

SCARLET KNIGHT BATTALION

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FROM THE CADET BATTALION COMMANDER

By C/LTC Hope McCraw

With the 2018 Spring Semester quickly rushing towards its conclusion, now is the time to look back at all of the amazing things our Scarlet Knight Battalion Cadets have done and accomplished, both within and outside of ROTC during the last year. Not only have Cadets been heavily active in the Army ROTC Color Guard, Queen's Guard, Ranger Challenge Team and the new Scarlet Leadership Club, they have also participated and excelled in organizations throughout the university including Ballroom dancing, Intramurals, Greek

Life, Club Gymnastics, and Men's Lacrosse, to name a few. Each of us has put our best foot forward to make an impact and to positively represent the Scarlet Knight Battalion within our community. As such, the Battalion can look back with pride on our accomplishments. As a senior class, we look forward to our last few ROTC experiences before our Commissioning on May 15th. I've found that the closer we draw to the end of our last semester on The Banks, the more common it has also become to reminisce about the

last 4 years of our time at Rutgers. From hilarious experiences with past cadre to stories of extremely long, wet and cold labs, the Senior class is gradually, and enthusiastically, coming to terms with leaving our home of the last few years and passing the torch of excellence on to the up-and-coming classes. We fervently hope that our efforts will provide a framework for successful generations of Scarlet Knights to come and are grateful to have led such a successful program.

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FROM THE SENIOR MILITARY INSTRUCTOR

By MSG James W. Knight

Dear Scarlet Knight supporters, It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in the Scarlet Knight Battalion over the past few months. I have learned so many things in the brief amount of time I have spent in this organization. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching each military science class grow and develop over this past year.

Even as the cadets progressed and learned throughout the year I feel that I have learned just as much from them, as they have from me. I look forward to the upcoming graduation of our senior class and the great things they are sure to accomplish as future officers and leaders in the United States Army.



THE CLASS OF 2018

NAME	DEGREE	COMPONENT	BRANCH
WILLIAM ALUA	POLITICAL SCIENCE	NATIONAL GUARD	FA
MATTHEW BROWN	COMMUNICATION	NATIONAL GUARD	FI
JOHN CALLAHAN**	JOURNALISM	ACTIVE	FA
JOSHUA CHO	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	ACTIVE	MI
COURTNEY EISMA	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	ACTIVE	OD
JACK FREDERICKS	INFO. TECHNOLOGY &	NATIONAL GUARD	OD
ALYKHAN GANGJI*	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	ACTIVE	EN
ALEXANDER HAYDA	INFO. TECHNOLOGY & INFORMATICS	ACTIVE	AR
SUNG JI	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	ACTIVE	QM
JOHN LEWANDOWSKI	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	ASSESSING 2019	
LAWRENCE LIU	HISTORY & ENGINEERING	NATIONAL GUARD	CM
ANTHONY LOBOCCHIARO	POLITICAL SCIENCE & CRIMINAL	ACTIVE	IN
MICHAEL MARSH	COMMUNICATION	ACTIVE	EN
HOPE MCCRAW**	POLITICAL SCIENCE & LINGUISTICS	ACTIVE	MI
RYAN MELLODY	SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	NATIONAL GUARD	QM
STEPHEN MORANCIE*	POLITICAL SCIENCE	ACTIVE	MI
NICHOLAS NOWOSLAWSKI	PSYCHOLOGY	ACTIVE	OD
JAYDEEP ODEDRA	POLITICAL SCIENCE	ACTIVE	IN
RYAN ONOSHIKO	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING	ASSESSING 2019	
DYLAN ROMANOW	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	ACTIVE	OD
EMILY TROWBRIDGE	SOCIOLOGY	NATIONAL GUARD	TC
JONATHAN UPADHYAY	ECONOMICS & STATISTICS	NATIONAL GUARD	QM



SENIOR

REFLECTIONS

By C/CSM John Callahan

On May 13th of this year thousands of students will call Rutgers their alma mater. It will be a place of memories: long nights, hard exams, late papers, good friends, cheap beer, and probably one too many fat sandwiches. Many people find that college is where they are ushered into the life of an adult. They become responsible for themselves, their work and also their leisure. Though for some, Rutgers will always be a place of much more. For Cadets it will have been a time for perhaps all of the previous, but was also a time of rucks, sleepless nights, early mornings, rifle marksmanship, platoon and squad tactics, helicopter rides to the middle of nowhere, "camping" trips, really long essays about really old battles, and running and running and running. It will be where they decided to put on a uniform for the first time. It was not always fun and it was not always easy, but just as Rutgers will always be their alma mater, 157 College Avenue will always be where they began the rest of their lives.

* Denotes a Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) (top 20% ranking on the national order of merit list) ** Denotes a Top 10% DMG

ARMY 10 MILER

By C/LTC Hope McCraw

On October 8th, 2017 Rutgers Army ROTC sent a team of four racers to participate in the 33rd Annual Army Ten-Miler in Washington D.C. Cadets Hope McCraw, Nicholas Nowoslawski, Alexander Hayda and Michael Marsh represented the program on race day, and each pushed themselves to the limits to make the program proud. Due to the heat and humidity of the day, almost 40 racers were taken to the nearby Arlington Hospital and the "race" was downgraded to a "recreational run" to encourage runners to run safely and mind their health. Despite these harsh conditions, each cadet complet-

ed the race before the downgrade and was awarded an official time and the 2017 finisher's coin. While this year's race was more difficult than the last, the significance and beauty of the course more than makes up for the risks of any potential injuries. This race leads participants through the historical heart of Washington D.C. with all runners beginning at the Pentagon. Runners then pass Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Memorial and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. After completing all ten miles, each racer is given a finisher's coin and recovery



snack, such as water and bananas and is then directed into the "Hooah Tent Zone" where multiple Units, Groups and Organizations can host a tent to support runners. Captain Eric Venditti and Major Stuart Loy also partic-

ipated in the ten-mile long race, and like the cadets were wearing custom team shirts donated by the North Eastern Chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

NOVEMBER 1ST AUSA MUSTER

By C/SSG Julian Mahile

On November 1st, 2017 the Northern NJ Chapter of AUSA sponsored the 2017 Scarlet Knight Battalion ROTC muster that I had the privilege of attending. Whether it was the opportunity to network with professionals or receive priceless advice from decorated war veterans there was not a single dull moment. Following the first half of networking we were provided with a delicious assortment of food that exemplifies the quality and care AUSA puts into every aspect of its functions. Col.

(Ret) Dennis Dougherty introduced Col. (Ret) Mike Warner and Mr. Bob Looby for their longtime advocacy on behalf of New Jersey Veterans. By observing the audience during both gentleman's speeches I understood the prestige they carried with them.

Guest speakers MAJ Kevin Siegrist Professor of Military Science, Rutgers University and Cadet Ltc. Stephen Morancie followed and delved into the exciting development of the Scarlet Knight Battalion. While

Maj. Kevin Siegrist is new to the Battalion, his leadership and experience will raise Rutgers Army ROTC to the next level and produce the Army's next great leaders.

Toward the conclusion of the muster the Lapidow family was presented with the AUSA Distinguished Service Award for having showed their continued support to the Cadets of the Scarlet Knight Battalion. The Lapidow family presented Cadet Upadhyay, for his merits within the program, with the very gen-

erous Col. Stanley L. Lapidow Scholarship for \$3,000. Events like these are vital; without the major support of AUSA and the families that donate, such as the the Lapidow family, we would not be able to live up to the storied reputation of our Scarlet Knight Battalion.



ALUMNI OUTREACH

By C/2LT Stephen Morancie

On August 8th, 2017, our nation lost one of its finest soldiers; Major General Harry Rockafeller. As a company commander in the 4th Armored division, then-Captain Rockafeller earned the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters for his actions at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. General Rockafeller was a 1941 graduate of the Scarlet Knight Battalion, one of the first of a long list of distinguished Rutgers graduates of the 20th century. This list includes such leaders as General (Ret) Frederick Kroesen,

Maj. Gen. Patricia Frost, Brig. Gen. (Ret) Bruce Bingham, and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Col. (Ret) Jack Jacobs. These officers are linked, not only by their valorous conduct in service to our nation, but also by their beginnings in the Scarlet Knight Battalion. Since Army ROTC's inception in 1916, the Scarlet Knight Battalion has commissioned thousands of officers into the Army. This year marks the start of our effort to forge a bridge between the old and young. The Scarlet Knight Battalion is standing up an alumni organization. The organization will build and maintain esprit de corps among all Rutgers Cadets and alumni, ensuring that the new generation understands the lofty standards that they will soon uphold. An initial alumni reunion is tentatively scheduled for the fall 2018 Rutgers military appreciation football game (held 10 November 2018). It is open to all SKBN graduates, former cadre, and supporters. More



Major General Harry J. Rockafeller

information will follow through our Facebook page, website, and email. This year, please accept an invitation to return to where it all started—Rutgers Army ROTC.

BEYOND THE BUILDING

By C/2LT Stephen Morancie

Cadets are involved in many exciting activities affiliated with the SKBN. These include; (but are not limited to) the Queens Guard, the ROTC Leadership Club, and the SKBN Intramural Network.

The Queens Guard, representing Rutgers University in all aspects of rifle trick drill

while participating in state, national, and international trick drill competitions. The aim of the Queen's Guard is to provide an atmosphere of good fellowship for all those involved in and with the team.

The ROTC Leadership Club aims to serve Rutgers and its students by presenting the

students with opportunities to grow and develop as leaders, specifically focusing on veteran outreach and philanthropy.

The SKBN Intramural network was formed to give cadets a fun way to get some extra PT through competition against our fellow students. Currently the list of teams includes the FC Army soccer

club, the Ground Pounders softball team, and will expand to include a football team in Fall 2018.

In addition to all of these activities, teams of senior Cadets have traveled to local high schools to provide mentorship and guidance to these future Army Leaders.





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The Rutgers University Scarlet Knight Army ROTC Battalion inherits a rich military history dating back to the defense of the Raritan River banks and the Jersey Shore during the Revolutionary War. Since then, Rutgers students have served in the Civil War, World War I (to include a Student Army Training Corps on campus), and World War II, where an Army Training Program was established at Camp Kilmer, now known as Livingston Campus.

SKBN Cadets comes from a variety of backgrounds and academic majors—from Musical Theater to Financial Accounting—and are active student leaders in the Rutgers community. 41% of the Cadets serve as active members of the New Jersey National Guard.

This year marks the start of a joint effort between Rutgers and the SKBN to create a better academic experience for our cadets. Many plans are in the works, including the creation of a Military Science minor. In addition, cadets are taking the initiative to increase SKBN visibility around campus, such as participating in club sports. One of the most popular efforts is the creation of special parking permits for cadets attending training events around campus. With any luck, the days of spending a month's stipend to pay parking tickets are over.

UPCOMING EVENTS

20 APRIL

AWARDS CEREMONY

26 APRIL

SKBN MILITARY BALL

13 MAY

RUTGERS GRADUATION

15 MAY

COMMISSIONING, CLASS OF
2018

10 NOVEMBER

RUTGERS MILITARY APPRE-
CIATION GAME & ALUMNI
REUNION

