

Cadet Weekly

10-16 January 2010

Week 22

CHAMBERLAIN-HUNT



CHRISTIAN MILITARY BOARDING

Dates to Remember:

Progress Reports Mailed	February 10
Phone Calls	February 14
Winter Break Begins 1200	February 19
Cadets Report 1200-1600	March 1
Term Testing	March 11-13
Report Cards Mailed	March 19
Crusader Challenge	March 22-26
Phone Calls	March 28

Historical Retelling of the Lewis and Clark Trail Expedition



Bryant Boswell and two other reenactors of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation caught the attention of the Cadet Corps as they filed into the auditorium of McComb Hall on Friday. They were wearing re-enactment costumes of the westward expedition of Lewis and Clark from exactly 200 years ago. Boswell dressed as Meriwether Lewis.

They visited Chamberlain-Hunt Academy to address the Cadets about an important part of American history. Boswell explains, "I got into it when Peter (his son) finished dental school. He was on the North Cheyenne (Indian) Reservation in Montana, and he sent me a copy of Stephen Ambrose's book, *Undaunted Courage*."

Boswell, a Jackson dentist himself, had recently participated in the 2009 annual conference of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation last fall. Lewis died Oct. 11, 1809. Therefore, last fall's expedition was also a bicentennial celebration.

"I have spent the last five years giving talks and PowerPoint presentations to a lot of schools in Mississippi," he said. "I've been educating kids on who these men were and what they have accomplished."

"Education is the number one priority of the foundation. It's a very important expedition of discovery across the nation at a very critical time of expansion beyond the Mississippi River. It's important for our young people to grasp that moment of history in this country." Chamberlain-Hunt Academy is grateful to have been visited by Boswell and his team.

The Soccer Team Says "Thanks"

The Wildcat Soccer team sends a heartfelt "thank you" to those families who donated money in order to purchase uniforms for their soccer season. Thanks to the Walkers and Bullocks for your generous gift.

Spring Semester is Here (and it's COLD!)



There are a dozen new Cadets who were promoted into the battalion at Chamberlain-Hunt following Christmas. They arrived on January 5th in the bone-chilling weather and pulled through their basic training. They learned the Cadet Handbook, the policies of Chamberlain-Hunt, the regimen, and the protocol. They participated in many group drills, close order drill and Physical Training as part of their Cadet training.

To add to the culture shock of basic training, the weather was unseasonably cold. At night, temperatures dipped as low as the teens while the Cadets were in basic training. They weathered the better part of the first night in the Wilderness, but slept indoors in their sleeping bags for the remainder of their training.

On January 9th they were met by the returning Cadets who were coming back from Christmas break. The returning Cadets participated in a spring semester "reorientation" in the Wilderness with the new recruits. The best way to make sure that everyone is on the same page, remembers protocol and is prepared for the start of school, they worked together with the new folks on some team-building and orientation drills.

The Administration meets in COL West's office at the beginning of each week to discuss important matters pertaining to the week ahead, but most importantly, to pray for the Cadets, their families, the families of CHA and the new semester. Our aim is to do all for the glory of God, and truly it is off to a great start!

Back to School

This was the week that Cadets got back to work. On Monday, the battalion formed up on the parade deck wearing their black coats and black hats. They had been toasty and warm in the dining facility all morning for breakfast, study hall and devotions. Now, after two-and-a-half weeks at home, it was time for class. There is a familiarity to the campus, the faces, and the schedule, but no doubt memories of Christmas dinners and hours at home with family were on their minds. It is terrific to see, however, that 57% of our Cadets have a G.P. A. of 3.0 or higher. For the senior class, they are in the home stretch. They can almost taste it. Terrific news, the average G.P.A. for the senior class is an amazing 3.5! Even more, one-third of the senior class is on the President's List—meaning that they have a 4.0. Now, that's a great example!

No doubt the travel from home back to Chamberlain-Hunt Academy in Port Gibson may cause more anxiety for some Cadets than a trip to see the dentist, but as one mom brought to my attention, "its working. Y'all must be doing something right."

The Sun Never Sets on Chamberlain-Hunt Academy

The Chamberlain-Hunt community is proud of and fond of our international Cadets. It would seem that the exposure and news about Chamberlain-Hunt Academy has made its way around the world. We continue to receive inquiries from families across the globe that have learned of us online or by word of mouth. The Admissions office is getting quite accustomed to the I-20 forms, VISA requirements and such, and it is certainly worth it. This spring, Cadet Textor joins the corps from Queensland, Australia. Cadet Yu from Beijing joined the corps last fall. There are other international Cadets forthcoming. These two make great sacrifices to be so far away from home for over 4 months at a time, but they add so much color and variety to our melting-pot at Chamberlain-Hunt and we appreciate them very much!

