

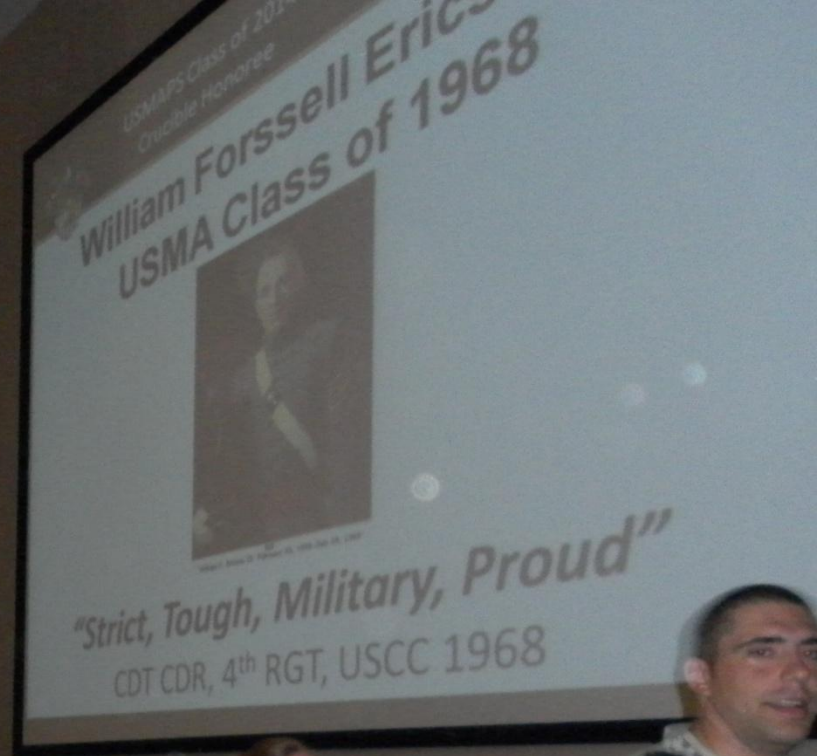
**Are you ready to be challenged?  
Desire, Faith, Effort  
The Ericson Challenge 2013**



**Dutch giving the motivational speech for the Send-off to 27 Squads (243 Cadet Candidates) at 0600 hrs. Wednesday, 7 August 3013**



**OPORD Briefing Complete.  
It's time to get after it!  
No task too Great!**



**The Class of '68 is here to help  
and inspire. No Task to Great!!!  
Now some target practice.**



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# Class of '68 Vice President Dutch Hostler leads the final charge of the Ericson Challenge



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**The Cadet Candidates and USMAPS 26<sup>th</sup> Commandant LTC Steve Ruth presented Mrs. Clare Ericson-Barkovic with a plaque of appreciation for sharing Bill's legacy with the Vanguard of the Class of 2018. We appreciate the support from the USMA Class of '68 for their involvement in the Vanguard Project. No task too Great for '68!**





**Winning Squad of the Ericson Challenge  
with Mrs. Clare Ericson-Barkovic and  
Class of '68 Vice President Dutch Hostl**