

December 29, 2004

Dr. William L. Crowson  
Colonel (Retired)  
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Director, Youth Challenge Program  
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Dear Dr. Crowson:

I wanted to commend you and your staff on the outstanding work you do through the Youth Challenge Program. My son, Philip Fryer (Echo Platoon), matriculated through Camp Shelby during the recent July to Dec session and graduated with top honors on December 18, 2004. When I picked him up on December 17 the first thing I saw was a bright yellow ribbon with a medallion stating "Salutatorian" hanging around his neck. I was never so surprised and swelled with pride as at that moment. I truly feel Philip shines in the military environment and his decision to join the Army National Guard is a good one. While there will be much to get used to and hours of study ahead, I think he will grow and develop even more into an outstanding young man. The ideals of duty, honor, country, and accountability for one's actions will be first and foremost - traits learned both through his background in the Boy Scouts and through the Youth Challenge Program.

Thank you again for the confidence you have placed in Philip by bestowing this honor upon him.

Sincerely,



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