



3rd ROTC Brigade Black Hawk Brigade News

Illinois Lieutenant Governor Visits “Fighting Illini” Cadets on “Quad Day”



Kansas University
Cadet Nathanael Law trained at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington during the summer for Cadet Troop Leader Training. He received parachute training and did an airborne water jump from a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter.



Fox Valley Battalion
Cadet Samuel Morell taught Rwandan school children as part of his Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) experience.

With the majority of students back on campus, the Fighting Illini Battalion of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign took part in an exciting and successful “Quad Day” August 23, 2015. “Quad Day” is an orientation and recruitment event for campus student organizations to familiarize new students with available extra-curricular opportunities.



The official start of “Quad Day” included a parade led by The Fighting Illini Battalion’s Color Guard dressed in their historic Word War I era “Doughboy” uniforms.

Good weather helped boost an exceptional turnout for this year’s festivities. The day’s events included push-up challenges, pull-ups at the neighboring Navy ROTC booth, exchange of information about the program with new students, and the development of new relationships with potential recruits. Cadets and students alike clearly enjoyed the event, including a special guest paying a visit and speaking with some of the Cadets. Illinois Lt Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti joined the Cadets on the Main Quad to discuss some of



IL Lieutenant Gov Evelyn Sanguinetti with CDTs Palmer, Ortiz, Duggirala, Scheeve and CPT Tanner

their activities, her activities in support of the military, and plans for the future. After their discussions, Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti said, “It was an honor to meet the wonderful men and women of the Illini Army ROTC during Quad Day. Their dedication to our country is inspiring. I wish them the best of luck this school year!”

Stonehenge Battalion Certifies Cadets for Cannon Crew

Missouri University of Science and Technology (MUS&T) Stonehenge Battalion Cannon Crew began the school year training with the M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer. MU S&T Army ROTC supports the S&T Miner football team at each home game by firing the cannon each time the Miners score. Though it is a lot of fun, the Cannon Crew takes their responsibility seriously and trains judiciously to ensure that all crew members are certified to safely move, fire and clean the cannon.



MUS&T mascot Joe Miner, assists in cleaning the cannon, which is fired every time the Miner football team scores.

Twelve Army ROTC Cadets are Cannon Crew members, and each learned how to assemble and disassemble the breach, load the

ammunition into the breach, dry fire and live fire the M1A1. They also learned the importance of cleaning and regular maintenance and how to properly clean and lube the cannon. Joe Miner, the S&T mascot, assisted in cleaning the M1A1 75 mm Pack Howitzer as part of his duties in getting the campus ready for the return of S&T students. The first MU S&T Miner home football game was Thursday, September 3 and the Cannon Crew was ready to fire the cannon in victory over their opponent.

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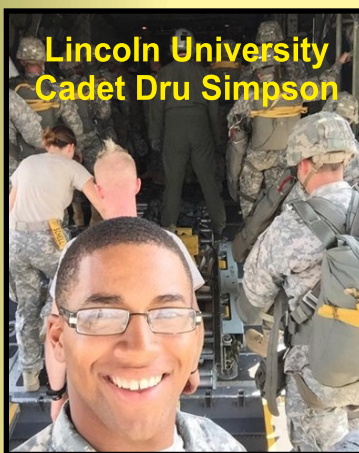
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

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42 new Cadets were given a full understanding of what the program has to offer, and what instructors may expect of them



Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) with the 82nd Airborne Division at FT Bragg

Since taking Command at the end of May, I have met with many of our Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army (CASA), United States Army Reserve (USAR) Ambassadors, and Army National Guard (ARNG) Adjutant Generals (TAG) in order to help build a community of knowledge and support among all our Army supporters in the region. Over the last few weeks, CSM Waterhouse and I have been fortunate to travel around the Brigade to visit with each of the Professors of Military Science (PMS) and Senior Military Instructors (SMI) that make up the Black Hawk Brigade and get a better appreciation of their campuses and missions.

This summer CSM Waterhouse and I were also fortunate to serve as the senior leaders of Cadet Initial Entry Training (CIET) at Ft. Knox, KY. CIET is the course designed to build skills and competencies in our Basic Course Cadets. This newly designed course is better

3rd Brigade continues to lead the command in Minuteman Scholarships specifically designed to allow senior reserve component commanders to identify and select the best candidates for their commands. We are working hard to maintain that lead by reaching out to all of you for your support in securing nominations from Reserve Component leaders. The National Guard has made great strides in securing their allocations. There are several scholarship allocations still remaining for the USAR.

We want to remind you that Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Scholarships are available at the Brigade level to support our contract mission of 190 GRFD contracts in each commissioning class. We are continuing to work with graduate departments to provide opportunities to students that are seeking higher education in the form of advanced degrees, but may not necessarily have a

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integrated into our overall curriculum and sets the conditions for our Advanced Course Cadets to engage at higher levels of leadership developing when returning to Cadet Leaders Course between their junior and senior years. ROTC's restructured Cadet Summer Training remains a key component of our developmental learning model.

way to pay for it. This also provides them with Army leadership opportunities within the community they are seeking employment.

We also remind all our partners that the National Application Process is currently open for High School Seniors that are interested in going to college and serving in the Army as



an officer, the application can be found at <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html>. There boards will be conducted again this year and they will be conducted on October 19, 2015, January 18, 2016 and March 7, 2016. HQ Cadet Command mails letters and posts them to the online application for scholarship winners approximately 4-6 weeks after the completion of the each board. We are continuing to seek out the highest quality prospects interested in serving as Army Officers.

In the upcoming months we will be hosting our Annual Brigade Ranger Challenge at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin where the winners of each of the Task Force Ranger Challenge competition winners will compete for the chance to compete in the Sandhurst Competition at the United States Military Academy. We will also be hosting our Brigade PMS/SMI Workshop in November to bring together all of the senior leaders within the Brigade to discuss operations over the next 18 months.

We look forward to meeting you on our travels. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of service. Black Hawks!

COL Andy Morgado, CDR
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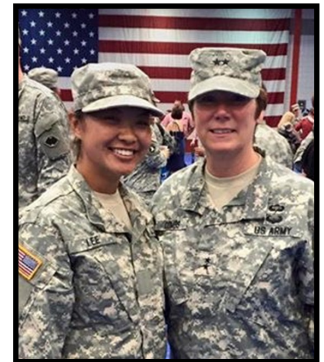


Youngest Cadet at Cadet Initial Entry Training (CIET) Leads Them All

Cadet Caitlyn Lee of Truman State University was the youngest Cadet at Fort Knox this summer, 18, but it did not stop her from excelling at every CIET training event. At CIET, an intense four-week introduction to Army life and leadership training of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Cadet Lee demonstrated her leadership, fostered at Truman State University, on the obstacle course, in the field, and at graduation. She was recognized by several cadre and awarded four coins for outstanding performance; one of them

from 3rd Brigade Commander COL Morgado. "My squad really got to bond and get to know one another. We worked really well as a team and supported everyone."

Cadet Lee was noticed at the leader reaction course - taking charge - and as a result, was awarded the position of Commander of Troops at the graduation ceremony. Cadet Lee stated that she learned so much at CIET and found it to be a very rewarding experience. She looks forward to her MS200 year and is ready to excel at Truman State University.



CDT Caitlyn Lee with MG Peggy Combs after CIET Graduation.

The school year started early for Freshmen and returning Senior Cadets at **Creighton University's** Black Wolves Battalion. Freshmen started their orientation week at 6am with an Army Physical Fitness Test. This event is planned, rehearsed, and executed by the senior class and introduces the new Cadets and their families to the ROTC program. Cadet Captain Brandon Valle and another Cadet demonstrate push up standards.

Pittsburg State Cadet Learns More Than Air Assault at AASLT



Pittsburg State University Cadet Jesse Colver attended Air Assault School (AASLT) at FT Benning, GA, a 12-day course in air mobile operations.

With around 215 other Cadets there, he learned two main lessons: Prior Planning Prevents Poor

Performance and Always Strive To Be The Best in one's cohort.

Pittsburg State was given one slot for Air Assault School and one slot for Airborne School. Since programs from Division I schools often receive multiple slots, smaller schools like Pittsburg State really strive to obtain a specialty slot like AASLT. In addition to the blocks of instruction vital to the course, CDT Colver learned something new about the Army every day of AASLT. He heard "attention to detail" every day. He and his fellow Cadets would

stand in formation doing Y squats day-in and day-out, reinforcing that phrase.

"I believe the unwavering discipline instilled in these schools, in our classrooms, and in everyday soldiers' lives is what makes the Army special," said Colver. "Though I went to learn about Combat Assault Operations, Sling Loads, and Rappelling, I also learned about discipline, diligence, grit and about the overall pride of what it means to be a soldier. AASLT taught me a lot, but it also reminded me why I want to be a commissioned officer."

"Adventure Day" Inspires Teambuilding

Mount Rushmore Battalion welcomed freshman and returning Cadets during its 2nd Annual Adventure Day. Black Hills State University (BHSU), Chadron State College (CSC), and South Dakota School of Mines & Tech students gathered at the

National Guard training area for teambuilding activities, such as jousting. Students met their new peers and got to know their Cadet Leadership mentors. The battalion has 50 new freshman enrolled—and looking forward to great things from the team this year!



CDTs Eva Butcher (BHSU) and Kassie VanDiest (CSC) participate in the jousting event.



St Johns University Fighting Saints Battalion Cadet Joseph McGraw traveled to Morocco on a Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) trip. He taught English to Moroccan Cadets and learned more about their culture.



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3rd ROTC Brigade provides support to 41 ROTC host programs in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin; and 119 JROTC programs in ten Midwestern states.



Gateway Battalion Cadet and Maryville University Student Chinyere Turner, participated in their Student Involvement Fair, and was able to explain the benefits of Army ROTC to current students. She also met the Saint Louis Cardinal's and Blue's mascots — HOOAH!

University of Northern Iowa: Senior Cadet Training The “Crucible”

A challenge of having a host school (University of Northern Iowa-UNI) and partner school (University of Dubuque-UD) 100 miles apart is bringing the Cadets together to work as a team. The week before classes began at both schools, LTC Glen Keith, PMS, brought the Senior Cadets from both schools to the UNI campus to prepare for the upcoming school year.

The UNI and UD Seniors planned for the Fall Leader Training Exercise (LTX), developed the training calendar, prepared for mentoring the Juniors, but the highlight of zero week was the Senior Cadet “Crucible.”

The “Crucible” is a team building competition that took the MSIVs back and forth across the UNI campus on a four-mile circuit before ending up in the UNI pool. The Seniors competed in teams of six with a mix of UNI and UD Cadets in each team.

On the course, they encountered various stations where they had to work together to accomplish tasks before moving on to the next station. These stations included rifle PT, a 100 meters kettle bell relay, litter pull with the heaviest team member on the litter, carrying a team member on a litter back to main campus, and concluding with a tractor tire flip.

Upon completion of the land course, the Cadets went into the pool and did a variety of water exercises before working together underwater as a team to untie various knots on a dummy. At the end of the Crucible, the Seniors were tired but formed into a team that will lead the Cadets into the 2015-2016 school year.

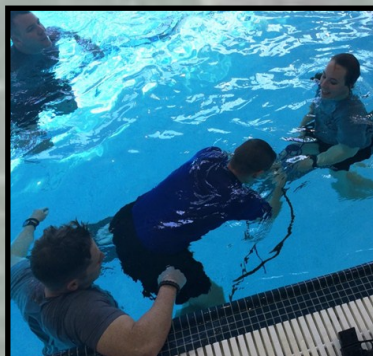
100 Miles Apart— Can the two schools work as a team?



Team 3 consisting of Senior Cadets (left to right) John McCloy (UD); Charles Boateng (UD), Julianne Pople (UD), Alec Krekel (UNI), and Loren Legrand (UD) start the course. Photograph by Jon Thompson, UNI Recruiting Operations Officer.



Team 3 starting the 150m litter pull. Photo by Jon Thompson.



Cadets and cadre work to untie ropes from the dummy rifles before the final event. (left to right) Dustin Smith (UNI), unknown, LTC Glen Keith, PMS, and Taylor Julander (UNI). Photo by Jon Thompson.

