

# Fighting Falcon Battalion

# NEWS

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## German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge

The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge is a decoration of the Bundeswehr, the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Germany. The decoration can be awarded to all German Soldiers. Allied Soldiers may also be awarded the badge. In the United States Military, the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge is one of the few approved foreign awards, and it is one of the most sought after awards to achieve. The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFPB) competition challenges soldiers in events that combine a series of mental and physical activities.



(Kelly, Burt, Stribrny, Rowlands, Lewis, and Leygraaf)

## BGSU Military Historical Weapons Shoot

On the third of October, the American Military History class from the BGSU Army ROTC participated in a period weapons shoot. Cadets Schubert and Dawson were presented with a soldier's experience from the American Civil War and the Second World War. MAJ (R) John Perry, a BG Alum and High School History Teacher, presented the American Civil War soldier, demonstrating the Union and Confederate sides of the war. Nathan Davis, another BG Alum and instructor within the department, presented the American Soldier during the Second World War. The Cadets were then given the opportunity to fire period weapons to include a Flintlock muzzle-loading rifle, 1861 Springfield Rifle (Civil War), 1903A3 Springfield rifle (WWI and WWII), M1 Garand (WWII) and a 1911A1 .45 cal Service pistol (WWI – 1985).



## Veterans Day Engagement



Wapakoneta Middle School students hosted the 12th annual Veterans Day Celebration Program in the school's gymnasium on Veterans Day. The veterans and students were offered punch and cookies in the cafeteria. After refreshments all of the veterans attending the event walked from the cafeteria down the halls of the school through a tunnel of flags being held by students to the entrance of the gymnasium. U.S. Army CPT Cissell and canine partner Roca were welcomed guest speakers at the event.

## Veterans Conference Honors & National Youth Leadership Summit: Washington, DC

Nine Army and Air Force ROTC Cadets attended the Veterans Conference & Honors & National Youth Leadership Summit, in Washington, DC, November 5-7, 2015. The Founder and President of the American Veterans Center, James C. Roberts, welcomed BGSU Cadets to the conference. The Banquet has become the equivalent to the Academy Awards for recognizing military heroes. The following nine BGSU Cadets attended the event:



(ARMY ROTC- Bintz, Burt, Stagl, Turner)

(AIR FORCE ROTC- Abukhter, Anderson, Gregor, Scarpelli, Trottier)

## BGSU Joint Military Ball and the Army & Air Force



On November 20, 2015 the Air Force hosted the 68th Annual Army and Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps Military Ball. Each year in the fall, the Army and the Air Force join forces and conduct a formal military ball. The military ball is a Cadet planned, coordinated and executed event. Col. (Ret) Scott E. Manning was the key note speaker for the evening.

## Royal Greens \*Relay for Life\*

Members of Royal Greens participated in BGSU's Relay for Life on Friday, November 13th with 75 other campus organizations and hundreds of BGSU community members. Royal Greens raised money to support the fight against cancer by hosting a push-up contest. Royal Greens also handed out 230 pink and purple arm bands in memory of the family members of Lieutenant Ethan Brown and Lieutenant Shawn Mitchell.

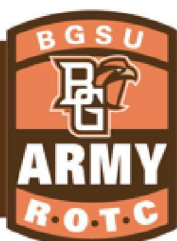


## BGSU Cadet Studying Abroad



CDT Gero is currently studying abroad in Salzburg, Austria. The opportunity to study abroad gives Cadets first-hand understanding, and new appreciation, for a different culture. CDT Gero has had the opportunity to travel to Vienna, Munich, and Hitler's Eagle's Nest (Kehlsteinhaus).

(Picture in Munich on top of the Alter Peter with the Glockenspiel in the background)



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