

Pershing Rifles Drill Exhibition at Wauseon

On November 10th, BGSU's Pershing Rifles performed a drill exhibition routine for the Wauseon middle and high schools. They also helped the honor guard present the flag and fold it following the National Anthem. Company I-1 is now moving towards preparing for the up coming National Convention in March where they will compete against other schools from across the country in a Drill and Ceremony competition.



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70th Annual Army / Air Force Joint Military Ball

On November 17th, 2017, BGSU's Air Force ROTC hosted the 70th Annual Army and Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps Military Ball. Every fall, the Army and the Air Force join forces and conduct a formal military ball. The military ball is Cadet planned, coordinated, and executed. It was a great event for Cadets to enjoy a meal, each other's company, and an outstanding speech from the keynote speaker Retired Marine Corps Capt. Bob Perry. Ret. Capt. Perry served in the USMC as a helicopter pilot. His words of wisdom on life and leadership warranted a standing ovation as well as provided a great end to a terrific evening.



BGSU's Army ROTC Newly Commissioned Lieutenants

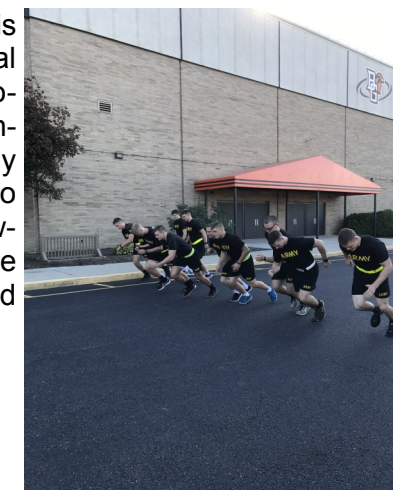
Just recently, in December of 2017, the Fighting Falcon Battalion commissioned three new officers into the United States Army. These recent graduates commissioned as Second Lieutenants and will serve in a variety of roles throughout their careers. Second Lieutenant Brenton Wiley was a criminal justice major at BGSU and branched Military Intelligence in the Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG). He plans to become a police officer in the Cincinnati area before applying for a career with the FBI. When asked what ROTC has taught him he responded "ROTC taught me the importance of being a follower first before being a leader." Second Lieutenant Lucius Ladden was an applied health science major and branched Medical Service in the OHARNG. He plans on attending Physicians Assistant school this spring and will then continue his career with the military as a certified physicians assistant. When asked what ROTC has taught him through the years he replied with "ROTC has helped me develop competent leadership skills that not only apply to the military but to the civilian world as well." 2LT Dion Brooks was an accounting major at BGSU and branched Engineer. He plans on becoming a successful CPA with his own accounting firm and owning stores with his clothing line *Boss Up Clothing Co.* When asked what ROTC has taught him he answered, "How to deal with different personalities when in a position of leadership." Congratulations to BGSU's newest Army officers and we wish them the best of luck as they turn to the next chapter of their lives.



Top APFT Scores

The Army Physical Fitness Test is an event that is intended to measure an Army Soldier's level of physical fitness. It is composed of three events that include a two-mile run, two minutes of sit-ups, and two minutes of push-ups. It is scored out of three hundred points and only Cadets in exceptional physical condition are able to obtain the full three hundred points or more. The following Cadets all achieved or exceeded the score of three hundred on their APFT (*acknowledges top male and female battalion scores):

Fox, Henrickson, Beal, Brunsman, Dunnett, Lorenzo, Tatum, Butler*, Igo, Roginsky, Shields*, Steiner



Upcoming Events

- 8 Jan: Start of Spring Semester
- 5-9 Mar: Spring Break
- 6 Apr: Spring Awards
- 13-15 Apr: Spring FTX
- 27 Apr: Last Day of Classes
- 28 Apr - 4 May: Exam Week



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Fall Semester Leadership Labs

Every week, in addition to a Cadet's regular classes and ROTC classroom time, we have a two-hour lab during which Cadets receive hands on training to learn various skills and build team cohesiveness. Some of these labs this semester included Combat Water Survival Training (CWST) where Cadets are tested on their ability to swim and perform under stress in the water. Weapons labs teach Cadets firearm safety, how to break down and clean rifles as well as proper shooting techniques. Military communications taught Cadets how to work a military radio as well as call up important reports such as a medivac request. Basic combat first aid was also taught as Cadets learned how to apply lifesaving measures to wounded soldiers. Lab exercises are often a very rewarding and educational experience for all Cadets from freshman to senior Cadets. Everyone is given a chance to lead and get all the hands-on training necessary to not only learn the subject but also to perfect it.



Bold Warrior Challenge



Cadets Steiner, Roginsky, Digman, Dunnett, Lorenzo, Childress, Evers, Tatum, Ryan, Boyza, Schwab, and Kuhn made up this years team.

This past semester BGSU's Army ROTC Bold Warrior team has worked extremely hard to put together an exceptional team. Bold Warrior is an event that is intended to push Cadets to their limits both mentally and physical in competition with other ROTC programs across the nation. After competing against the University of Toledo's team, we received a bid to go compete at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, in a huge Bold Warrior competition named the Bold Warrior Competition. Some of the events included the one rope bridge, land navigation, grenade assault course, stress shoot, ruck march, and mental challenges. Our Cadets performed very well and we are very proud of them.

Mr. David Pflieger Named 7th BDE Supply Technician of the Year



BGSU's Army ROTC program is excited to announce that our very own Mr. David Pflieger was named 7th BDE Supply Technician of the Year! Serving as our supply and logistics manager, Mr. Pflieger's work is much appreciated by every member of our Fighting Falcon Battalion. Many of our day to day functions such as conducting Leadership Labs and our Fall and Spring FTXs would be next to impossible without the hard work and dedication of Mr. Pflieger. Thank you for all that you do to keep the Fighting Falcon Battalion running and keep up the hard work going into the New Year.

GAFPB

The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge is a decoration of the Bundeswehr, the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Germany. This decoration can be awarded to all German and Allied Soldiers. This fall, BGSU Cadets attempted to obtain the coveted German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFPB) at the University of Toledo. 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.

Pictured to the right, from right to left; Cadets Gutierrez Gaier, Breakall, Crawford, Burgei, and Gero,



Veterans Conference Honors & National Youth Leadership Summit: Washington, D.C.



Five BGSU Army ROTC Cadets had the honor of attending the Veterans Conference Honors & National Youth Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. on October 26-29. During the conference Cadets were able to meet and hear some of our nation's greatest military hero's speak about leadership. Some of the notable speakers and attendees included LT. Col. Richard E. Cole, the last surviving Doolittle raider; Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson of the Tuskegee Airmen, Major General Patrick Henry Brady who was a Medal of Honor recipient as a result of his selfless service in Vietnam; and the Honorable Chuck Hagel, 24th Secretary of Defense. The banquet has become the equivalent of the Academy Awards for recognizing military heroes. The following BGSU Army ROTC Cadets attended this great event: Cadets McQuillen, Kuhn, Fenton, Shimrock, and Massey.