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MAJ Dayne Allen Rickels

Crusader Rickels arrived at the Academy two years ago, having experienced little academic success and having practiced little self discipline. He is the salutatorian of the Class of 2008. While at the Academy, he helped the varsity basketball team to place 3rd in the District, and he ran in the State track meet. He excelled in the Academy's military program, earning the Expert Cadet Badge and qualifying for membership in the Order of Crusaders. He also served as aide de camp to the Commandant. He plans to attend Mississippi State University, where he received an ROTC scholarship, and plans to study mechanical engineering.

Audrey Pa'trice McClure-Thompson



Cadet Thompson is the only day Cadet in the senior class, and the only lady—truly a rose among the thorns. She enrolled at the Academy five years ago because she wanted to be academically challenged in a positive Christian environment. She excelled in both athletics and academics, including winning first place in the MPSA's Academic Betterment Competition in French. After graduation, she plans to attend Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi, and study biology. She hopes to go on to medical school and become a family practitioner. Last year, Cadet Thompson was named by Governor Haley Barbour to the State Juvenile Justice Committee.



1LT Kory Austin White

A native of Louisiana, Cadet White spent four years at Chamberlain-Hunt, in which he has found both refuge from temptation and motivation for academic improvement. As an MPSA all-district basketball player, he served as aide de camp to COL Blanton. He earned the Expert Cadet Badge for military proficiency. After graduation, he plans to attend Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, and study management.

LTC Chase Garrett Whittemore



Three years ago, Crusader Whittemore came to the Academy from Orlando, Florida because he wanted to improve his grades. He not only achieved academic success hereby being named this year's valedictorian, but he also qualified for membership in the order of Crusaders. He served as aide de camp to COL Blanton during his senior year. After graduation, he plans to prepare for a career in medicine at the University of Central Florida.

Year 128 Comes to a Close...



Whittemore Says Farewell

Valedictorian Speech Given at Final Pass in Review

I have heard it said, "I don't believe in pessimism. If something doesn't come up the way you want, forge ahead. If you think it's going to rain, it will." Cadre, family, friends and Cadets, it's been one long haul from the beginning of high school till now. Along the road there have been many obstacles and mountains that we have had to climb. Though the path may have been muddy, still we have forged ahead. Often when looking forward, all we could see was the dark of an expected storm. For many long waiting periods we simply felt that we were in the silence before the storm. However, today's skies are clear.

When I embarked on my Chamberlain-Hunt journey, I was a small sophomore staring straight at the huge task before me. My first year here was a blur, as it is for many, with only the remembrance of the good times with friends. But, one thing will always stick with me: the first time I stepped on this campus and my dad waved good-bye. A defining moment. When our parents leave, we feel a sense of independence, intertwined with a great fear of the unknown.

There are many that I can thank for encouraging me through the struggles—my parents, first of all. They were always there for me, and I know they always will be. Second, my fellow classmates. Seniors, we have been through it all, the blood, sweat and tears. We have been there for each other. We know everything about each other (which isn't *always* a good thing), but knowing has allowed us to help one another through hard times. Now, all of that is past and graduation is before us. All the worries of exams and comps are gone, and the excitement and anxiety of freedom is present. We have longed for this day as long as I can remember, and we will cherish it in the years to come.

Underclassmen, I hope that we seniors set a worthy example of what it takes to be godly leaders, and I pray that you will do the same when you are called upon. We have all heard it said many times, "Always do everything to the best of your ability, all the time." These words have influenced me since I first heard them. I hope that you, too, will receive and understand its true importance today. As you look around, you can feel the sense of accomplishment among us. We have finally made it to the end! And, as we leave this place, take to heart all that you have done. Use what you have learned to help those around you. I challenge you to take "the road less traveled" and look to God for direction. Only through him is the way of righteousness. I am going to miss you all... yes, even you, COL Blanton! Thank you for the godly influence you have had on my life.

The Class of 2008: A Baker's Dozen



MAJ Leland Christopher Barber

Crusader Barber came to the Academy three years ago, seeking refuge from the loneliness and confusion of a difficult family situation. While at Chamberlain-Hunt, he became a Christian and began to challenge himself in positive ways, bringing his grades up, and becoming a member of the Crusaders. He finished out his career here serving as the executive officer of the battalion. Barber will attend The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina this fall and major in criminal justice.

CSM Justin Michael Bonvillain



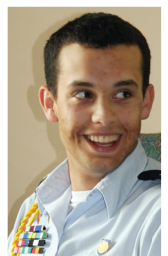
While attending middle school in Jefferson, Louisiana, Bonvillain had a hard time fitting in and began to develop bad habits. He came to Chamberlain-Hunt for his eighth grade year and took advantage of a fresh start by beginning to bring his grades up. During his five years at the Academy, he excelled as a member of the track team and earned membership in the elite Order of Crusaders. He served the battalion as its sergeant major. After graduation he plans to enlist in the United States Army.

SFC Luke Scott Braddock



A native of Kansas, Cadet Braddock chose to come to Chamberlain-Hunt because he needed a bigger challenge than his homeschool environment could provide. While at the Academy, his grades improved and he served as the 2nd platoon sergeant for Company A. After graduation, he plans to enlist in the United States Air Force, specializing in Avionics. He has a heart for Christian missions, and would like to serve as a missionary pilot in South America some day.

LTC Christopher Campbell Callahan



Because he wanted to improve grades and his self-discipline, Crusader Callahan came to the Academy two years ago from Waldron, Arkansas. Since then, his GPA improved to a 4.0. He earned membership in the Order of Crusaders and served as the battalion commander of the Corps of Cadets. He was named MVP of the basketball team, playing point guard. He was also judged to have given the best senior speech, earning him the Judge R. D. Gage Award. After graduation, he plans to attend the University of Arkansas to prepare for a career in Pharmacy.

CPT Steven David Doiron



During his three years at the Academy, Cadet Doiron has changed significantly. He discovered a great love of reading and developed artistic talents, working in media from pencil to clay. He also earned the Expert Cadet Badge for excellence in military skills. While here, he

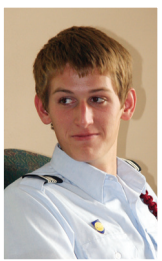
served the battalion as aide de camp for supply. After graduation, he plans to enter a journeyman program to learn electrical wiring, and then go into business for himself.

CPT Thomas Bradley Fulton



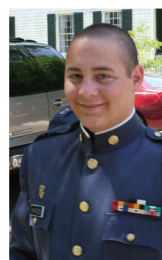
Before coming to Chamberlain-Hunt from Los Angeles, California, Cadet Fulton had little motivation and the poor grades to prove it. During his three years at the Academy, however, he excelled in many ways, participating in the Decurion program and serving as commander of Company A. He has also earned the Expert Cadet Badge, awarded for proficiency in military skills. After graduation, he plans to put those skills to good use by enlisting in the United States Army. He aspires to serve his country as an Airborne Ranger.

PSG John Robert Logan Maduzia



Cadet Maduzia had fallen behind in his academic credits during his junior year. He came to Chamberlain-Hunt as a senior, pulled up his grades and earned all the credits he needed to graduate. He enjoyed learning about the history of art in his Worldview class, and he also played on the tennis team. By earning the Expert Cadet Badge, he demonstrated mastery of important military skills. Next year, he plans to return to his home in California and attend Diablo Valley College to study chemistry.

SFC Ren Alexander Paredes



Cadet Alex Paredes came to the Academy from Palm Springs, California because he wanted to improve his work ethic. During his two years at Chamberlain-Hunt, he learned how to study and his grades dramatically improved. He took advantage of the Academy's foreign travel program by visiting France and Israel. After graduation, he plans to attend California Baptist University in Riverside, preparing for a career in medicine. While there, he plans to participate in the ROTC program.

CPT Steven Jacob Propst



Cadet Propst came to Chamberlain-Hunt at the beginning of his ninth grade year. A native of Mobile, Alabama, he had been living with his grandparents, and his grades suffered from irregular school attendance. While at the Academy, Cadet Propst admitted that he grew up a lot and learned how to study and make the grades he had always wanted. While here, he served as the commander for Company B. He plans to enlist in the United States Coast Guard, and then attend the University of South Alabama, studying mechanical engineering. He is also the first recipient of the Jacob Reed Barker Memorial Scholarship, which provides college tuition assistance.

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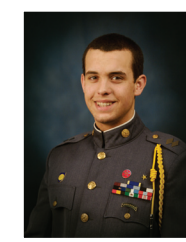
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Cadet LIFE

Acceptable Suicide

Judge R. D. Gage Award-winning speech delivered by Crusader Chris Callahan

I would like you to imagine for a minute that you are sick, or maybe that you have a disease that is causing you some sort of pain. What are you thinking about? Well, most of you are probably thinking of how you could get well or stop the pain. However, something that is beginning to be a more common remedy in these situations is euthanasia. Euthanasia, by definition, is medically assisted death. It is also known as physician assisted suicide, or PAS. There are three kinds of euthanasia: passive, aggressive and non-aggressive, but they are all designed to achieve the same deadly goal.



Passive euthanasia is achieved by withholding common treatments such as medications or surgery. Many people today are beginning to see this as an acceptable choice; however, if you think about it even for a moment, you know it is completely unnatural. Not wanting to take medications or have surgery is one thing, but we are talking about life or death here. Which one seems natural to you? Without even asking, I can statistically assume that at least ninety percent of you would choose life. The other ten percent would probably say something about there being certain situations in which one should just choose death. That is a major problem, though. Life should be chosen every time, no matter what the situation is. For example, if you are walking down the street one day and someone pulls a gun on you, you are probably going to stand there and let him shoot you. Right? Wrong! You are going to run for your life. But why? The odds are in the gunman's favor, and it would be easier just to let him shoot you. Is not this one of those times where you should just choose death to save you the trouble of having to struggle for life? No, because once again, life is the natural choice. Does it not also follow then that taking medication or having surgery would also be the natural choice if they mean saving your life?

Aggressive euthanasia is a more controversial version of PAS. It is achieved by using lethal substances to kill the patient. However, at present, this can only be done with the patient's permission. Although in countries like The Netherlands, patient permission is not required. PAS allows a patient to hire someone to kill him. The person he hires to do it is the doctor others pay to heal them. This contradiction begins to compromise the role of healthcare professionals. In fact, once compromised, "healthcare" ceases to be an accurate or meaningful term: killing patients is not good for their health. Also, once a doctor willingly kills one of his patients, how is the next patient going to be able to depend on him for healing? Furthermore, why would the doctor feel the need to help? He is going to get paid either way, live or die. If it is legal and considered morally acceptable to kill, then he really has no reason to help or heal anyone. It is easily recognizable that as soon as aggressive euthanasia is tolerated, "friendly neighborhood doctors" can become mass murderers.

The third version is non-aggressive euthanasia. This could possibly be the most controversial form because it includes taking people off life-support by removing their feeding tubes. One of the reasons this is so controversial is because the patient is helpless to make the life and death decision himself. The decision is made by a proxy, who in most cases is the closest relative. One recent publicized example of this was the Terry Schiavo case. Her husband was the proxy. She had been in a vegetative state for fifteen years, and Mr. Schiavo decided to remove her feeding tubes. He stated on national television that it was a pretty painless thing to have the feeding tubes removed. However, Kate Adamson, who was in a vegetative state for seventy days had her feeding tubes removed, but eight days later she began to respond. She later said that in her vegetative state, she was completely aware of everything that was going on around her but could do nothing about it. She also said that having the tubes removed for those eight days was "sheer torture"—all she could think about was the hunger. This really makes me question whether Terry Schiavo got the painless death that her husband promised she would have, or whether by making the decision to have the tubes removed, he gave her the most painful days of that entire fifteen years—days in which she could not even react to the pain, days in which all she could do was feel the hunger and know that she would soon die.

Basically, it does not matter what your beliefs are or how strict your morals are, it should be easy to see that euthanasia is wrong! That is why it is so frustrating to know that some people are still in favor of it—not just small groups of people either. The state of Oregon has already legalized it, and many other states are considering doing the same. This is not the way we should want to live. Knowing that euthanasia is a real and growing part of our culture, is the first step to stopping it.

COL A. Shane Blanton's Final Address at Final Pass in Review

Many thoughts pass through my mind as I stand before you this one last time. My first thoughts go to the cadre, and I challenge you to be mindful of your calling and the hope that is within you. Only in so doing will you be able to carry on this ministry with the dedication it requires. Remember that discipline is central in one's own life and in the life of the Academy.



In the book *Sacred Fire* about Washington's life, a story is told: A rider on horseback, many years ago, came upon a squad of soldiers who were trying to move a heavy piece of timber. A corporal stood by, giving lordly orders to "heave." But the piece of timber was too heavy for the squad to move. "Why don't you help them?" asked the quiet man on the horse, addressing the important corporal. "Me? Why, I am a *corporal*, sir!" Dismounting, the stranger carefully took his place with the soldiers. "Now, all together, boys, heave!" he said. The big piece of timber slid into place. "The next time you have a piece of timber for your men to handle, corporal, send for the commander-in-chief." The horseman was George Washington.

Be humble, guard your mouth and have the discipline and work ethic to do what you were called to do.

Paraphrasing Washington's words to the troops at Valley Forge, I consider it an indispensable duty to close this last solemn act of my official life at Chamberlain-Hunt by commending the interests of our dearest Academy to the protection of Almighty God and those who have superintendence of it into his holy keeping.

Finally, Cadets, be ever mindful of your calling that Christ be magnified in you—whether it be in life or death. Press toward the mark that Christ has set before you.

The address above is COL Blanton's final address, which he gave at this year's final Pass in Review. After nearly ten years of energetic and determined leadership that reinvigorated the Academy's military discipline and refocused the Academy on its Christian mission, COL Blanton recently announced his "retirement." In the coming year he will complete his PhD in Education Leadership at the University of Southern Mississippi. The Academy wishes him well in his future pursuits and prays, with thanksgiving, for God's blessing on him and his wife, Dawn, and sons, Shane, Seth, Sam and Stone.



April/May 2008

2007-2008 Awardees

Thomas H. Bowen, Jr. Bible Award

Cadet Dillon Bogenreif

Robert Michael Greenlee Sportsmanship Award

Crusader Christopher Callahan

MAJ Allison Killingsworth Chemistry Award

Crusader Behailu Streit

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Cadet Matthew Collins

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Jacob Reed Barker Memorial Scholarship

Cadet Jake Propst

Cadre Scholarship Award

Cadet Dillon Bogenreif

Judge R.D. Gage Senior Speech Award

Crusader Christopher Callahan

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer School 2008

Jun 2	Summer School Begins
Jun 2-4	Basic Training
Jun 7	Paintball Weekend
Jun 13	Braves Game w/ Fireworks
Jun 14	Marksmanship Weekend
Jun 23-24	Canoe and Camping Trip
Jun 27	Braves Game w/ Fireworks
Jun 28	Final Pass in Review

Fall 2008 / Spring 2009

Aug 18	New Cadets Register
Aug 20	Returning Cadets Register
Oct 10-20	Fall Break
Nov 26-Dec 1	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 19-Jan 8	Christmas Break
Feb 13-Feb 23	Winter Break
Apr 3-Apr 13	Easter Break
May 22	Graduation