Fall Semester 2013: “It Was the Best of Times, It Was the Worst of Times”

Professor of Military Science
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To use the opening phrase from Charles Dickens’ *A Tale of Two Cities*, “it was the best of times, it was the worst of times,” seems like a reasonable opening for how things have gone at Eagle Battalion during fall semester 2013. Indeed, this semester has been a memorable time period for Eagle Battalion. There were highs and lows throughout the semester, but the cadets of Eagle Battalion persevered and are looking ahead to the challenges of Spring Semester.

Some of the highlights of the semester included the following: the Cadet Staff Planning Workshop, the New Student Orientation, the First Annual Alumni Event, the Fall Field Training Exercise, Ranger Challenge, the Dining-in, and the Fall Company Awards Ceremony. Each of these events helped the Cadets learn and develop as future leaders of the Army (clearly, “the best of times”).

The Cadet Staff Planning Workshop was held at the end of August and the MSIVs and MSIIIs participated in this event. Over the course of two days for the workshop, the MSIVs (with Cadre oversight) completed Operations Orders (OPORDs) for the events and labs that were held during the Fall Semester. It was great to see new MSIVs come together to develop these OPORDs. Once these were completed, the Cadet Company Commanders briefed the MSIIIs so that they could begin developing their plans. All of this was done before the other Cadets returned to start the fall semester.

This year the New Student Orientation was held on Saturday, 07 September, and involved the following events: morning battalion run (5K), breakfast, UW-L ropes and challenge course, rappelling, drill and ceremony, and a BBQ/tailgate. The BBQ/tailgate was also tied to the First Annual Alumni Event. The BBQ/tailgate food was good, but the Alumni turnout was lacking. Nonetheless, it was a starting point and next fall we will have the Second Annual Alumni Event and hopefully the turn out will be better.

Next the Cadets participated in the Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) and this was very enjoyable and motivating. Unlike previous years, Cadets got an opportunity to use many
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different state of the art military simulators. For example, they used the Virtual Squad Training System (VSTS), the Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer (RVTT), and the Virtual Clearance Training Suite (VCTS). These are simulators that are used to train prior to deployments, and they gave the Cadets a great opportunity to experience the latest and greatest military technology. In addition, the Cadets got to complete day and night land navigation, they all were able to shoot a M2 (.50cal machine gun) and a 240B machine gun (an experience they all enjoyed), they completed a Litter Obstacle Course, an Obstacle Course, a Confidence Course, and had a chance to experience the Medical Simulations Training Center. With all that training, the Cadets were tired when the bus back to UW-L moved out; yet, as one Cadre noted on the bus ride back, this was the first time the Cadets were awake and talking on their return trip from the FTX. Time well spent!

The Ranger Challenge this year was different from previous years. This year sequestration impacted everyone in DOD and ROTC Battalions felt some of the budget tightening. Instead of going to Fort McCoy for a Task Force Ranger Challenge competition, Cadets from Battalions within task forces completed Ranger Challenge events on their respective host campuses. This could have been a real negative for Ranger Challenge this year, but the Cadets of Eagle Battalion were inspired with the change of plans. Many competed and really pushed themselves to do their very best. In fact, as the cadets conducted the Ruck March around the campus area they received many supporting comments from La Crosse citizens who were watching the Cadets push themselves for their best time. Plus, the Cadets were able to compete in one day and they did not have to travel anywhere. Really, this change seemed to work out for the best for everyone. A good job and a pat on the back goes out to all those who participated in this event. Wear your Ranger Challenge tabs with pride!

The Dining-In was shifted to the fall semester this year and held at Viterbo University. The guest speaker this year was the Fort McCoy Garrison Commander COL Nott. He provided an inspirational speech for Cadets and the evening was a great success. In fact, it will be a long time before I forget the many interesting stories told and dance moves the Cadets demonstrated during this memorable evening.

Finally, the Cadets held a Company Awards Ceremony and this year as with every year this event is a great time to reflect on the many great accomplishments the Cadets of Eagle Battalion have completed. Following the awarding of ribbons and certificates, the Cadets immediately updated their Army Service Uniforms to reflect what they had achieved. Again, well done Eagle Battalion; wear your new ribbons with pride!

While the aforementioned were the highlights this year, there were some challenging times as well (“the worst of times”). In early October, Eagle Battalion was notified that the Department of the Army and Cadet Command were going to close the battalion at the end of September 2015. This news was the same for twelve other Army ROTC battalions throughout the country. This was, of course, devastating news for the Cadets and Cadre of Eagle Battalion, as well as many students and faculty at all four of the colleges in the battalion area of operations, the community (notably veterans in the community), alumni, and politicians at the local, state, and federal levels. Under the early guidance provided about this closure, the MSIVs and MSIIIs would have been able to graduate and commission on time, but the MSIs and MSIs would have had to relocate to another school with Army ROTC if they wanted to continue in ROTC. Not surprisingly, almost 90% of those Cadets were interested in transferring to
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for another school so that they could continue their goal of becoming a commissioned officer in the US Army. With so much for Cadets to consider and to give up with a transfer (friends, classes, instructors, goal of a degree from a particular university) it was inspiring to see the Cadets of Eagle Battalion make the difficult choice of transferring to another school so that they can be Army officers. That noted, about thirty days after the notice of closure, the Department of the Army and Cadet Command decided not to close any of the thirteen battalions, and this was partially the result of political dialogue with the Department of the Army. All thirteen battalions have now been placed under a “probationary” status and will have to meet new standards in order to remain open. As of this newsletter, it is unclear what those new standards will be, but whatever the standards, the Cadets and Cadre of Eagle Battalion will work with the leadership at all four universities and together we will meet those standards, and the tradition of Army ROTC at UW-L will continue.

In addition, there have been many staff changes at Eagle Battalion. Early in the fall semester, Jim Larson (a contractor working at the battalion) left the battalion. A short while later, newly promoted LTC Stewart departed the battalion for a deployment. Also, Mr. Divney (another contractor working at the battalion) accepted a full time position with the Wisconsin Army National Guard. Further, at the end of this coming spring semester, MSG Heise will leave Eagle Battalion after nearly five years as the SMI, and he will retire from the Army.

With all of those staff vacancies, Eagle Battalion will soon get new leaders to develop future cadets into great future Army leaders. One new member on the team that is already on the job and making a tremendous impact is CPT Chris Pendleton. CPT Pendleton just completed a tour as a Company Commander and provides great insight into what soon-to-be 2LTS can expect from their future Company Commanders. He is serving as the new MSIII instructor and doing a great job in this key position. In addition, Mr. Gano (a contractor) will arrive next week at Eagle Battalion. He has a wealth of experience, is a former Wisconsin Army National Guard Team 11 member, and after completing the Wisconsin Army National Guard Candidate School, he is a new 2LT Armor Officer. Further, the selection process for a GS Recruiting Operations Officer (ROO) is near completion and hopefully Eagle Battalion will soon get a new ROO and before the start of Spring Semester.

Clearly for Eagle Battalion, this semester has been a test of resilience, a challenge to endure, and emblematic of “the best of times, and the worst of times.” Throughout the semester, however, inspiration was evident in Cadre and Cadets and regardless of the hardships endured in fall semester, Spring Semester will be a “far, far, better thing that we do.”
Perspective of a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer

Senior Military Instructor
MSG Scott Heise

This year has been a transitional year for me as we welcomed Captain Pendleton to our Cadre and I moved over to instruct the MSIIIs. Captain Pendleton has taken on the responsibility of instructing the MSIII classes and preparing our MSIIIs for their attendance at the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC).

I had always been told that there was a distinct difference between teaching Basic (MSI and MSII) and Advanced (MSIII and MSIV) courses but I had never experienced the academic reality of teaching a basic course until this Fall. The first thing I noticed in my transition was the relative lack of stress involved in working with the MSIIIs. What I have found is that there is a contrast between what I consider an academic (Basic course) versus a life (Advanced course) experience. As the MSII instructor, I find myself more concerned with academic progress and ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the material at the expense of practical application (the MSIIIs are responsible for teaching the practical aspects of most topics), whereas MSIII was more outcomes based.

During my four years as the MSIII instructor, I was focused on instilling, in the MSIII, an appreciation for the professional commitment required of our future leaders. That is, I needed for our Cadets truly to understand that ROTC was not just a means to an end (commission), but an opportunity for us (Cadre) to ensure that our commissionees earn the privilege of leading our Soldiers. This focus meant I was much less concerned about the acquisition of absolute knowledge, than I was with the internalization of the professional Army ethic, and the expectations of those who enter the profession of arms.

Over the past few weeks, Captain Pendleton and I have compared notes about the whole MSIII experience. It wasn't until we compared perspectives (Captain Pendleton just completed his tour as a Company Commander) that I realized why we have such different approaches to teaching the MSIII class... It doesn't have anything to do with personalities, but everything to do with perspective. As a Company Commander, Captain Pendleton was a teacher, coach, and mentor to his lieutenants, but from a mission accomplishment/resource management perspective. As a Company Commander, Captain Pendleton needed to know he could trust his lieutenants to solve problems, organize resources, and ultimately accomplish the mission; basically, a "top down" perspective.

My perspective is from the "bottom up..." I have spent my entire career in a direct follower role relative to Lieutenants, Captains, Majors, Lieutenant Colonels, and Colonels, and I know through 30 years of experience that when the officers appointed over me make mistakes, it is my Soldiers and I who pay the price for their mistakes. Consequently, I am acutely aware of the commitment of my future leaders. I want to know that the Cadets who pass through our program "get it" before they pin on their gold bars. I need our graduates to be focused on the mission, but not at the expense of their Soldiers. I need them to understand that no one stands alone at the top, and that they will never succeed by them-
Farewell, LTC Stewart

Executive Officer
LTC Jayson Stewart

The Army gave me orders to support operations in Afghanistan once again. December 2013 is my departure for a one year tour. My wife and I are ‘old hats’ at this with 3 years in combat zones and another 9 months in a Stability and Support Operations (SASO) position already. Following the deployment, Alice and I are planning to move to Kansas where I will be an instructor at the Command General Staff College. As I prepare to move on, here are some parting thoughts about our time here in La Crosse.

ROTC has good memories. I remember a number of activities from ROTC in the mid 1990s, I hope you have great memories from your years here in La Crosse Army ROTC.

Much is expected in ROTC for Cadets – but more is yet to come. There is a great deal of time expected of the upperclassmen in support of operations, but there will be more requirements when you become a LT. It is one of the reasons the civilian market cherishes military persons – we have drive, capability, and are not afraid to work.

Learn your leadership style – learning is what college is for. The Army is not systems like tanks or helicopters, it is people. As such, leaders are needed to provide the direction and guidance to make the Army run. Each person has their own style, capability, quirks, and strengths. From the leaders you have been exposed to, internalize what works for you; discard what does not.

Work hard, play hard – all work makes for a dull life; all play makes for a useless person. Be able to push production in your workplace but use your free time to enjoy the freedoms you protect/will be protecting. People will depend on you to get things done. You will need to have outlets to remain productive.

And finally, thanks. Frequently in the Army over time, we start to lose touch with the younger generations due to lack of exposure. Being here at UWL ROTC has provided me with a sampling of the next generation of leaders. You think, act, and execute differently than my generation for the most part. But it works. It provides me with confidence the Army will be in good hands with people like you running it.

Best of luck in all your future endeavors. Feel free to drop me a note at jayson.l.stewart.mil@mail.mil if you have any questions I can assist with.
Welcome Mr. Joseph Gano

Senior Military Science Instructor Contractor-Ventura Group

Mr. Joseph L. Gano is a new Ventura Group contractor at Eagle Battalion. He will serve as a Senior Military Science Instructor and teach MSIs during the Spring Semester 2014. He will also serve the Battalion as the Assistant S-3.

In addition to being a contractor, Mr. Gano is a 2LT Armor Officer in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. He currently serves as a Platoon Leader for Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron, 105th Cavalry Regiment, which is part of the 32d Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Further, he is a graduate of the Wisconsin Military Academy where he received the Donald P. Whitman award for academic excellence and was selected for the Commandants list while attending Armor Basic Officer Leaders Course. His additional military education includes: The Army Reconnaissance Course, Army Advanced Situational Awareness Training, Master Resiliency Trainers Course, Rappel Master Course, Air Assault Course, Battalion Career Counselors Course, 79T Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Course, 79T Transition Course, 11B Basic Non-commissioned Officers Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, 11B Infantryman Transition Course and Armor Crewman One Station Unit Training.

Prior to his new assignment as a contractor for Eagle Battalion, he served as the National Guard Liaison and Recruiting Operations NCO for the Department of Military Science at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Other notable assignments include positions as a Senior Recruiting and Retention NCO, Battalion Career Counselor, Assistant Brigade Operations NCO, NBC Smoke and Decon Squad Leader, Tank Commander and Battalion Operations Assistant.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 3, the Army Service Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hour Glass, the Overseas Service Ribbon, ARNG Senior Recruiting Badge, Career Counselor Badge and Air Assault Badge.

Finally, Mr. Gano graduated Magna Cum Laude from Upper Iowa University with a Bachelors of Science in Human Resource Management. He resides in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. He is also active in the American Legion (Post 246) in Stevens Point, the National Guard Association of the United States, the Wisconsin National Guard Association, and the Light Horse Cavalry Association.

Welcome to Eagle Battalion, Mr. Gano!
Welcome to CPT Pendleton

Assistant Professor of Military Science
CPT Christopher Pendleton

I am Captain Christopher D. Pendleton, and I am from Fenton, Michigan. I joined the Army Reserve in January 2001 as a Carpenter/Mason Specialist (51B). In 2003 I joined the ROTC at Central Michigan University and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to the 101st Airborne Division in 2004.

My assignments include: Assistant Professor of Military Science, Eagle Battalion ROTC, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; Commander, Bravo Company, 100th Brigade Support Battalion, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Support Operations Plans Officer, 100th Brigade Support Battalion, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Support Operations Officer, 129th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Fort Campbell, KY; Support Operations Maintenance Officer, 129th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion; and Platoon Leader, 584th Maintenance Company, Fort Campbell, KY.

My military and civilian education include: Support Operations Course, Logistics Captains Career Course, Ordnance Officer Basic Course, and Modern Army Combative Level I Course. I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, MI.

My combat deployments include: Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07 with the 584th Maintenance Company in Tikrit, and Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09 with the 129th CSSB in Al Anbar.

My awards and decorations include: The Bronze Star Medal, The Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with OLC, Army Achievement Medal, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hourglass Device.

I am married to my wife, Sherri, and we have four daughters, Torey (25), Layla (13), Danielle (6) and Kira (4). I am very excited to be here and look forward to instructing the next generation of Army leaders!

Eagle Battalion Recruiting

Recruiting Operations Officer
Vacant

Eagle Battalion will soon have a new Recruiting Operations Officer. The expectation is to have this new member of Eagle Battalion on the team before the start of Spring Semester 2014. A short biography of the new ROO will appear in the next Eagle Battalion Newsletter.

The following is information about ROTC scholarships for Eagle Battalion Cadets and future students interested in joining Eagle Battalion.

Scholarships
Army ROTC offers you several opportunities for scholarships worth up to $7,500 annually at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and Winona State University, $11,500 annually at St. Mary's, and $19,000 annually at Viterbo University (does not include Viterbo's incentive based scholarship for Army ROTC scholarship winners).

Special 2, 3, and 4 year scholarships are designated for nursing students. For Viterbo nursing students, an Army ROTC scholarship can be worth as much as $80,000!

Army ROTC also offers a four-year and three-year advanced designee scholarships to high school seniors. For High School Seniors interested in applying for one of these scholarships, contact your school’s guidance counselor or contact us.

We also have three-year and two-year ROTC scholarships available to students already on campus. These scholarships are awarded directly by the UW-L ROTC department for use at one of the above listed schools. The applications for these scholarships are available at the Department of Military Science, located on the lower level of Whitney Center on UW-L's campus.
Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP)

CDT Ashley Janovick
Cadet 5-5

The Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP) is one run through the Army ROTC's Cadet Command, in which hundreds of Cadets across the U.S. spend up to three weeks somewhere overseas to immerse themselves and experience another culture. This CULP deployment is considered an active duty mission with the U.S. Army, which is why Cadets are issued a Common Access Card (CAC) prior to leaving the U.S. In 2012, approximately 1,200 Cadets participated in the CULP program and traveled to various places around the world. Cadets have the opportunity to choose out of 40 possible countries, this program is beneficial to their future careers as officers. This program produces officers who possess cultural understanding and language skills needed in 21st Century global operations.

CDT Nora Krueger, who traveled to Thailand during the summer of 2013 stated, “I learned about my own culture, the good things and the bad things about it. I learned about myself, grew within myself, and made new Thai and American friends. CULP is a fantastic program that I was lucky to take part in and it is important that it be continued in the future so that other future U.S. military leaders will have the opportunity to learn of new cultures and work with people from other nations.” Part of the cultural training that takes place includes learning a foreign language, military courtesies and customs, economic standing, everyday life, etc. When deciding upon a country to visit, Cadets have the option of choosing from three different mission options: military-to-military, humanitarian service, or education on the cultural, social, and historical features regarding the country. CULP slots are very competitive and given out based on a number of factors such as GPA, Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) scores, a written essay, etc.

In the past, Eagle Battalion has had several Cadets participate in the CULP program. CDT Erin Schneider traveled to the Republic of Georgia, and CDTs Ashley Janovick and Melissa Linden traveled to Tanzania, Africa in the summer of 2012. CDT Zach Gust traveled to Senegal, Africa, and CDTs Nora Krueger and Megan Sopkowiak traveled to Thailand in the summer of 2013. Pre-deployment requirements for Cadets include tasks such as receiving a recommendation from your school’s Professor of Military Science (PMS), writing a research essay based on your chosen country, sign up for an Army Knowledge Online (AKO) account, applying for a CULP course online, obtaining civilian (blue) and government (red) passports, complete Survive, Evade, Resist, Extract (SERE-100) and anti-terrorism (AT-1) training, and receiving required immunizations.

In 2014, Cadets have the option of traveling to US Army North (North America), US Army South (Central & South America), US Army Europe (West & Eastern Europe including Russia), US Army Africa (African Continent), CENTCOM (Middle East), US Army Pacific (Asia, SE Asia, Pacific Island Nations). One future goal of Cadet Command is to have at least half of all Cadets participate in the CULP program and immerse themselves in foreign nations. A great place to go for more information is http://www.cadetcommand.army.mil/culp/.

CDT Linden with Tanzanian students.

CDT Gust with Senegalese military personnel.

CDT Krueger with Thai military personnel.
Organizations that Support the Military

CDT Travis Beard
Cadet S-3

There are many non-governmental organizations that support military personnel during and after their service. The Association of the United States Army (AUSA), the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and the American Legion are available for service members to come together for common causes.

AUSA is a private, non-profit organization representing past and present service members on Capital Hill, and providing professional development to its members. AUSA works to support all components of the Army, Wounded Warriors, family members, governmental employees and more. AUSA also welcomes anyone interested in professional development and military support to join, including members of all branches of service, family members, and even concerned citizens with no military affiliation.

MOAA’s mission is to represent the Officers of the American Military by providing input, and developing resolutions to political issues to legislations which in any way affect current service members, veterans, and the retired community. Resolutions are developed from the views of MOAA members, allowing even the smallest voice to be heard on capital hill. MOAA is also devoted to ensuring all members are receiving their full benefits and compensation, and serves as advocates for them if there is an issue.

The VFW is devoted specifically to supporting veterans who have served over 30 consecutive days overseas, 60 non-consecutive days in Korea, have ever received imminent danger pay, or taken hostile fire. The VFW’s mission and vision are closely intertwined, focusing on fostering esprit de corps among veterans, and ensuring they are receiving all of their earned benefits. In recent years, the VFW has fought to improve the quality of VA medical centers, and improve overall health care for veterans.

Lastly, the American Legion strives to bring local opinions of its members to the attention of representatives in Washington D.C. They do this by developing communities, and mentoring youth through various programs they run across the United States. These programs include baseball tournaments, legion motorcycle rides, flag advocacy and many more.

Despite differences, each of these organizations provides opportunities for service members, veterans, and citizens alike to get involved and fight for the rights and benefits of military personnel. These organizations allow service members and citizens alike join together to support one another through influencing government procedure, developing great camaraderie in the process.
Practical Summer Field Training: Invaluable Experience in the “Real Army”

CDT Alex Hefner  
Cadet Executive Officer

During the summer between their MSIII and MSIV years, cadets have the opportunity to participate in practical summer field training. The two most common courses that cadets can participate in are DCLT and CTLT. DCLT (Drill Cadet Leadership Training) is a program where cadets are attached to training units such as basic training or AIT (Advanced Individual Training). CTLT (Cadet Troop Leadership Training) is a similar program that is not based in a basic training or AIT environment but rather a traditional line unit.

This past summer I had the opportunity to attend DCLT at Ft. Lee, VA, prior to LDAC (Leadership Development and Assessment Course). I was attached to B CO of the 16th Ordnance Battalion. This unit is an AIT unit, which means they provide instruction to new soldiers on their individual job skills following their completion of basic training. Going into it I was quite anxious about what my Commander and XO (Executive Officer) would be expecting of me; however, that anxiety turned out to be quite unfounded. In the end, this experience would prove to be an invaluable experience for me, and one that I would wholeheartedly recommend to any cadet looking for a summer training opportunity.

While I attended DCLT my duties were very free form. I had the choice of what I wanted to do for the most part. This enabled me to experience a little bit of everything. Some of the things I particularly enjoyed included shadowing the Company Commander, conducting a mock counseling with one of the platoon sergeants, and getting a tutorial on the UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice) process that the officers go through nearly weekly. I also had the opportunity to help lead a community outreach day where we encouraged children and their parents at a nearby elementary school to get fit.

Having the opportunity to both assist in planning and executing an event like that was both fun and rewarding.

There were also times where I was able to see the more stressful and painful parts of an officer’s job. In addition to seeing multiple soldiers chaptered (kicked) out of the Army, I was part of a detail to move a soldier to a military prison, as well as another soldier’s movement to a mental health facility. These experiences brought home to me the huge responsibilities of being in charge of a unit.

I would recommend any cadet participate in either DCLT or CTLT. I enjoyed my time there and learned a lot about leadership, as well as the management of a unit. I feel that overall the experiences I had at Ft. Lee helped prepare me to be a leader in today’s Army.
Airplanes and STX Lanes

CDT Erin Schneider
Cadet Bravo Company Commander

“Jumpers! Hit it!” Those are the words I still remember hearing day after day while running to the airstrip. Commands such as those were routine while practicing jumping properly out of mock doors to jumping out of a tower onto a zipline.

This past summer I spent a little over three weeks at Ft. Benning and participated in the Army’s premiere Airborne School. Airborne School teaches Soldiers to safely load and exit an aircraft with combat equipment and land with no injury. I soon learned while falling 18-22 feet per second to keep my eyes on the horizon.

In order to complete jumps successfully in the third week, Soldiers go through two strenuous weeks of preparation. This 2 week period is what we call ground and tower week. During ground week soldiers have to complete certain requirements like take a PT test, jump out of 35-foot zip-line towers, and fall a lot.

Once ground training is completed, Soldiers move to tower training, which is where Soldiers learn how to execute a proper Parachute-Landing Fall (PLF). This is the most important lesson in Airborne School, because a proper PLF ensures Soldiers do not hurt themselves. This week includes the 250 foot tower and the swing-landing trainer where the appropriate technique to an effective, safe landing is taught. This training is what gets us to the ultimate goal, completing 5 airborne jumps. These jumps are made out of a C-130 or C-17 airplane from approximately 1250 feet above the ground.

Jump week is the most exciting, but the most anxious hours, of your life. During my jump week, a tropical storm was hitting the area, so some of the class couldn’t make jumps, while 300 completed and graduated the previous Friday. Once we got the all clear the following Monday, the 80 Soldiers that only had four jumps, finally completed the fifth and final jump and subsequently graduated Airborne School.

Airborne school is an experience I will never forget. I never thought I would be jumping out of airplanes but when the opportunity presented itself, I went for it. I am glad I did, because looking back I have learned so much and gained life long memories. I will never forget the words of my fellow cadets when they left that Friday night before me, “If there is anyone who could handle this, it’s you.” I met great people for all branches. I learned so much about the military in such a short time.

The summer presented another hurdle on my road to becoming an officer. I “crossed the bridge” that is the Leadership Development and Assessment Course, LDAC. I was fortunate to be in a highly motivated platoon and squad. LDAC is an experience where one can really feel proud to accomplish it and say, “Whew, thank goodness that is over.” LDAC grows soldiers into leaders and teammates. There are so many events at LDAC where teamwork is at its core, especially in my platoon. My platoon was one streamer away from Honor Platoon.

From bickering about what SOPs to use or whose TMK was best, it was an interesting experience. I do have to thank all the cadre and MSIVs before me because there was no experience for which I have felt more prepared. There was no event that I was not prepared for or was not confident to take the lead. Eagle Battalion might produce a small number of officers but there is no doubt in my mind that the quality of the officers it produces is high. In comparison to my peers at LDAC and from the other Eagle Battalion MSIVs, we all agree we were better prepared.
Fort McCoy and Operation Eagle Warrior

CDT Michael Oney
Cadet S-4

Fort McCoy military installation is named after Maj. Gen. Robert Bruce McCoy. Maj. Gen. McCoy was born in Kenosha, WI, in 1867. His military career began in 1895 and after only three years of service, he participated in the Spanish-American War in 1898, upon returning from the war, Maj. Gen. McCoy realized that future conflicts were inevitable and that they must put an emphasis on their training in order to better prepare for the future. Knowing this, MG McCoy's father Robert B. McCoy lived in Sparta, WI where he was considered a prominent leader. Being a Captain himself, he understood what was needed and gave the idea to his son of using the wooded land East of Sparta as an artillery camp. His son bought small tracts of land in which he turned around and rented out for grazing in order to get more money to buy even more land. Through these efforts he was able to purchase approximately 4,000 acres. Being that McCoy wanted to continue to expand on his vision he invited Maj. Samuel Allen of Fort Snelling, MN and his unit the 7th Field Artillery along with the Army board of reviewing officers to come test the land out for training. Both Maj. Allen and the Army board of reviewing officers were impressed with the land and the training opportunities it offered and were able to get the ball rolling on making this an official military camp. By 1906 the Secretary of War, William Howard Taft concluded he was an advocate of creating large joint installation of which both active and guard components could utilize. With this now approved by the Secretary of War, the McCoy land was purchased by the Army and totaled more than 14,000 acres. To this day Fort McCoy is utilized by both Active and National Guard units for all types of training, ranging from mobilization for deployments, summer annual training to even the training of Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Cadets.

The Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) is a training opportunity that occurs the last weekend of September each school year at Fort McCoy. Cadets who attend FTX are able to experience the same training that Active, National Guard and Reserve units do. The Cadets this year started off doing day and night land navigation on Friday September 27, 2013. Training continued Saturday, where they were introduced to training, Eagle Battalion has never experienced before. Cadets utilized simulations such as the Virtual Squad Training System (VSTS), Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer (RVTT) and the Virtual Clearance Training Suite (VCTS). These simulators are some of the most advanced equipment the military has to offer as they are able to provide the most realistic training scenarios. They consist of virtual training on squad missions and route clearance missions with military vehicles. After a full day of training on the simulators one might think there could not possibly be room for more training, however there was. Despite being cramped for time, early Saturday evening Cadets were familiarized with many weapon systems. They included M249 SAW, M240B, M2 .50 CAL, and the M16 as they were instructed on all the components and safety features and concluded with firing live ammunition at pop up targets at the range. On Sunday morning, the Cadets completed the litter obstacle course which taught them teamwork and the proper carrying and movement techniques when maneuvering a casualty up, over, through or beneath obstacles. Next, they moved to the Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC) where the Cadets were given brief instruction on combat life saver training and were able to practice first aid on mannequins that would actually bleed until the proper care was provided. To finish Sunday off the cadets ran through the obstacle course and confidence course, which again taught them how to work as a team to get past many challenging and some frightening obstacles in the most efficient, yet safe manner.
Old Abe

CDT Matt Wright
Cadet Command Sergeant Major

During the Civil War the 8th Wisconsin Infantry carried a bald eagle named Old Abe into battle. This eagle became a symbol of hope and inspiration the 8th Wisconsin Infantry. Old Abe is now one of the greatest symbols of Wisconsin military history. He participated in thirty-seven engagements and became a symbol to the entire nation of the Union Army at war.

During the Civil War the Eau Claire Eagles were called into federal service, and designated C Company, 8th volunteer infantry regiment. The eagle was then named Old Abe to honor President Abraham Lincoln. The 8th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry then entered the Civil War on the western front, which consisted of Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Old Abe marched with the 8th Wisconsin in every battle and prompted the south to put a bounty on him and nicknamed him the "The Yankee Buzzard." Despite being near the front line of every battle the 8th Wisconsin infantry fought in Old Abe was never injured. Old Abe was known to spread his wings and screech during battle, which became a rallying symbol for the men of the 8th. Old Abe also came to recognize the union soldier uniform. He would screech or attempt to flee when a person out of uniform approached him.

In 1864 the 8th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry left federal service and returned to Wisconsin. The unit decided to donate Old Abe to the people of Wisconsin, and presented him to governor James Lewis in Madison. Old Abe spent the remainder of his life touring the United States and living in the Wisconsin Capital Building. In 1881 Old Abe died due to wounds sustained in a fire in his aviary at the capital building. He was then preserved and put on display in the Capital building until another fire destroyed his remains in 1904. Old Abe's image has been forever immortalized in several national and Wisconsin monuments. Along with this the silhouette of Old Abe's head serves as the patch for the 101st airborne forever paying tribute to him.

The Chippewa chief Ahgamahwegzhig also known as Chief Sky, captured Old Abe in 1861 when he cut down a tree with a bald eagles nest in it. He then took and tamed the surviving baby eaglet. Chief Sky then traded the baby eaglet to Daniel McCann. The eaglet outgrew the cage and McCann's ability to support the eagle. He then tried to sell it to several Wisconsin Soldiers that were mustering at Camp Randall. Eventually he sold the eagle to the Wisconsin volunteer unit know
Through ROTC cadets are offered many exciting and interesting training opportunities. Some of those opportunities include participation in Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP), Drill Cadet Leader Training (DCLT), cadet troop leading training (CTLT), Airborne, Air Assault, Dive, Mountaineering schools, Ranger Challenge and the German Armed Forces Badge of Proficiency (GAFB) competition. GAFB competition is a particularly interesting training opportunity offered to cadets because it is a competition for a military badge from another country, and it is one of the few awards you can obtain that you are allowed to wear when you commission as an officer. The badge itself is awarded to those Soldiers and cadets that possess great physical, mental, and moral fitness.

The GAFB was created in Germany in 1980 by the Bundeswehr, which is the armed forces of the Federal Republic of Germany. The GAFB is also awarded in the United States and to other German allies. The GAFB competition is a competition open to Soldiers of all ranks and it comes in three grades. Those grades are Gold, Silver, and Bronze. In order to compete for an award competitors must pass all of the events before the pistol range. From there the pistol score puts competitors in certain competition times for the ruck march. If competitors hit 3/5 targets they are placed in the bronze category with the slowest ruck time, and if they hit 5/5 they are placed in the fastest. From that point they must complete the ruck march in the allotted time to obtain the badge. In the past the events have included, evaluation of the Soldiers’ moral and physical fitness from their commanding officer, a first aid course, an NBC (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical) test, a German physical fitness test (which includes running, sprinting, and swimming), a pistol marksmanship event, and a ruck march.

Eagle Battalion has had many cadets from Eagle Battalion compete for and win the badge. If won the badge is authorized for wear on the ASU and can be seen at any of our formal functions on the chests of those talented cadets who have earned it. The competitions are held at different times and in many locations so there is still plenty of time to compete, and if not given the opportunity as a cadet there are still many opportunities as an officer.

The GAFB is a distinguished honor that our German allies allow us to compete for and wear proudly. It bonds our countries in a spirit of camaraderie and helps to demonstrate the abilities of ourselves and our allies. More importantly than that the opportunity to compete in the GAFB competition allows for the cadets of Eagle Battalion to test themselves, bond through rigorous training, and experience more of the excitement that our future profession allows us.
Nurses Summer Training Program (NSTP)

CDT Melissa Linden
Cadet Battalion Commander

A topic of frequent discussion in the classroom of junior nursing students is internships. Where should I apply? What type of unit do I want to intern on? How am I going to prepare for interviews? For Army ROTC nursing Cadets, a unique option called Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP) is available. NSTP is a four week course most nursing cadets do after their junior year of nursing school. A majority of cadets are assigned to one of the nine Army Medical Centers located throughout the United States and Germany. Throughout the past few years, the nurses of Eagle Battalion have had the opportunity to attend NSTP at a variety of the Army Medical Centers. In summer of 2013, CDT Melissa Linden went to Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii to work on a medical-surgical floor that specialized in plastics. The summer of 2012, 2LT Brayden Hoyer went to Womack Army Medical Center in Fort Bragg, North Carolina and 2LT Kylie Janovich went to Madigan Army Medical Center in Fort Lewis, Washington. The summer of 2011, 2LT Bea Spangler (Foley) went to Landstuhl Army Medical Center in Germany.

During NSTP, each cadet is paired with an Army nurse to work at least 120 hours in a hospital setting. Most of these hours are spent working on one unit, but Cadets are given at least one opportunity to do an alternate experience in a different area of the hospital. NSTP is a great hands-on experience that helps cadets understand their unique role as an Army Nurse Corps officer and develop a greater confidence in their clinical skills.

In addition to developing valuable nursing skills, NSTP also offers colonels who have command of all the nurses in the hospital, Cadets given the opportunity to see a variety of career paths available to them. Many Army nurses take time out of their busy days to come to Cadet meetings and explain the path they took to get the positions they wanted. Cadets are briefed on training opportunities for nurses to specialize in a certain area such as emergency room nursing, community health nursing and maternal-newborn nursing. Some nurses talked about deployment opportunities and the vast array of experiences each of them had on their deployments. Additionally, Cadets listened to nurses talk about their families and the importance of finding a quality balance between home and work. NSTP truly gives nursing Cadets a look into what their futures will look like. The focus of this training is more than just teaching nursing skills. It helps nursing Cadets realize the areas of nursing and professional development that they need to focus on in their last year of school to come into the Army as fully prepared as possible to take of soldiers and their families.
Ranger Challenge Carries on Through Government Shutdown

CDT Kyle Kennedy
Alpha Company Cadet Commander

Ranger Challenge is a yearly ROTC competition among university teams throughout the country. The teams face stiff competition from schools throughout the upper Midwest, including the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, and North Dakota. Participating cadets compete to demonstrate that they have the highest standards of physical endurance as well as mental resilience. The event is conducted over three days at Ft. McCoy Wisconsin. This year, the cadets found themselves in the midst of a unique dilemma: the 2013 government shutdown. The cessation resulted in the temporary closing of some of Ft. McCoy and coincide with the date designated for Ranger Challenge, as a result, officials had to implement a series of actions in order to ensure this highly anticipated contest evolved into a reality. For quite some time, it was uncertain Ranger Challenge was going to be cancelled, therefore making the tremendous amount of work the cadets had poured into the intense training useable in the event.

The Eagle Battalion had 23 participants from its ranks ranging from freshmen through senior cadets. From these members, three teams were organized: a five female competitive team, a nine person competitive team, and a five person developmental team. These teams represent the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Viterbo University, St. Mary’s and Winona State University. The remarkably dedicated and tenacious individuals on these teams had been through rigorous physical training every day since mid-September. They arose for training by 6:00 AM, five days a week, for an entire month straight. Working as a team through day in and day out training proves to create an environment of trust among the teammates and builds a cohesive unit through shared difficult experiences, which is integral to the success of unit.

One major objective of TF McCoy was to guarantee that this effort and experience was still recognized. They began strategizing ways to establish that Ranger Challenge could still be conducted without utilizing the site of Ft. McCoy. The plan implemented included that challenges on the campuses of host schools. Six events were chosen to assess the cadets both physically and mentally. The scope of events contained the Army Physical Fitness Test, a 10k ruck march, Rope Bridge, a four mile run, a land navigation written test, and a tactics written test. These competitions occurred all within one day, which further put the cadets of Eagle Battalion to the ultimate test by driving the cadets to push themselves to new limits.

The two teams that prevailed, for TF McCoy and went to compete in Brigade Ranger Challenge were University of North Dakota for the 5 female team and Marquette University for the 9 man team. Through their endurance, perseverance, and pure grit, these groups got a little taste of what success they can grasp in the foreseeable future on the con-
Human Resource Assistant’s Corner

Charlene Purnell
Eagle Battalion HRA

During the spring semester, I’ll be meeting with MS 3 cadets to do paperwork for Warrior Forge. Some important things to think about:

1) Which regiment you’d like to request. If you have summer school, weddings, family vacations, etc., I can try to accommodate those, if I have enough notice. I cannot promise you anything except that I will do my best to meet your needs.

2) If you’d like to attend follow-on training after LDAC, i.e. CTLT, DCLT, etc.

3) If you are remotely interested in requesting Aviation as your branch, you will need to get with MSG Heise and schedule the SIFT, that’s an exam that you have to take, and pass, prior to LDAC. If you pass the SIFT, we will then arrange for you to have a flight physical at LDAC. Cadets who are planning to pursue a contract with ROTC this spring, contact me for an appointment so we can go over paperwork that is needed. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate and your banking account information (routing and account numbers) with you. If you’re an SMP cadet, I will need a copy of your MEPS physical in order to get you medically qualified. One of the forms that seems to slow cadets down in the contracting process is the CC Form 104-R, Planned Academic Worksheet. This must be filled out by the cadet and signed by your academic advisor. If you’ve not done this yet, please make it a priority in the spring. If you do not have a copy of the 104-R yet, let me know and I will email it to you.

Have a great Christmas break. Enjoy your time with family and friends. Stay safe and I’ll see you in January.

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WSU Students--How Many Credits Do I Need To Carry?

Charise Bock
UW-L University Liaison

For cadets at Winona State University, when you register each semester, please remember that you must have 12 credits before you add your Military Science course. If you do not have 12 credits (without your MS class), you may pay significantly more for tuition, because you will not be a full-time student. This will also apply if you have 12 credits (not counting your MS class) but drop a class. You, again, will not be a full-time student.

Unfortunately, your Military Science class is not counted towards your total number of credits to reach full-time student status. However, if you carry a heavy credit load including your MS course, and go over 18 credits, you will have to pay extra for any credits over 18. Winona State does count your MS credits when you go over 18 credits.

Note: If you are having trouble with your ROTC Blackboard account, please e-mail me (bock.char@uwlax.edu) with the problem. Tell me whether you can’t remember your password, you are unable to open materials, can’t post materials, or whatever it may be. If you have a problem, but I don’t already know the answer, I will find out for you.
Wisconsin Army National Guard

SFC Kevin LeQue
Eagle Battalion-WIARNG Team 11
National Guard Recruiter

Hello, Eagle BN. I’ve had the pleasure of working with you all since last February. Not only do I enjoy teaching the MSIs and participating in labs/PRT, I’ve also learned a lot along the way. The amount of time and effort you all put into the program is impressive to say the least.

The WI Army National Guard (WIARNG) just finished the Fall Branching Board. Cadets from around the state were selected for 2LT positions according to where they fell on the OML. While in the ROTC program, the WIARNG offers many education benefits as a Guard Soldier and as an SMP Cadet. There are also some great experiences from Basic Training, AIT, and weekend Drills that only add to the building blocks for solid, future Officers.

I’ll continue to work on my 2-mile run but there are more than a few of you I don’t think I’ll be able to catch. Have a great Christmas break and we’ll see you when Spring semester begins.

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Mr. Och’s Supply Corner

Mr. Steve Och
Eagle Battalion Supply Technician

Cadets,

Turn in of cadet equipment went well this last week; however, there are some areas that could be improved. For example, before you arrive at the battalion supply room to either draw or turn in equipment, make sure you understand the guidance and instructions in order to complete these types of tasks. For this last turn-in of equipment, some Cadets did not ensure they had all of their equipment prior to reporting to the supply room. The bottom line is this: Make sure you have all your equipment for turn-in and communicate with your section leaders if you run into any issues.

As you know, the chain of command in the Army is very important. Use your cadet chain of command when you need to report issues to your section leaders. Through this process, your cadet chain of command will report equipment issues to the Cadet S4 (Mr. Hefner for Spring Semester). Once Mr. Hefner has the supply issue, he and I will work together to resolve any issues any of you may have.

Be safe and enjoy the holidays. Remember to uphold the Army values and do the right thing for yourself and others. Happy Holidays - Och
Alumni of Eagle Battalion:

I am trying to develop a strong Eagle Battalion Alumni organization and I need your help. At the start of Fall Semester 2013, we held the First Annual Alumni Reunion, which was on Saturday, 07 September and tied to a UW-L home football game. My intent was to have a reunion/tailgate event at the game and allow current cadets the opportunity to speak with alumni from the program; however, turn out by alumni for this event was low. I am hopeful that it will be better next year. I am tentatively planning on holding the Second Annual Alumni Reunion during Veterans Day weekend. UW-L has a lot going on for veterans, and Eagle Battalion always plays a part. I will send an email out about this event as it gets closer, but I hope to see as many alumni as possible attend this event. I look forward to meeting all those that can attend.

In addition, from now on in the Alumni section of the newsletter, I am going to highlight one or two Eagle Battalion alumni. For this edition, I am highlighting 1994 alumnus Jason Meszaros and 2009 alumnus Jared Emmart.

In 2005, Jason got out of the Army as a Captain. Jason spent the better part of his career in the Special Ops world as a human intelligence collector. He served on the Criminal Investigation Task Force with the responsibility of investigating senior Al Qaeda operatives. This staveside contingent sorted through the detainees at GTMO and determined who was to be tried and who was to be released. For a short time, he also served as a CIA liaison before volunteering to go down range to Afghanistan. The team he worked with in Afghanistan were "free agents" of sorts and worked with conventional (25th ID, 22nd MEU, 10th MTN), white special ops teams (3rd Group and Seal Team 2), and black special ops teams. He spent the majority of his time working with the white and black teams.

In addition, he was an integral part of the crime scene investigations on Al Qaeda training camps in 2004. These investigations were the basis for the overwhelming majority of the cases that were reviewed by the Military Tribunal in GTMO.

Jason was also one of four guys who pursued, cornered, and killed Roze Khan (aka Taliban Billy the Kid) on a mountain side in southern Afghanistan. The mission was part of an episode of 60 Minutes as Lara Logan (CBS News) accompanied the Seal Team on the mission. View it here [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1k8fRSsrgc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1k8fRSsrgc).

In 2009, he also published *Interrogation of Morals*, which was his first book. Jason is currently working on his second book, which is about an ex-Army Intelligence officer who specialized in counterterrorism.

Currently, Jason is a director for a software company and moonlights as a speaker/author. He lives in St Michael, MN, with his wife Karen and their two beautiful daughters, Samantha and Lauren.

If you would like additional information about Jason, you can access his website at the following address: [http://jasonmeszaros.com/](http://jasonmeszaros.com/).
Eagle Battalion Alumni (continued)

Jared Emmart is currently a CPT in the United State Army Reserves. In addition, he is volunteering his time to train Bravo in Winona, Minnesota, in Physical Readiness Training. Captain Emmart is originally from Stoughton, Wisconsin and began his service in the military by enlisting in the Wisconsin Army National Guard in May 2006. He graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree in Management to include a minor in History from Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin in May 2009. Upon graduation, he was commissioned through the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Army ROTC program into the United States Army as an Engineer officer. His first assignment was the Goldbar Recruiter for UW-I ROTC.

CPT Emmart’s first duty assignment was the 93d Engineer Company/46th Engineer Battalion in Fort Polk, Louisiana. For this unit, he served as a platoon leader and executive officer. He then was assigned as the A/S-3 with the 46th En BN Staff. During that time, CPT Emmart was a part of the DCRF (Department of Defense’s CBRNE Response Force) Mission. In April 2013, CPT Emmart transferred to the Army Reserve and took command of the 652d Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge) and Detachment in Hammond, Wisconsin and Marquette, Michigan, respectively in June 2013. His military education includes the following: Basic Combat Training, Sling Load Inspection Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Engineer Officer Basic Course. In addition, he is currently enrolled in the Engineer Captain Career Course.

His Awards and Decorations include the following: Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold), and the Norwegian Road March Badge.

CPT Emmart currently works full-time as a Supply Chain Analyst for Benchmark Electronics in Winona, Minnesota where he resides as well. His hobbies include camping, cycling, Cross-fit, golf and off-roading in his FJ Cruiser. He is also currently single and has no dependents.

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Soon-to-be-Eagle Battalion Alumni

On Wednesday, 20 November, the Completion Cadets and some MSIVs received the results from the Cadet Command Accessions and Branching Board. The following were the results for Eagle Battalion:

- Mr. Kyle Kennedy: Engineer Branch, active duty
- Ms. Erin Schneider: Ordnance Branch, active duty
- Mr. Alex Hefner: Transportation Branch, active duty
- Ms. Melissa Linden: Nurse Corps, active duty
- Mr. Jordan Henrickson: Air Defense (w/Infantry Branch detail), active duty
- Mr. Travis Beard: Infantry Branch, Wisconsin Army National Guard
- Mr. Michael Oney: Engineer Branch, Wisconsin Army National Guard

- Ms. Courtney Nygaard: Medical Service Corps, Minnesota Army National Guard
- Mr. Kyle Nordby: Field Artillery, Wisconsin Army National Guard
- Mr. Jordan Heise: Army National Guard, branch and state undetermined

A big congratulations to all of these fine Eagle Battalion cadets. Also, I encourage all alumni to contact these cadets and share their Army stories and experiences with these soon-to-be Eagle Battalion Alumni. For those with similar branches, the one-on-one advice you provide to these cadets about your branch specific experience will be invaluable. Please take the time to reach out to them.
Eagle Battalion Cadet Leadership-Spring 2014

Below is the Eagle Battalion Cadet Leadership for Spring Semester 2014.

BN CDR: Mr. Kennedy
BN XO: Ms. Schneider
BN CSM: Mr. Oney
BN S1/S2: Ms. Janovick
BN S3: Mr. Heise
BN S4: Mr. Hefner
BN S5: Ms. Linden
A Co CDR: Mr. Beard
B Co CDR: Mr. Wright

Important Dates for the Spring

**Spring 2014**

- MSIII/IV Cadet Staff Planning Workshop
- APFT #1 (Cadre graded)
- German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge
- Military Ball
- APFT #2 (MSIV graded)
- Bataan Memorial Death March
- Spring Field Training Exercise
- Combined Field Training Exercise
- Ranger Buddy Challenge
- APFT #3 (Cadre graded)
- Battalion Spring Awards Ceremony
- Commissioning

- Saturday-Sunday, 18-19 JAN
- 21/23 JAN and 04 FEB
- Friday-Sunday, 07-10 FEB
- Friday, 21 FEB
- 25/28 FEB
- Friday-Monday, 21-24 MAR
- Saturday, 05 APR
- Thursday-Sunday, 10-13 APR
- Friday-Sunday, 18-20 APR
- 22/25 APR
- Friday, 25 APR
- Saturday, 17 MAY

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