



SCARLET KNIGHT BATTALION

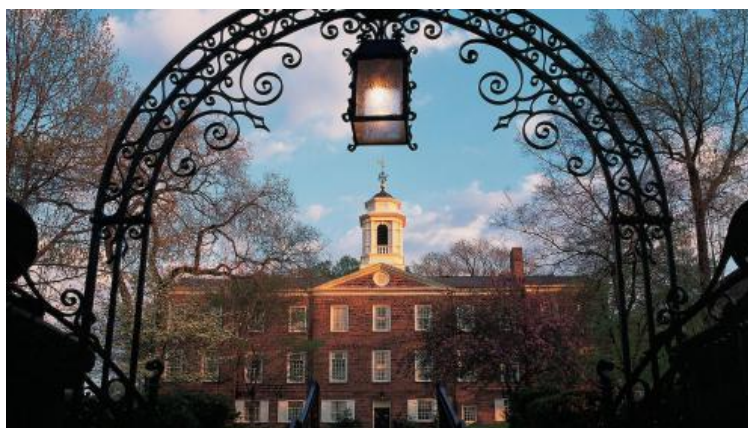
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Fall semester of 2021 ends with a glorious finish as the Scarlet Knight Battalion was able to return for full in-person training with COVID19 safe practices. There have been some changes to the Spring 2022 plans because of the new Omicron variant, which has put the world to a halt once more. The current vaccinations and statistics regarding trends of positive results there is an optimistic approach to Spring 2022 semester. Please note the following below:

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From the Rutgers University Staff

Where possible, in-person classes will temporarily convert to remote classes through Sunday, January 30, 2022. In-person classes and associated services will resume on Monday, January 31, 2022. Deans and chairs will work with their respective chancellor offices to assure an orderly transition and communicate their plans directly with students.



We are now requiring that all vaccinated students obtain a booster vaccination as soon as eligible. Eligibility for a booster is defined as six months after the last mRNA vaccine or two months after a J&J vaccine. Those students who are now eligible must obtain a vaccine booster by January 31, 2022, and proof of the booster must be uploaded to the vaccine portal by that date. Students residing on campus are strongly encouraged to upload their status by January 15, 2022. More information on scheduling a booster at the university can be found [here](#). Students with approved medical or religious exemptions are excused from the booster requirement.

FROM THE PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE

By LTC Javier A. Cortez

Greetings Scarlet Knight Family! As we enter the Spring 2022 Term, I'm excited about the upcoming in-person events and changes to our battle rhythm. We have revamped our physical fitness (PT) program – we are now doing PT from 0700–0815 and 1500–1615 (Tuesday and Thursday). This change will allow Cadets who are taking early morning classes an opportunity to conduct PT in the afternoon. We moved the start of PT from 0630 to 0700 to give Cadets the opportunity to use the Rutgers University free bus system (now paying for parking and using your own vehicle are optional; we listened and made the changes). In addition, starting at 0700 allows better visibility/day light (huge safety improvement). My staff and I are fully aware that we are in uncharted waters, and we have all had to take unprecedented steps as our personal and professional lives have been so dramatically affected by the outbreak. I am acutely aware



of the important role that family, friends, and loved ones play in keeping our Cadets grounded. You are the reason why these Cadets have volunteered. You are the reason many of our Cadets made the decision to join the ranks in defending our great nation against all its enemies at home and abroad. Cadets, you are our future beacons of freedom. One day, you will ensure our freedoms and protect our way of life. I am so proud of our Cadets, during these unprecedented times. They have shown resiliency, tenacity, and our American GRIT. Our Cadets have stepped-up and shown that they are men and women of high character and are preparing themselves to lead our nation's sons and daughters against any future threats or challenges.

Rutgers Army ROTC Scarlet Knight Battalion end of semester review:

- 32 Contracted Cadets
- 1 Commissioning Ceremony
- 17 High School Visits/Briefs
- 4 Service Academy Briefs
- 6 Football Games/Activations
- 2 Basketball Games/Activations
- Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Ceremonies and Parade

Lastly on December 1st, I had the distinct pleasure of providing 28 senior Cadets with the branches. Cadet were awarded the following branches and components:

Infantry (5*), Quartermaster (4), Transportation (3), Armor (3*), Field Artillery (3*), Military Intelligence (2), Signal (2), Ordnance (2), Army Nurse (1), Chemical (1), Military Police (1), Medical Service (1), and Adjutant General (1)

* = Branch Detail (3 total)

Active Duty (11), National Guard (16), and Reserve (1) = 28 Cadets

Javier A. Cortez, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Professor of Military Science

SEMESTER IN REVIEW

The Fall 2021 semester has been so refreshing, as the Scarlet Knight Battalion conducted its first fully in-person semester since the beginning of COVID-19. By ensuring that Cadets' safety is the number one priority, we were able to have most of the semester in person including with PT (Physical Training), Cadet classes, and Labs, by taking proper safety precautions. The Battalion was also able to run other events that we were unable to in the past year and a half, such as the Football detail which also entailed the seat detail, Food drive for the homeless, ROTC Turkey Bowl, and school events such as the 13th Annual Homecoming Bed Races. Some of the highlights from this semester would be our Ranger challenge competition, FTX, Paintball, and the ACFT as we have not been able to do any of these events at all since the pandemic. Conducting events in-person again provided a greater degree of training value.



SEMESTER IN REVIEW CONT.

After an online and hybrid mix of training, the Scarlet Knight Battalion was able to finally be back together to convene and coordinate in face-to-face contact. This meant there was a lot of in person training to get done for all levels of Cadets to pick up from the last semester online. With the MSI's and MSII's going over the basic ideas of military formality and discipline. The MSIII's were able to learn strategic coordination to prepare them to attend Advance Camp the next summer at Fort Knox. Leading to the MSIV's having to be prepared to plan and teach the MSI's, MSII's, MSIII's in field training and classroom settings. Unlike the year prior the rising MSIV class had the opportunity to attend Advanced Camp in person like they used to before COVID-19 and were able to complete their training to be prepared for the final year of the ROTC program. As the semester marched on there was a lot of learning still to do for the rising seniors. They had to adjust between multiple models in-person, hybrid, and remote. Although these past few seasons have provided an excellent opportunity to learn how to adapt and overcome.



CADET ACTIVITIES

The Cadets in the Scarlet Knight Battalion have proved their resilience and ingenuity this semester by finding ways to safely participate in education and outreach events.

On October 27th the Scarlet Knight Battalion was able to Conduct a Battalion Halloween run with invites to family and friends to also compete in the Costume competition and win prizes such as a gift card.



On November 4th through the 22nd, the Scarlet Knight Battalion collected donations for the Scarlet Knight Battalion Food Drive. The Cadets demonstrated selfless service and sacrifice for others during the Thanksgiving season by collecting several buckets worth of food for the Rutgers Student Food Pantry and Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen.

(November 10th Parade March)



On December 1st, Rutgers Scarlet Knight Battalion MSIV's Class of 2022 received their Army branch assignments while getting lunch altogether and having conversations with the PMS LTC Cortez and MSG Cain.

On December 7th, Rutgers Army ROTC Cadets along with the Navy Midshipmen supported the Rutgers Living History Society with a Color Guard and wreath laying ceremony at the World War II Memorial adjacent to Van Dyck College Ave.



CONTRACTING



Throughout the semester, LTC Cortez had the privilege of contracting several Cadets. In each ceremony, the Cadet(s) commit to complete the Basic and Advanced courses of ROTC. Upon completion, each contracted Cadet will enter the Army as a commissioned Second Lieutenant after graduation. The Contracted Cadets of Fall 21: **Stankowitz, Banes, Garay, Johnson (Gianna), Lee (Daniel), Kling, Miano, Krivanos, Park (Brian), Lancaster, Luciano, Kim (Bokyung), Gupta, Klock (Joseph), Pena, Elgazoly, Lawrence, Tummula, Liu, Melillo, Mowle, Mugalu, Fried, Bruno, Burke, Little, Fitzgerald, Miller, Bae (Irene), Kapoor, Torres, Bae (Andy).** We are all extremely proud of our Cadets!



WELCOME OUR NEWEST CADRE



Name: CPT Aurigemma

Title: MSIII Instructor

Component: Army Reserves

CPT Aurigemma separated from Active Duty in May of 2020 and joined the US Army Reserves in August of 2020 and now serves as an APMS through the Adjunct Faculty program. He graduated from Rutgers University with a Master of Arts in International Relations and commissioned as an Armor Officer through Rutgers Army ROTC in May 2013. His previous assignments include Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, NC, and Deputy Chief of Operations for a Joint Special Operations Command Task

Force in Afghanistan. After Maneuver Captain's Career Course in Fort Benning, CPT Aurigemma completed his Active-Duty time as a Senior Operations Advisor with the 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade with a second tour in Afghanistan. He now serves part time with the 1st Brigade, 4/413th SROTC Battalion, 104th Division.



Name: Mr. Donta Powell

Title: Logistics Technician

Component: Department of the Army Civilian

Mr. Powell retired from the US Army after 20 years of honorable service as a 1SG (E-8). Mr. Powell now serves as the Department of the Army Civilian to help the Cadets and Cadre with providing logistics support which enables the SKBN to conduct training year-round.

CADET STORYBOARD

Who: MSIVs, PMS, SMSI,

What: Staff Ride

When: 15 October 2021

Where: Princeton

Summary: On 25 SEP, the MSIV class, PMS, and SMSI conducted the annual staff ride at Princeton University in regards with the Battle of Princeton during the Revolutionary War. All the MSIV Cadets went to this Staff ride to learn military tactics and the evolution of tactics which have originated from the past. Also understanding the history of the Revolutionary War and how it was fought and how it was won through the leadership of George Washington.



Who: SKBN, Cadre

What: Rutgers SHI Stadium Detail

When: 6 – 9 December 2021

Where: SHI Stadium

Summary: On 6 - 9 December, the SKBN completed the SHI Stadium Seat detail at SHI Stadium on Busch Campus. All cadets were required to wear masks and given the proper safety instructions and tools to conduct this detail. The cadets were able to take out a total of over 1000 cushioned seats in preparation for the end of the football season and clear out the stadium. The SKBN used this opportunity to support Rutgers University and the ROTC program by raising funds, which were deposited into the Battalion's Cadet Fund.



WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA



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and Supporters for their continual
support of the Scarlet Knight
Battalion!

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Instagram: @rutgersarmyrotc

Website: <https://armyrotc.rutgers.edu/home>

Donations: <https://armyrotc.rutgers.edu/donate>

Stay tuned in for updates on our social media and
website to include:

- Photo Galleries
- Virtual contact forms directly to our
Recruiting Operations Officer
- Better ease-of-use

A Message from the Outgoing Cadet Battalion Commander

By CDT Thomas Nowoslawski

The Fall 2021 semester was a challenging one to take on. With new cadets joining and a changeover of responsibilities like always, there was the new challenge of getting back into ROTC after a year and a half long absence. I was more than ready to take the reins of the Scarlet Knight Battalion through this formative period of reshaping the program into a functioning unit. The assistance of the staff and other MSIVs really brought ROTC back in the groove of events for our cadets. I personally learned a great deal about myself, leadership, and the capabilities of my classmates. I wish the new Cadet Battalion Commander, his staff, and the Rutgers Army ROTC good luck in their Spring 2022 semester and their future operations to train Army leaders.



SPECIAL NEWS

Congratulations to CDT Park and CDT Morales on their Marriage! CDT Park who is a current MSIV and CDT Morales who is a MSV are both going Active duty while Park has branched Nursing and Morales has branched Armor. They got Married in December 2021 in Parks hometown which is Village of Richwood, NJ.

