

Setting the bar 'HIGH'



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I cannot claim credit for the title of this article. That honor goes to Mr. Terry Fairbrother from The Village of Wayland, in Northern Steuben County, in beautiful Western New York.

There are many perks to the Circuit Rider job. One of which is getting to meet so many interesting people. Most are just great folks and some are...well, we won't go there. On occasion, we get to know some of these folks on a close, personal basis and truly become friends beyond the workplace. I'm proud to say it is like that with a lot of the folks I work with. I have been privileged to enjoy such a relationship with Terry Fairbrother, Public Works Superintendent for The Village of Wayland.

Today, we 'old timers' (come on now, you know who you are) are often justifiably alarmed at what we see and hear from the younger generation as they are preparing to steer the course of society's future. There are many examples of complacency, irresponsibility, disrespect, and defiance bantered about 'The Kids of Today'! (Remember when that was us?)

Well folks, I am very pleased to present you with a fine example of the extreme opposite end of the spectrum. I have had the pleasure to meet Mr. Drew Fairbrother, son of Julie and Terry Fairbrother. It has been, and is, breathtaking to follow the course Drew has chosen to take throughout his life. In his 'spare' time, Drew would seek out some way to be a civil servant including: reading to (or assisting) the elderly, helping out around his hometown, etc.

I asked Terry to put together a biography on Drew that I could share with you folks and he wrote the following very brief account:

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At a time when so many young men and women graduate high school and face the question "what am I going to do now?", comes a story of a determined young person who is reaching for his ultimate goal. Drew Fairbrother graduated high school at Wayland – Cohocton School in Wayland, New York, a small village 50 miles south of Rochester. Prior to graduation Drew went after, and received a full four year, all inclusive, Army R.O.T.C. scholarship to St. Bonaventure University in Olean, New

York, en route to his life goal to become an International Attorney for the military. He is now finishing his sophomore year at Bonaventure. He has managed a 4.0 G.P.A. in each of his first two years. Being an Army Cadet means getting up for P.T. every morning at 4:30 A.M. for 3 hours of training and then completing all of his college courses.

Upon graduation from Bonaventure, Drew will be awarded a Military Commission as a Second Lieutenant and will go directly to Columbia School of Law for three years, where he will receive his law degree. Since attending Bonaventure, Drew has studied in Italy and leaves for France to study at the American University in Paris for a period of five months. As things wind down later in the year, he will attend Airborne Jump School at Fort Benning in Georgia where he will receive his wings. At a very unsure time in the world, it is very inspiring to hear a story of such determination and pride. Good luck and we look forward to hearing great things in the future.

Your Dad

The following picture is of Drew flanked by his Dad, Terry, and his Mom, Julie. This picture radiates justifiable love and pride!



I would like the Fairbrother family to know that the folks at New York Rural Water Association share in their pride and appreciate them sharing their story with us and our readers. Drew, I'd like to salute you, again shake your hand and express my sincere appreciation for the inspiring example you set for each and every one of us.

Safety and Godspeed my friend!! 💧