



# Fighting Falcon Battalion NEWS

October of 2014

## Fall Leadership Training Exercise

Last month from 19-21 September, Army ROTC Cadets participated in a Leadership Training Exercise at Fort Custer, Michigan. During their first day of training, they completed day and night land navigation by using the navigating skills they learned during their leadership labs.

Day two of training for the Basic Course Cadets consisted of the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST), the live-fire range and the hand grenade assault course. Cadets learned the basic fundamentals of marksmanship and had the opportunity to qualify on the M-16 weapon system. Advanced Course Cadets completed the leadership reaction course, as well as the hand grenade course. The leadership reaction course tested Cadets' ability to lead and adapt while participating in team-building obstacles.



Above- Cadets practice shooting at the live-fire range.



Cadet Stribny, second from the left, leads a leadership reaction lane and assesses an obstacle.

## Marksmanship Awards

Basic Course Cadets qualified on the M-16 weapon system at the Fall Leadership Training Exercise. Cadets that qualify on their weapon are awarded one of three different marksmanship badges. Cadets that shoot 23-29 hits earn the marksmanship badge, 30-35 hits earn a Cadet the sharpshooter badge and expert badges are awarded to those that hit 36-40 targets. The following Cadets were awarded marksmanship badges:

Marksman	Sharpshooter	Cont.	Expert
Erin Carter	Jaron Bintz	David Michel	Alex Guay - 39 out of 40
John Catrett	Alex Bowman	Chance Price	
Alexa DiPietrantonio	Caleb Cramer	Anythony Snyder	
Dustin Etts	Edward Gero	Thane Walton	
Stephen Foster	Luke Grgic	Justin Weir	
Connor Lewis	Christopher Hicks		
Hugh McQuillen	Noah Koehne		
Jeffrey Pendleton	Guy Leygraaf		
Shane Rowlands	Idriss Mansaray		
Casey Stephens			
Lisa Wendel			
Chelsie Wright			

# Army ROTC Club Updates

## Pershing Rifles

Over the course of the semester, Pershing Rifles Company I-1 has been involved in a large number of events. I-1 has conducted a number of color guards, including the dedication of the POW/MIA chair at the September 6th Military Appreciation Day football game. The company has also attended home football game to fire the cannon and conduct push-ups in the end zone on BGSU scoring drives. On September 11, Company I-1 traveled to Perrysburg to perform a drill routine for a fundraising event. Currently, I-1 is spending much of their time training Cadets who wish to join the organization. This 8-week process trains the Cadets on Pershing Rifles history, Army tactics, and color guard and drill procedures. At the end of the 8 weeks, the Cadets will become official members of the military fraternity.



Pershing Rifles Company I-1 conducts push-ups at the end zone during the 2014 Homecoming game.

## Ranger Club

This semester Ranger Club has focused on preparing for the Bold Warrior Competition. They got off to a quick start, conducting extra physical training to determine those who will be on the team. One area of focus has been preparing for the one rope bridge event. This is an event in which our nine-person team must navigate a stream utilizing swiss seats and one rope. Each team member will use their swiss seat to hook into the rope and navigate from one side of the stream to the other. Ranger Club has also conducted 9-line Medevac training. The purpose of this training was to ensure each Cadet understands what is needed to request a Medevac in an emergency situation. The club's plans for the future include continuing to conduct physical training and diving down into tactical operations in preparation for the competition.

## Royal Greens

In the last few months of being back in school, Royal Greens has completed several community service projects. One of their first events was on September 26th, working the Wine and Cheese festival fund raiser for the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Department. That same weekend they had several members go support the Susan G. Komen 5K in Toledo. Royal Greens also has helped BGSU's campus with the Homecoming Parade on October 3rd along with completing a highway trash pickup October 5th. They have many more events coming up later this semester such as; Relay for Life, another high way trash pickup, and the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.



Royal Greens Cadets pick up trash along the highway as part of one of their community service projects.

## Physical Fitness Test Awards



Cadet Dipietrantonio conducts push-ups during the Army Physical Fitness Test.

Every semester Cadets take the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) which consists of three events; a two mile timed run, two minutes of sit-ups and two minutes of push-ups. Each event is worth 100 points with a maximum score of 300 points. All of the Cadets have shown great improvement in their APFT scores and the following Cadets have Fighting Falcon Battalion's overall highest APFT scores.

Scoring a 290-300:

Jaron Bintz  
Alex Bowman  
Keslie Honeycutt  
Connor Lewis  
Ian Moorefield  
Jeffrey Pendleton  
Jacob Schall  
Alex Schmidt  
Garrett Wadsworth  
Thane Walton

Scoring above a 300 on the extended scale:

Christopher Hicks - 318  
Guy Leygraff - 336  
Riley Lane - 353  
Valerie Stearns - Highest Female Score of 355  
Ethan Brown - Highest Male Score of 362

## Contracting Ceremony

Congratulations to Cadet Nathaniel Wiemer as he has contracted through the Simultaneous Membership Program in the United States Army Reserve. He was sworn in by the Professor of Military Science, LTC Steven Hopingardner. Cadet Wiemer is double majoring in International Studies and Russian and is an MS II Cadet. He is from Toledo, Ohio.



Cadet Wiemer is taking the Oath of Officer from the Professor of Military Science, LTC Steven Hopingardner.

## Cadets of the Month



Cadet Valerie Stearns was awarded the Cadet of the Month Award for her exemplary leadership and physical fitness. She has reached out as a role model to several Cadets and is always highly motivated. Stearns is an Early Childhood Education major and an MS III Cadet.

Cadet Timothy Shimrock was also awarded a Cadet of the Month Award. He has shown a lot of enthusiasm and effort in the program by participating in Ranger Club and serving as the guidon bearer for the Fighting Falcon Battalion. Shimrock is an MS I Cadet majoring in Political Science.

## MS IV Staff Ride

On October 24, MS IV Cadets participated in a Staff Ride assessing the Battle of Lake Erie. Cadets were each assigned an aspect of the battle to research and present. After presenting during their class, they visited Put-in-Bay and the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. Park rangers educated Cadets on the Battle of Lake Erie and reasons why the British may have lost.



Army Cadets pose as enemy prisoners of war in order to allow Air Force Cadets to practice how to detain individuals.

## Air Force Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) Training

On Saturday, October 25, Army Cadets assisted the Air Force ROTC Cadets with their MOUT training. The training took place at the Center for Emergency Preparedness at Owens Community College. Army Cadets taught classes in room clearing, tactical field care, establishing an entry control point and tactical movement. The training concluded with final scenarios that allowed Air Force Cadets to practice and review the skills they learned.

## Upcoming Events:

- November 11th - Veterans Day
- November 12th - Home football game vs Kent State
- November 15th - Relay for Life
- November 17th - Cadet Summer Internship Application due to Ms. Kreisher
- November 21st - Joint Army and Air Force Military Ball
- November 26-30 - Thanksgiving Break
- December 19 - Start of Christmas Break



Cadets use teamwork to accomplish a mission during a Leadership Lab.



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