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ROTC AWARDS

CHARLESTON, IL--Evan Mahan, son of Mr. and Mrs Thomas H.

Mahan of Elburn, is the recipient of the American Legion gold

medal in General Military Studies and has been awarded membership

to the Run for Your Life Club through the U.S. Army Reserve

Officers' Training Corps at Eastern Illinois University.

The American Legion award is given to an Army ROTC cadet for a high degree of excellence in general military studies or scholastic endeavors during his or her third or fourth year.

Mahan became a member of the Run for Your Life Club after running a minimum of 300 miles during the past school year.

A 1984 graduate of Kaneland High School in Maple Park, Mahan was a senior majoring in history in the spring semester.

The ROTC trains college students to become commissioned officers as second lieutenants in the Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve Forces.