



# Fighting Falcon Battalion

# NEWS

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## BGSU Welcomes MSG Salas to the Fighting Falcon Battalion



Master Sergeant Salas is a native of El Paso, Texas. He entered the United States Army in March of 1995. He attended Basic and Advance Individual Training as a Fire Support Specialist in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. MSG Salas's career consists of various duty positions and assignments in the continental United States and overseas including: Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Carson, Colorado; Giessen, Germany; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Polk, Louisiana and the Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. MSG Salas's deployments include; Operation Desert Spring in Kuwait; Operation Spartan Shield OEF UAE; and also in support of KFOR Kosovo. In addition MSG Salas has multiple deployments in support of OIF Iraq. MSG Salas is married to Gracie Salas and the proud father of three children, Jose Jr., John, and Jaylyn.

## Veteran's Day 5K Donation Run



VETERAN'S DAY 5K

This Veteran's Day the AROTC, AFROTC and the Student Veterans Association are hosting the first annual Veteran's Day 5K donation run. On Veterans Day we memorialize the men and women of the US military who have fought and died for our country's freedoms. Please come show your support and appreciation for our Veterans. (Donation Only) All participants are strongly encouraged to donate with all proceeds going directly to the Troop and Family Assistance Center. Memorial Hall, Wednesday, 11 November 11:00.

## 2015 BGSU Army ROTC Leadership Development Exercise (LDX)

BGSU Cadets commence training at Camp Sherman on September 25-27 2015. The training consisted of EST, HEAT, LRC, Land Navigation, and Marksmanship. Cadets learned valuable skills as Cadre conducted the following training:

(EST) The Engagement Skills Trainer is a simulator that provides virtual marksmanship training on all aspects of a firearms. Everything from calibrating weapons, to weapons qualification, to collective fire scenarios are practiced on the EST simulator.

(HEAT) The HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer is a simulator designed to train Soldiers on the effects of rollover. The simulator improves a soldier's ability to react properly during an emergency egress situation.

(LRC) In the Leader Reaction Course, each group has obstacles that challenge the team. Teams are given a set amount of time to receive an order, create a plan, issue the plan, and execute.

(Land Nav) Land navigation includes the ability to read maps, use a compass, and other navigational skills.

(Marksmanship) Each Cadet learns the fundamentals of BRM, and facilitates the mechanical zeroing process. Learning to group, zero, and qualify on a M16 rifle.



## BGSU Alumni

Congratulations to four BGSU ROTC alumni who are now Battalion Commanders in the Ohio Army National Guard. LTC Kenneth Ratliff graduated with the class of 1995 and is currently the Commander of the 1-145th Combined Arms Battalion. LTC James McCandless also graduated in the class of 1995, and is the Commander of the 155th Chemical Battalion. LTC Matthew Woodruff graduated with the class of 1996, and is the Commander of the 1-148th Infantry Battalion. LTC Michael Draper graduated with the class of 1992, and is the Commander of the 237th Brigade Support Battalion.



(From Left to Right: LTC Kenneth Ratliff, LTC James McCandless, LTC Matthew Woodruff, LTC Michael Draper)

## Newly Contracted Cadets



The Fighting Falcon Battalion is proud to announce the contracting of five Cadets. These Cadets have shown pride, self-confidence and a will to succeed. The young leaders have proven themselves inside and outside of the classroom both physically and mentally. Thus enabling them to accept the challenge of contracting as an ROTC Cadet. Congratulations to the following Cadets:



(Keegan O'Neal, Lucis Ladden, Timothy Shimrock, Ronald Breakall, Jordan Fisher)

**UPCOMING** *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS**

A desk calendar showing the month of November. The calendar is titled "This Month" and shows the days of the week and the dates. The date 29 is highlighted in red.

- November:
- 7 BGSU Veteran Alumni Tribute for Perished
  - 10 1SG Matt Everson Black Hawk Down speaks at BGSU
  - 11 Veterans Day
  - 17 BGSU Football vs. Toledo
  - 20 Military Ball
  - 26 Thanksgiving Day
  - 30 Army Airforce (ARMAF) Games



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