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“Respect All Fear None!”

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“Always do everything you ask of those you command.”

- General George S. Patton

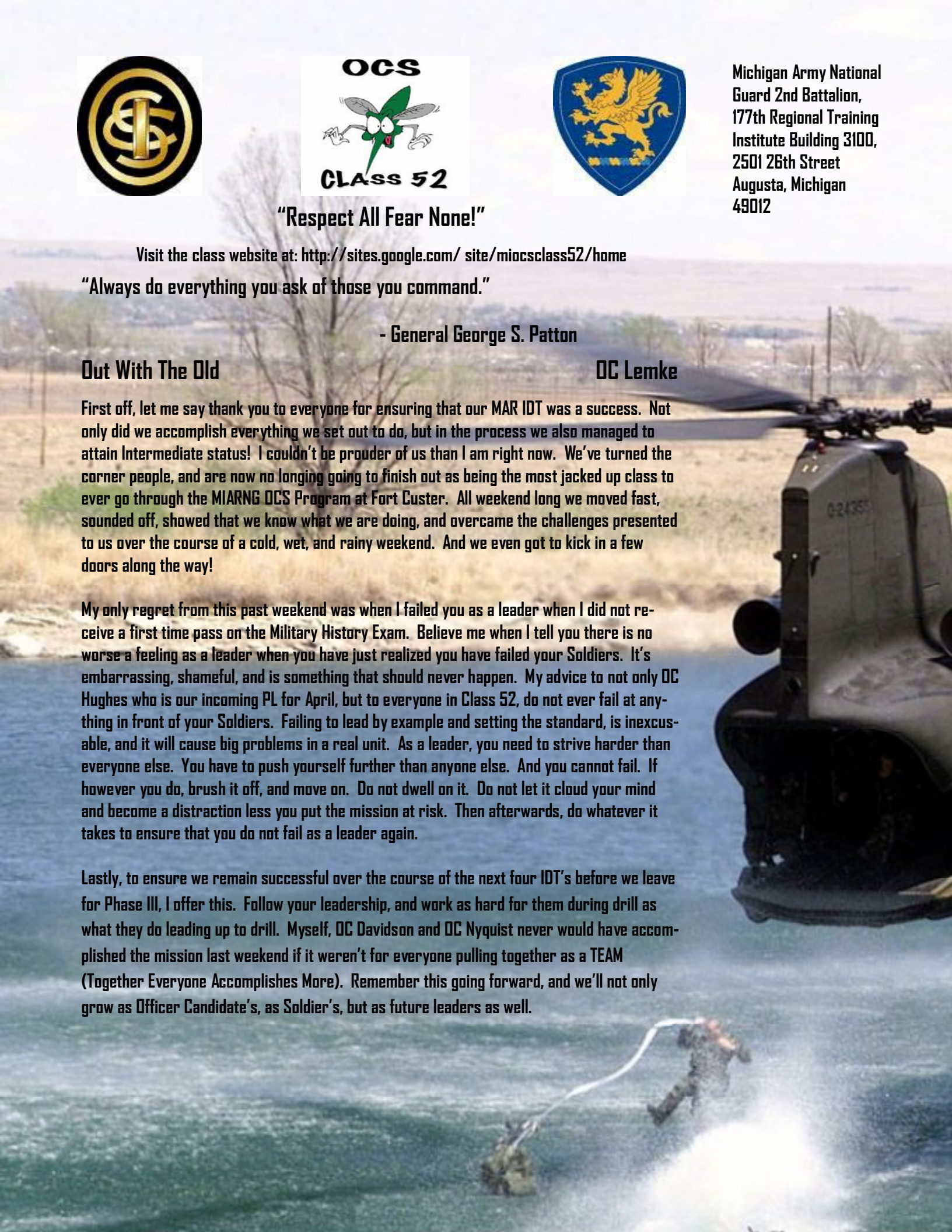
Out With The Old

DC Lemke

First off, let me say thank you to everyone for ensuring that our MAR IDT was a success. Not only did we accomplish everything we set out to do, but in the process we also managed to attain Intermediate status! I couldn't be prouder of us than I am right now. We've turned the corner people, and are now no longer going to finish out as being the most jacked up class to ever go through the MIARNG OCS Program at Fort Custer. All weekend long we moved fast, sounded off, showed that we know what we are doing, and overcame the challenges presented to us over the course of a cold, wet, and rainy weekend. And we even got to kick in a few doors along the way!

My only regret from this past weekend was when I failed you as a leader when I did not receive a first time pass on the Military History Exam. Believe me when I tell you there is no worse a feeling as a leader when you have just realized you have failed your Soldiers. It's embarrassing, shameful, and is something that should never happen. My advice to not only DC Hughes who is our incoming PL for April, but to everyone in Class 52, do not ever fail at anything in front of your Soldiers. Failing to lead by example and setting the standard, is inexcusable, and it will cause big problems in a real unit. As a leader, you need to strive harder than everyone else. You have to push yourself further than anyone else. And you cannot fail. If however you do, brush it off, and move on. Do not dwell on it. Do not let it cloud your mind and become a distraction less you put the mission at risk. Then afterwards, do whatever it takes to ensure that you do not fail as a leader again.

Lastly, to ensure we remain successful over the course of the next four IDT's before we leave for Phase III, I offer this. Follow your leadership, and work as hard for them during drill as what they do leading up to drill. Myself, DC Davidson and DC Nyquist never would have accomplished the mission last weekend if it weren't for everyone pulling together as a TEAM (Together Everyone Accomplishes More). Remember this going forward, and we'll not only grow as Officer Candidate's, as Soldier's, but as future leaders as well.



In With The New Class 52,

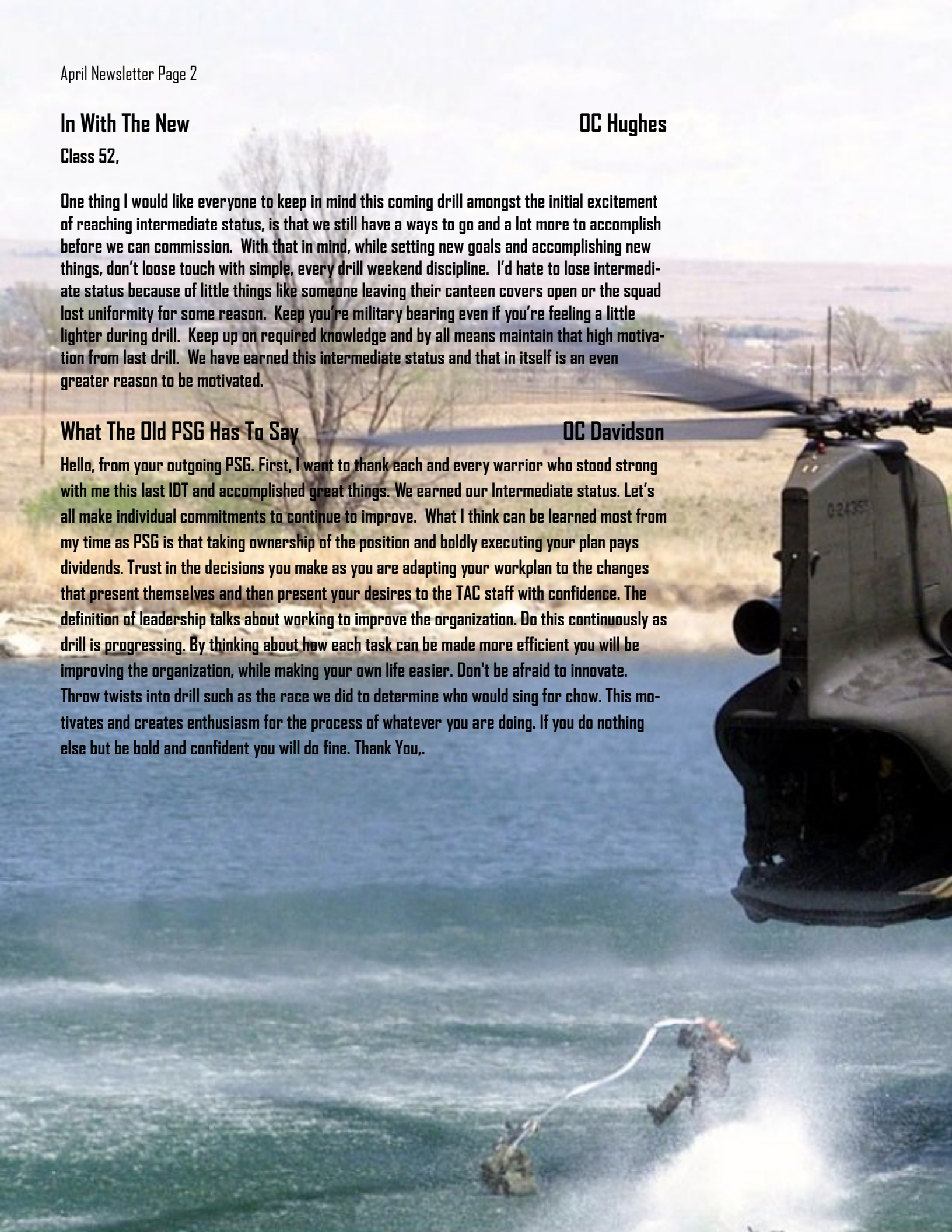
OC Hughes

One thing I would like everyone to keep in mind this coming drill amongst the initial excitement of reaching intermediate status, is that we still have a ways to go and a lot more to accomplish before we can commission. With that in mind, while setting new goals and accomplishing new things, don't loose touch with simple, every drill weekend discipline. I'd hate to lose intermediate status because of little things like someone leaving their canteen covers open or the squad lost uniformity for some reason. Keep you're military bearing even if you're feeling a little lighter during drill. Keep up on required knowledge and by all means maintain that high motivation from last drill. We have earned this intermediate status and that in itself is an even greater reason to be motivated.

What The Old PSG Has To Say

OC Davidson

Hello, from your outgoing PSG. First, I want to thank each and every warrior who stood strong with me this last IDT and accomplished great things. We earned our Intermediate status. Let's all make individual commitments to continue to improve. What I think can be learned most from my time as PSG is that taking ownership of the position and boldly executing your plan pays dividends. Trust in the decisions you make as you are adapting your workplan to the changes that present themselves and then present your desires to the TAC staff with confidence. The definition of leadership talks about working to improve the organization. Do this continuously as drill is progressing. By thinking about how each task can be made more efficient you will be improving the organization, while making your own life easier. Don't be afraid to innovate. Throw twists into drill such as the race we did to determine who would sing for chow. This motivates and creates enthusiasm for the process of whatever you are doing. If you do nothing else but be bold and confident you will do fine. Thank You,.



What The New PSG Has To Say OC Schoen

From the incoming PSG,

What can I say! We have made an incredible step in the right direction. I am proud to be a part of this class and it amazes me how well we have been able to stay committed to one another in such a positive manner.

Having said all of this it is incumbent upon us to not only maintain this standard but to exceed it at every level. I think for the first time we actually had fun at IDT, except for sister Rick! We had smiles on our faces and we were not scared of our own shadows. We are taking responsibility for our actions and using initiative to look outside the box. From PT to meeting on our off time to practice battle drills we are moving in the right direction. Our work plan for April is full but not undeliverable. Sunday there are no classes just a fun little walk in the park!! The tactics test on Saturday will not be an issue for any of us if history is any indicator.

Folks we are on the downhill slide. While we can see the light at the end of the tunnel we must drive hard to the end. Keep up the great work and I will see you in April.

Incoming! From Our New SQD LDR

OC Burnett

I thought I would take this opportunity to discuss intermediate status. I know we are all very excited about this and all the extras we receive. However, I am more concerned about maintaining it.

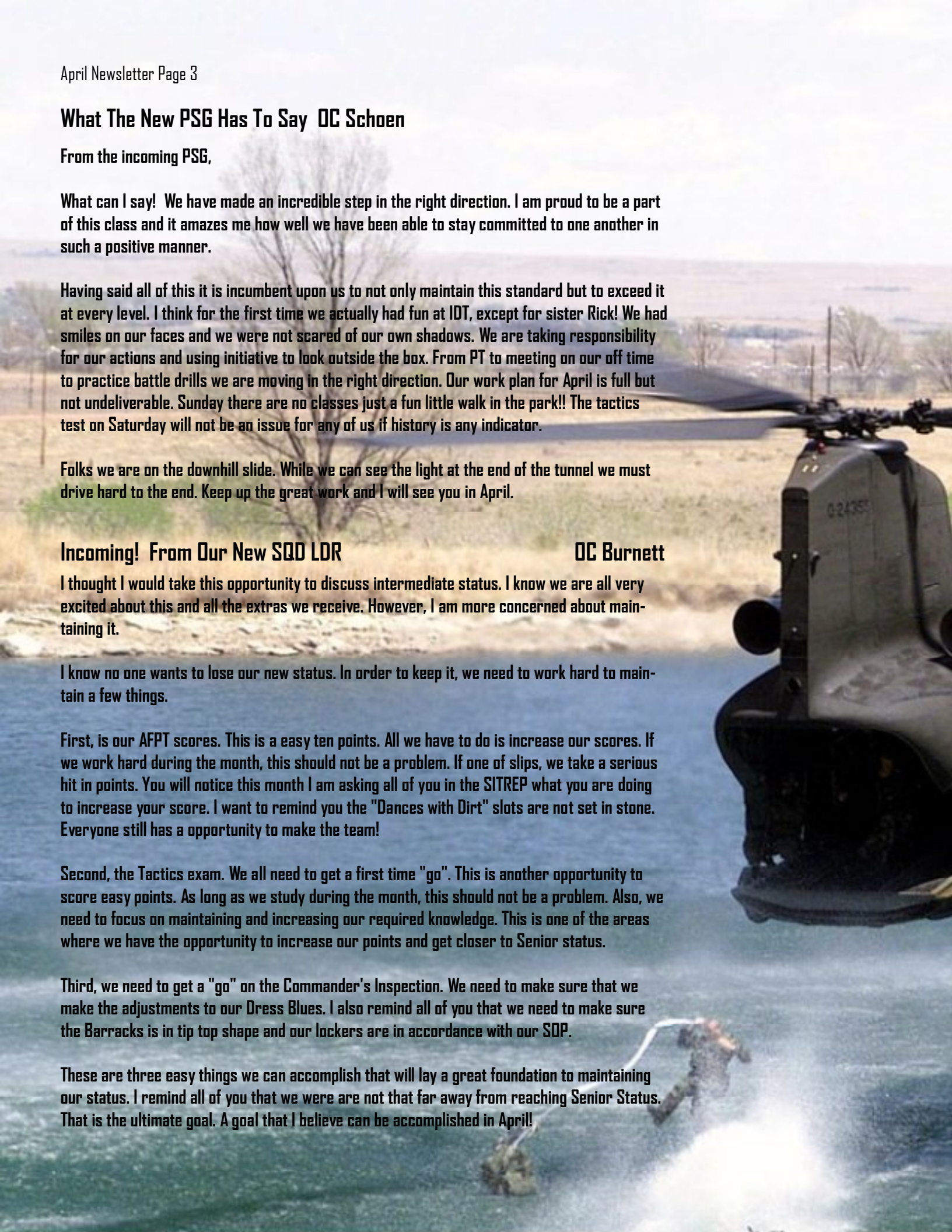
I know no one wants to lose our new status. In order to keep it, we need to work hard to maintain a few things.

First, is our AFPT scores. This is a easy ten points. All we have to do is increase our scores. If we work hard during the month, this should not be a problem. If one of slips, we take a serious hit in points. You will notice this month I am asking all of you in the SITREP what you are doing to increase your score. I want to remind you the "Dances with Dirt" slots are not set in stone. Everyone still has a opportunity to make the team!

Second, the Tactics exam. We all need to get a first time "go". This is another opportunity to score easy points. As long as we study during the month, this should not be a problem. Also, we need to focus on maintaining and increasing our required knowledge. This is one of the areas where we have the opportunity to increase our points and get closer to Senior status.

Third, we need to get a "go" on the Commander's Inspection. We need to make sure that we make the adjustments to our Dress Blues. I also remind all of you that we need to make sure the Barracks is in tip top shape and our lockers are in accordance with our SOP.

These are three easy things we can accomplish that will lay a great foundation to maintaining our status. I remind all of you that we were are not that far away from reaching Senior Status. That is the ultimate goal. A goal that I believe can be accomplished in April!



From The Desk Of The President

OC Rick

I do not have too much to report but I wanted to let everyone know I am ordering the "unofficial" class t-shirt. I will need everyone's sizes that want one and I need to know if you would like a hooded sweatshirt too. The t-shirts will be \$22.84/shirt and a hooded sweatshirt will run \$39.71. Please e-mail me the type of shirt you want (t-shirt, hoodie or both) and I also need the quantity. If you would like more than one t-shirt please let me know that too as it will drop the price of the shirts as the number ordered goes up. I am going to pay for these out of pocket and collect the money from each person so please do not order a shirt if you are not sure if you want one. The t-shirt prices above may vary if 9 total shirts are not ordered. I based the prices off of everyone buying at least one. The hood price is based off of a quantity of 6 so the price will only go down if more are ordered. As it stand right now it would cost you \$62.55 total for a hoodie and a t-shirt. If you have any questions feel free to call me or e-mail me (heatherrick@hotmail.com, (517)673-6698).

I looke forward to the training that will be held at my house again the week before drill and please let me know if you will be bringing your children. Pizza and pop will be the \$3 like last time.

From The Office Of The S2

OC Pfeiffer

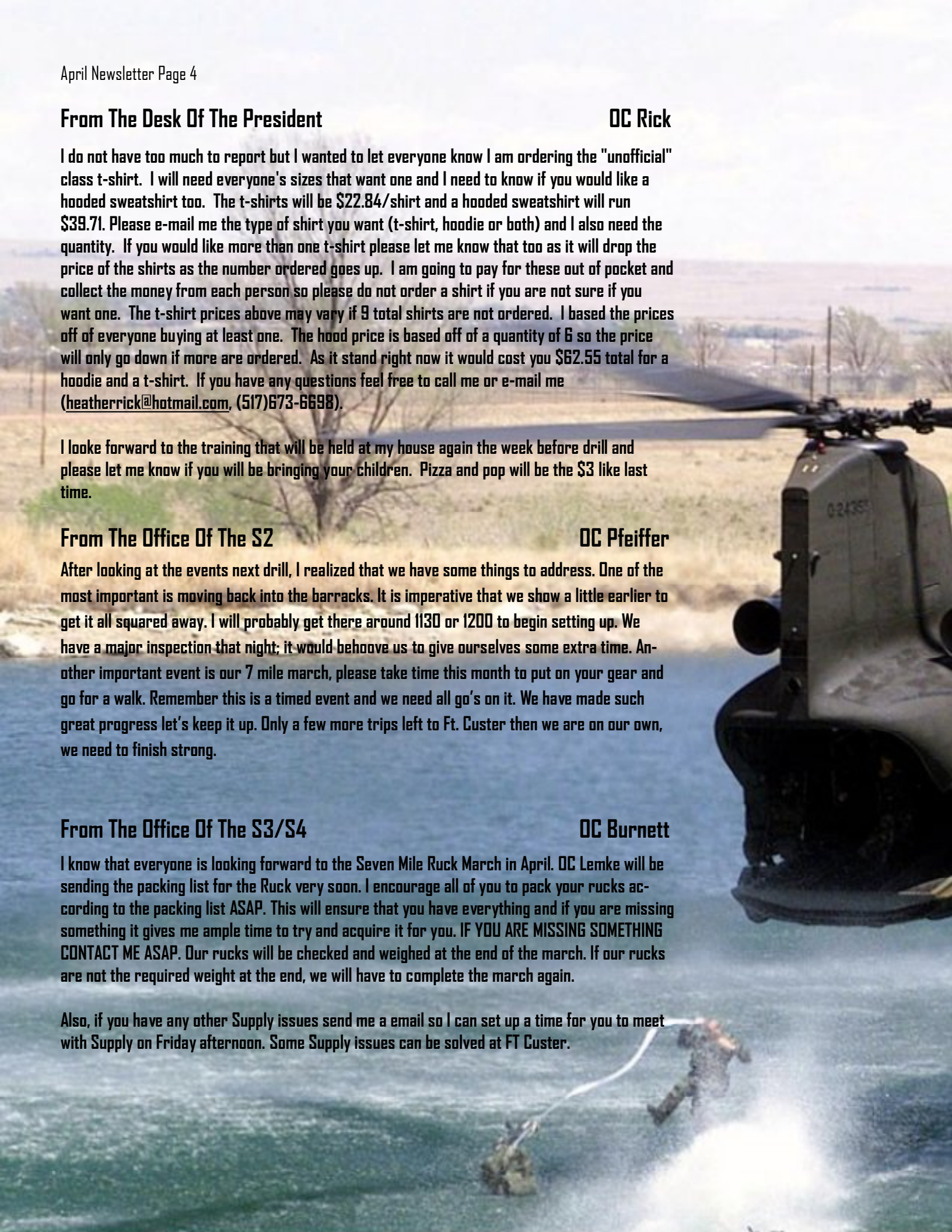
After looking at the events next drill, I realized that we have some things to address. One of the most important is moving back into the barracks. It is imperative that we show a little earlier to get it all squared away. I will probably get there around 1130 or 1200 to begin setting up. We have a major inspection that night; it would behoove us to give ourselves some extra time. Another important event is our 7 mile march, please take time this month to put on your gear and go for a walk. Remember this is a timed event and we need all go's on it. We have made such great progress let's keep it up. Only a few more trips left to Ft. Custer then we are on our own, we need to finish strong.

From The Office Of The S3/S4

OC Burnett

I know that everyone is looking forward to the Seven Mile Ruck March in April. DC Lemke will be sending the packing list for the Ruck very soon. I encourage all of you to pack your rucks according to the packing list ASAP. This will ensure that you have everything and if you are missing something it gives me ample time to try and acquire it for you. **IF YOU ARE MISSING SOMETHING CONTACT ME ASAP.** Our rucks will be checked and weighed at the end of the march. If our rucks are not the required weight at the end, we will have to complete the march again.

Also, if you have any other Supply issues send me a email so I can set up a time for you to meet with Supply on Friday afternoon. Some Supply issues can be solved at FT Custer.



Learned Words From The Education Officer

OC Reitzel

There are several things candidates are considering when trying to choose a branch and or unit. Below is a list, in no particular order, of several items to think about, if you have not already done so.

What Branch do you want to serve in? (Information for each branch can be found at several places on the internet, including www.goarmy.com and www.branchorientation.com). Can the training in the particular branch be used in you civilian career. Are there vacancies for your chosen branch? What type of work will you be doing in the unit? Will you be a PL, XO, staff officer, etc? When will the unit be deploying. Is there good opportunity for promotion within the Branch? How far do you want to travel to reach your unit? What kind of schools and or training will be available to you?

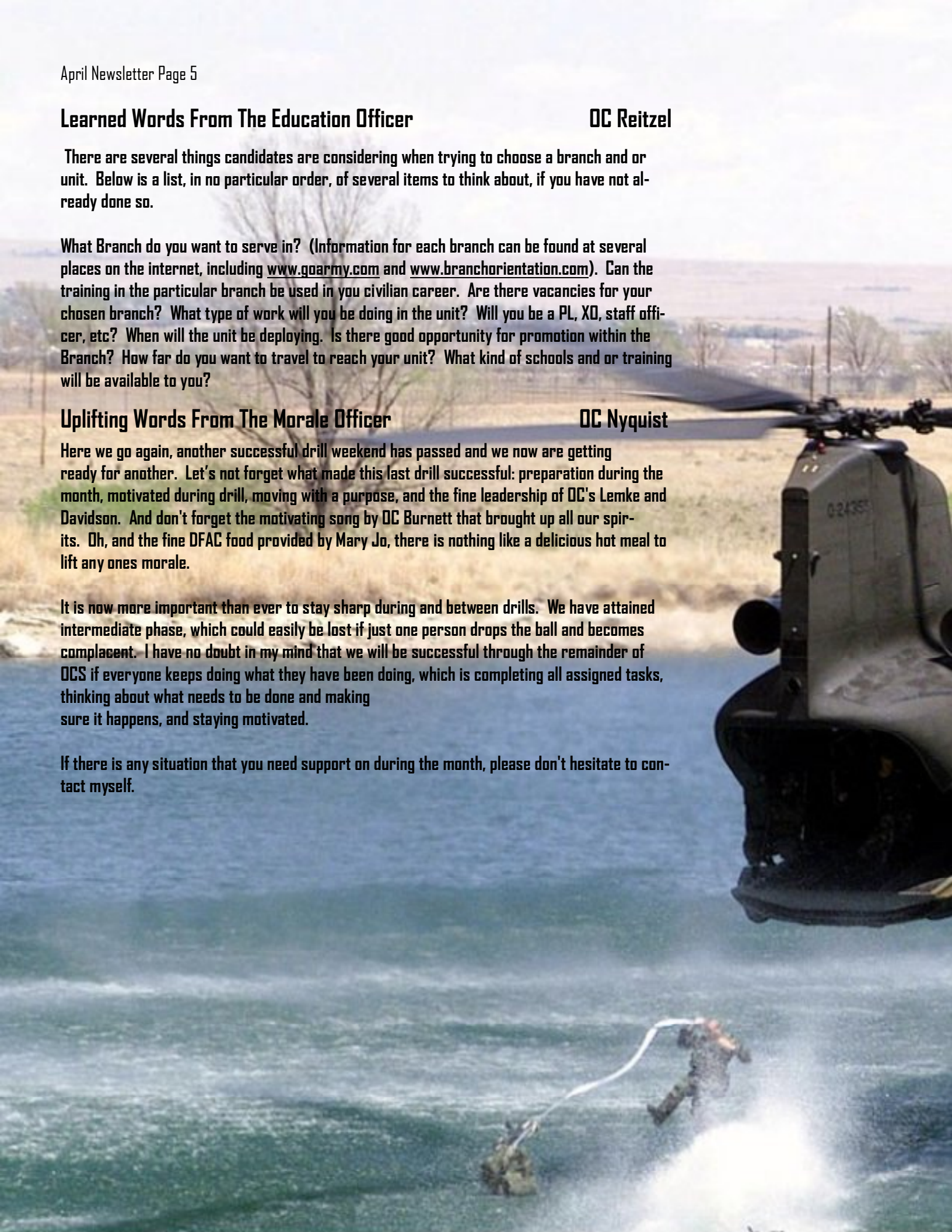
Uplifting Words From The Morale Officer

OC Nyquist

Here we go again, another successful drill weekend has passed and we now are getting ready for another. Let's not forget what made this last drill successful: preparation during the month, motivated during drill, moving with a purpose, and the fine leadership of DC's Lemke and Davidson. And don't forget the motivating song by DC Burnett that brought up all our spirits. Oh, and the fine DFAC food provided by Mary Jo, there is nothing like a delicious hot meal to lift any ones morale.

It is now more important than ever to stay sharp during and between drills. We have attained intermediate phase, which could easily be lost if just one person drops the ball and becomes complacent. I have no doubt in my mind that we will be successful through the remainder of OCS if everyone keeps doing what they have been doing, which is completing all assigned tasks, thinking about what needs to be done and making sure it happens, and staying motivated.

If there is any situation that you need support on during the month, please don't hesitate to contact myself.



Words That Make You Get Up and Move From The PT Officer OC Kercher

A new form of PT is slated to come to the Army within the next six months. The Army is going to release a 645 page manual that gives commanders the ability to implement pt routines that are geared for real world missions and the physical stressors a soldier would experience in the current war on terror. These new workouts give the units a years worth of workouts to get soldiers in deployment shape before the units leave. These workouts consist of ACU, weapons slung across backs and full battle-rattle. Exercises like 50 yard dashes across open areas, climbing over objects and long marches are just a few of the examples. The Army is looking for well rounded soldiers that are both strong in endurance and strength. The rumor is that eventually the APFT will change as well but for now nothing has been formally mentioned.

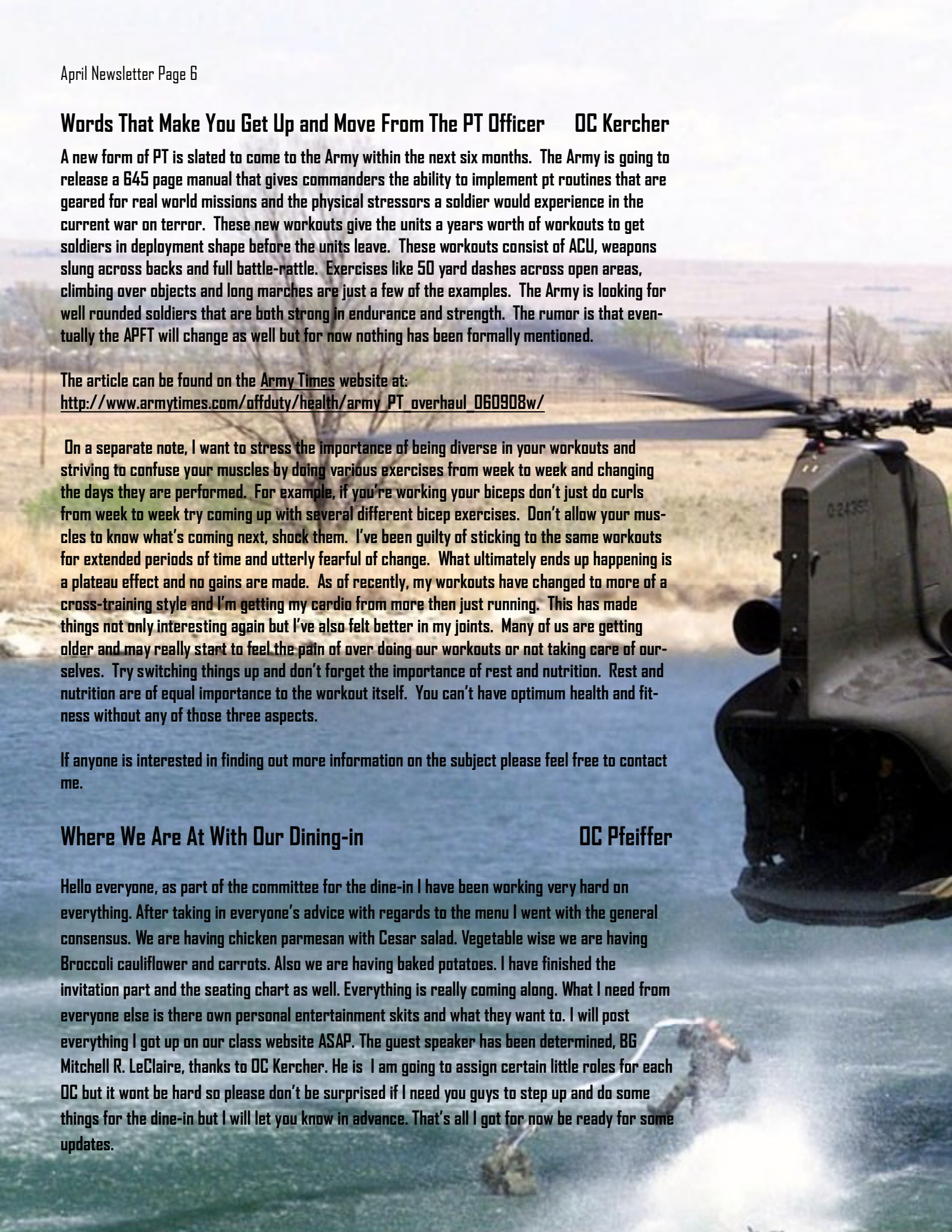
The article can be found on the Army Times website at:
http://www.armytimes.com/offduty/health/army_PT_overhaul_060908w/

On a separate note, I want to stress the importance of being diverse in your workouts and striving to confuse your muscles by doing various exercises from week to week and changing the days they are performed. For example, if you're working your biceps don't just do curls from week to week try coming up with several different bicep exercises. Don't allow your muscles to know what's coming next, shock them. I've been guilty of sticking to the same workouts for extended periods of time and utterly fearful of change. What ultimately ends up happening is a plateau effect and no gains are made. As of recently, my workouts have changed to more of a cross-training style and I'm getting my cardio from more than just running. This has made things not only interesting again but I've also felt better in my joints. Many of us are getting older and may really start to feel the pain of over doing our workouts or not taking care of ourselves. Try switching things up and don't forget the importance of rest and nutrition. Rest and nutrition are of equal importance to the workout itself. You can't have optimum health and fitness without any of those three aspects.

If anyone is interested in finding out more information on the subject please feel free to contact me.

Where We Are At With Our Dining-in OC Pfeiffer

Hello everyone, as part of the committee for the dine-in I have been working very hard on everything. After taking in everyone's advice with regards to the menu I went with the general consensus. We are having chicken parmesan with Cesar salad. Vegetable wise we are having Broccoli cauliflower and carrots. Also we are having baked potatoes. I have finished the invitation part and the seating chart as well. Everything is really coming along. What I need from everyone else is there own personal entertainment skits and what they want to. I will post everything I got up on our class website ASAP. The guest speaker has been determined, BG Mitchell R. LeClaire, thanks to OC Kercher. He is I am going to assign certain little roles for each OC but it wont be hard so please don't be surprised if I need you guys to step up and do some things for the dine-in but I will let you know in advance. That's all I got for now be ready for some updates.



First Salute - The "Silver Dollar" Tradition

OC Lemke

The "Silver Dollar" Salute. It is a tradition in our Army that newly commissioned second lieutenants present a silver dollar to the first enlisted Soldier who salutes them. The coin symbolically acknowledges the receipt of respect due the new rank and position. (p. 95, "Customs of the Service," *Army Officer's Guide, 45th Edition*, Lt. Col. Lawrence P. Crocker, U.S. Army (Retired), (Stackpole Books, Harrisburg, 1990).]

The ideal silver dollar is the Morgan Dollar or the Peace Dollar. They are both 90% silver. Everything after that is comprised of mostly copper and other elements. There are some silver dollars prior to the aforementioned ones, such as the 1804 Dollar and the Seated Liberty Dollar, but they are harder to find and may be rather expensive. This is an important tradition. It is required of us that we each bring a coin to next drill.



Morgan Dollars - Minted from 1878 to 1904. These are considered the most beautiful of the silver dollars. While they were minted in 1904, and some like to give a 100 year old coin, they can be pricey. They were minted at three mints that year, in Philadelphia (no mint mark), New Orleans ("O" mint mark), and San Francisco ("S" mint mark). Of these, the most expensive is the S, the least the O. Morgans were not minted between 1905 and 1920, with the last Morgans minted in 1921.



The Peace Dollar is a silver United States dollar coin minted from 1921 to 1928, then again in 1934 and 1935. Early proposals for the coin called for a commemorative issue to coincide with the end of World War I, but the Peace Dollar was issued as a circulating coin. The Peace Dollar was so named because the word *PEACE* appears on the bottom of the coin's reverse. It contains 0.77344 troy ounces of silver, and was the successor to the Morgan Dollar, which had not been regularly minted since 1904. The Peace Dollar is the last silver dollar minted for circulation in the United States.



The 1804 Silver Dollar is a United States dollar coin considered to be one of the rarest and most famous coins in the world, due to its unique history. Divided into "Classes," 15 specimens are known. 8 comprise Class I, which were minted in 1834. Two Class I specimens trace their lineage to the King of Siam and the Sultan of Muscat. 1 comprises Class II and 6 comprise Class III and were minted sometime between 1858 to 1860. It is alleged both Class II and Class III specimens were made clandestinely by Mint officials. Due to the nature of their rarity, some have been sold for high dollar figures.



The Seated Liberty Dollar is a silver dollar coin issued by the United States government from 1840 to 1873. The coin is named for the obverse design which was uniform and matched the Half dime, Dime, Twenty-cent piece, Quarter, and Half dollar. Its obverse and reverse were both designed by Christian Gobrecht.

