

BASIC TRAINING 01-06



the *Army Physical Fitness Test* (APFT) and staff records Cadet scores to determine improvement at the end of the semester. Cadets also take standardized math and language tests to help with placement.

The graduates of the 01-06 cycle represent 10 States (AL, AR, FL, LA, MS, SC, TN, TX, VA and WA). Four are returning Cadets, and at least two are sons of a former Cadet. The *Distinguished Honor Graduate* for this cycle was S. Bond, a junior from MS. *Honor Graduates* were M. Williams (MS, junior) and J. Edwards (VA, freshman). Cadet M. Moss (TX, junior) scored the highest on the APFT, thus earning him the *Iron Man Award*. Cadet J. Tipton (TX, 8th) earned the *Jr. High Iron Man Award*.

Thirty-eight new Cadets emerged from the Basic Training 01-06 cycle tired, and with an eagerness to get into the regular rhythm of life at the Academy.

Chamberlain-Hunt conducts Basic Training to familiarize new Cadets with military standards, etiquette and protocol, prerequisite to their successful integration into the Corps of Cadets. Moreover, it provides new Cadets with an opportunity to get to know fellow Cadets and staff outside the confines of the classroom setting. During Basic Training Cadets take

Each week during the semester, LTC Jack West and MAJ Pete Bishop host supper in the White House for small groups (6 - 8) of Cadets. Guests thus far this semester have been new Cadets. The suppers give Cadets an opportunity to enjoy a home-cooked meal—with dessert and coffee!—and talk about their adjustment to life as part of the Corps of Cadets. ■

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(CA), R. Garcia (LA), D. Garrett (MD), C. J. Gravios (AL), C. Hill (MS), T. Johnson (WA), A. Mineo (NY), W. Schaffner (AR), F. Torries (MS) and M. Trono (OR).

- MAJ Wilkins, chorus director, was one of three award winners at the Mid-South District competition of the *Metropolitan Opera National Council* auditions, held at Delta State University on 28 January. His next event is the *Lotte Lenya Competition* for singers, held in honor of opera and musical composer Kurt Weill, in New York in February.
- Dr. Randy Stinson, executive director of the *Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* (www.CBMW.org), spoke to Cadets, faculty, staff and members of the local community in a special chapel service on 27 January. Before chapel, Crusaders Clingan (MS), Edwards (MS) and Kwarteng (GA) enjoyed lunch with Dr. Stinson and Chamberlain-Hunt administrators in the White House. After visiting Chamberlain-Hunt, Dr. Stinson spoke at the Mid-South Men's Rally at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. His talks there were entitled "Fathers Leading Their Sons" and "Sons Honoring Their Fathers." MAJ Chris Blackwell took four Cadets to the rally: T. Daily (TN), J. Edwards (VA), R. Iannarelli (GA) and W. Smith (IL).
- MAJs Julien Jones and Harrison Key spent the last week of January in California at an ecumenical conference on culture and apologetics sponsored by *Christian Witness to a Pagan Planet* (www.CWiPP.org). About 50 persons attended by invitation only. This conservative, evangelical international group included artists, journalists, novelists, professors of philosophy, screenwriters, theater professors, theologians... and two Chamberlain-Hunt Academy teachers!

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Top: Cadets B. Nickolaus (AL), I. Chauvin and S. Chauvin (LA) and five other new Cadets enjoyed pork tenderloin, green beans, corn-on-the-cob, rice, biscuits and ice cream with chocolate syrup at the White House this month.



Middle: LTC Rob Stinson, Commandant, posed with *Basic Training 01-06* award winners: (l to r) Honor Graduate M. Williams (MS), Distinguished Honor Graduate S. Bond (MS), LTC Stinson, Honor Graduate J. Edwards (VA) and Jr. High Iron Man J. Tipton (TX).



Bottom: The Chamberlain-Hunt Chorus, under the direction of MAJ Bray Wilkins, sang at the "Joy Gift Supper" at Port Gibson's Presbyterian Church in December. In January, they sang for the Missions Conference at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (McComb, MS). Chorus members who sang in McComb include J. Atkinson (NY), D. Bogenreif

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Friends, Food, Fun ... Alumni, watch your mail for details!



Mark your calendar for Chamberlain-Hunt's *Alumni Day* on Saturday, 25 March 2006, which is the same day as Port Gibson's annual Heritage Festival.

CHA Alumni Day

FACULTY SYMPOSIUM INAUGURATED

Under the direction of MAJ Harrison Key, the Chamberlain-Hunt faculty started meeting monthly in the White House to deliver and discuss papers on various topics related to life and work at Chamberlain-Hunt. Eventually, these papers may find their way into print.

As Key expresses it, "Writing is a natural extension of speech, and we do plenty of talking here on campus, at our homes on the weekends, whenever. The Lord has blessed the Academy with one of the most intelligent, oddball and articulate assemblies of faculty. We tell stories, we argue about this class or that one, this book or that one, we consider each other's ideas soundly and sometimes with bias and sometimes without, we critique a friend's teaching style, or his approach, and he critiques ours. Somehow, we do all this and manage to still be friends. It's pretty awesome."

Borrowing the name of Chamberlain-Hunt's first faculty member back in 1879, David Planck, the symposium is called *Planck's Issue*. Dr. Planck taught Bible and Theology, and the board thought his lessons so well done that they had them printed and sold to the students. Publishing and printing a book in the nineteenth century was not quite so easy, as you might imagine. Planck's ideas must have been worth something. The faculty hopes to be part of that intellectual legacy. The symposium's title reminds them that they stand on the shoulders of giants.

Additionally, faculty hope the symposium will deepen collegiality and community, attract and recruit new minds, teach Cadet the idea that learning and debate and writing are *real* things and have a real *purpose* in the world, and in the main it will augment the academic life of the Academy. What better way to teach writing than to have a school where all the teachers are writers?

MAJ Vance McGee presented the first paper of the new symposium in December 2005, a thoughtful critique of *The Church Impotent: The Feminization of Christianity* by Leon J. Podles. MAJ Key followed the same evening with his "A Brief Treatise on the Abuses of Literature and Students." Subsequent paper topics thus far include: 1) the organic process of learning to read in a culture of intellectual sloth (MAJ Sam Davis), 2) the death and rebirth of discipline (MAJ Chris Shaw) and 3) the absolute relativity of language (MAJ Julien Jones). ■