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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ROTC AWARDS

CHARLESTON, IL--Tammie R. Bellephant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Bellephant of Kankakee, has been awarded the Military Order of the World Wars Award (gold medal) 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 Military Order of the World Wars Award is presented to a first, second, and third year Army ROTC cadet for overall improvement in military and scholarship studies during the school year.

Bellephant became a member of the Run for Your Life Club after running a minimum of 200 miles during the past school year.

A 1987 graduate of Kankakee High School, Bellephant was a junior majoring in speech communication 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.