



WELCOME TO OUR

Alumni Newsletter

We've missed you

BC TO HONOR GRAD

2LT Jake Ryan



2LT Ryan recently graduated from Eagle Battalion. After serving at the C/BC he went on to excel at BOLC. "During my time at BOLC, I was most proud of being voted best leader at FTX as well as earning the Distinguished Leadership award (DLA). "The DLA was voted by my peers as the best leader in the class. This meant a lot to me, and a lot of the credit goes to EBAR for helping me become the leader I am today. I know I still have so much more to learn and I am extremely excited for what's to come."

He went on to thank Eagle Battalion: "EBAR set me up tremendously for success. Take notes and learn from all of the Cadre there. Use them as your mentors as you go throughout your career. The Cadre at EBAR have done a lot in the Army and know the rights versus wrongs. Again, take advantage of the training you get. The more you put into the program the more you will get from it and it will only benefit you in the end. Get involved and stay involved, not only with ROTC but also focus on your schooling. "

On the topic of BOLC 2LT said: "Go into BOLC with an expectation to learn and to work hard. Also come in confident in yourself, but know you have so much more to learn. You're gonna meet some amazing people, there's gonna be hard times and challenges but you're gonna push through them and there's going to be fun times. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. In fact BOLC is the time to make mistakes and learn from them. Take advantage of the training and do everything you can to learn and soak in as much as possible. The three things that led me to success was 1. be on time 2. be in the right uniform 3. show up ready to engage and learn. "

He concluded with giving cadets one last piece of advice: "Don't do it for the credit and acknowledgement, do it because you care and the credit will come naturally."

Lets keep in touch

LET US KNOW HOW GREAT YOU ARE

You are amazing and we know it. Help us tell others. Reach out to rotc@uwlax.edu to tell us your stories and we'll highlight it in coming newsletters.



Labs gone local

WE ALL LOVE UWL BUT LABS ARE SPREAD EVENLY NOW

For the first time in years labs are held at a university other than UWL. As a Bravo Company cadet, few things bring this writer greater joy than seeing Alpha Cadets make that drive to Winona State or Viterbo. 2-3 labs are held at the other schools per semester. It's important for the Battalion's presence to be felt at other universities. Being able to see large numbers of cadets at a time is important to remind students that we exist on other campuses.



"I learned the most from my peers"

"AND I LEARNED AIR "ASSULT" THINGS." -CADET MCCORMICK

Cadet McCormick attended Air Assault school at Warrior Training Center, Ft Benning GA 23JAN-03FEB. While there he learned a lot about the functioning of the Army as a whole as his peers were from all facets of the Army in all walks of life. He said he took many lessons to heart. He went on to say that while he learned about Air Assault related skills the most impactful lessons he learned were from his fellow soldiers.

"It's pushed me to want to go to more schools. To better myself and to learn more about the Army and the people who make it up."



West Point Cyber Leaders Conference

"IF YOU GET OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE ARMY OR ROTC, TAKE THEM" - CADET VOILAND

Cadet Voiland attended the West Point Cyber Leaders Conference from 30JAN to 01FEB. OCS Candidates, Military Academy and ROTC Cadets all branching Cyber were able to meet and speak to Cyber officers. Cadets learned about life as a new LT, branch makeup, and BOLC routes. Cadets were able to attend various breakout sessions to learn about different career paths. The event consisted of speakers explaining their career and helpful information that they've learned along the way. Cadets walked away with a greater understanding of the different aspects of the Cyber branch.

Voiland said that the event left him feeling motivated about his path as a new Cyber officer. He feels more confident as he now has a better understanding about his future as an Active-Duty Cyber officer. Since Cyber is such a young branch there can be some mystery about what it involves. As one final remark he said: "If you get opportunities from the Army or ROTC, take them. They will help impact you positively."

New Newsletter!

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

We've heard your requests and we're happy to announce the first of many Eagle Battalion Newsletters. As you all have gone on to enjoy long, successful Military careers we've kept training the next generations of future leaders. We want to celebrate both former classmates and those who have come after.





C/BC

BEN JONES

Greetings and Salutations endeared Alumni. I hope this letter finds you well. This Semester I am serving as the cadet Battalion Commander. This year we have made significant changes to our training model in effort to gain a more effective and streamlined curriculum. This semester we look forward to hosting the Northern Warfare Challenge once again and raising the trophy high at the finish line. We are always looking for Alumni to reconnect with the program. Please feel free to share any experiences that you think may be beneficial to our cadets. Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to staying in touch.



C/CSM

GAVIN MCCLELLAN

Greetings EBAR alumni, family, and friends! As the Spring 2023 c/CSM, I'm happy to be able to share with you all what Eagle Battalion has been up to recently. This semester, we have undergone significant changes in how training is planned and executed, along with a redefined mentorship program. It has been a pleasure to work with all our new Cadre members who started at EBAR this past fall. Their guidance and teachings have helped accelerate the success of this program and allow us to focus on preparing our Cadets for their futures as Army Officers. I am most excited for our coveted Northern Warfare Challenge this February, for which I also serve as the c/OIC for. We have an NWC record of 50 teams from multiple ROTC Brigades signed up to compete in the challenge, which should make this an exciting competition. EBAR is always excited to hear back from program Alumni, as your current experiences reflect the future experiences of our Cadets. Good luck with your Army careers, and I hope to see some of you out in the force following commissioning this Spring.

Looking for a way to support the Cadets of Eagle Battalion?

CONTACT CADET CLUB

Cadet Club is the cadet ran club that supports cadet life across both Alpha and Bravo Company. If you are intrested in learning how you can help support Eagle Battalion Cadets please reach out to the following cadets.

Cadet Elliott is the UWL president and can be reached at elliott6240@uwlax.edu

Cadet Meyer is the WSU president who can be reach at joseph.meyer@go.winona.edu

PMS Comments

EBAR Cadets, Family, Friends, & Alumni,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am LTC Brian Knutson, the new Professor of Military Science. I grew up in St. Paul, and was commissioned from MSU, Mankato in 2005. 17 years later, it is great to be back in the Midwest and close to family once again. I arrived in June 2022, after briefly settling-in my family, I was off to support Cadet Summer Training at Fort Knox, where I was able to meet the soon-to-be MSIVs as they graduated from Advanced Camp.

Fall semester was quite busy as usual. On-boarding our new MSIs and orienting them to the Eagle Battalion demonstrated to the older Cadets and cadre that the Eagle Battalion will be in good hands! We had a great FTX, despite dropping temperatures and pouring rain, the Cadets spent time on the range, and completed several iterations of land navigation. Cadets also spent a great deal of their own time volunteering and giving-back to the community through color guard events, supporting the local Scouts, and maintaining the Hixon trails. Our Ranger Challenge teams performed extremely well, with both teams taking first place in rifle and pistol marksmanship.

We are off to a busy start in the spring semester and looking forward to a lot of great events. Our Northern Warfare Challenge teams have been busy preparing for the competition on February 24th and 25th. This semester's Superlab and Combined FTX will give our MSIIIs a boost of confidence as they prepare for Advanced Camp this summer. The Eagle Battalion Military Ball is scheduled for Friday, April 28th; all EBAR Cadets, Family, Friends, & Alumni are welcome to attend! Of course, we are looking forward to the big event of commissioning our MSIVs as Second Lieutenants on May 13th.

I am honored to be a part of the Eagle Battalion, and I could not be prouder of everything the Cadets and Cadre accomplish each and every day! Be sure to look for more updates and follow us on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

BIRDS OF PREY!

-LTC Brian Knutson

