

## Summer Training cont.

CDT Steiner attended the Basic Airborne Course from May 19<sup>th</sup> till June 9<sup>th</sup>. He learned about all the equipment included in parachuting as well as making five jumps. One from a C-130 and four from a C-17, one of which was at night and another that was combat equipped. His favorite memory was his first jump which he described as the most thrilling and fun thing he has ever done. He also learned that you never know what you are capable of till you take the chance.

CDT Igo attended Air Assault school at Ft. Benning, GA, from June 18<sup>th</sup> till June 30<sup>th</sup>. He learned about different helicopters, completed the O-course, 6 and 12 mile ruck marches, and then rappelled from a 70 foot tower on both the wall side and also the free side. Then he was able to rappel from a UH-60 helicopter at 120 feet. His best memory was being the very first person to rappel from the UH-60 and well as passing phase two on his first try when many others failed to do so.

CDT Shimrock attended the Basic Airborne Course from July 19<sup>th</sup> till August 11<sup>th</sup>. He learned about all the equipment included in parachuting as well as making five jumps. One from a C-130 and four from a C-17, one of which was at night and another that was combat equipped. A memorable moment of his was sitting in the plane just prior to his first jump. He recalls his legs shaking as he told himself "I'm literally about to jump out of a plane". He was the third Soldier to jump out of the plane and described it as an incredible experience.



## BGSU Army ROTC's Distinguished Military Graduates

The BGSU Fighting Falcon Battalion is very proud to announce that we will be commissioning four Distinguished Military Graduates (DMG's) this coming May. DMG is an honor and a title given to the top twenty percent of Cadets across the country. The Army ranks every Cadet in the country based on GPA, leadership ability, physical fitness, and overall performance. The top twenty percent are then bestowed with the title of DMG. Congratulations to these Cadets on their superior performance. From left to right; Cadets Gero, McQuillen, Fenton, and Kuhn.



## Important Dates

- 28 OCT: Home Football Game Vs. Northern Illinois
- 14 Nov: Home Football Game Vs. TTUN
- 17 Nov: Army/Air Force Military Ball
- 4 Dec—8 Dec: Army/Air Force Games
- 11 Dec-15 Dec: BGSU Finals Week
- 15 Dec: Fall Commissioning Ceremony
- 8 Jan: Start of Spring Semester



# Fighting Falcon Battalion NEWS

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## BGSU Welcomes SFC Horner and 2LT Snyder

SFC Ryan D. Horner was born in Cincinnati and raised in Blanchester, Ohio, a small town in the south-west corner of the state. His last duty station was Fort Stewart, GA. He served from November of 1994 to March of 1999 as an 11H, or Anti-armor Infantryman. SFC Horner then re-enlisted in November of 2002 and has been serving until present as an 11B, Infantryman. SFC Horner has been deployed five times, three times to Iraq, once to Kuwait and once on a rotation between Jordan and Kuwait. In addition to these deployments, he has also been stationed in South Korea and seen several overseas training rotations to include Germany and Spain. SFC Horner holds the Drill Sergeant Badge as well as the Combat Infantry Badge. The Fighting Falcon Battalion would like to extend its sincere welcome and is excited to add this seasoned NCO to the team.



SFC Horner

2LT Anthony M Snyder was born in Findlay, OH and raised in Bloomville, Ohio. He has three brothers and two sisters. He enlisted with the Ohio Army National Guard as a motorman. He then contracted with BGSU's Army ROTC Program in the Fall of 2014. During his time at BGSU, he achieved Silver GAFPB, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, expert marksmanship badge. He recently graduated from BGSU with a BA in history and a minor in military science and commissioned as a 2LT. He branched military intelligence with a branch detail in chemical. His first duty station will be at Fort Sill, OK, and he will be at BGSU as a gold bar recruiter till he leaves for BOLC in January. The Fighting Falcon Battalion would like to extend its sincere welcome and is excited to add this newly commissioned officer to the team.



2LT Snyder

## Newly Contracted Cadets

The Fighting Falcon Battalion is proud to announce the contracting of sixteen new Cadets. These Cadets have shown the pride, confidence, and will to succeed. They have proven themselves in the classroom, physically, and mentally in order to contract as an ROTC Cadet. Congratulations to the newly contracted Cadets.



**Tatum, Ryan, Brunzman, Childress, Forrest, Lorenzo, Frank, Williams, Boysza, Fox, Steiner, Dunnett, Ernst, Burkholder, Brownsword, Roginsky**



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## Fall Field Training Exercises (FTX)

On September 22nd and 23rd, BGSU's Fighting Falcon Battalion conducted the first field training exercise of the school year. For most, this was an opportunity to hone pre-existing skills and to take on challenging leadership opportunities. This FTX included day and night land navigation, a 3.5 mile foot march, and an afternoon of situational training exercises (STX lanes). "The intent was for the MSIs (freshmen) to be introduced to tactical drills and the general types of training we do here at Battalion."- Edward Gero (Cadet Battalion Commander). For approaching concepts entirely new to most of them, the MSIs performed above and beyond expectations, and were incredibly cooperative and enthusiastic.

As a direct result of the distinguished professionalism displayed by the MSIs, the MSIIIs had an opportunity to develop their leadership skills while helping the MSIVs conduct classes. When asked about classes, Cadet Jacob Frank had this to say, "we acted as a medium between the MSIVs and the MSIs", like a translator, by demonstrating different maneuvers and concepts. As fellow underclassmen, they likely proved to be very relatable as well. The MSIIIs had many of their own separate exercises. From solo land navigation to extensive STX lanes, the MSIIIs persisted in hopes of being better prepared for next summer's Advanced Camp. When asked if he felt prepared for camp yet, Cadet Derek Gaier said, "Definitely a good start, the MSIVs are very helpful". Overall it can be said every class learned and/or accomplished something on the Fall FTX, once again proving the value of sending cadets on regular field exercises away from the campus and outside of the classroom.



## GAFPB

This fall, BGSU Cadets attempted to obtain the coveted German Armed Forces Badge (GAFPB) at Ohio University. In order to receive the badge, the participants had to show proficiency in first aid and NBC training, pass a sprint test, flexed arm hang, 1000m run, swim test, pistol marksmanship test, and complete a ruck march. Depending on the participants overall score, they received either a gold, silver, or bronze badge



**Cadets Glenn, Keto, Butler, Sanchez, Bouman, Roginsky, Husien, and Breakall all participated in GAFPB.**

## Summer Training...

Seven Cadets from the Fighting Falcon Battalion were fortunate enough to broaden their horizons by getting to travel abroad and/or attend special training. Cadets Gero, Kuhn, and Wilson attended Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT), where they shadowed lieutenants to see how active duty Army officer life really is. Cadet Walton attended Nurse Summer Training Program (NTSP) where he worked with an AMEDD unit focusing on primary care nursing. Cadet's Shimrock and Steiner attended the Basic Airborne Course. While Cadet Igo also attended Air Assault School.

CDT Gero attended CTLT at Ft. Bliss, TX from August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. He was with 1AD CAB (Combat Aviation Brigade) 127th ASB (Aviation Support Battalion). Their primary responsibility is to conduct maintenance on helicopters assigned to 1AD including Apaches, Black Hawks and Chinooks. The officers of the battalion are mostly pilots and they are also responsible for getting in their flight hours. CDT Gero had the opportunity to fly with a Black Hawk pilot in the 127th ASB about 8 times. He also learned how important a support battalion is for aviation units because helicopters are very high maintenance. "We were constantly checking on different helicopters' issues, what needed fixed and when they were scheduled to fly again. I received hands on training repairing an Apache frame with mechanics and took a look inside different repair shops. I also learned a lot about pre-flight preparation planning, inspections, post flight AAR's, and the proper way to store a helicopter. I met many knowledgeable Warrant Officers and the battalion commander as well" Said CDT Gero. His best memory of the entire experience was flying during sunset in the crew chief seat.

CDT Wilson attended CTLT at Fort Sill, Oklahoma from June 30<sup>th</sup> till July 21<sup>st</sup>. He was with the 3-13<sup>th</sup> FA, a Multiple Launch Rocket Systems battalion. While he was there he had the opportunity to help write awards for soldiers, go to the shooting range, write battery publications, lead convoys, and also work on launchers with soldiers. His favorite "on duty" experience was doing a team shooting competition with Soldiers for a range that he and other cadets had planned. Off duty, he was able to spend weekends at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge seeing landmarks and historic sights.

CDT Kuhn attended CTLT in South Korea from July 16<sup>th</sup> till August 4<sup>th</sup>. CDT Kuhn had the opportunity to shadow 1LT Perdue, who serves as a member of the Second Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade Medical Battalion as a Physician's Assistant. CDT Kuhn also had the opportunity to explore the country of South Korea and visit the United Nations Command Armistice Commission Staff Conference Building. CDT Kuhn enjoyed his experience and encourages any cadet who has the chance to travel for CTLT to take advantage of the opportunity to shadow in the Active Duty Army.

CDT Walton attended NTSP at the Brook Army Medical Center located within Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas from June 30<sup>th</sup> till July 28<sup>th</sup>. He was with an AMEDD unit focusing on primary care nursing. In his time there he completed a total of 160 clinical hours with four different units. He spent two days shadowing a company commander around base, and also had a few nights to explore the San Antonio River Walk and go swimming/diving at Jacob's Well. His favorite memory of NSTP was spending about two weeks in one of the largest emergency departments in the entire country and having the opportunity to provide care to dozens of people and also witnessing multiple level 5 trauma situations.

