



# MARAUDERS: BUILDING LEADERS

High school football offers student athletes a challenging opportunity to excel physically and mentally. It also teaches the positive values of teamwork, determination, and the selfless devotion to a common goal.

In our series "Building Leaders", we present Marauders who exhibit these qualities in their daily lives.

*National Purple Heart Leadership Excellence Award Winner 2014.  
Honor/Leadership Challenge Coin Award.  
Cadet Leadership Course:  
"Best Cadet of the Cycle Award"  
for Professional development.  
Ranger Challenge West Coast  
Runner Up 2014.*

*To be Commissioned in May, 2016 as a  
Second Lieutenant in the United States  
Army - Medical Services Branch.*



**Robert Cook**  
Marauder - Class of 2007  
Graduate Student, SDSU  
Reserve Officer in Training  
United States Army

Robby Cook was a lineman on the Marauder football team. Playing both Defensive Tackle and Offensive Center, he knew what it was like to be "in the trenches." It's tough, physically demanding, and your teammates' success depends on your will and determination.

For Rob, that desire to contribute to other's success carried over into his college years at San Diego State. He played on the nationally ranked Aztec rugby team. He was interested in the mental side of sport - what drives people to work hard together, to play through pain, to achieve goals. This directed Rob to his undergraduate degree in psychology.

While in school and the Army Reserve, Rob has been actively demonstrating his concern for others, volunteering as a Vocational Counselor helping those with physical and mental disabilities find employment and independence. He has worked to benefit homeless Veterans, as well as serving with the National Alliance on Mental Illness suicide hotline.

Rob is currently in the final year of his Master's Degree, with plans for a Ph.D. in Clinical or Rehabilitation Psychology and medical school. From there he will join the Army Medical Services Branch, where his role as a military psychologist and therapist will call on his experience "in the trenches."



**SDSU**  
*Class of 2012  
Aztecs Rugby  
Hooker and Eightman. Started 41 games.  
League Champions all five years.  
SDSU Rugby Ranked 3rd Nationally in 2009-2010,  
6th in 2011 and 14th in 2012. Appeared in three  
National Championship Tournaments.*



**Marauders**  
*Class of 2007  
Football - Off. and Def. Line.  
Eastern League Champions.  
Wrestling - Heavyweight and  
Team Captain.  
Eastern League Champions.  
Swimming.  
3.2 GPA*



If you have information about former Marauders who are leaders, please contact the Webmaster at [info@marauderfootball.com](mailto:info@marauderfootball.com).