

Major Gary McDavid takes command as ROTC instructor

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through last year. After graduating there, I came here to replace Maj. Hames as OIC for Behrend.

Collegian: Where are you originally from?

McDavid: Covington, KY, right across the river from the Cincinnati Reds, which is my favorite ball club.

Collegian: What have been your worst and best experiences in the Army? **McDavid:** I can honestly say that I haven't had any bad experiences in the Army and my best experience has been working with soldiers.

Collegian: What is your favorite military installations and why?

McDavid: I have no preferences regarding to installations. I've been literally all over the nation, from Ft. Ord, California, to Ft. Benning, Georgia, and quite a few places in between and I've found I like them all equally.

Collegian: What goals have you set for the ROTC program here at Behrend, and how will these goals affect the students in the program?

McDavid: My goal is to complete my mission. Which is: to obtain, retain and commission well educated officers in sufficient numbers to support the Pennsylvania State University mission, and United States Army requirements. To do that I need, and have, instructors which are fully qualified, and competent and we intend to make the program interesting, active and FUN. We're not going to re-invent the wheel here, granted, but we are going to have a good time.

Collegian: Does your family ever

get tired of temporary changes of station?

McDavid: No, we enjoy new places, and meeting new people.

Collegian: What has been the most challenging move you've made in your career?

McDavid: To and from the Federal Republic of Germany.

Collegian: All right, it's been a long day, and you're tired, and now you can go home and do something that you like to do. What do you do?

McDavid: I like to play with my son. I like to spend as much quality time with him as I can. I spend a lot of time improving the house, and there are a lot of improvements to be made. When there's time for me, though, I like to play racquetball, basketball and softball. I'm pretty good at racquetball and never turn down any reasonable challenge.

Collegian: When and how did you earn your Expert Infantryman's Badge?

McDavid: In 1973, when I was a Platoon Leader, I studied hard and practiced the infantry skills.

Collegian: What is your favorite war film? (Non-war film)

McDavid: I've no favorite, they're all too over-dramatized. The worst warfilm I think is "Apocalypse Now". "The Big Red One" is good, that's almost realistic.

Collegian: When were you promoted to major, and when are you eligible for lieutenant colonel?

McDavid: I was promoted to major in February 1984, and will be eligible for promotion to lieutenant colonel in three years.

Collegian: Who is your favorite

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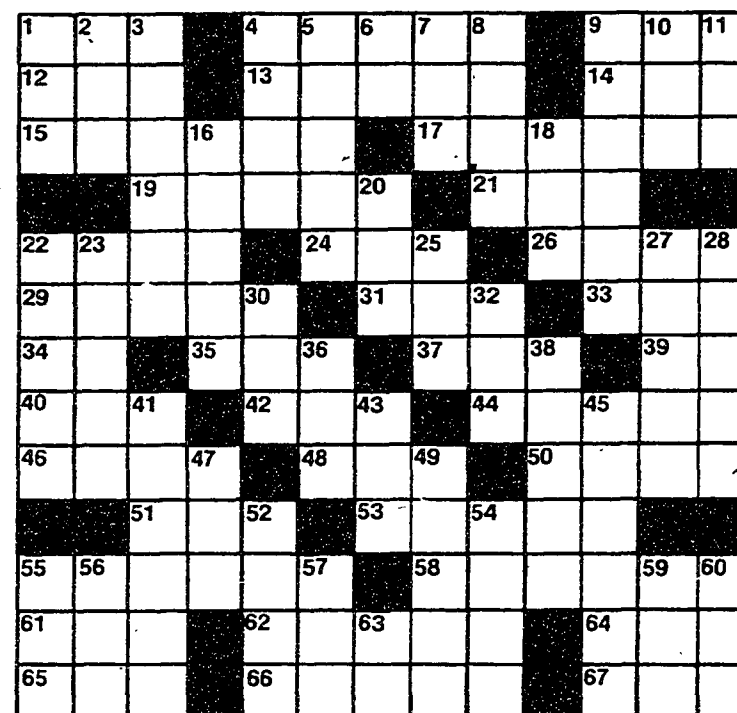
hero (general) and why?

McDavid: First of all, my favorites are not necessarily generals. I think you have to consider the time period in finding great leaders. In the American Civil War, Longstreet was good. He was under General Robert E. Lee. In World War I, John J. Pershing was a great commander, especially as head of the Allied Expeditionary Forces. In World War II, General Collins was good. He led the U.S. Seventh Army on the Utah Beachhead on D-Day.

Collegian: If you had to sum up life in the Army in twenty words or less (maybe a few more) what would you say?

McDavid: I'd say it's challenging, exciting, offers travel, leadership, and managerial opportunities. It's not for everyone though, only those who are willing to accept the challenge.

Crossword Companion



ACROSS

1. Mist
4. Make Points
9. Common noun suffix
12. Ever (Poetic)
13. Path
14. Born
15. High Pitch
17. Give
19. Smell
21. Catch
22. Passable
24. Miscue
26. Epoxy
29. Nymph
31. Children's Game
33. Navy rank (abbr.)
34. Near
35. Animal
37. Chart
39. Inanimate Object
40. Degree
42. Rest
44. Dish
46. Toy
48. Fuel
50. High cards
51. No (Scot)
53. Rushlike plant (Scot)
55. Hungry
59. Reviews
61. It is (Poetic)

DOWN

1. Type of U.S. Tax (abbr.)
2. Over (Poetic)
3. Oil
4. Alone
5. Best, elite

6. Toward, to (pref.)
7. Free
8. Jacket
9. Authorize
10. Mesh
11. Prepare golf ball
16. Wide
18. Gripe
20. Craft
22. Sudsy
23. Comb. form meaning straight or correct
25. Male goat
27. Join
28. _____ Park, CO
30. Put on, as clothes
32. Crack
36. Joke
38. Cloth worn by Scottish Highlanders
41. Monarch, ruler
43. Ballet step
45. Performance
47. Paddle
49. Flow; current
52. Always
54. Deteriorated Iron
55. Pig Pen
56. Same score
57. Outside (pref.)
59. Toe; prong of fork (Scot)
60. Station (abbr.)
63. Form of verb "Be"
62. Leaves
64. Grain
65. But
66. Resin (Scot)
67. Edu. Group (abbr.)

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