



# Fighting Falcon Battalion NEWS

BGSU Army ROTC Newsletter

March 2018

## BGSU Army ROTC Alumni Spotlight: Mr. Robert Leiendecker

Mr. Robert Leiendecker was a graduate of Bowling Green State University and of the Army ROTC program. He served in the US Army for 20 years, mostly in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) field. Following that he worked for 23 years at the Army's National Ground Intelligence Center as an intelligence analyst assessing worldwide EOD capabilities; OIF and OEF terrorist devices and other subjects. Mr. Leiendecker currently serves as the Historian of the National EOD Association, author and speaker on EOD history. In July of 2017, he was inducted into the Army Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame in recognition of his service. To this day, Mr. Leiendecker still speaks of how his education and ROTC training that he received at Bowling Green was a big part of his military success and subsequent induction. Out of the close to 90,000 people over the years that have been eligible there are about 450 in the Hall of Fame, so Mr. Leiendecker should feel very honored. He also commented on how the ROTC program of today is nothing at all like it was when he went through, and he is very jealous of today's cadets. Mr. Leiendecker was also proudly a member of the Pershing Rifles.



The photo above shows Mr. Leiendecker on the left, his wife Margaret in the center receiving a Keeper of the Flame award, and on the right Brigadier General David Wilson the Chief of Ordnance.

## George C. Marshal Conference

This February, Senior Cadet Joshua Evers attended the 40th Annual George C. Marshall Leadership Seminar in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. This event features current and past Army leader speakers as well as forums on Emotional Intelligence. Each year, one cadet is sent to the conference as a representative of his program. Over 300 cadets attended this year including several USMA cadets. The keynote speakers included Dr. Gregory Ruark, MG Hughes (CG, Cadet Command), LTG Twitty (CG, First Army), LTG(R) Horoho (Former Surgeon General), SEN Joni Ernst (Iowa), GEN Perkins (CG, TRADOC).



## Otsego Jr. High Fitness Class

Last semester, BGSU's Army ROTC program had the opportunity to send 2LT Lane and 2LT Snyder to Otsego junior high to conduct physical education classes. The Lieutenants led "Military Style Fitness" classes to demonstrate what our service members do on a daily basis. They then held a question and answer session regarding military, Army and ROTC.



## Royal Greens in our Community

This past semester BGSU's Royal Greens organization took on some new and exciting opportunities within our community. Royal Greens is BGSU's Army ROTC based community service organization. Depicted below are just a few of their more recent events that brought some joy to our community this past holiday season. The organization purchased two hundred dollars worth of children's Christmas gifts and donated them to lower income families in the Bowling Green area. They also took on numerous volunteer hours with the local Salvation Army to ring the bell collecting donations for people and families in need. In addition, they spent a day at a local nursing home to enjoy some board games and casual conversation. We are very proud of some of the ambitious opportunities this organization took on last semester in addition to the commitments they were already fulfilling. This past semester's president was Cadet Ross Siefring.



Cadet Fenton & Cadet Kuhn



Cadets Williams, Chui, Siefring & Husein



Cadet Siefring with Resident of Sunset Village

## Best Ranger Competition

The Best Ranger Competition was an event hosted by Xavier University in which teams of two would compete in a very difficult course. The course consisted of various physical, mental, and military related events. Throughout the day each team traveled about 17 miles with a 35 lb ruck after a Ranger Physical assessment consisting of a 5 mile run. Overall, it was a great challenge for the participating team and we were pleased with the results.



# Senior Spotlight



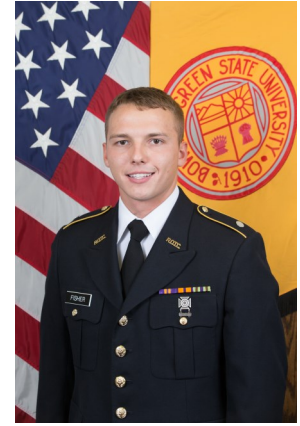
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Major: Political Science  
Aviation, Active Duty



CDT Merrill Wilson  
Major: Construction Mgmt.  
Air Defense Artillery, ARNG



CDT Eric Tait  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Field Artillery, Active Duty



CDT Jordan Fisher  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Engineer, ARNG



CDT Kendall Kuhn  
Major: Exercise Science  
Ordnance, Active Duty



CDT Hugh McQuillen  
Major: Biology  
Medical Service, USAR



CDT Tim Shimrock  
Major: Political Science  
Armor, ARNG



CDT Ronald Breakall II  
Major: Political Science  
Air Defense Artillery, ARNG



CDT Joshua Evers  
Business Administration  
Ordnance EOD, Active Duty



CDT Rachel Fenton  
Major: Biology  
Medical Service, ARNG



CDT Zach Hoffman  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Quartermaster, USAR



CDT Thane Walton  
Major: Nursing  
Nursing Corps: USAR



CDT Chelsea Wright  
Major: Nursing  
Early Childhood Education  
Chemical, Active Duty

# Making a Difference in the Community

BGSU's Army ROTC Cadet Steiner took notice that a family in town had a Gold Star Flag hanging on their front door, meaning they had lost a loved one while they were serving. Cadet Steiner as well as many of his fraternity brothers are veterans, serving, or in the ROTC program. Understanding the sacrifices our service members make for our country, they decided they wanted to do something special for the family on veteran's day. Cadet Steiner got everyone in his fraternity to pitch in and they purchased the family a gift card to help with anything that they might need. Cadet Steiner's initiative and thoughtfulness resonated so deeply with the family that they decided to donate the equal amount of the gift card in cash to Bowling Green's local food pantry. We are very proud of Cadet Steiner and this is an excellent example of how our Cadets are making a difference right here in our college community.



# Pershing Rifles Attends National Convention in NC

Pershing Rifles Company I-1 traveled to their National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina over Spring Break. They took 14 active rifleman and competed in Platoon Regulation, Squad Regulation, Squad Exhibition, Color Guard, and Solo. Videos of their routines can be found on YouTube if you search the Company name. They appreciate all of the support and are looking forward to competing next year!



First Row Left to Right: Cadets Keto, Glenn, Horvath, Todt, Tyler Lanning (Civilian), Skilton, Keaton (Air Force)

Second Row Left to Right: Cadets J. Cleveland, R. Cleveland, Sturgill, Breakall, Frank, Boulder (Air Force), Haywood

# Leadership Labs

This past semester BGSU's Army ROTC Cadets participated in leadership labs that developed their skills both military and civilian. Some of the topics included squad attacks, recon, ambush, patrol base operations, as well as physical fitness tests. These labs are all in preparation for our JFTX training exercise coming up on April 13—15 at Ft. Custer in Michigan.



# Upcoming

April 6 - MSI-III PT Test

April 13-15 - JFTX at Ft. Custer

April 30 - May 4 - Exams

April 6 - Spring Awards

April 28 - BGSU Spring Preview

May 4 - Commissioning



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