



# Fighting Falcon Battalion |

# NEWS

## *Army ROTC Cadet Summer Training and Experiences*

BGSU Army ROTC Cadets traveled around the country and the world this summer through a wide range of opportunities through Army ROTC Cadet Command. Cadet Command offers specialized training opportunities to Cadets in order to develop them into better leaders, scholars and athletes.

### **CDT Braden Croft - Airborne School**

This summer I went to Airborne School in Fort Benning, Georgia. The first week of Airborne School is known as Ground Week. Ground Week consisted of learning about the T-11 and T-10D parachutes, how to properly exit an aircraft, jumping from the 34 foot towers, and how to properly execute a PLF (Parachute Landing Fall). During the second week known as Tower Week, we learned how to properly lower equipment and pull a proper one and two riser slip. Once qualified on both the 34 foot tower and the SLT, we were ready for Jump Week.

During the final week, you get to jump out of a C-130 at 1250 feet in the air. Jump Week is intense and consisted of five jumps. We completed three Hollywood style jumps, one night jump, and the final jump was with our equipment attached. My company graduated Airborne School on June 6th (D-Day) and the ceremony is something I will never forget. I know this experience helped me to become a better leader.



**Cadet Croft smiles after completing all five jumps at Airborne School.**

### **CDT Alex Bowman - Air Assault School**

Students who successfully complete the course are then qualified to inspect sling loads provided that they are an E-4 or above. However, I learned many other things aside from sling load inspection. This included sling load rigging, air craft safety procedures, pathfinder operations, the various statistics of several Army rotary wing aircraft and aeromedical procedures.

This school required me to stay mentally and physically sharp and the ruck marches and tests made sure of that. This is an important school because it is more and more common for the Army to move equipment, supplies, and people using helicopters rather than planes. Being able to inspect loads is a valuable advantage and a great responsibility.

## CDT Joshua Stagl- Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) at Fort Bliss, TX

I completed CTLT in FT. Bliss, TX by shadowing an Aviation 1LT. I was assigned to shadow the Reconnaissance Platoon Leader of the AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters. I fell under the 1st Armor Division, 501st Aviation regiment for the 28 days I was there. While I was there, I got a taste of the active duty lifestyle as well as the daily activities and responsibilities of an aviation lieutenant. I interacted with and helped the officers, Warrant officers, NCO's, and crew chiefs while I was there. I planned movement to and qualification at the M4 range, I helped make ALSE bags for the aircraft's, I helped do sensitive item inventory, and most of all I gained immense amounts of aviation and Army knowledge that I will carry everywhere with me.



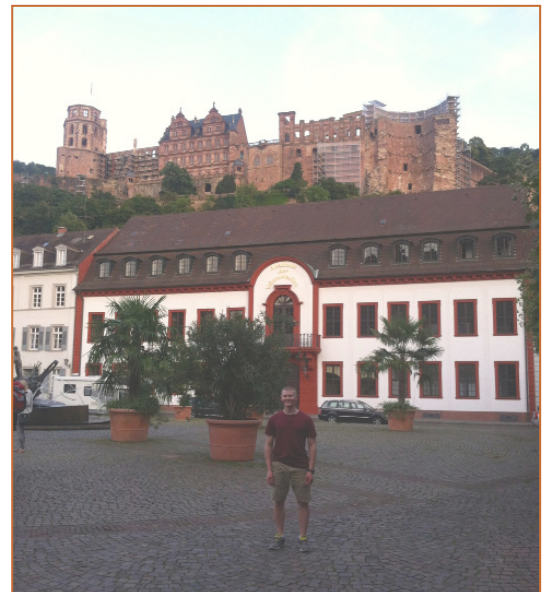
Cadet Stagl stands with a helicopter in Fort Bliss, Texas.

## CDT Thomas Savage- Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) at Baumholder, Germany

While in Germany, I was stationed with the 16th Sustainment brigade, 240th Quartermaster Company (QMSC). I was immediately thrown into action as the assistant Maintenance Platoon Leader, in which I actively participated in the implementation of the Command Readiness Program by performing inspections on military vehicles, such as the M1097, M1083, and M1088. I participated in M969 fueling operations and training on the Lightweight Water Purification system. While in Germany, I was also able to travel to Stuttgart, Heidelberg, and Wiesbaden. We were able to see many cathedrals, and Heidelberg's castle and bridge.



Cadet Savage visited many local cities and attractions including Castle Square in Stuttgart, Germany.



Cadet Savage in Heidelberg, Germany pictured in front of the Heidelberg Castle.

## *Army ROTC Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Program (CULP)*

Army ROTC's CULP program sends Cadets to over 40 different countries every year. The purpose of the program is to expose Cadets to other cultures and languages. Cadets travel in groups and spend about one month in country participating in several missions including English teaching, training with a foreign military and humanitarian work with Non-government organizations.

### **CDT Garrett Wadsworth - Stuttgart, Germany**

My CULP team was stationed at the European Command (EUCOM) in Stuttgart, Germany for two months. I interned in the J5/8 Planning Department of the HQ. The J5/8 sent me TDY to Macedonia and Ramstein, Germany to represent the department. Overall, it was an awesome experience and I learned plenty of things that will help me as a future United States Army Officer.



Above- CDT Schubert took this picture on his visit to the Acropolis in Athens, Greece.



### **CDT Richard Schubert - Litochoro, Greece**

Our mission in Greece was to work with the Greek Army (Hellenic Army) and their aspiring Cadets. The camp we stayed at was at the base of Mount Olympus. Monday-Friday we lived in small pitch tents about 3 feet wide and 6 feet long, we were paired with another American Cadet for these tents. I had the chance to see how their military works and how it varies from ours. The training is very similar to what we do, but they do not have the technology that we have access to. Also, I had the chance to climb Mount Olympus and see a lot of the beautiful views from the mountain. We were able to train with them and do tank training and use their weapons. My favorite part was the Zodiac training, during this we assaulted a beach with small 6-7 person boats.

On the weekends I traveled and saw a lot of the ancient Greek ruins. I explored the cities and interacted with the locals to see what it's like in the life of a Greek. These trips were definitely one of the best experiences I have had yet and I can't wait to go back some time in the future.

## Fall of 2014 Contracts and Scholarship Recipients

August and September of 2014, 13 BGSU Army ROTC Cadets signed their contracts, swore in and took the next steps towards becoming Army Officers.



### Cadet Contracts:

Valerie Stearns - 2 year National Guard - Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty scholarship  
Joshua Dawson - 2 year scholarship  
Victoria Burt - 2 year scholarship  
Jonathan Balzer - 2 year scholarship  
Anthony Snyder - 2 year National Guard scholarship - Simultaneous Membership Program  
Shane Rowlands - 2 year National Guard scholarship - Simultaneous Membership Program  
Idriss Mansaray - 3 year campus scholarship  
Dion Brooks - 3 year National Guard - Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty scholarship  
Thane Walton - 4 year High School Scholarship  
Brent Burnfield - Green to Gold Program, formerly was SFC Burnfield  
James Wisniewski - Simultaneous Membership Program  
Tyler Turner - 2 year Army Reserves, Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty scholarship  
Richie Ashely - 3 year National Guard - Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty scholarship

**Cadet Summer Training:** *Every Summer, MS III Cadets attend Cadet Summer Training and further their leadership development to prepare for commissioning the following year. This year 13 Cadets attended the training and graduated:*

- Alexandria Schmidt
- Joshua Stagl
- Thomas Savage
- Robert Wolpert
- Ethan Brown
- Jacob Schall
- Brandon Matukas
- Danielle Wildman
- Catherine Peterson
- Kyle Brenay
- Cameron Brown
- Cody Mann
- Timothy Lemon

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