



Fighting Falcon Battalion NEWS

SUMMER 2017

Spring Commissioning Ceremony

On May 5th, The Fighting Falcon Battalion had the honor of commissioning 13 Second Lieutenants into The United States Army. All 13 of these outstanding individuals have graduated from BGSU with a bachelors degree, and will now have the opportunity to lead soldiers at different Army units around the world. Out of these 13 newly commissioned Second Lieutenants, 10 will be serving as active duty officers. 2 will serve in The United States Army Reserves, and 1 will serve in the Ohio Army National Guard. The newly commissioned Second Lieutenants will serve in one of the 17 Army Branches. These branches include Infantry, Chemical Corps, Military Police, Armor, Military Intelligence, Engineer Corps, Air Defense Artillery, and Medical Service. The Fighting Falcon Battalion was honored to have Major General Doug Gabram commission the class of 2017. MG Gabram graduated from BGSU in 1984, and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the aviation branch. The Cadre and Cadets of The Fighting Falcon Battalion are extremely grateful for the impact these 13 individuals have had on our program. We wish them the best of luck as they begin their careers serving in The World's Greatest Army!



New Battalion Leadership



When Cadets return to BGSU on August 15th, they will be led by a new Cadet Command team. At the start of every academic school year, The role of Cadet Battalion Commander and Cadet Sergeant Major are given to MSIV Cadets who are prepared to lead and help all Cadets grow as leaders. For the 2017-2018 academic school year, The role of Ca-

dets will be fulfilled by CDT Edward Gero (pictured left). The role of Cadet Sergeant Major will be taken over by Cadet Joshua Evers (pictured right). Both of these individuals have demonstrated exceptional leadership capabilities during their first three years in ROTC. We look forward to having them serve as our Cadet Command

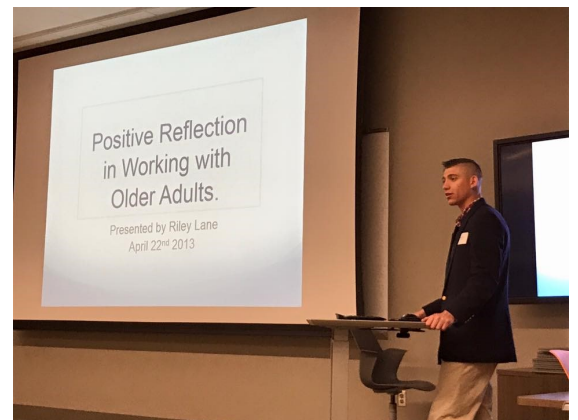
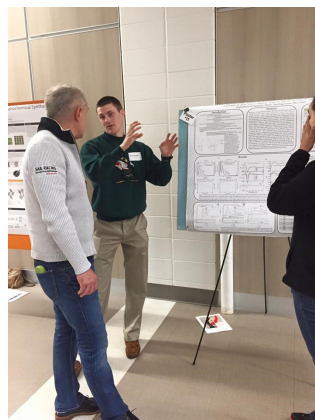
Mountain Man Memorial March

On the weekend of 21-23 April, some of the most physically fit Cadets from The Fighting Falcon Battalion traveled to Gatlinburg, TN to participate in the annual Mountain Man Memorial March. During this annual event, service members from around the country gather to march in honor of the brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Cadets had the opportunity to participate in the 10K run, half marathon march and full marathon march. Those individuals who participated in the half and full marathon march did so while carrying a 35 pound rucksack on their back. All Cadets marched in honor of a fallen service member. The Fighting Falcon Battalion is extremely proud of every single Cadet who participated in this event!



Senior Cadets Present at Undergraduate Symposium

The Fighting Falcon Battalion always encourages Cadets to exceed the standard and pursue excellence with their academic classes. During the course of the school year, 3 Cadets from The Fighting Falcon Battalion spent time on a research project specific to their major. Two weeks before graduating and commissioning as Second Lieutenants, the 3 Cadets had the opportunity to present their research findings at the BGSU Symposium for Undergraduate Research. 2LT Pendleton (pictured left) presented his research on how military strategy and relations between nations has been changed since the creation of the atomic bomb. 2LT Hicks (pictured middle) spoke with students and faculty about his joint research project within the chemistry department. 2LT Lane (pictured right) spoke with his audience about the time he spent teaching older adults how to use tablet computers.



Newly Contacted Cadets

During the Spring Semester, The Fighting Falcon Battalion had the honor of contracting six new Cadets as they made their commitment to serve as officers after graduation. All of these Cadets have exemplified qualities of leadership during their time in ROTC. These individuals have excelled in the areas of academics, physical fitness, and military knowledge. The Cadets who made the commitment to serve are Kayle Keto, Jamal Husien, Aaron Yambor (pictured top right), Jacob Williamson (top left), Joshua Digman (bottom right), and Mackenzie Butler (bottom left)



Spring Semester Training and JFTX with University of Toledo

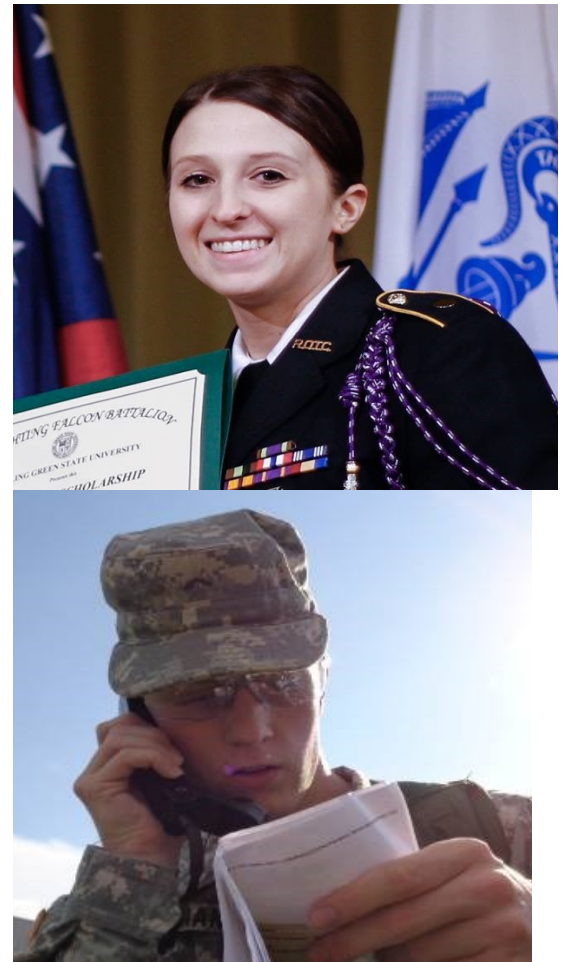
One of the main task of the Spring semester was to make sure Cadets were prepared for their Summer training at Fort Knox., KY. In order to complete that task, The Fighting Falcon Battalion joined the Rocket Battalion from the University of Toledo for a weekend packed with training. Both Battalions conducted multiple training activities at Fort Custer, Michigan. The MSIII Cadets that will be attending Advanced Camp enhanced their skills in conducting patrol base operations. During patrol base operations, a group of 40-45 soldiers tactically navigate through all different types of terrain in order to accomplish an assigned mission. Both BGSU and UT MSIII Cadets successfully worked together to conduct multiple successful patrols. During this weekend, Cadets also had the opportunity to earn their weapons qualification by firing an M16 rifle. Cadets also tested their map reading skills on the land navigation course . The Cadet's Critical thinking skills were also tested when the future leaders engaged in the Leaders Reaction Course





Dean's List

Excelling in academics and making the Dean's List is an honorable achievement that all Cadets strive to attain. During the Spring semester of 2017, 22 Cadets earned above a 3.5 grade point average. The following Cadets made the Deans list for the past spring Semester: Adams, Carsey, Digman, Dunnett, Earnest, Fenton, Forrest, Frank, Gero, Hoffman, Tait, Tatum, Todt, Whittemore, Wiley, Wilson, Keto, Kuhn, Lorenzo, McQuillen, Roginsky, and Siefiring. Five Cadets reached the achievement of academic perfection by earning a 4.00 grade point average. These five individuals are CDT Wright (top right), CDT Steiner (top left), CDT Brunsman (bottom right), CDT Childress (bottom left), and Cadet Boysza. Congratulations to all our Cadets on their academic achievement!



New and Returning Cadet Orientation and In-Processing

TUE 15 AUG	Event	Audience	Location
0800-1000	Contracting Cadets APFT	MSI-MSIVs	Hockey Arena
1000-1300	Returning Cadet gear pickup/ Rehearsals	MSII-MSIVs	Memorial Hall
1300-1600	New/Returning Cadet Move-in	MSI-MSIVs	Campus
1600-1800	Fighting Falcon Battalion Family Event	ALL	Memorial Hall
WED 16 AUG	Event	Audience	Location
0730-1700	ROTC Orientation	ALL	Memorial Hall



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