

# Cadet Weekly

7-18 December 2009

Week 17&18

# CHAMBERLAIN-HUNT



CHRISTIAN MILITARY BOARDING

## Dates to Remember:

Christmas Break	Dec 18- Jan 8*
Report Cards Mailed	December 21
Progress Reports Mailed	February 10
Phone Calls	February 14
Winter Break	Feb 19-Mar 1

\*Please note the change of date from January 9 to January 8.

## COMPANY OPEN HOUSES

The three companies enjoyed a Christmas party and Open House with the three Colonels. SGT Slayton and his family and MAJ Allen and his wife visited the Cadets at all three parties.

### Alpha

COL West, Chamberlain-Hunt President, hosted Alpha Company at his home. They enjoyed cake and cheesecake provided mainly by the work of the Assistant to the President, Nancy Hynum, and were well-entertained by COL West with a fireside chat and a Christmas story. K. Humphries provided fudge for the Cadets. Cadre assigned to Alpha Co. include MAJs McLemore, Hubbard, Fraley, Hartley, O., Hartley, K., Arwine, and Pollard.



### Bravo

LTC Patterson, the Commandant, hosted Bravo Company at the White House. They enjoyed decorating cookies, eating pecan desert cups, cheesecake, and other desserts provided mainly by the work of the Commandant's wife, Mandy Patterson, assisted by R. Abraham, Strawn, and P. Abraham. LTC Patterson shared the story of the first Noel from God's Word. Other Cadre assigned to Bravo Co. include MAJs Jeff and Jerry Brannen, Etheridge, Wilson, and Wofford.



### Charlie

LTC Johnston, the Principal, hosted Charlie Company in the conference room of COL West's office. They enjoyed several varieties of pie, cake, and cheesecake provided mainly by the work of LTC Johnston and his wife, the Assistant to the Principal, Pam Johnston. There was a fire in the fireplace and on the flat screen TV, and hot cocoa with whipped cream in their cups. Other Cadre assigned to Alpha Co. include MAJs Stone, Dowell, McGee, Montgomery, Williams, Coon, and Straka. Of the three companies, Charlie Company did the most singing, including two times through the 12 Days of Christmas; once for warm-up and once to sing from the porch to the rest of the battalion. It was rough, but heart-felt.

## Brashear Hall

Brashear Hall Open House took place on Saturday 12, 2009. The girls presented a short program of carols followed by eats. The girls had formed teams of two to make gingerbread houses, which were festive, imaginative, and well constructed. Parents and siblings attended along with COL West and LTC Johnston.



## CELEBRATING THE SEASON

### Opera

Opera does not typically inspire excitement among young men, but on December 9th the Cadet corps had big smiles on their faces as they laughed and listened intently to Alcorn's opera troupe perform "Amahl and the Night Visitors." The group from Alcorn comes to Chamberlain-Hunt once a year to expose the Cadets to theatre arts. The troupe is directed by Linnie Garner and Donna Schaffer.



### Christmas Movie Night

On Saturday, December 12, Cadets armed with hot cocoa, sleeping bags, and glow sticks, walked into a Winter Wonderland filled with lighted balloons, a big movie screen, and plenty of sweet treats. The Cadets soon got snug inside their sleeping bags as "Home Alone" began to play on the large outdoor screen. LTC Johnston and his "helpers" kept a supply of cookies, sandwiches and cocoa circulating and the Cadets laughed during the holiday classic. As the movie ended and the credits rolled, machine-made snow began to cover the group of Cadets. The group took turns getting their photos made in the falling snow until it was time to head to their dorms.



### Board Luncheon

On Tuesday, Cadets Blake, Dubose, Fisk, Guthrie, Hunt, and Wiersema were invited to have lunch with the wives of the board of trustees during December's board meeting at Chamberlain-Hunt. The board of trustees, is shared by Chamberlain-Hunt and French Camp Academy, meets three times per year to discuss the needs of the two schools.



The wives not only enjoyed fried chicken and cheesecake, but warm conversation with the six chosen Cadets. The Cadets told stories of how Chamberlain-Hunt has influenced their lives and shared stories of the junior varsity's successful basketball season.

### Christmas Banquet

Tonight, Thursday, December 17th at 6PM is the Christmas Banquet in the D-Fac (dining facility). The D-Fac will be decorated and rearranged for the teaching cadre and Cadets to share a traditional holiday turkey dinner together. There will be Christmas music playing and skits being performed by Cadets. There is a lot to celebrate: 9-week exams are over, the ACT is over, the first semester is over, Cadets leave to go home tomorrow, and Christmas is one week away!

### Gingerbread Competition

Every year, tradition calls for a bit of friendly competition among the Cadets. Groups are chosen and given time to plan their creation for the gingerbread building competition. The groups show up with their blueprints in hand and begin the process of creating a winning piece of art. Among the creativity this year there were buildings, crosses, trains, and pyramids.



A couple of pieces are chosen and the winning groups have to then eat the entire sculpture without using their hands. The one to eat their gingerbread creation first gets to claim the title until the next year's competition rolls around again.



## ACT Preparation

Twice each week since September we have held ACT Prep classes in order to help Cadets prepare for their ACT exam. 31 Cadets from 11th and 12th grade traveled by bus to the examination center at Alcorn University, and by all accounts, most feel that the prep classes helped them.