us soon!

*Love,
April and Collin*





CONGRATULATIONS!!!

to

Jeremy Walker

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We are very proud of you and what
you have achieved.

From your Mom (Carol), your
Sister (LaJuenne) and all your
family and friends.



Congratulations
2LT Durtana Walker

This is the day which the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
A special prayer that God will fill your days
with love blessings, and the happiness you
so deeply deserve.

Love always,
Dorothy and Harold



2LT Claudia E. Spiers

To my wonderful wife Claudia,

I am so proud of you for completing this course and beginning your career as an Army Officer. Throughout the years that I have known you, you have been an outstanding wife and NCO. Keep your dreams alive and I will be here for you forever.

*Love,
Your Husband, David*

*Congratulations
Class 509-04*

Best wishes to you all

The Morris Family

2 LT TREBOR BOSLEY



Daddy,

I'm so excited you will be coming home. I miss you very much and so does Mama, Memaw Connie, Granddaddy Robert, Uncle Chris, Uncle Noodle, Heidi, Chips and Boom Skillet. We are all so proud of you and I've got a poop sandwich waiting for you!

*I Love You Very Much,
Whitnee*

2 LT LAURIE T. NIELSEN

Laurie,

You have always shown your desire to excel and exceed to reach your goals. December 8, 2004, you will once again reach another goal that sets you apart. Your excitement is matched by our pride for you!

*Love,
Mom, Dad & Family*

2LT Michael Patchus

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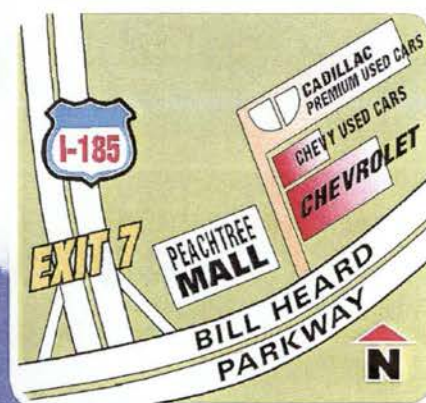
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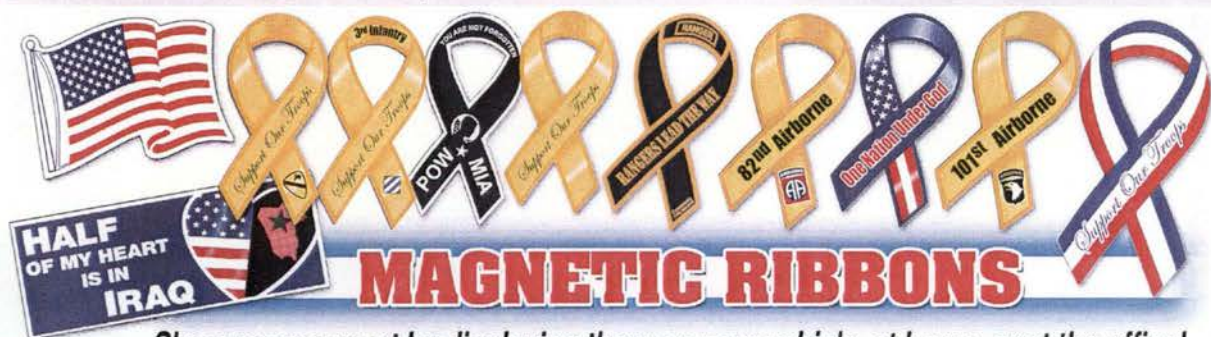
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Lastly, D-Co 509-04 will always be remembered as being squared away and setting the standards for excellence in our Battalion.

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