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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

STUDENT CADETS RECEIVE ROTC AWARDS

CHARLESTON -- Seventeen student cadets were awarded for their outstanding participation during Eastern Illinois University's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Panther Battalion field training exercises held recently at Hood's Farm in Ashmore and Fox Ridge State Park south of Charleston.

Field training exercises are held every semester and give cadets hands-on training to complement what they have learned in laboratories and in classes.

Eastern's Army ROTC battalion was recognized as one of the best programs within the U.S. Army Second ROTC Region in 1994. The Panther Battalion received the Region Resource and Cadet Management Excellence and Program Management Excellence Awards. The second region is comprised of more than 100 ROTC programs in the Midwest.

Eastern, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. More than 11,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. Non-traditional and part-time students are

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enrolled in programs at both on- and off-campus sites. University faculty are involved in a wide range of research and public service activities.

Listed below are students who were recognized:

ASSUMPTION--David Dust, son of Don and Linda Dust of Assumption; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential and a Certificate of Appreciation for assisting in the training of cadets by serving as an opposing force member; 1994 graduate of Central A & M High School in Moweaqua; sophomore graphic design major.

AURORA--Brett Cummins, son of William and Dawn Cummins of Aurora; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership and physical stamina while negotiating the grenade assault course; junior social science major.

CENTRALIA--Timothy Draves, son of Don and Betty Draves of Centralia; awarded a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding physical stamina while negotiating the grenade assault course and assisting in the training of cadets by serving as a rifle squad member during night patrol; 1993 graduate of Carlyle High School; junior finance major. Matt Stein, son of Lonnie Stein of Centralia; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential and physical stamina while negotiating the grenade assault course; 1989 graduate of Centralia High School; junior English major.

CHATHAM--Dave Leach, son of Dave and Janet Leach of Chatham; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential while

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participating in the field exercises; 1993 graduate of Glenwood High School in Chatham; sophomore aerospace engineering major.

CHICAGO--Maura Dalton, daughter of Bill and Norine Dalton of Chicago; received a Certificate of Appreciation for assisting in the training of cadets; 1994 graduate of Maria High School in Chicago; sophomore physical education major. Jennifer Pfister, daughter of Frank and Alice Pfister of Chicago; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential and a Certificate of Appreciation for assisting in the training of cadets; 1994 graduate of Queen of Peace High School in Burbank; a sophomore physical education major.

CISNE--Steven Atteberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Atteberry of Cisne; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential; 1994 graduate of Cisne High School; freshman geology major.

CLARENDON HILLS--Matthew P. Mattson, son of John Hrusik and Marilyn Hrusik of Clarendon Hills; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding physical stamina while negotiating the grenade assault course; 1987 graduate of Downers Grove South High School; junior speech communication major.

GEORGETOWN--Jacob Tutwiler, son of Sherry and Virgil Tutwiler, Jr. of Georgetown; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating physical stamina while negotiating the grenade assault course; 1995 graduate of Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School; freshman history major.

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INVERNESS--Alethea Bodden, daughter of Greg Bodden of East Liverpool, OH., and Phaedra Sekmakas of Inverness; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential while participating in the field exercises and awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for assisting in the training of cadets by serving as an opposing force member; 1993 graduate of Fremd High School in Palatine; junior television communications and public relations major.

NORTHBROOK--Todd Siau, son of Dan and Lynn Siau of Northbrook; received a Certificate of Appreciation for assisting in the training of cadets; 1993 graduate of Glenbrook North High School; sophomore undeclared major.

OAK PARK--William Buckley, son of William and Deborah Buckley of Oak Park; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential; 1994 graduate of Oak Park and River Forest High School; sophomore physical education major. Mark Jacobs, son of Gary and Patricia Jacobs of Oak Park; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential; 1995 graduate of Oak Park and River Forest High School; freshman sociology major.

PARK FOREST--Kirt Schmidt, son of Kathleen Schmidt of Park Forest; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential; 1992 graduate of Rich East High School in Park Forest; sophomore chemistry major.

SPRINGFIELD--Ruthann M. Rundle, daughter of Stephen Schwark and Elaine

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Rundle-Schwark of Springfield; received a Certificate of Achievement in Outstanding Company Leadership as first sergeant; 1994 graduate of Springfield High School; sophomore elementary education major.

STAUNTON--Travis King, son of Danny and Helen King of Staunton; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential; 1994 graduate of Staunton High School; sophomore technology education major.

WOODRIDGE--Karen Irwin, daughter of Russ and Sue Ruhnow of Woodridge; received a Certificate of Achievement for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential; 1994 graduate of Downers Grove North High School; sophomore marketing major.