

SCARLET KNIGHT BATTALION

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FROM THE CADET BATTALION COMMANDER

By C/LTC Alex Baran

The Scarlet Knight Battalion continues to push forward to develop future generations for the Army's future leaders. While balancing between being a full-time student at Rutgers University and a cadet there are many challenges along the path to commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant. Despite these obstacles that cadets may face, another class of Seniors are only one more semester away from the finish line. Along the way I have seen those change around me, as well as myself in a number of ways. The Scarlet Knight Battalion has brought us together from all different walks of life and has pushed us to be better physically, mentally and emo-

tionally. Most importantly, with the help of the dedicated Cadre, this organization will continue to push and develop us to be the best 2nd Lieutenants we can be. Although some may have the perception of senior year to be easy, I feel I can speak on behalf of my fellow MSIV peers and say that it has been rather very labor intensive as well as demanding to say the least. The amount of work put in to plan the day to day training for the entire Battalion is not a simple task, but it has shown to definitely be a rewarding one. Overall, this Battalion has proven time and time again to produce excellent Lieutenants. With hard work and dedication there is no doubt in my mind

that the Scarlet Knight Battalion will continue to live up to that legacy.

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THE BIG SWITCH

By C/PVT Brett Lebow

Like most incoming freshman, I had no idea what to expect for my first year in college. Between adjusting to lecture-based classes and living away from home for an extended period of time, there is a lot to handle for the average student. However, to be a part of the Rutgers Army ROTC program does not make you an average student. It is a lifestyle that makes a "normal" college life

seem very abnormal. Monday through Thursday, we are expected to be at the ROTC building on College Ave by 6:30am for physical training. On Fridays we have military training labs that usually start at the same time but in Kilmer Woods Ecological Preserve on Livingston Campus. We are also required to take a military science class that must be fit into our academic schedule every semester.

While difficult to adjust to, the

stress is justified as cadets being trained to be future commissioned officers of the United States Army. As officers we will be expected to be able to perform under high stress situations on a daily basis. However, the stress does not come without reward. This is the most unique freshman experience that college can offer a student. By being in the program, we gain a much more in depth understanding of the United States Army and their operations, which should hopefully be intriguing to cadets, as this is a career path that they are working towards.

NURSE SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM



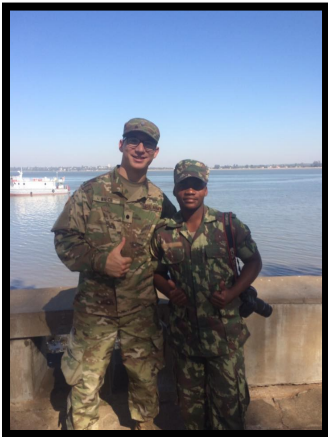
By C/2LT Sarah Hager

Nursing cadets have the option to partake in the Army's Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP) during the summer going into their senior year. This is a 4-week program in which nursing cadets are able to go to 1 of 10 selected Army hospital locations both within and outside of the continental United States. While there, the cadets work alongside current Army and civilian nurses as well as other hospital staff in order to gain clinical knowledge, as well as better understand their

future role as a Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. We were able to work with the Lieutenant in charge by working out our schedules and adding extra hours onto various units throughout the hospital. These units included the cardiac unit, psych unit, and OB/GYN unit. The clinical time, new skills learned and practiced, as well as working alongside other members of the AMEDD community allowed me to feel better prepared for my future career as a nurse. Aside from the clinical development

achieved while working on the floor, NSTP allowed for us to get a better understanding of our possible career paths, career development, and how AMEDD comes together overall.

CULP: MOZAMBIQUE



By C/CPT Joseph Niece

Every summer Army ROTC cadets have the opportunity to travel to a foreign country and be fully immersed in a different culture. The Cultural Understanding & Leadership Program (CULP) sends hundreds of cadets every summer to over twenty countries worldwide. These trips last three weeks, with the intent to educate and expand cadets' cultural awareness, foreign languages, and to develop well rounded leaders. I was given the opportunity to

participate in the Cultural & Leadership Program in the African country of Mozambique. Most days were spent interacting with the Mozambique Defense Armed Forces and getting tours of their military installations. We were able to talk with the soldiers at all levels and participate in friendly soccer and volleyball games. Their officers showed us their methods of teaching and developing their soldiers, as well as the training officers must complete. Our last week was spent in the northern region of the country in the city

of Nampula. Here we had the opportunity to visit an orphanage, filled with children ages three to eighteen. We spent hours moving bricks and gravel in order to help them build more housing cells. At the end of the day we had time to play games with the children and give them a ruck sack full of toys and sport equipment. Overall, I had a great experience which broadened my view of African culture and will assist me as a future army officer.



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-C/2LT James Burke; advice about Cadet Summer Training

CTLT: TAKEAWAYS FROM FORT POLK, LA

"The first few days that I spent in Fort Polk I experienced a lot of the more mundane tasks that Dog Troop had to complete before they entered 'the box.' This included a lot of time in the motor pool, doing inventories, and prepping equipment. Despite the mundane nature of this, I learned a lot through this experience. All of the officers I spoke with really stressed the importance of properly managing their platoon's property. All of the tasks they were performing throughout the first few days I was with D Troop were essential for the much more fun times spent in the field. In these first few days I had the opportunity to counsel a senior NCO and brief my Platoon Leader's plan in front of the Battalion at a combined arms rehearsal, both of which were great experiences."

-C/2LT Edward White

"I was able to sit in on many Battalion level meetings and witnessed first-hand just how the Military Decision-Making Process (MDMP) operated. The mission analysis and war gaming meetings made me realize how much work and planning goes into the missions that the U.S. Army executes. I was able to brief the Medo's part in the Combined Arms Rehearsal (CAR) that was set in the training area, also called 'The Box'. This included all Helicopter Landing Zones (HLZ), Field Litter Ambulance (FLA) routes, and courses of action (COA) for both friendly and enemy casualties through the proper echelons of care during the defensive operations of the Geronimo."

- C/2LT Megan Harrison

AIR ASSAULT SCHOOL

By C/2LT Jason Decker

Aside from the technical knowledge learned, Air Assault exposed me to a part of the world I had never before seen. Fortunately, I got 2 weekends to explore around Schofield Barracks with the other Cadets. One day we went to a beach in Oahu and jumped off this gigantic rock, ending the day by having local food for dinner. It also allowed me to make friends with Cadets from all across the United States. We all got to experience this crazy adventure together, yet we policed each other throughout the course. We would time one another on how quickly we could tie our swiss seats and even laid out our gear together for the ruck marches the night before so there were no surprises.



RANGER CHALLENGE 2018



By C/CSM Nate Onorato

Historically, the Rutgers Ranger Challenge team has always done well in the competition. In 2015, the team placed 2nd overall; in 2017, Rutgers placed 6th overall. This year was another successful run at the competition with Rutgers placing 3rd overall. The team placed top 3 in 4 of the events, winning both the land navigation event and one-rope bridge. It was the first time since 1989 that the Rutgers Ranger Challenge team won the one-rope bridge, adding on to the successful history of the Rutgers Rangers. Much of this success was not due to pure luck or physical ability. The team consistently practiced for each of these events with an emphasis placed on one-rope bridge. It was one of the team's weakest events last year and identified as the top training priorities for this year. Starting from the first day of the semester and all the way up until the morning of the competition, the Ranger Challenge team would arrive at 0515 in the morning to practice technical events. Not only this training help build the Ranger Challenge team into a cohesive team, it also lead the team to success during the competition.

118TH MP COMPANY, AIRBORNE!

By C/1SG Jonathan Veliz

You couldn't miss the pride of the airborne community at Ft. Bragg and it was a unique experience being with the only Airborne MP unit in the entire Army. The training schedule for the unit was also intense and this applies to all units at Ft. Bragg. Some units are on "GRF" status which means Global Response Force where they have to be ready to deploy within an extremely short time frame when called upon. This leads to a rigorous training cycle and it was interesting to observe the different types of events the company did to maintain this status. The cadets were assigned the same tasks for each platoon during their time. I planned, prepared, and briefed an M240B class to the Battalion S3, as well as planned and executed a 4-mile x 36-minute platoon run which is an XVIII Air-

borne Corps requirement. I also was able to shadow Platoon inspections in preparation for ICI (Initial Command Inspection), which is done whenever a new company commander arrives to a unit. I was even able to conduct a ride-along with a duty officer and responded to a domestic assault call in one of the barracks on base, and finally was able to participate in a 3-day FTX with the company. This FTX showed me the different tasks

assigned to the MPs and this involves everything from combat operations to law enforcement work. Overall, it was an extremely valuable experience seeing how the Active Duty Army works and what I can expect to encounter when I arrive at my first unit.

ARMY CYBER INTERNSHIP

By C/CPT Julian Malile

Cadets have the ability to develop their training further and explore new interests through the Army's internship programs. As a rising Senior I knew it was important for me to thoroughly explore all my options before I locked in my branches. I viewed these internships as not only a way to solidify my branch choices, but to also expand my resume.

My name is Julian Malile and I am an Exercise Science major at Rutgers University. When I applied to the Army Cyber Research Center Internship I knew I would be at a disadvantage due to not taking any computer science courses while at Rutgers. Luckily during my internship, I was not required to have any prior cyber experience and I was able to find a project that

related to my major. My summer internship project was on cyber threats and physiological responses. Using bioradios and E4 watches, that are used in research labs throughout the country, we attempted to measure heart rate, galvanic skin response, and EEG. Our goal in measuring these physiological responses was to see what they could reveal about cognitive load,

performance, potential, and team dynamics during cyber activities. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with fellow peers at West Point, where I expanded my general knowledge with regards to the Cyber branch of the U.S. Army.



FALL FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE

By C/MAJ Edward Malley

While the October nor'easter may have forced the Scarlet Knight Battalion (SKBN) to shift their course of action, it didn't stop the cadets from executing a weekend of substantial training. It was a cold, but dry Friday as the Rutgers cadets participated in multiple iterations of land navigation. The Kilmer Woods Ecological Preserve located on the Livingston campus of Rutgers provided a great location for cadets to sharpen their land nav skills. While a cadet built and maintained course, Kilmer provides over 30 points for cadets to navigate to. The course is not self-correcting and the thick brush provides a good replica of the terrain they will face in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Upon their completion, cadets were instructed to bed down for the night in preparation for the Mungadai challenge that awaited them the next morning. Mungadai originated in the 13th century as a process for Genghis Khan to select his legendary Mongolian cavalry. According to legend, the Munga-Dai were the special forces of Genghis Khan's Mongol army. Today the term "mungadai" has become an adventure challenge that tests Soldiers' endurance and warrior skills as a team. On Saturday the SKBN cadets were provided the opportunity to test both their endurance and resilience during our Mungadai challenge. Over half the day the cadets saw long tactical movements, a combat mission, rescue mission, followed by a final movement while carrying large amounts of additional equipment. The final event however required the platoons to break into their respective squads, in order to conduct the best squad competition. Beginning with the final event of the Mungadai each squad was given a certain amount of gear to move to a given location in the shortest time possible. After a short break to change into their PT uniform, the SKBN the moved to Werblin gym to conduct a series of squad versus squad sports events to compete for points. Spirits were high as the squads competed in volleyball, dodgeball, and tug-of-war. While the squads were narrowed down to a final two in the culmination of FTX, the winning squad will remain unknown until LTC Siegrist announces the winner at the SKBN dining in ceremony in December.

DEAN JULIE TRAXLER TAKING A DIVE

By C/2LT James Burke

Dean Julie Traxler, an Associate Dean for Academic Programs at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences is used to the challenges of advising students and helping them find their calling at Rutgers, but when she was given the option to jump out of a plane in Ft. Knox, the Dean was faced with a new challenge. Due to a Dean from another school backing out because "his

insurance wouldn't cover the injury," Dean Traxler found herself in a similar position as her father when he went through Airborne school. "I basically hung like a baby bjorn off of the Sergeant." Although a humble description, It is uncommon for any civilian to get to experience jumping, let alone with the Army. When asked for a description of the jump, she says "the quiet up there, it's stunning. You're used to, when you're in the air, there's always motor noise so to be out when it's peaceful... I could talk at just a reasonable volume. It was just quiet."

Dean Traxler comes from a heritage of military service in her family. "My father was 82nd and he jumped out of planes pre-Vietnam, so it was very cool to get to talk to him." The Dean's form of service comes into play back home at Rutgers, working with students and veterans.





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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.

Since Army ROTC's national inception in 1916, the Scarlet Knight Battalion has commissioned thousands of officers in defense of our nation. Notable graduates include General (Retired) Frederick Kroesen, Lieutenant General (Retired) Patricia Frost, Brigadier General (Retired) Bruce Bingham, and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Colonel (Retired) Jack Jacobs.

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.

FY18-19 CALENDAR

December



1	Sa	
2	Su	
3	Mo	
4	Tu	
5	We	
6	Th	DINING IN/CADET CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY
7	Fr	
8	Sa	
9	Su	
10	Mo	
11	Tu	
12	We	READING DAYS
13	Th	READING DAYS
14	Fr	
15	Sa	
16	Su	
17	Mo	
18	Tu	
19	We	
20	Th	
21	Fr	
22	Sa	
23	Su	
24	Mo	
25	Tu	Christmas Day
26	We	

FINALS/WINTER RECESS

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January	
1 Tu	New Year's Day
2 We	
3 Th	
4 Fr	
5 Sa	
6 Su	
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18 Fr	
19 Sa	
20 Su	
21 Mo	Martin Luther King Day
22 Tu	SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS
23 We	
24 Th	
25 Fr	INTRODUCTION TO PLT OPS/TLPS OPORD LAB
26 Sa	
27 Su	
28 Mo	
29 Tu	
30 We	
31 Th	

February	
1 Fr	BATTLE LAB: EST & CFF
2 Sa	
3 Su	
4 Mo	
5 Tu	
6 We	
7 Th	
8 Fr	PLATOON STX I/ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SLs & TLs
9 Sa	
10 Su	
11 Mo	
12 Tu	
13 We	
14 Th	
15 Fr	
16 Sa	
17 Su	
18 Mo	Presidents' Day
19 Tu	
20 We	
21 Th	
22 Fr	LAND NAVIGATION/EMPLOYMENT & FIELD CRAFT
23 Sa	
24 Su	
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27 We	
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March	
1 Fr	PLATOON STX II/BRM
2 Sa	
3 Su	
4 Mo	
5 Tu	
6 We	
7 Th	
8 Fr	EST/LAND NAVIGATION @ FORT DIX
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15 Fr	ARMY COMBAT FITNESS TEST
16 Sa	
17 Su	
18 Mo	
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29 Fr	PLT FORCE ON FORCE
30 Sa	
31 Su	

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April	
1 Mo	
2 Tu	
3 We	
4 Th	
5 Fr	COMBINED FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE:
6 Sa	PRINCETON/RUTGERS/SETON HALL
7 Su	AT WEST POINT, NY
8 Mo	
9 Tu	
10 We	
11 Th	
12 Fr	12 MILE RUCK/6 MILE RUCK
13 Sa	
14 Su	
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19 Fr	AWARDS CEREMONY
20 Sa	
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25 Th	MILITARY BALL
26 Fr	
27 Sa	
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May	
1 We	
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6 Mo	CLASSES END
7 Tu	READING DAY
8 We	READING DAY
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21 Tu	COMMISSIONING CEREMONY
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27 Mo	Memorial Day
28 Tu	
29 We	
30 Th	
31 Fr	

June	
1 Sa	
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