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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SMITH COMMISSIONED

CHARLESTON, IL--Karl Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith of Woodlawn, has been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Eastern Illinois University.

Smith is a 1985 graduate of Webber Township High School in Bluford and is a senior majoring in German.

During the past school year, he served as a company executive officer and as a MS III tactical officer for the EIU battalion.

Smith has been active with the rugby team and Leadership Excellence Club. He has earned his airborne wings and the Army Service Ribbon.

Smith will be serving the 130th Infantry Regiment of the Illinois National Guard.