



# Fighting Falcon Battalion NEWS

## Newly Contracted Cadets



CDT Horvath receives a check in the amount of his 3-year scholarship.



CDT Henricksen shakes hands with MAJ Army after taking the oath to serve.

The Fighting Falcon Battalion had the pleasure of recently contracting two Cadets. Congratulations to CDT Henricksen (Right) and CDT Horvath (Left) for taking the oath to serve something bigger than themselves. Upon graduation, contracted Cadets commission as a US Army Officer in either the Active Duty or Reserve component. CDT Horvath, along with contracting, received a three year scholarship with a total value of \$73,844. Thank you to both CDT Henricksen and CDT Horvath for making the commitment to serve their country.

## Army vs. Airforce Games

During the week of December 12th, the BGSU Army and Air Force ROTC programs competed for the right to display the ARMAF Trophy in their display case for the next year. Each year, during morning physical training, the two programs form teams of their most athletic Cadets to face off in multiple sports over five days. This year included dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, basketball, volleyball and football. The Army won 4 out of 5 sports this year, only losing in a tight-fought series of volleyball. This week of competition gives both programs a chance to have some friendly competition and wind down from a semester full of intense physical training. This is the Army's fourth consecutive year claiming a victory and bragging rights.



The Army and Airforce teams shake hands after the Ultimate Frisbee game.



An Air Force Cadet snaps the ball during the football game.

## Fall Field Training Exercise

The Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) is a training event that is meant to introduce and refine basic level tactics and skills each Cadet needs to know. During this fall's FTX, Cadets focused on land navigation and battle drills. On day one of the FTX, the Cadets applied their day and night land navigation skills. Each Cadet was given a compass, map and a set of points to find in the training area. On day two of the FTX, freshman and sophomore cadets conducted squad level situational training exercises (STX) in order to learn the basics of tactical operations. The juniors, in order to prepare for summer training, conducted platoon level STX in order to gain experience with a larger sized element in a tactical setting. The training exercise proved worthwhile and the Cadets learned skills that will one day make them better leaders.



CDT Beal shoots his azimuth during land navigation.



CDT Williamson teaches a class on tactics prior to conducting STX lanes.



Cadets set up hooches in their patrol base in order to stay dry.

## 2018 Joint-Force Military Ball

The 2018 Army-Air Force Joint Military Ball occurred November 9th, 2018. The Professor of Aerospace Studies, Lt. Col. Garon of the Air Force, and the Professor of Military Science for the Army, MAJ Army, were in attendance, as well as the President of BGSU University, Dr. Rogers and guest speaker COL McAninch. All the special guests walked through a saber arch of Cadets from both programs to their respective tables. The ceremonies that followed included opening remarks by President Rogers, followed by the posting of the colors by the Pershing Rifles organization and invocation by Cadet Steiner. Toasts commenced and Cadets Yambor and Armour recited the Army Cadet Creed and the Airmans Creed, respectively. The POW/MIA table ceremony was also performed by the Pershing Rifles. The ceremony was somber and respectful. The end of this ceremony marked the start of dinner and the conversational portion of the evening. The night concluded with closing remarks from the guest speaker, COL McAninch, and the retrieval of the colors by the Pershing Rifles organization. Thank you to everyone who helped organize such a wonderful evening.



**Pershing Rifles present the colors at the beginning of the evening.**



**MAJ Army and his wife enter through the saber arch.**



**COL McAninch attends as the Keynote Speaker of the night.**



**CDT Siefring proposes a toast.**



**The Pershing Rifles retire the colors to end the night.**

# Bold Warrior Challenge

Ranger Challenge for 7th Brigade Bold Warrior Brigade took place 2-4 Nov at Fort Knox, KY. BGSU sent 11 Cadets who have been training since the start of the fall semester for the competition. Those in attendance were CDTs (Justin) Steiner, Shields, Roginsky, Dunnett, Lorenzo, Ryan, (Jarret) Childress, Tatum, Henricksen, (Jacob) Steiner and (Jonah) Childress. The competition consisted of three types of events: military, mental and physical. Overall, the competition proved very physically challenging. The competition was a great experience for the younger cadets on the team. CDT (Justin) Steiner fractured his nose but did not let that hold him back from demonstrating high resolve, setting the bar high for the team to push themselves. The Ranger Challenge Team worked hard and showed great improvement from previous years.



The 2018 BGSU Ranger Challenge Team.



The team completes one of many ruck marches.

## Message from the Commander

The conclusion of the 2018 Fall Semester marks a milestone for the class of 2019 and the end of another chapter for BGSU's Army ROTC program. The Falcon Battalion has grown, military skills have been taught and tested, Army Cadets triumphed over the Air Force in the ARMAF Games, the program celebrated their legacy of leadership and service at the Joint Military Ball, and the Ranger Challenge Team increased their position within the Brigade at this year's Bold Warrior Challenge. All this was accomplished as the MSIVs (seniors) received a list of new requirements and responsibilities as the leaders of the BGSU Fighting Falcon Battalion. I am happy to report that they rose to the occasion. Between physical training sessions five days each week and training planning/assessments, the Fighting Falcon Battalion has never been stronger or more organized. Additionally, all of the graduating seniors have been awarded a basic branch and are now in the process of establishing basic officer training dates as well as their first bases of assignment. I couldn't be more proud of the young men and women of the Fighting Falcon Battalion. I wish everyone the very best during the holiday season. Merry Christmas!

- Professor of Military Science, MAJ Army

## Upcoming Events

**January 28, 2019– Classes Resume**

**February 18, 2019– BGSU Presidents' Day Open House/Preview Day**

**March 18-22, 2019– Spring Break, No Classes**

**March 23, 2018—Norwegian Foot March**

**April 5-6, 2019– Spring FTX: Ft. Custer**

**April 19-20, 2019– Staff Ride: Antietam**

**April 26-27, 2019—Mountain Man Memorial March**

**May 3, 2019—Spring Awards Program**

**May 17, 2019—Commissioning**



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