



SCARLET KNIGHT BATTALION

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FROM THE CADET BATTALION COMMANDER

By C/LTC Stephen Morancie

This year marks the start of a concerted effort to safeguard the institutional knowledge each class develops during its time in the battalion. Juniors are not just rotating through company leadership positions; they are now being attached to the battalion staff to jumpstart their learning as future MS4's. Continuity books have been created for every position to help future classes build upon the lessons of those before them.

I've been a part of this organization for every semester

I've spent at Rutgers. For me, college and ROTC are inexorably linked. It was the Scarlet Knight battalion that gave me the opportunity to go to college in the first place. When you enter college as a SKBN cadet, you don't come in blind like everyone else. You become part of an organization of leaders and mentors committed to your growth and professional development. This program can teach you everything from discipline, tactics, time management; and above all, leadership. During the years you spend here you'll have the opportunity

make some of your closest friends, who you'll have the privilege of serving with after graduation.

I say "can" because none of these things are a given. The program requires a lot more grit than anything else on campus. Army Officers are expected to be self-motivated and disciplined; you will be held to the same standards. However, if you have the drive the dedicated team of cadre and seniors will give you the education you need to achieve your goal of commissioning. That is my promise to you. I look forward to serving with you

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FROM THE PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE

By MAJ Kevin Siegrist PMS

Scarlet Knight supporters, I'm glad we're able to continue sharing the story of this battalion. New to Cadet Command, I am learning just how impressive it is to be a part of this organization developing these emerging leaders. Along with our new SMI, MSG James Knight, I am quickly learning the magnitude of these positions as we see the MS IVs developing themselves as leaders, leading the MS IIIs in their preparation for summer training, and integrating the MS IIs

and MS Is into the Scarlet Knight Battalion.

We continue to build a sense of pride through standards and discipline, focusing on cadet and cadre development, conducting all events through a tactical lens understanding training management,

and preparing these Cadets to be leaders in the Total Army and the community. With motivated Cadets, focused and professional Cadre, this will be a terrific year!

"RU Motivated!"



BASIC AND ADVANCED CAMP

By C/SSG Serene Farj



Basic Camp is a month-long Cadet Summer Training opportunity (CST) held at Ft. Knox, Kentucky for newly enrolled ROTC cadets from across the country. CST allows trainees to challenge themselves physically, get hands-on time with weapons, build camaraderie through obstacle courses, gain confidence in their land navigation skills, and develop as tactically proficient leaders through

situational training exercise (STX) lanes. One of the culminating, and certainly most anticipated, events is branch brief day, where representatives share their experiences from each of the 17 Army branches.

In addition to attending CST as a trainee, there is the integration of third year (MS3) ROTC cadets as mentors, more formally referred to as trainers. Assuming this role requires Cadets to show up

one week before the trainees to prepare their barracks, meet the platoon leader they will shadow, learn how to properly counsel, and create strategies for developing highly motivated and successful leaders. While each day, for trainers and trainees alike, presents a new challenge, it also presents an even greater, more humbling, opportunity to learn and grow from one another.

CADET SUMMER TRAINING

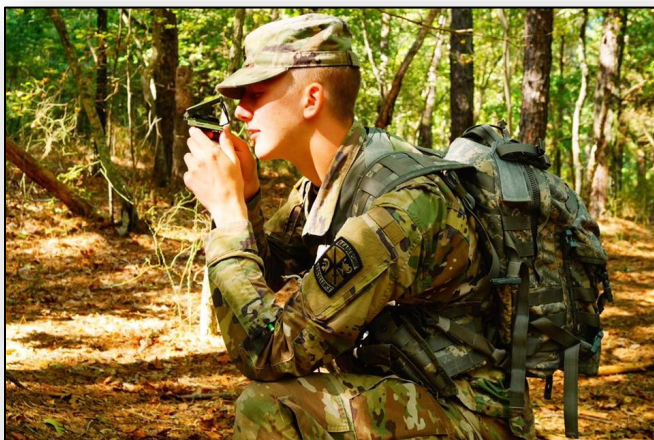
By C/SSG Megan Harrison



I had a lot of expectations of what Basic Combat Training would be like going into it. Even growing up as a little kid my mother would threaten to send me away to “boot camp” if I did not behave myself. She knew that those Drill Sergeants would teach me a thing or two about discipline, among other things. Little did I know that I would grow up one day and graduate Basic Combat Train-

ing (BCT) and that it would come to be one of the best experiences of my life. I learned so much about myself and the type of person I aspire to be. My Drill Sergeants represent the best of the Army and I will be forever grateful of their service to this country. Learning the Army Values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage taught me how to be a Soldier and a better per-

son. Of course, there were days that made me question the kind of person I really was. “Embrace the suck” “Kill ‘em with motivation” These were sayings that got me through the hard times. With the right battle buddies and attitude, I made it through the toughest challenge life has thrown at me so far. For those who are about to start their BCT experience, I wish them good luck.



RANGER CHALLENGE TEAM

By C/CPL Madelyn Gagliardi

Every fall semester, an elite group of Cadets from the Scarlet Knight Battalion takes on the Ranger Challenge competition at Fort Dix. To become a Rutgers Ranger, one must conduct a try-out that consists of a five mile ruck march, one minute of push-ups, sit-ups, and pull-ups. Not only must each candidate complete these events but be proficient in them amongst their peers.

The competition is one week-end long and is held every October. Its events test each cadets' competency in soldier skills such as weapons knowledge, one rope bridge, and land navigation. Not only is it a mental test but a physical one, as well, with events such as an obstacle course and a seven mile ruck march. Teamwork is the most important aspect of the competition. Although each individual brings their own skills and knowledge to the table, the

team is assessed as a unit. When it comes to the ruck march, we are only as fast as our slowest teammate, which sometimes means that the stronger members of the team may have to carry that slower person's ruck so they can run faster. The same thing applies to the obstacle course where some obstacles are taller than the shortest person on the team.

Many schools on the east coast participate in the competition, so it is crucial that

Rutgers Rangers bring their A-game to Fort Dix on October 14th and 15th. All Scarlet Knight cadets are encouraged to come and cheer on the team as we fight with all of the Northeast for first place and the opportunity to participate in the Sandhurst competition at West Point.

The Scarlet Knight Battalion took 6th place out of 43 schools!

Go Scarlet Knights!

GERMAN ARMED FORCES PROFICIENCY BADGE

By C/CPL Niall Cullen

This past spring, the Scarlet Knight Battalion conducted testing for the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency, a physical and mental test offered to all Soldiers in the German Army, or the *Bundeswehr*. The test consists of a sprint event of 11x10m under 60 seconds, a flexed arm hang of at least 44

seconds, a 1000m sprint under 6:30 minutes, a 12km ruck with at least 33 lbs. under 120 minutes, a 100m swim in ACUs in under 4 minutes then undress in the water, a pistol marksmanship test at 25m needing to hit at least 3 targets, and NBC MOPP qualification. Depending on what score the participant achieves in each event, they will be awarded a

bronze, silver, or gold badge to display on their Army Service Uniform. The tests were physically and mentally challenging, requiring cadets to push themselves to their limits. On September 8th, thirty-two Cadets were awarded the badge by a representative from the *Bundeswehr*, and they now proudly display this badge on their uniforms.



LIFE AS A NEW CADET TO THE PROGRAM

By C/PVT Ed Han

Although this program might seem a bit intense, my life as a college student is not that different compared to everyone else's, but I do wake up earlier than most. I spend two hours Monday to Thursday doing physical training, I spend the first half of my Fridays doing labs, and I attend a

military officership course once a week.

My typical day goes like this. I wake up around five in the morning and start getting ready for physical training. Although training itself doesn't start until 6:15, I need to catch the Knight Mover to get to the Army ROTC building at College

Avenue. I then begin my training, which ranges from 4 mile runs to push ups, sit ups, and pull ups to tire flips. And once 7:30 rolls around, I catch the F bus back home to Cook Campus where I take a shower and begin my student life just as anyone else would.

As you can see, although the ROTC program does require

some time from your everyday, life as a college student is not much different from everyone else's. And because of ROTC, I have met some fantastic people and participated in great activities I would not have been able to do as a regular civilian.

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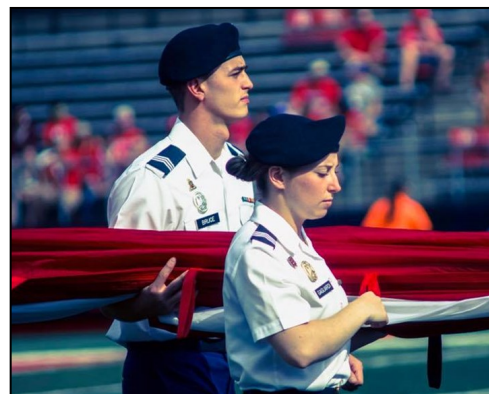
RUTGERS ARMY ROTC
(SCARLET KNIGHT BATTALION)

RU MOTIVATED!

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. 41% of the Cadets serve as active members of the New Jersey National Guard.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 SEPTEMBER:

TRI-SERVICE ORIENTATION

16 SEPTEMBER:

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY,
POW/MIA RUN

27-29 OCTOBER:

BATTALION FIELD TRAINING EX-
ERCISE

1 NOVEMBER:

AUSA ANNUAL MUSTER

14-17 NOVEMBER:

CLASS OF 2018 BRANCH RESULTS

22 NOVEMBER:

TURKEY BOWL

1 DECEMBER:

STAFF RIDE

4 DECEMBER:

CADET CHANGE OF COMMAND

7 DECEMBER:

DINING IN

6-8 APRIL:

COMBINED FIELD TRAINING EX-
ERCISE

15 MAY:

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

