

JROTC cadets attend camp

Cadets of the Rockcastle County High School Army JROTC attended summer camp at Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center. They were among over 1100 cadets from Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio.

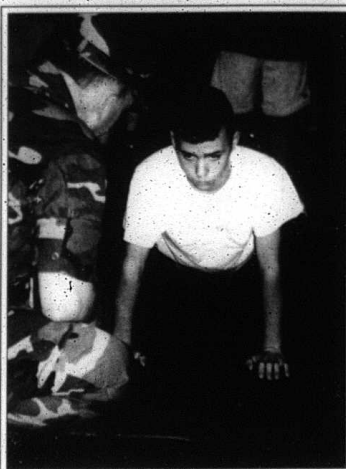
Attending from Rockcastle were senior Cadet Major Jessica Toothman (Company Commander 2003-04) and sophomores Samuel Isaacs, Joshua Bell and Shane Foster. The cadets were part of Delta Company, 4th Platoon (that consisted of JROTC cadets from the ten different high schools from four states in the region). The cadets were taught leadership skills, confidence training, team building and problem solving skills, making friends and sharing knowledge with cadets from many other programs in the region.

The cadets each held leadership positions throughout the week within their platoon. Training began at 7:30 a.m. every morning with physical training, immediately followed by chow in the dining facility (mess hall) before moving out to the day's training. The cadets lived in an open bay barracks throughout the week's stay. The training consisted of the Army Physical Fitness test (APFT), rappelling off a 45 foot tower, water survival training, rubber raft operations, an obstacle course, leadership reaction course, one-rope bridge, land navigation course, rifle marksmanship training and intramural sports competition (volleyball, basketball, tag-o-war,

horseshoes). Each day was filled with fun and competition, leaving no time for rest. A box lunch was delivered to the training sites each day and supper was served back in the mess hall around 6 p.m. Cadets also rode in M113 Armored Personnel Carriers, provided by the Kentucky National Guard. Cadets also were tasked throughout the week for details which included barracks inspections, cleaning-up at the post operations, retrieving the National Colors at retreat or assisting at the dining facility.

Cadet Sergeant Sam Isaacs received the Platoon Leadership Award, beating out over thirty cadets in his platoon. The leadership award goes to the best cadet in each platoon who display the most outstanding leadership qualities. Each cadet selected must answer numerous questions from a board of officers on military, academic and leadership subjects. On graduation, Colonel (Ret.) David Schneider awarded Cadet Isaacs his plaque ceremonies on June 7th. Congratulations to Cadet Isaacs and to all the cadets from Rockcastle who made this program proud.

Sergeant Major Keith Taylor, Rockcastle's Senior Army Instructor, was the camp's committee chairman for Basic Rifle Marksmanship Training. He trained over 1100 cadets during his two-week stay at Wendell H. Ford Training Camp. Mrs. Jenny Taylor also accompanied the cadets from Rockcastle.



Cadet Sam Isaacs doing push-ups for the APFT.



Shane Foster potting all his trust with his teammates at the Confidence Course.



Cadet Sam Isaacs receiving his Platoon's Leadership Award.



Jessica Toothman - "Barracks Life"



Cadets loading up for Summer Camp, from left: Josh Bell, Sam Isaacs, Jessica Toothman and Shane Foster.



Jessica leading Shane (trusting and blindfolded) across the log in the Obstacle Course.



Josh Bell maneuvering the litter at the Litter Obstacle Course.



Sam Isaacs on the firing line at the Rifle Range.



Josh Bell rappelling the 45 foot tower.



Shane Foster going over the wall on the Obstacle Course.



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