

CADET LIFE

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
Chamberlain-Hunt is launching its new Web site at the end of October. Have a look!

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From the editor...

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Lending a Helping Hand

“**B**ack in the 1960’s when I owned a pine lumber mill near Natchez, a machinery salesman named Joe asked me to go with him to Hamilton, Alabama to look at a piece of equipment.

“He had a single engine plane and we took off from Natchez one morning and flew over to see a device that took the bark off pine logs. He had sold the equipment, and it was installed and operating. We were so engrossed in watching the machinery that time slipped by. It was mid-afternoon before we realized it.

“By the time we took off to fly back to Natchez, the sun was low in the sky in front of us. We were busy talking about what we had seen and I was paying no attention to where we were. As the sun began to set, my companion remarked that he didn’t know our exact location. He also told me that he did not have night flight equipment on the plane.

“So, there we were: *somewhere* over Mississippi looking for Natchez with the sky becoming ever darker. I can tell you that I was worried. We both were straining our eyes to find a landmark. The situation grew critical, and our prospects didn’t look good.

“At just that moment I spotted the



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QUASQUICENTENNIAL

The Veterans’ Day program, to be held on Thursday, 11 November, at Chamberlain-Hunt honors US veterans with a Pass in Review, flag ceremony and keynote address. This year’s keynote speakers are **Dudley and Robbie Hughes** of Jackson. Mr. Hughes recently published a book recounting his service in the Korean War, *Wall of Fire: A Diary of the Third Korean Winter Campaign*, which includes correspondence with his wife, Robbie, that lend a sense of immediacy and intimacy to the historical account. We shall offer campus tours and lunch following the program. Alumni and friends of Chamberlain-Hunt are encouraged to join the Corps of Cadets in honoring our veterans on 11 November.

If you are an alumnus and a veteran, please be sure to let us know. We want to have a record of all Chamberlain-Hunt Cadets who have gone on to serve our country in the military.

If you plan to join us for lunch, please call **601.437.8855**
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We look forward to seeing you on Veterans’ Day!



“In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:6

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steeple of the Presbyterian Church of Port Gibson, with its hand pointing towards heaven. Excitedly, I told Joe, 'Turn left and don't cross the Mississippi River!' In a few minutes we landed safely in Natchez at the airport and all was well. Thanks to the heavenly hand on the church steeple our lives were spared. We owe a debt to the Presbyterian Church in Port Gibson, and to Providence."

- Robert B. Haltom © 2004

Mr. Haltom, who still lives in Natchez, is the grandfather of Cadet Chase St. Clair, a sophomore from New Orleans. To the right, MAJ Michael Herrin, Chamberlain-Hunt's chaplain and the Presbyterian Church's minister, talks with Mr. Haltom and Cadet St. Clair at the church's front steps.



Saturday School

School on *Saturday*?! Yes, Chamberlain-Hunt is offering special courses--for which Cadets earn academic credit--during ten Saturdays throughout the school year. The first class was 25 September. The principal, LTC John Mark Whitney, says the Academy started this program to make more out of the time Cadets spend on campus during closed weekends: "For several years we've tried to figure out ways to do elective classes that both the teachers and the Cadets would enjoy, but we never could find the time to do it. We decided to seize the opportunity on Saturdays to do something different."

"Different" seems to be the watchword when one considers the wide variety of courses offered...

A few courses are remedial. For example, MAJ Rebecca Fulwood is teaching English and has

quite a reading list for her Cadets: Dante's *Inferno*, Moliere's *The Misanthrope*, Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*. Chaplain Michael Herrin is teaching US History and says he will cover the period from the voyage of Columbus to the fall of the Berlin Wall. With a keen desire to use important historical resources throughout Southwest Mississippi, he took his four Cadets to see Mangum Mound and Emerald Mound on the first day of class.

Others are enrichment courses. MAJ Joshua Wallis is leading his Cadets through an in-depth study of the War Between the States, considering its causes, looking at battle tactics, analyzing its effects on the home-front and relating the end of the War to the period of Reconstruction. He plans to take his Cadets to battlefields near Port Gibson, Grand Gulf and Vicksburg.

MAJ Chuck Terrell is teaching a course on visual arts dealing

with elements of design, production of sculpture and history of art in the Church and broader culture.

MAJs Dave Granville, Geary Howell and Ed Pennebaker are teaching a hunter safety course. MAJs Rocky Abraham, Peggy McLemore and Flo Strawn are helping Cadets prepare for the ACT and SAT. MAJ Yohan Pamudji is teaching Web page design. MAJ David Dowell and CPT Josh Carroll are teaching welding basics. COL Shane Blanton and MAJ Jack West are teaching Business Law.

If the first class is any indication, Saturday School is a big hit! LTC Whitney says, "Most of the teachers have already approached me to say how excited they are about their classes. They're happy to have interested students who chose to be in their class. They also enjoy being free to teach something they are especially passionate about." From all accounts, the Cadets share their teachers' enthusiasm.

2004-05 CORPS OF CADETS

- 23 States are represented in Cadet Corps
- 71% of boarding Cadets come from outside Mississippi
- 50% of new Cadets found out about the Academy via the Web
- 30% of the Cadet Corps is Baptist; Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic each comprise approximately 10% of the Cadet Corps
- 90% of the Cadet Corps is Caucasian; 7%, African-American; and 3%, Other
- 140 Cadets board; 17 Cadets are day students
- 149 are male; 8 are female

Crusader Challenge

The second Crusader Challenge of 2004 began with 73 Cadets and one staff member. By the end of the grueling physical, intellectual and spiritual ordeals, only 6 remained: **Sean Clayton** of Lexington, SC; **Alex Clark** of Madison, MS; **Kyle Clingan** of Madison, MS; **Kevin Bennett** of Fowlerville, MI; **Jamie Headley** of Maitland, FL; and MAJ **Dave Granville**.

They join last year's returning Crusaders: CSM **Barth Whitney**; LTC **Rob Stinson**; **Daniel Edwards** of Brandon, MS; **Kwabena Kwarteng** of Lilburn, GA; **Andrew Irby** of Jackson, MS; **Tal Fogg** of Port Gibson, MS; **Matt Carver** of New Orleans, LA; and COL **Shane Blanton**.

Clockwise: Crusader Clark reaches the top of the rope climb. Aiming for a kill, Crusader Bennett moves out from behind a defense. The 2004-05 Crusaders, wearing their signature berets and boots, pose with their leaders.



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Chamberlain-Hunt Alumni are not just those who graduated from the Academy but *everyone* who has been a member of the Chamberlain-Hunt Corps of Cadets.

Anyone who was a member of the Cadet Corps for any length of time has tales to tell (we would love to hear them!) or photos to share (we would love to see them!).

Please e-mail them to us, or send them by regular mail to

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Even better: Come visit the campus and share them with us *in person!*

At the end of October, we will have a new Web site, with a special alumni page and photo archive. Check it out and let us know what you think!

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