



WELCOME TO

The Tweet

we're so glad you're here!



Welcome back Blue Jay Battalion!



WE ENDED THE SPRING SEMESTER BY COMMISSIONING 12 NEW SECOND LIEUTENANTS, SENDING OUR MS 3 CADETS TO SUMMER TRAINING, AS WELL AS SOME SELECT CADETS ATTENDING SPECIALTY SCHOOLS AND INTERNSHIPS. WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE EVERYONE BACK WITH MORE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AS WELL AS MEET OUR NEW INCOMING CLASS OF CADETS! WE WASTED NO TIME GEARING UP AND GETTING THE SEMESTER ROLLING WITH OUR CADETS LEARNING NEW SKILLS AND REFINING OLD ONES DURING THE WEEKLY CLASSES AND LABS, WHILE ALSO GETTING BACK INTO THE PHYSICAL TRAINING ROUTINE.

TO ALL OUR CADETS, HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!

I'LL LEAD!

Save the Date

AUG 21-22: NEW CADET ORIENTATION

SEP 2: BATTALION PT 1

SEP 10: RANGER

CHALLENGE TRYOUTS

SEP 13: SUPERLAB

OCT 17-19: FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE

OCT 24: COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING

OCT 30: BATTALION PT 3

NOV 11: VETERANS DAY PT

Summer Training – Specialty Schools

OVER THE SUMMER, SELECTED CADETS ARE ABLE TO ATTEND MILITARY TRAINING SCHOOLS SUCH AS AIRBORNE, AIR ASSAULT, & MOUNTAIN WARFARE.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED LET YOUR CADRE KNOW!

CDT HEKTOR THOMPSON
MOUNTAIN WARFARE
SCHOOL SUMMER-2025



CDT SOLANA POSTMA
AIR ASSAULT SCHOOL 2025



Cadet Summer Training

THIS PAST SUMMER, RISING MS4'S GRADUATED FROM CADET SUMMER TRAINING (CST) AT FT. KNOX, KY, A 35-DAY MANDATORY TRAINING EVENT WHERE CADETS WERE EVALUATED AND CHALLENGED ON THEIR LEADERSHIP CAPABILITIES. CADET TRAINING INVOLVES RIFLE QUALIFICATION, LAND NAVIGATION TESTING, AN ONSTACLE COURSE, RUCK MARCHES, ARMY COMBAT FITNESS TEST (ACFT), CBRN GAS CHAMBER, AND FIELD TRAINING. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CADETS OF THEIR HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE!



Cadet Troop Leader Training

CADET TROOP LEADERSHIP TRAINING (CTLT) IS DESIGNED AS A "FOLLOW-ON" TRAINING EXPERIENCE FOR ROTC ADVANCED CAMP GRADUATES. CTLT OFFERS CADETS THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERN AND PERFORM THE DUTIES OF A SECOND LIEUTENANT FOR UP TO ONE MONTH WITH AN ACTIVE DUTY UNIT IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES OR OVERSEAS.



**CDT ADITHYAN
NEELAMANA
GERONIMO, I-509
PARACHUTE INFANTRY REG**



Summer Internships

OUR CADETS ARE ABLE TO APPLY AND COMPETE FOR SPECIALIZED INTERNSHIPS IN NUMEROUS AREAS. BELOW ARE THIS SUMMERS INTERNSHIP ATTENDEES!



**CDT MICHELLE BERNDT
AMEDD INTERNSHIP**

**CDT JAKOB FEASTER
NURSE SUMMER
TRAINING PROGRAM**



Fall '25 c/BN Staff

BATTALION COMMANDER: MICHELLE BERNDT
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: MOHAMED FALL
EXECUTIVE OFFICER: HEKTOR THOMPSON
S3: TYLER SNOW
S1: ADITHYAN NEELAMANA
S2: LILY RIVERS
S4: SOLANA POSTMA & DOMINIC BOOTH
S6: JEFFERY KODWO
COCDR: DAVALYN MICKNAL
RECRUITING OPERATIONS: STERLING WILSON



Meet the New Cadre!

THE BLUE JAY BATTALION WELCOMED TWO NEW CADRE MEMBERS TO THE NEST OVER THE SUMMER!

SFC REILEY: MILITARY SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR. FUN FACT "IF I COULD GIVE UP EVERYTHING TO MAKE A LIVING FROM FISHING I WOULD. I HAVE 5 KIDS AND A LOVING WIFE FOR OVER 13 YEARS."



MAJOR KIM: IS THE PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND MS4 INSTRUCTOR. FUN FACT: "I MET MY WIFE IN MARYLAND AND WE'VE PCS'D 6 TIMES IN 10 YEARS! IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK HOME IN MARYLAND." READ MORE ABOUT HIM ON OUR WEBSITE.

New Cadet Orientation & Battalion PT

AT THE END OF AUGUST, WE WERE ABLE TO MEET OUR NEWEST CADETS TO THE NEST! WE GAVE THEM A GLIMPSE OF WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THEIR FIRST SEMESTER IN ROTC.



WE KICKED OFF THIS SEMESTER'S BATTALION PT WITH A GAME OF ULTIMATE FRISBEE! THIS ALLOWED THE NEW AND RETURNING CADETS TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND BUILD CAMARADERIE!



From the PMS

"WE COULD NOT BE MORE EXCITED FOR THE TRAINING, CHALLENGES, AND GROWTH THAT LIE AHEAD. EVERY FORMATION, LAB, AND FIELD EXERCISE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARPEN OUR SKILLS, STRENGTHEN OUR LEADERSHIP, AND DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT TO THE VALUES THAT DEFINE OUR PROFESSION. THIS SEMESTER, WE WILL PUSH OURSELVES TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, TEAMWORK AND THE GRIT THAT MAKES OUR BATTALION THE BEST IN 4TH BRIGADE. TOGETHER, WE WILL UPHOLD THE PROUD TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE THAT DEFINES THE BLUE JAY BATTALION AND PREPARE OURSELVES TO LEAD AMERICA'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS WITH HONOR AND INTEGRITY. STAY MOTIVATED, STAY DISCIPLINED, AND LET'S MAKE THIS SEMESTER ONE TO REMEMBER!"

-MAJ KIM



Let's Chat!

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

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