

A Strong Family Legacy & the Value of Unity

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Peter Eubank '28, an agricultural leadership and management major from Company B-2, is not like other fish in the Corps. The fourth generation of his family to attend Texas A&M and join the Corps, Peter is proud to extend the family legacy that began when his great-grandfather, Bransford "Cushi" Eubank, graduated in 1922. He was followed by Peter's grandfather, Reverend Louis Allan "Spider" Eubank '50, and his father, Reverend David Allan Eubank '83. David, after serving in the Special Forces as an Army Ranger,

founded Free Burma Rangers (FBR), a nonprofit humanitarian service movement for oppressed ethnic minorities of all races and religions in the Burma, Iraq, Kurdistan, Syria, and Sudan war zones. He and his wife Karen raised their two daughters, Suuzanne '24, Sahale '25, and son Peter in these overseas nations. The family's mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ and to help free people from oppression. For his service to our country and to these oppressed people groups, Peter's father was inducted into the

Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor in 2019. Certainly, Peter watched examples of the Corps values modeled in his family since his birth, but he says it was growing up in the jungles of Burma and participating in the work of FBR that have been the perfect preparation for his Corps experience.

"My family was moving all the time, never spending more than a month in the same place," says Peter. "It's given me a unique perspective, a crazv adventure that provided me with endless opportunities for leadership and learning, from physical training to driving horse teams through the jungle to driving armored ambulances through Mosul, and carrying the wounded to safety. Our parents raised me and my sisters to believe and seek after Jesus."

Peter explains what was like to grow up with his father David, a Ross Volunteer and Rudder's Ranger. "He's an old grisly [bear], fierce and strong, but he can be tender, too. Full of integrity. He was like a platoon leader, and I was a private. That was one reason why I wanted to join an allmale Army-focused outfit, like he did. I joined Company B-2, because I wanted to be a Patriot," he says.

Growing up as he did made Peter stronger than many, but he says the Corps still has been a physical challenge for him. When asked if the reality of the Corps met his expectations, he says yes. "I expected the discipline and to strive for excellence, and those were right. At first, there were some [Corps] traditions that I thought were silly, but the more I learned about them and where they came from, the more I understood and appreciated them. Those traditions are a way to honor and remember those who have gone before."

Raised so differently from his buddies. Peter considers it a blessing to enter the Corps with a practical understanding of how unity helps groups succeed. "FBR is a tight-knit

team that operates in war zones, so even as a kid I knew the importance of unit cohesion. Now with my fish buddies it is simple. Not that it is easy. FOW and my first semester were hard, and there were times I thought about quitting, but I prayed and decided I wanted to stay, purely because God gave me peace and a new view in my heart to stay."

Peter plans to return to Burma and resume the mission of FBR alongside his parents following graduation.



