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NEWSLETTER

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of your URI Army R.O.T.C. alumni chapter I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year. We are mindful of our dedicated professional soldiers so busy now around the world. I've had the pleasure to maintain contact with many of our former cadets, cadre and staff who continue on active duty. I receive their messages and read what they have to say and share with them the latest news of our ROTC program at "Rhody". When I reflect on their comments and observations and all they share it is clear these men and women serving in our Army demonstrate the finest attributes of leadership and selfless service. They have embraced their individual missions with a sense of duty and pride in their contribution to the security of our country. Here on the home front we stand prepared to continue to support them, to let them always hear and read that tens of millions of Americans appreciate what they are doing and the difficult sacrifices they continue to make on behalf of country. In this issue's ***"Messages From the Field……"*** column I have tried to use their words as much as possible, to share their thoughts and observations and to try to leave with you all with the same sense of gratitude and pride that I've felt. I dedicate this Newsletter to all of them – our soldiers out there now serving.
LTC (Ret) Paul Helweg '70, Editor

SOMETHING NEW: Beginning with this issue we present what we hope will be two new content items we hope are of interest to our readers. The first is a couple of Feature articles on two of our active Army's senior officers: **MG Ken Quinlan '72** and **BG(P) Roger Nadeau '73**. Additionally, see the challenge to all of our readers in the ***"Who is this cadet/soldier……?"*** where we present a past photo of either a former cadet or an earlier photo of one of our officers and challenge you all out there to identify this person and, if possible, the year the photo was taken.

FEATURED "RHODY" ARMY R.O.T.C. ALUMNI

Recently **Major General Kenneth Quinlan '72** contacted us from his command at the National Defense University Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. MG

Quinlan, shown below, shares some of his personal thoughts about URI ROTC – his passage to the officer corps and experiences that have marked his career.

Ken offers the following: *"Let me leave you some personal thoughts on URI ROTC, the Army and the great Americans that continue to join our ranks.*

When I decided to attend URI in 1968 I honestly had no idea what ROTC stood for or that ROTC was a required elective for my first two years. My plan was to study engineering and play football, not necessary in that order. Little did I understand how the Reserve Officer Training Corps experience at URI would change my direction in life. This was a period in our country with the Vietnam War raging and the nation debating many of the same questions that we hear today.

After two years in ROTC I decided that being a leader in the U.S. Army was something I wanted to experience. The decision was made easier by the positive influence of the URI cadre in the ROTC Department, who were all combat veterans. I had the great pleasure to see ***Jim Malley*** *recently at a URI ROTC function. Thirty-five years ago Major Malley mentored my development as a cadet and greatly influenced my decision to enter the advanced program and later select Infantry as my first branch choice. Thanks so much Jim for your leadership.*

Aside from my decision to marry my wife Lynn, the decision to enter the Army Advanced ROTC Program has been the most important decision in my life. I discovered my passion and purpose in life and have never looked back. I learned about engineering (although not as much as I should have) but I never would have excelled in that field. My engineering education was not a waste; it helped my logic and problem solving skills that I still use everyday. I learned a great many life skills on the gridiron that has helped me enormously throughout life. I also learned that I was a very average athlete, thank god the Army was hiring!

Last week I made my second visit in the past year to Walter Reed Medical Center to visit soldiers. I went with the hope I could make a difference in their day and raise their spirits. What I learned yet again is that it was I who was inspired and cheered up, not the soldiers I visited; their morale was already high. Our Army is blessed to have such wonderful Americans in our ranks who have sacrificed so much for their country.

To those that are considering a career in the U.S. Army, consider this. If you want to see and experience the world, be challenged everyday and make a difference for the nation, then the Army has something to offer you. The U.S. Army has changed enormously since I first joined but what have not changed are our core values and the need for young leaders.

Recent assignments only reinforced my belief of how great an Army we are blessed with. In Kosovo and Bosnia I saw sergeants, lieutenants, and soldiers all rise to meet the challenges they faced everyday. Young Americans thrived in the friction and chaos of the Balkans and today are displaying the same gift for flexibility, adaptability and innovation in the current fight. One thing is sure, our nation is at war and will be for the foreseeable future. The other certainty is that young American leaders will always be in demand to ensure our Army can win the nations' wars.

Today I serve as a Commandant of the Joint Forces Staff College. It is a wonderful job to be involved in the education and training for joint officers from all the services. We have a very operationally experienced joint force that has served across the world. Currently, the Army alone has 300,000 soldiers deployed to 120 countries across the globe. I know from the newsletter that many URI graduates are and have served in many of these deployment areas. Thanks for your dedicated service to the nation."
Ken Quinlan '72

Another of our own, **BG(P) Roger Nadeau '73**, has recently assumed command of the relatively new REDCOM = US Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. The command was officially formed on 1 March 2004 after its concept plan was approved by the Department of the Army. It first commander was MG John Doesburg. RECCOM consists of more than 30,000 military and civilian personnel and full time contractors who are charged with moving technology out of the laboratories and into the hands of Warfighters as quickly as possible. REDCOM is responsible for 75 percent of the Army's science and technology objectives. The command seeks out and develops the latest technology to provide the most advanced weapons, communication, clothing, food and vehicles, using 110 direct liaisons to the field and more than 300 international agreements.

Below is a photograph of **BG(P) Nadeau** receiving the colors of REDCOM from General Paul Kern, Commanding General of the US Army's Materiel Command during change of

command ceremonies held at Fanshaw Field at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland on 28 October 2004 ---

Our congratulations to BG Nadeau on his new assignment and on the news of his nomination for promotion to the rank of Major General. Some of our younger alumni will recall BG(P) Nadeau traveled to Rhode Island with his wife two years ago as our Guest Speaker at the annual URI Army R.O.T.C. Cadet Ball in Newport, RI.

HONORS TO FORMER URI ARMY R.O.T.C. OFFICER

We have received word of the election of one of our own - former **LT David Newman '70** – has been selected by the Pennsylvania State University's College of Engineering Executive Committee as an *Outstanding Engineering Alumnus* for 2005. Ten such individuals will be so honored in April 2005 – out of a pool of over 75,000 engineering alumni from PSU. David will receive the honors as part of the formal ceremony to be held on the main campus of PSU at State College, PA on the 18th of April, culminating a three day special recognition affair hosted by the university President and College of Engineering Dean and staff. David writes:

"I hope to come to URI in 2005. I penciled it in my book, for either August or September. By the way, the Penn State award is to me, in engineering, analogous to the ROTC award ceremony I attended with you, last year. The ten people selected are representative for each of the ten departments of engineering in the school of engineering. The departments include electrical, civil, mechanical, aerospace, biomedical, etc. I still feel stunned that I was selected for this award. Previously- selected people in electrical engineering include a vice president of Bell Labs (I believe Belcore) and founder and president of Locus, an engineering firm that grew to several hundred, before being bought out."

Congratulations, David and well done!

2004-2005 Army ROTC Alumni Officers & Directors

At the October ROTC alumni chapter annual meeting the following alumni/friends of URI ROTC were elected as officers and directors:

LTC (Ret) Paul Helweg ’70	President
LTC (Ret) Paul McNamara	Secretary
CPT Mike Gryzbowski ’99	Treasurer
John Breguet ’70	Director
Dick Smith H’97	Director

In addition, John Breguet ’70 was appointed to serve as the Chair of the “Hall of Fame Selection Committee with committee members: CPT Marc Santos ’95 , MAJ (Ret) Jim Litzler and one undergraduate/cadet (*to be selected).* The Selection Committee will meet on 25 January 2005 to evaluate all nominations received and to select this year’s honorees.

Cadets Participate in Army “10-miler”

A group of cadets from our own “Cramers Sabers Battalion” took the challenge and participated in the annual Army “10-Miler” road race held near the Pentagon in Washington D.C. in October. With Command Sergeant Major (Ret) Dayton Martin serving as both the chief transportation NCOIC and a participant in this race, our team tackled the long, tough course and successfully completed the team race. This was the first time URI Army R.O.T.C. participated in the annual race. The URI Army R.O.T.C. Alumni Association provided the financial support for the team’s registration and transportation/room expenses. Below is a photograph of our team immediately following the race – with Cadet Command CG Major General Thrasher.

(Pictured above – kneeling: CSM (Ret) Dayton Martin, Cadets: Palumbo, Gardiner & Sullivan. Standing: Cadets: Walker, Thompson, Ciminero, Rodriguez, Breguet, Hinds, Pesile, MG Thrasher.

West Point Trip:

Sixteen of our URI cadets traveled with LTC Paul Krajeski and the staff to the US Military Academy at West Point, NY for the 6 November football game between Army and Air Force. The trip was sponsored by the R.O.T.C. Alumni Association. The weather was outstanding for early November and the game very competitive until the third quarter when the "Falcons" surged ahead in the game to stay. LTC Krajeski, a 1985 USMA alumnus, took this opportunity to both show off his alma mater and to share some of the history of the school and garrison with our cadets. A pre-game cookout courtesy of the USMA History Department was part of the day and all reportedly enjoyed a great time. Perhaps again next year? Shown below are LTC Paul Krajeski and Dr. Leatham of the West Point History department and our cadets with Constitution Island and the mighty Hudson River in the background.

"MESSAGES FROM THE FIELD....."

1Lt Justin Bednarz '02 writes: *"I'm still deployed. I'm back in Kuwait now, after a brief stint up in Iraq with the 2nd Armored Cav Regiment. My fire fighting detachment picked up a mission to cover a flightline for them, but they didn't really get the volume of flights we were expecting. It turned out to be a nice civil affairs kind of mission. The mission was short, but exciting. Now I'm back in Kuwait, overseeing all the Army fire fighters in Kuwait, and working with the Air Force as well. I hope all is well back in Rhode Island, please pass my regards to the association. One of these days I have to clear my schedule from work and the Army Reserve to get to meetings. Fortunately, when I get back in a few months, I might have a clear slate... Take care! V/R Justin Bednarz '02; 468th Engineer Detachment (Fire Fighting)- Commanding Officer / Fire Marshal".*
Lt Bednarz can be reached at: Justin.p.bednarz@us.army.mil

CPT Matthew Conn '00 has contacted us in September from his (then) duty assignment at Walter Reed Army Hospital. He has since deployed to Iraq and but writes in September: *"It's been a while since I've written, so I owe you some info. The latest things to happen to me since being PCS'd from Tripler AMC in Hawaii to Walter Reed AMC in DC is that I'm being deployed with the 86th Combat Support Hospital out of Ft Campbell, KY. Our report date is 8 NOV at Ft Campbell for train up and maneuvering. But I do have a few more words before I sign off...The resilience of the US Soldier is absolutely astounding. I arrived at Walter Reed in March 2004, and was assigned to the Surgical and Thoracic Intensive Care Unit. Since then, I've done more trauma ICU than I have in 10 years of road rescue, college rescue, and nursing put together.*

However, most of our Soldiers have been able to overcome all injuries and be able to return to their families and loved ones. Unfortunately, we've had to say good bye to some along the way... As a sign off, I must say I'm looking forward to the challenges of deploying in support of OIF with a healthcare team that is second to none, whether in a fixed hospital or a deployable field unit. Army Nurse Corps - Ready! Caring! Proud! CPT Matthew Conn '00" CPT Conn can be reached at: matthew.conn@us.army.mil

MAJ Christopher Moretti '91 received our last *Newsletter* and has responded: *"Paul, Just wanted to let you know that I have completed my year at CGSC (Fort Leavenworth, Kansas) and now currently assigned to 3d Army Headquarters Kuwait CFLCC C-35 (Future Operations) for a 12-month tour in theater. Will give you periodic updates to let you know how everything is going here. I have just arrived (15 JUL) and it is hot! More to follow... Thanks for your efforts, Christopher S. Moretti, MAJ, Field Artillery, Graduation Class 91 (Year Group 92)"*. MAJ Moretti can be reached at: Christopher.s.moretti@us.army.mil

Former **1Lt Erich Balzer '70** and his wife Penni currently live in Colorado Springs, CO. Erich retired from his job in Ohio with Owens Corning and decided to head to "backpackers/hikers" heaven in the rocky mountain state. He reports he is well along on a quest to climb the many 13,000 + footers near home. Erich can be reached at email: PNE6600FT@earthlink.net

1LT John Larch contacted us this past November with the following: *"I'm glad to see that the ROTC Alumni association is alive and well! I won't be at the game since I'm still down in North Carolina, but I thought I would update you on how things are going. I was married January 2, 2004 to my wife Mary Ann. The ceremony took place on Block Island, Rhode Island and we had our honeymoon in Savannah, Georgia. On November 5, 2004, I graduated the Special Forces Qualification Course. It has been a long road with many hurdles (multiple moves from Rhode Island to North Carolina, various administrative difficulties, and even a fractured leg!) but it has been worth it. I am starting Arabic language class this week and will remain at Fort Bragg until I complete my language study and survival school.*
You can feel free to share this with the other alumni. I've also attached a photo from the beret donning ceremony that was held last week. The man shaking my hand in the photo is Command Sergeant Major Bruce Williams from the 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne). That's all from here. Thanks for keeping the alumni association active! Respectfully, John Larch."

Congratulations, LT Larch – both wedding and Green Beret! Lt Larch can be reached at: john.larch@us.army.mil

Former UCONN Professor of Military Science and URI Army ROTC alumnus **LTC Charles Lynch '81** has been in touch with the following news from Virginia: *"Paul, As always, nice to hear from you. I retired from the Army in October 2003 (after UCONN, my last assignment was at the 2d Simulation Exercise Group in Bristol), and I now serve as the United States Coast Guard's Personnel Security Officer and Director, USCG Security Center, Chesapeake, Virginia. I now work with a great group of USCG military, civil service and contractor personnel involved in Coast Guard personnel security determinations. The USCG Security Center (or SECCEN) is also responsible for suitability checks for all Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel. Best Regards, Charlie Lynch"*. Congratulations on your retirement, Charlie, and good luck with the new job! Charlie can be reached at: charles.lynch@us.army.mil

Our Alumni Association's former Treasurer and erstwhile supporter **STEVE GLICK** reports from sunny Arizona: *"Hi All, We were blessed with our fifth grandchild, Stephen William Glick, who arrived this evening at 23:24 ET. 6lbs. 13 oz. and 20 inches long. Not too big, but healthy, and mom is doing well. Apparently, the first thing Gretchen said to JC was, "Oh God, he looks just like your father." Hopefully he will outgrow that characteristic and become a handsome young man. Pictures to follow. Best to all, Steve"* Congratulations to Steve and Carol Glick AND of course to CPT (P) JC Glick '95 Gretchen Glick '95.

CPT (P) JC Glick '95 follows with the following from the 75th Ranger Regiment: *"I have requested CGSC at the NWC starting next summer. If that works out, I will be at every home football game, and probably some away games (as long as it does not conflict with Corbett's games. He is finishing up his first season of tackle football, and loved it. Played SS and OLB, not bad for a 4 year old. Really great for me, I have been coaching the 6 and unders). I won't know about attendance until March, but am praying to get back to RI. It would be great for the kids and Gretchen to be closer to her parents. Apparently, because I got selected early, I stand a good chance of getting to go, time will tell. Talk to you soon. RLTW! JC".* CPT (P) Glick can be reached at: glickj@soc.mil

LTC David Cormier '83 writes: *"I've reported for a year of active duty as of 22 NOV here at lovely Fort Dix, NJ. Six of us came from the 2nd Simulation Exercise Group (SEG), 1 BDE, 78th DIV (TS) out of Bristol, RI. We're now part of Task Force Edison of the 78th DIV, and we'll be going about to mobilization stations in the First Army area to teach deploying BN, BDE and DIV headquarters units about TOC OPS and the ever-popular Military Decision Making Process (MDMP). All my best to all alumni this holiday season, and say 'Howdy' to the folks at home for me! If any alum comes through Fort Dix, have them give me a ring on my cell at (401) 330-0357, or drop me a line at david.cormier@us.army.mil Holiday Cheer! LTC Dave Cormier, '83."*

1LT Mike Corkum contacted us with the following information: *"LTC Helweg how are you, I'm doing well- I finally arrived here at Fort Bragg. Immediately upon my arrival I was assigned as the Platoon leader of 1st PLT B Co 1-504 PIR. Last week I lead my first Airborne mission. It was something else jumping at night, really cool. My PSG is great and I'm really learning a lot. I leave for JRTC on the 8th of Sept. to be an OC for the 3rd ID so I'm hoping to learn something down there. I just found out the other day that we are slotted for a May Deployment but nothing is written in stone so it may change. hope to hear from you soon. I can be reached at michael.j.corkum@us.army.mil Best, Michael Corkum 2LT IN 1/B/1/504".*

Congratulations are also in order for **CPT Alan White '98** and his wife Leah who delivered their second daughter, Ninah, on 26 November 04! Mom and baby are doing fine. CPT White is active in his support of the URI Army ROTC program and continues to work on the Kingston campus as the Information Security Architect in the Office of Information Services in Tyler Hall. CPT White can be reached at: alanwhite@uri.edu

CPT Mike Gryzbowski '99 current Treasurer of the URI Army ROTC Alumni Association and West Kingston, RI resident has begun training at the Rhode Island Police Academy in Lincoln, RI. Mike has been hired by the Town of South Kingstown Police Department and will begin regular SK Police duties upon completion of the academy in early 2005. Good luck, Mike – we "locals" can always use a friend on the South Kingstown police force!

Former URI Professor of Military Science **LTC Paul McNamara** has been in touch with the following: *"I'll be leaving for Florida in early January; will be there until March. Ran into LTC Jim Chapman ('83); he is now the Deputy Chief of JROTC, US*

Army Cadet Command. I am proud to say Jim was one of my cadets at URI back in the early '80s. One of the real pleasures of life today is running into former students who are doing well. Enjoy the holidays. Paul". Paul remains active with Rhody R.O.T.C., is a member of the URI ROTC Alumni Association and serves on the Executive Committee as Secretary. Paul can be reached at: pksandymac@cox.net

CPT Mark Padien '01 a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom "1", remains stationed at Fort Stewart, GA with the 3d Infantry Division and is preparing to return to Iraq when the division re-deploys in January 2005. He has been in touch and writes: *"Our Task Force will be up in Tikrit. We are slicing gone of our Mech companies and receiving a light Infantry Company. Our TF will have a Mech Co, Ligh tCo, 2 Tank Co's, an Eng Co, Support Co, and HHC. The other TF in our UA will be in Samara."* CPT Padien was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for his participation in the initial assault on Baghdad with his platoon as part of the 3 Ids operation in March-April 2003. He had previously returned to the Kingston campus to share some of his experiences with our cadets in September 2003. CPT Padien can be reached at: mpadien@yahoo.com

Former **1Lt Phil Miner '70** attended this past year's annual alumni donor brunch hosted by the URI Alumni Association in the Ryan Center. Phil lives in Newtown, Connecticut and works for Unilver. Phil is a former member of the military honor society - *Scabbard and Blade.* We understand Phil enjoys riding any one of his 28 (!!) motorcycles, weather permitting, on his spare time.

One of our recently "found" alumnus is **CPT Robert Young '93**. Captain Young will be the guest of the URI Athletic Department and will be recognized for his work in OIF at the home basketball game in the Ryan Center on campus the evening of Wednesday 5 January. CPT Young sent us the photograph below, along with: *"Here is a photo for the bulletin board if you like. It is of a captured Iraqi weapon from just outside of Baghdad International Airport. I was with the 118th Military Police Battalion out of Warwick, RI. I was commissioned in January of 1994 from URI ROTC. CPT Young"*. Captain Young can be reached at: Robert.edward.young@us.army.mil

1LT Nate Seidell '02 has been yet another very busy soldier. He is deployed to Iraq and has been in touch with many alumni as well as several staff/cadre at URI ROTC. He has taken the time to share his experiences, what he has learned leading many combat patrols, and doing his best to communicate the many very important "Lessons Learned" in the hope that those following him and his soldiers might pick up on the many force protection pointers. We'll share a few of these here. Below is a photo of Lt Seidell and his platoon Sergeant in his sergeant's "conex" container/quarters;

Here is just a sample of Lt Seidell's observations – some great work from one of our ***"Cramers Sabers"*** award winners (2002): *"If you are getting ready to hit Iraq print this out and put it up in the CP. SHOW THIS TO YOUR GUYS AND EXPLAIN TO THEM WHY WE KEEP WINDOWS UP IN A HUMVEE ON PATROL! THEY ALL SAY I RATHER BE DEAF THAN DEAD IN REGARD TO HAVING WINDOWS UP. well this ied would more than have made you deaf with windows down. The threat on patrol is no longer small arms fire, it is massive ieds and vbieds(vehicle born ieds). My buddy is ok, just cracked some ribs. These ieds are everywhere and are usually made with 152 mm rounds. They are small enough that it is hard to spot them on patrol. So far my PLT has been lucky but I think it is because we drive fast and do not let vehicles block us in. The faster you move the harder it is for the enemy to remote detonate it on you. Also look for people in the area on cell phones watching the roads. My CO has had his convoy hit twice, probably because his guys do not leave the wire everyday and are not used to driving in the area. They got botched up in a high threat area (traffic circle) and an ied detonated. Also the ied's ten to be placed on the medians more than the sides of the road in my AO. We recently started finding 82mm ieds. hopefully they are out of the big rounds. 4-6 ieds are found or detonated along our route every week. Cannon wait until the tail end of ramadan when the AIF will really pick up the slack! Also make sure all your NCO's know exactly what to do if someone was injured by an ied. Every few days we do full force rehersals for ied detonations with variables ie small arms attack, one wounded or disabled vehicles. Ensure all drivers and tc's know what to do and how the*

area is to be secured off. When we went to Samarra a National Guard unit was patrolling our sector and hit an ied. The NCO in charge got a major wound to the stomach and no one else knew what to do. They ended up leaving 1 humvee behind with security and driving the soldier to a hagi hospital in the town. The doctors stuffed gauze into his stomach and he died shortly after. All nco's need to know what is going on during every patrol even if it is a boring one. They all need to have a 9line prepped to call in with BN and Dustoff Freqs, in case they have to be in charge. On most patrols here the full PLT does not go out, usually 2/3 of your combat power with either PL or PSG. Just a few observations on how an ied can ruin your day! My plt has great videos of us blowing up ieds with 240's. nate. '

Lt. Seidell can be reached in Iraq via AKO email: Nathan.seidell@us.army.mil

Here's another "post operation" photo of LT Seidell and a few of his soldiers with local kids – Lt Seidell is the second from the left - rear:

1980 Cramers Saber recipient **COL Tim Shea '80** has been in touch with the following message: *"Thanks for keeping this newsletter going! My update Colonel Tim Shea, Cramer Saber Recipient '80: I graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces summer 2003 and was assigned here to the George C. Marshall European Center in beautiful Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. I'm the US Army Chair and Military*

Professor of International Security Studies. I've been nominated as the Army Attaché to the Russian Federation for June 2005. My wife Tanya and I had a son born two weeks ago on 3 October and even though the skiing is great here we are thrilled about leaving for Moscow. Regards,TimTimothy C. Shea Colonel, United States Army Associate Director, Senior Executive Seminar U.S. Army Chair and Military Professor of International Security Studies College of International & Security Studies George C. Marshall Center for European Studies
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Congratulations to Tanya and Tim on the birth of their son!

MAJ Pat Lee '90 and his wife **Gail '90** continue to live in Italy where Pat is stationed. Pat continues in his support of URI ROTC as our "webmaster from afar……..." – he arranges our Newsletter drafts and posts them to the "Alumni" link in the URI Army ROTC website for all to view (PDF format) around the world. Pat recently writes: *"My day to day duties in Napoli mostly deal with storage of data, archiving stuff, new technologies, and administering our intranet (internal web presence). Every day is full of "why won't this work", "I know I saved it somewhere", "we have a problem" but I love to fix things and this job suits me quite well. Hopefully I will have a job when I get out if everything hasn't been outsourced to India. We are enjoying our time here and have pictures on our website of our ventures. Respectfully, Pat"*. Maj Pat Lee and Gail can be reached at: Patrick.lee@us.army.mil and pandglee@familee6.net respectively.

Former URI Army ROTC Assistant Professor of Military Science and USMA graduate **LTC (Ret) James Malley** remains active in his support of ROTC at "Rhody". He and his wife, Joyce, live in Amherst, New Hampshire. Through their dedication, work and deeds both Jim and Joyce continue to emulate the attributes of *"Duty, Honor, and Country…"* Jim recently noticed the following announcement of the promotion of ***BG Roger Nadeau '74*** posted on the General Officer website, indicating BG Nadeau's selection for a second star: *"Army Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau has been nominated for promotion to the grade of Major General. Nadeau is currently serving as Commanding General, United States Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md."*
LTC Malley was one of then Cadet Nadeau's military instructors at URI Army ROTC in 1973. Our best wishes to Jim and Joyce Malley for a super Christmas and a very Happy and healthy New Year.

We've been fortunate to maintain contact with another of our former URI Army ROTC Ass't. Professors of Military Science, **LTC John Stauffer**, who writes from sunny Florida: *"How was the (ROTC endowment fundraiser) golf tournament? A success I hope. I checked the newsletter on-line from the home page. We began the semester in late AUG. Even the public schools begin in mid-AUG down here. The upside for the college students is that they finish by mid-APR since they don't take a long break between semesters. That gives the cadre more "free" time before reporting to camp. Bad side is that we really have to maintain control of the cadets, PT wise, or they'd all be out of shape before reporting to camp. Most of our IIIs did well at camp so we're on the way to improving this program. We've been very lucky so far: all 4 hurricanes missed us. I shuttered the house for "Frances" and "Jeanne" but they both hit north of us so we only received some strong winds and rain. We even maintained power throughout. Those poor folks mid-coast got walloped this year. A lot of my MS IIIs are SMPs with the ARNG and have been activated to assist in post hurricane relief efforts. Good cause but they've missed a lot of school/ROTC. It'll be a challenge for them to catch-up with their studies. I envision Sat. ROTC classes to assist them in gaining lost ground. Guess it goes with the territory down here. My very best to all the URI ROTC staff and cadets! Take care. John"* Below is a photo of LTC Stauffer; our very best to John as he continues his work with the Army's Leadership Development Program:

MAJ(P) Mike Mahony '88 writes: *""Howdy all. Graduated URI in December '88 Mechanical Engineering. Currently serving as the S3, 4th Brigade Combat Team, First Cavalry Division here in Taji, Iraq. This is my third combat tour. AH-64A Platoon Leader in 1-227 Avn Regt, 1CD during Operation Desert Shield and Storm; XO (12 years later) of the same battalion in Operation Iraqi Freedom I and now in OIF II first as S3 of Task Force Attack and now of First Cavalry Division's only Aviation Brigade. I'm thinking of buying some land/sand. Can't tell you too much about what we are doing or how we are fighting. Can say the helicopters you see on TV are probably ours. We are flying ludicrous hours and really making a difference for our guys on the ground and the Iraqi population. Don't believe what you see on TV ... we are continuing the fight and winning. Imagine my surprise when I opened my Fluid Dynamics book while attending the Naval Postgraduate School (1997-1999) and saw Professor Frank White's name on it. No wonder I had such a hard time at URI, he's still the standard! My wife Norma, from the great state of Texas, and I have been married for 13 years this month. We have three wonderful children, Kaitlin (12), Michaela (9), and Joseph (8). I miss them*

desperately. I remember my times at URI fondly. Still have dreams of the big Duke / URI game for the final 8 in '88. Let's go RHODY! Looks like the SOX & the Cubs in the World Series! Can someone tape it ;] We all think of home often and appreciate your thoughts and prayers. Take care and God Bless,
***MAJ(P) Mike Mahony**, S3, 4th Brigade Combat Team, First Cavalry Division, Taji, Iraq APO AE 09313 - Thanks Sir!"* Mike can be reached at: Michael.mahony@us.army.mil
We expect the news of the Red Sox' world series victory had Mike flying even higher!!!

Former active army and Afghanistan/OEF veteran **CPT Peter Mandeville '98** is now attending graduate school at the Univ. of Pittsburgh and writes: *"Greetings from Pittsburgh! Weather is getting chilly out here, just as I like! That's why I moved back north from Virginia. Kind of hard to go ice fishing in a place that gets a dusting of snow in the winter! I'm jealous that you guys already got snow! Looks like I'll be around for the January 2nd game vs Holy Cross. My classes don't start up again until the the 5th I got that word from Dave Accetta that he's heading BACK to Iraq. I ran into him when I was there back in 2003. Got a little scare the other day. I got a letter in the mail with a return address that said: Department of Defense OFFICIAL MAIL. I thought I was getting the call and I was getting ready to head for Canada! I'm kdding. You know I wouldn't shirk the duty if I was called. I would at least like to get through grad school though, maybe go back as an engineer. Turns out it was just a memo telling me of all the opportunities in the IRR. Hope things are well back in Rhody. Basketball team is 2-0. Good start! Take Care, Pete".*
Another late-arriving update on **CPT Pete Mandeville**: We have just heard from the URI Alumni Association office that Pete has been selected as this year's Outstanding Recent URI Alumnus and will be recognized and honored at this winter's annual "Winter Gala" ball and honors weekend in late January 2005. Congratulations, Pete!
Pete can be reached at email: fishthis@hotmail.com
(Rhody "hoops" update for Pete = record is now 2-6!)

A recent message from **2LT PETER ANZOVINO '04** leaves us with the very latest from his officer basic training in Missouri. Lt Anzovino writes: *"in all my classes in the Maneuver Support Center (MANSCEN) (*Ed note: "MANSCEN" is at Fort Leonard Wood, MO) *we constantly see what's going on as far as what TRADOC is trying to do for the future. Oh, put this in the newsletter, someone was wearing the new BDUs the other day and they are hideous. Personal opinion, but still...haha. OBC classes are trying to lower the student to teacher ratio by introducing the Small Group Instructors, where one class may be broken down into 4 groups each with a CPT for each group making it more conducive to learning and also for dealing with problems on the individual level. Also, BOLC (Basic Officer Leadership Course) will be the new prereq for all OBCs except INF I think, but basically all branches will require a few weeks of infantry training before going to the respective branch school for their technical teaching. I.e. ENG officers will go to say Benning for so many weeks to do Infantry training and all the common core material we cover in the first few weeks of OBC. After completion of that, they'll go to Leonard Wood to learn the actual engineering aspects. Sounds like a good idea, but I'm glad I missed that one. Graduation is 26 Jan, I'm*

awaiting news of follow-on training before reporting to scenic Ft. Drum. Hope all is well in RI. I sent the endowment fund a donation, please let me know when you get it. Say hi to LTC K for me and I hope you and your family has a very Merry Christmas! 2LT Anzovino 04, EN"
Great news, LT – keep us posted and a big "THANK YOU" as well for being the very first member of the R.O.T.C. Class of 2004 to make a contribution to the R.O.T.C. Endowment Fund!! HOAH! Your name, rank and year group will be added to the large wall plaque down at Keaney R.O.T.C. before the year's end…….

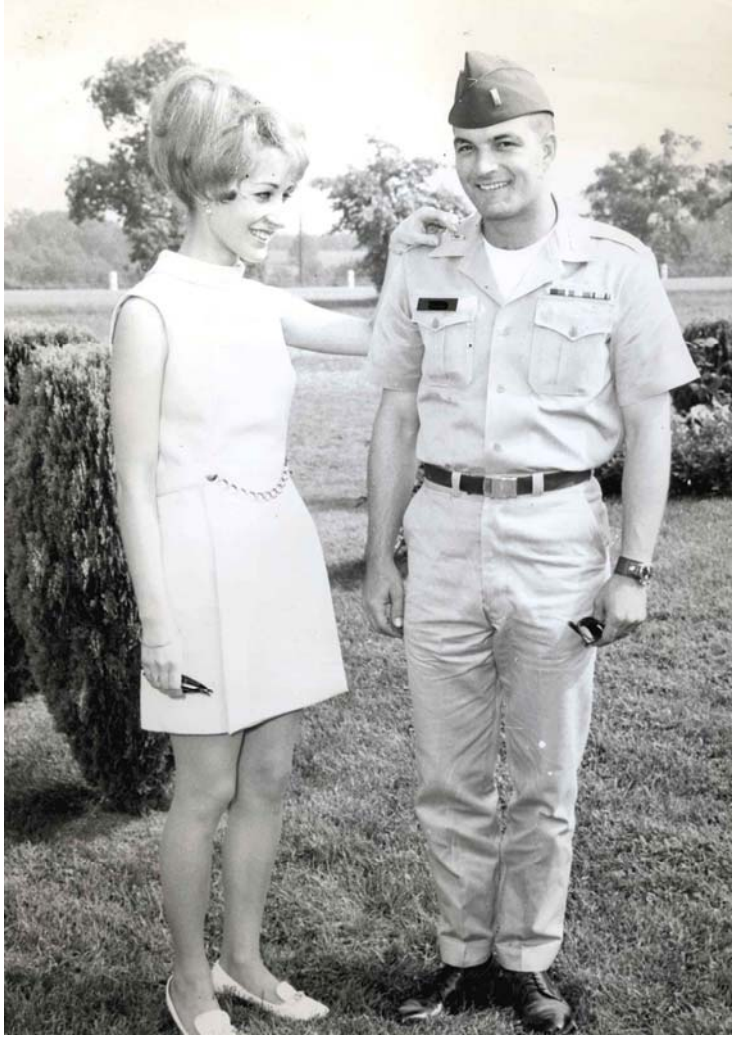
In mid October, **LTC Jim Chapman '83** delivered the following message: *"The Junior ROTC program is not a recruiting tool for the Armed Services or a stepping stone for Senior ROTC but a program designed to motivate young people to be better citizens in their high schools and communities. The instructors at the high schools are all retired E6- O6's who have a desire to continue to serve. In fact the former Senior Army Instructor at Cranston East is a former PMS from URI, LTC (ret) Paul McNamara. He was my PMS and commissioned me in 1983. JROTC has programs in over 1500 schools across the USA and in DOD schools in Europe and Asia with another 300 on the waiting list. Over 4000 instructors employed with another 1500 certified awaiting to be employed. James R. Chapman, LTC, AV, Dep Dir JROTC, Comm (757) 788-4585, DSN 680 - www.usarmyjrotc.com"*
(Ed Note: the current Cranston East High School JROTC Senior Army Instructor is our own MAJ Richard Cournoyer).

CPT James Peckham '96 writes: *"My company is in full swing trying to prepare for deployment this December. While I'm preparing to deploy, I'm also trying to get my company healthy enough to be ready. This unit and most of the soldiers just returned from the initial phase of the war before I took the guidon. The PLSs assigned are in rough shape....even after one full year of being back on Bragg. Repair parts and mechanics are hard to come by in this section of the world.....but we are working it. The soldiers are in great shape and have had plenty of training. We executed Convoy Live Fire last week and did extremely well. I'm impressed how far your soldiers/NCOs and LTs will work to get the job done. The weeks before, I have executed Paint Ball-Convoy Operations, running my platoons through several scenarios. Paint Ball is one of the most outstanding....realistic training I have ever accomplished in the military.....try that during your Lanes at URI..... My soldiers will be ready! That's pretty much it from Bragg. The entire 1st COSCOM is deploying this QTR, so things are getting pretty wild. Looking fwd to block leave and the family. Keep the info flowing....I look fwd to it all the time. v/r, CPT Peckham - Class '96 TC 126th TC (PLS) Commanding Comm: (910)-396-6117/3078 DSN: 236-XXXX*
"We Drive This Train!"

Our friend and URI Army R.O.T.C. *Hall of Fame* member **LTC (Ret) Kendall Moultrop '41** remains in touch with URI R.O.T.C. Kendall now lives at South Bay Manor, Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879. After a fall at his West Kingston, RI

home this past October, Kendall has recovered nicely. Kendall remains keenly interested in the news from his alma mater. He is a former Assistant Professor of Engineering at URI and the author of a history of the Engineering Department at his URI. Kendall was also Commander of K Company , 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry Division ("*Big Red One*") and led his combat infantry company onto the sands of Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. Several of us visit with him regularly. Kendall can be reached via "snail mail" at West Bay Manor so please drop him a line in the new year.

URI alumni **Airman (Ret) Raymond Stillwell '68** and his wife **Barbara** , formerly of Middletown/Westerly RI respectively, have lived in Sandy, Utah for the past 24 years. Ray and Barbara's son, ***Cadet Andrew Stillwell***, is a senior at the US Military Academy at West Point and will be commissioned an officer in the Army's Aviation branch this coming June. Ray and Barbara have a strong affinity for ROTC at URI and have been especially generous with their recent donation to our Army R.O.T.C. Endowment. THANK YOU again, Ray and Barbara. We hope to see you both in 2005 – perhaps a visit to campus and friends is in order for the first week on June (USMA Graduation week)?

BONUS FEATURE – *Can You Identify Them?*

The photographs below are taken from our URI Army R.O.T.C. archives. The names are withheld to protect the innocent…….BUT: we have a special prize to award the first alumnus who can correctly identify (name and URI graduation year required) the individuals pictured. Good luck. Send your responses/guesses, etc. to ***LTC (Ret) Paul Helweg '70*** at: helweg1@cox.net