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### **Wyoming ROTC succeeds at Bataan Memorial Death March**

CHEYENNE – Cadets from the University of Wyoming's Army ROTC Program, including five cadets who are also members of the Wyoming Army National Guard, took top honors at the 22nd Annual Bataan Memorial Death March, in White Sands, N.M., April 27.

The event is a 26.2 mile marathon to commemorate the sacrifice of the troops forced to march, and in many cases die, in the malaria infested jungles of the Philippines, by their Japanese captors, during World War II.

Competitors included a female team which placed first in their category. The team was led by ROTC freshman Leslie Brazil, and Barbara Cook, a senior and Wyoming Army National Guardsman. Brazil and Cook finished the competition in 4 hours, 49 minutes, 23 seconds. A second behind were junior Katie Varney, senior Cheyenne Walsh, and Holly Reiner, a freshman and Wyoming Army National Guardsman.

The male team, which carried 35 pounds of equipment in ruck sacks as they competed in boots and the Army Combat Uniform, placed second in their category. The team was paced by sophomore Eric Ensor, at 5 hours, 54 minutes, 23 seconds. A second behind was sophomore and Wyoming Army National Guardsman Jeremiah Longo, followed a second behind, by fellow sophomore and Guardsman Christopher Peterman, and sophomore

Chaunecey Ary. Senior and Wyoming Army National Guardsman Eli Varney turned in time of 5 hours, 54 minutes, 45 seconds.

Cadet Charles Schull also placed first in his age group and 9th overall in the Military Light category.

Since its inception, the memorial march includes more than 5,000 marchers from around the world, both military and civilian.

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ROTC Heavy Teams

2nd. 29:33:38 UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING ROTC (5:54:44)

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1	5:54:42	ERIC ENSOR (Sophomore)	16B
2	5:54:43	JEREMIAH LONGO (sophomore)	16C
3	5:54:44	CHRISTOPHER PETERMAN(sophomore)	16A
4	5:54:44	CHAUNECEY ARY (Sophomore)	16D
5	5:54:45	ELI VARNEY (Senior)	16E

ROTC female civilian

1st. 24:06:58 UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING ROTC (4:49:24)

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1	4:49:23	LESLIE BRAZIL (Freshman)	357C
2	4:49:23	BARBARA COOK (Senior)	357B
3	4:49:24	KATIE VARNEY (Junior)	357A
4	4:49:24	CHEYENNE WALSH (Senior)	357D
5	4:49:24	HOLLY REINER (Freshman)	357E