

Military Science & Leadership

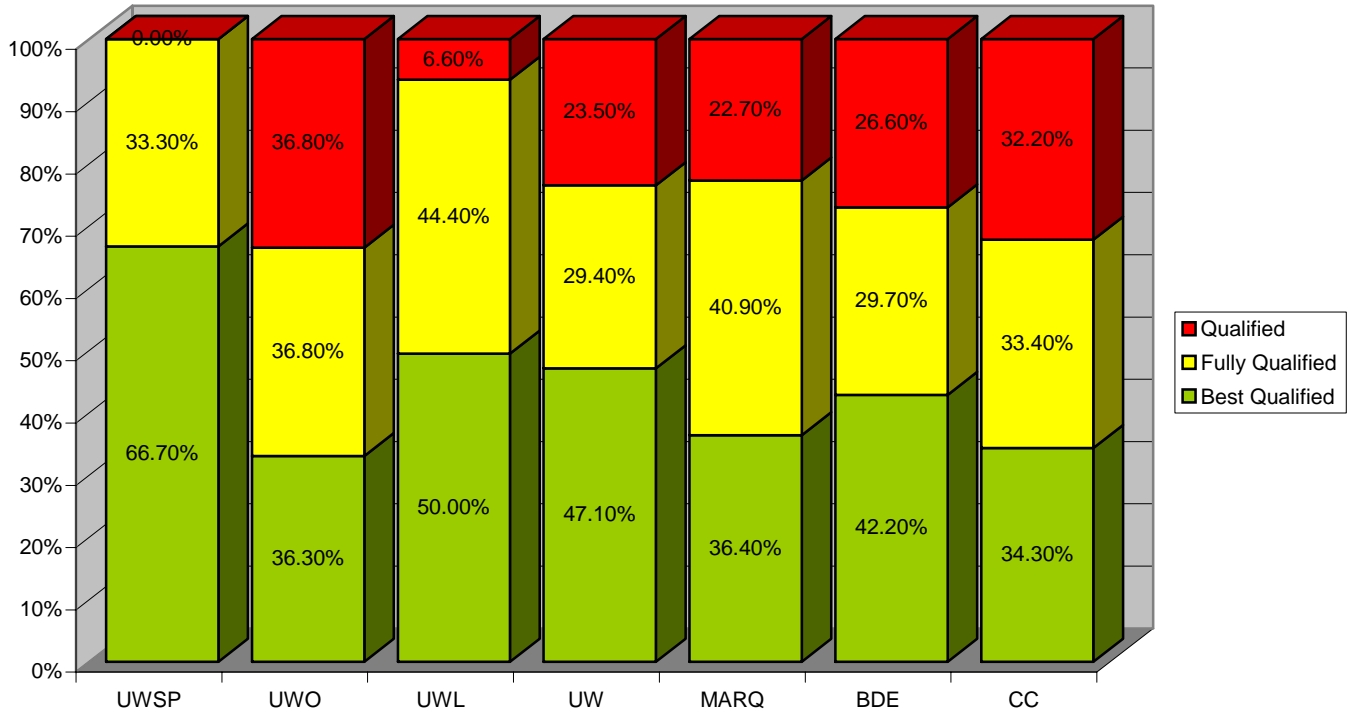
The UWSP Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program continues to train the leaders of tomorrow, and instill in them the knowledge, skills and abilities to excel as Lieutenants in the United States Army and as citizen-leaders of the United States of America. While the program continues to evolve in order to meet the future demands of national defense, our biggest source of pride comes from the cadets and students who make up the program.

- **LIEUTENANT PRODUCTION** - In 2002-3, the Pointer Battalion commissioned 4 new Second Lieutenants (2LT). One of our 2LTs, Jason Reiman, received the Chancellor's Leadership Award. One of our graduates volunteered for service in the Active Army, and the remaining three chose to remain in Wisconsin and serve as 2LTs in the Army Reserve or National Guard.

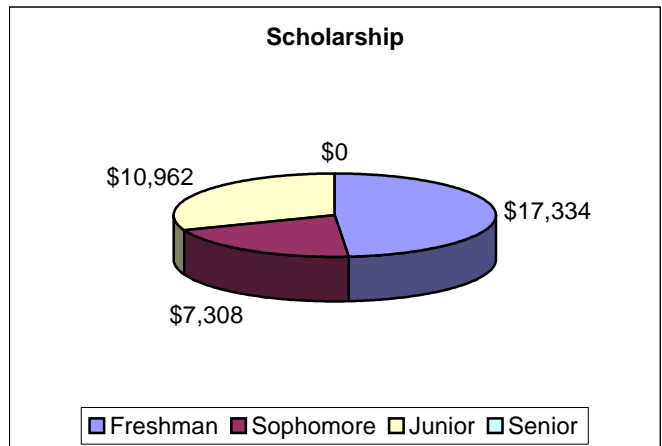
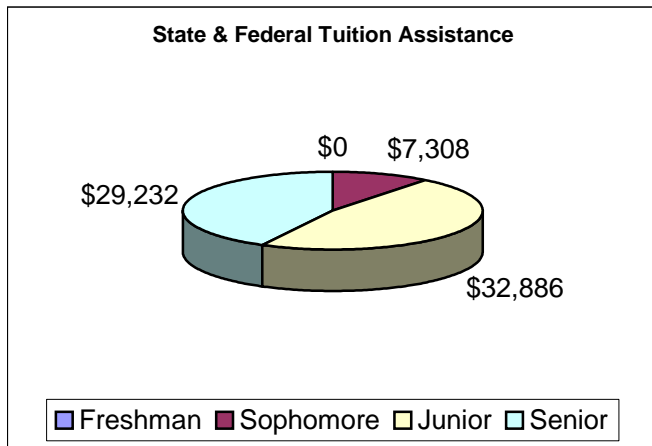
- **NATIONAL ADVANCED LEADERSHIP CAMP (NALC)** - In the summer of 2002, the UW-Stevens Point ROTC program sent 9 juniors to the National Advanced Leadership Camp at Ft Lewis, Washington. These students excelled in all the tasks they were evaluated on and performed either on par with or better than the other Wisconsin Schools. The areas they were evaluated in are:
 - Leadership
 - Physical Fitness
 - Land Navigation
 - Basic Rifle Marksmanship
 - Peer Evaluations

They also exceeded the overall 2d Brigade (comprised of 23 programs from Universities throughout the Mid-west) and US Army Cadet Command Averages in all these areas. Six of our cadets were ranked in the top one-third or "Best Qualified" category and the remaining three finished in the "Fully Qualified" category. This summer we will be sending 13 cadets to the National Advanced Leadership Camp and expect them to meet or exceed the previous years results. The following chart depicts the aggregate Pointer Battalion 2002 NALC performance against Wisconsin programs and against 2d Brigade and Cadet Command (national) averages:

Cadet NALC Performance



- SCHOLARSHIPS / ASSISTANCE** - Through both state and federal tuition assistance, scholarship programs, and the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), we were able to provide over \$181,825.00 to the university and our cadets. Of this amount, \$77,000 in MGIB allowances went to our cadets and the following amounts were brought to the university in the form of tuition and fees:



- **CADET TROOP LEADER TRAINING** - Also this summer, Cadet Joy LeMay will be attending the Cadet Troop Leadership Program after completion of the National Advanced Leadership Camp. She will be traveling to Germany for two weeks for an internship with a chemical decontamination unit.
- **OLMSTEAD SCHOLAR** - Cadet Courtney Clarksen of UWSP was selected as an Olmstead Scholar. The Major General George and Carol Olmstead Foundation serves to enhance development of the future senior leadership of the armed forces of the United States by sending outstanding officers and officer candidates to study in foreign cultures. Cadet Clarksen is one of thirteen Cadets picked from nearly 4,000 cadets throughout the United States Army Cadet Command. Cadet Clarksen will be traveling to Russia over a two-week period in June and visiting various civilian and military sites during her stay there.
- **CADET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING** - This summer, three UW-Stevens Point Cadets volunteered for the U. S. Army's Basic Airborne course. The Basic Airborne Course is conducted at Fort Benning, Georgia. This 3-week course is designed to instill discipline and self-confidence in soldiers while qualifying them for duty as Army paratroopers. It is one of the most physically demanding yet rewarding courses in the US Army. This course is available to both men and women volunteers of all services and is three weeks in duration.
- **PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT** - The Pointer Battalion received a \$1000.00 award for our response to the US Army Cadet Commands 2d Quarter Best practices Challenge question. The Best Practices Forum is an opportunity for the leadership of Cadet Command to generate discussion and ideas for improvement from "the field." We recommended an integrated, national level marketing plan to US Army Cadet Command to in order to improve the overall interest in and production quality from Army ROTC. Major General (MG) Casey, the Commander of the US Army Cadet Command said in his congratulatory note, "Your innovative approach in dealing with the unique challenges we face in Cadet Command will well assist other SROTC programs with similar challenges. Thank you for your thoughtful contribution to Best Practices, and please continue to share your insights with the rest of the command through this valuable forum." Our contribution was selected from over 40 ROTC programs in the state small / low cost school category.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE** - The Pointer Battalion continued to volunteer its services to the University and the Community this year by participating in many activities including:
 - Adopt a Highway Program
 - Earth Day Tree Planting
 - YMCA Frostbite Run
 - YMCA and Big Brothers/Big Sisters
 - Berlin Youth Soccer Program
 - Color Guards for AIRO Pow-Wow, fall and Spring Graduation '03, and UWSP home football games.

- **CHANGE OF COMMAND** - The UWSP ROTC Battalion changed commanders this past year with Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Ralph Sliwicki (a 1984 UWSP Commissionee) being replaced with Major (MAJ) Ed Ripp (a 1990 UWSP Commissionee). Lieutenant Colonel Sliwicki departed to take command of one of only two Heavy-Lift Helicopter Battalions in the Army's inventory. We wish LTC Sliwicki good luck with his new command in the 101st Airborne Division as he joins them somewhere in Iraq, and welcome MAJ Ripp back home to UWSP.