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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RICHARDS COMMISSIONED

CHARLESTON, IL--Robert S. Richards, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Robert M. Richards of Decatur, has been commissioned
as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army through the
Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Eastern Illinois
University.

Richards is a 1986 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School and is a senior majoring in zoology.

During the past school year, Richards served as the battalion executive officer and recruiting officer for the EIU battalion.

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RICHARDS COMMISSIONED

He has been the general chairman for the annual blood drive at Eastern for the last three semesters and was a member of Phi Sigma and Beta Beta Beta, an honorary society for zoology majors.

Richards was one of only 50 cadets in the nation to attend cadet troop leadership training in the Republic of Korea. He has received the Distinguished Military Student Award, Academic Achievement Award, Association of the U.S. Army Award, Society of the War of 1812 Award and the Cadet of the Month award twice.

Richards has been commissioned into the medical service corps with an educational delay for advanced schooling.