Good day from the Stonehenge Battalion! Just a quick note to let you know your Cadets are doing well as citizens, scholars, athletes and leaders. The Battalion continues to show they are officers. They help the University across the spectrum. The Battalion GPA was 3.13 fall semester and we expect continued good things this semester. The Cadets are working on building a recognized student organization to give the University a way to recognize those who serve at S&T.

Your Ranger teams are working hard and doing well. Fitness scores continue to rise and Cadets are focused on staying fit. All in all a rewarding year so far.

Scholar: The Stonehenge Academic Officer, Cadet Edwards, is working to build on the success of the Fall semester. He has implemented an internal study hall system that ties Cadets together by discipline and tracks progress. He is connecting Cadets with the plethora of resources offered by S&T; testing strategy, S&T sponsored study sessions, study technique seminars…etc. Bottom line he is leading the charge to keep the Battalion's GPA above 3.0.

Athlete: Your athletic teams are doing well. The Ranger Challenge team finished 5th in the Brigade. Pretty impressive when you consider the Brigade include all the D1 schools in the Midwest. There are five Ranger Buddy teams preparing for Kansas University's National Level Ranger Buddy Competition. The ROTC Intermural teams have won the flag football championship and are current undefeated in basketball. The Battalion APFT score has risen significantly with several 300+ in the mix. Currently we are setting at a 259 cumulative APFT score—much better than August scores but still below the Battalion goal of 270. The Cadets continue to push hard in and outside the PT sessions.

Leader: The Battalion is doing some amazing things this spring for Cadets and Campus. The Stonehenge Battalion S3, Cadet Daugherty,....Continued on page 2

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95th Annual State of the Program

Alumni, Parents, Cadets, Faculty and Friends of the Stonehenge Battalion, I would like to inform you the program is doing very well and has a promising future. This is due to the hard work of Cadre and Cadets, notably LTC Burke and SFC Moore who have PCS’d to Hawaii as a reward for great service to the Battalion…ok maybe not but well deserved all the same. Thank you from the Battalion continued on page 5
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has lead the development of the platoon patrolling phase for a six school combined Field Training Exercise conducted to help the MSIII’s get ready for Leadership Development and Assessment Camp. The training is dynamic and continuous in a manner similar to high level Army training schools. This is the first time this type of training has been attempted in our area and it was an honor to plan and control this phase of training. The MS IV’s have conduct most of the planning and will control the movement from our operations center. What an opportunity. Your Cadets will have already conducted and controlled Platoon level training before pinning on lieutenant.

Outreach: Helps us develop the Chancellor’s office coin rack. We are attempting to give the Chancellor a leg up in the challenge coin area. She does a lot of work with military organizations and you all know that a lot of Alumni that come from your ranks give back to this great institution. We have the coin rack now we just need the coins. If you can send us some coins we can give her. If you send two we will build one for the Provost as well.

Alumni Academy: Jonathan Hines, former PMS of Air Force ROTC, is working on developing an ROTC Academy. We hope to build an outside in system where you get a vote on and mentor the performance of the Stonehenge Battalion.

Congrats to the Commissionee’s LT Holtkamp, LT McFarland, LT Porter

Congrats to Scott Preston the newest Stonehenge Alumni to make Battalion Command.

New faces: We have added Vickie Baker, Travis Coffman and CPT John Clark to the team. Please visit our website to meet them.

Special Thanks too all...in no particular order

Dr. Cheryl Schrader
Dr. Warren Wray
Dr. Phil Whitefield
BG Peter DeLuca
BG Peggy Combs
Steve Tupper
Ben Tipton
Cathy Tipton
Eric Goser
Joshua Lind
Jonathan Hines
Mitsy Daniels
Jim Hartman
Phelps for the Fort
Missouri S&T Football Coaches
Missouri S&T Track Coaches
Missouri S&T COER
Missouri S&T CDSW
Missouri Army National Guard
University Police

Stonehenge’s Newest LTs left to right;

2LT Aaron Porter, 2LT Kyle Holtkamp, 2LT Catlyn McFarland.

Good luck and Gods Speed
Ranger Challenge by Amanda Grogg

Every year their 9 man Cadet Team competes in the Task Force Ranger Challenge competition. The competition tests one’s physical and mental strength. Teams are tested in marksmanship, weapons assembly/disassembly, land navigation, casualty evacuation, one rope bridge construction, a physical fitness test, and a 10K ruck march. Eleven teams compete in Task Force Ft. Leonard Wood with the winner advancing to the Brigade competition. Missouri S&T placed 2nd in the competition. Although they did not win, they achieved a great feat.

They finished ahead of the division 1 schools Universities such as Missouri State and the University of Missouri. All of these schools have bigger ROTC programs with more than one team. Missouri S&T’s 9 man team made up over fifteen percent of their actual ROTC program. They were up against giants and they placed their highest since 1995 (a third place finish).

Three days later, Brigade Commander, Colonel Schultis, called Missouri S&T with a surprise. After looking at all the scores he wanted Missouri S&T to compete in the next big competition as the wild card. For the first time in seventeen years, the Missouri S&T Army ROTC Cadets were competing against other Ranger Challenge teams at the Brigade level. They were headed to Camp Dodge, Iowa.

The Brigade competition spanned over three days. The events consisted of similar tasks that were held in the Task Force but with more intensity and memory games. The teams were tested to remember and identify certain items while under physical stress throughout the competition. The road march was marked as an unknown distance. Teams had to also conduct a Military Operation through Urban Terrain (MOUT).

Missouri S&T’s Ranger Challenge team reached un-tread waters. They went from placing last in a couple events to 2nd place in a few of them. They kept fighting and persevering with the help of several Cadets from their program to cheer them on. All throughout the competition, they were threatening to beat Iowa State University and the University of North Dakota. People were asking, “who are these guys from an engineering school?”. No one had ever heard of the Missouri University of Science and Technology before. Science and Technology? They were Nerds. They were underdogs. No one expected them to actually compete.

Missouri S&T placed 5th overall in the 2012 Ranger Challenge competition. That gave them 5th place out of 44 schools and over 100 teams. They had done the best Missouri S&T has done in decades. Their achievement gave them recognition from the bigger colleges and Universities. This wasn’t a one-time fluke. Expect the Missouri S&T Stonehenge Ranger Challenge Cadets to compete and win throughout the next few years.

As in the incoming Cadet Battalion Commander, I appreciate the opportunity to lead such an elite group of Cadets. I understand that I have big shoes to fill and I welcome the challenge. I look forward to aiding in this program’s onward progression.

Increasing Alumni involvement through Missouri Science and Technology outreach
Who: Cadet Stoney Tyler  
What: Missouri National Guard Best Warrior Competition. A five-day intensive training mission and competition that produces the state’s Best Warrior  
When: April 2 – 7, 2018  
Where: Camp Crowder, Missouri  
Why: The first place individual will move on to the national competition as the state’s representative.

"This past week, I was fortunate enough to compete in the state level of the Best Warrior Competition. Each brigade in the Missouri National Guard sent their best enlisted soldier and NCO to compete in a grueling five day competition that tested their physical and mental strength, proficiency at basic and advanced military tasks, military bearing, and professionalism. The winner will move on to the regional competition in Texas this May."

-Cadet Tyler

During the competition Cadet Tyler achieved his personal record on his APFT and scored 292. Tasks included: weapons assembly and disassembly, weapons qualification (with and without added stressors), a ruck march, casualty evaluation, reaction to chemical hazards, day and night land navigation, obstacle course, and finally a Sergeant Major Board. Despite minor penalties and an injury to his hand, Cadet Tyler placed first overall and will advance to the regional Best Warrior competition in May.

Congratulations Cadet Tyler for achieving a level of excellence for yourself, your Brigade, and your ROTC Battalion!
Summer 12 was very rewarding. Performance at the Leadership Development and Assessment Camp (formerly Advance Camp) was very good with all Satisfactory and Excellent ratings well above the Brigade standards in almost all categories. Cadet Maxwell graduated from Airborne School and Cadet Verslues graduated from Air Assault School. In addition we had seven Cadets participate in Cultural Leadership Program across the globe. Truly an amazing summer.

This fall we have started building upon past successes by asking the Cadets to focus on SERVICE and use a team/family approach. We ask them to Show they are officers in how they act and dress, be Varsity in their approach, fully part of the fabric of their university and Cadet Centered in all we do and accomplish. We have stabilized the Cadet Chain of Command per semester and we truly expect the leaders to KNOW their subordinate Cadets. The key is finding and fixing challenges in areas such as academics, personal life, military, etc… before they become problems. The Cadets get more practice at long term leadership and development. We anticipate we will get a better academic and military success rate from this change. The end state is that when someone observes a college student doing the right thing at the right time in the right way and the right dress, they assume it is a Stonehenge Cadet.

In the future year, we hope to take steps to become an outside-in organization. The intent is to give the Cadets the tools and the practice to run the program with Cadre acting more like observer controllers to create a sustainable experiential based “leadership lab” 24/7. To sustain the standards of excellence in the long term, we hope to develop a sustainable group of vested individuals/institutions to watch over the program from the outside. We are working with the Miner Alumni Association and Vice Chancellor for Advancement Joan Nesbitt to develop an engaged alumni group to serve in an official capacity. We hope to develop a viable Alumni group to serve as a core of the “outside” portion of the Battalion. She and or her staff may approach you some time this winter/spring to ask for your involvement to help us build the Army’s future.

Most of you know that our host, Missouri University of Science and Technology, is a Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) focused institution and so is our commissioning requirement. We are very fortunate that our partner universities that provide Cadets are also great institutions: Columbia College www.ccis.edu, Drury University www.drury.edu, Park University www.park.edu, Webster University www.webster.edu. Of note, Missouri University of Science and Technology has had a particularly good year and rated above Ivy League schools in some categories. Please visit the Chancellors “State of the University” at http://chancellor.mst.edu/ to see how well. Bottom line, through our mix of STEM and non-STEM majors/minors, the Battalion is producing well rounded; engineer literate Platoon Leaders for all components of the Army.

To close, I would like to thank all of you for all of your help. It would not be possible without you. Stonehenge is a great battalion because of your efforts. We view ourselves as an Army unit with a Grade Point Average task en route to producing “The Platoon Leader” in their future Battalions. Please accept our invitation to stop by anytime because your involvement, whether a lot or a little it is the key. We hope to surround Cadets with your collective excellence during the school year and or summer to show them the hard work has its reward.

We will have a cup of coffee, while you check on the Battalion Board the Cadets run, talk to Cadets and or check up on the Cadre. We think you will find the future of the Army is very good hands. Thank YOU.

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Ranger Challenge Team Crossing an Obstacle in Camp Dodge, IA Brigade Ranger Challenge

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Park University,
Columbia
College, Drury
and Webster

Logging the Stonehenge Miner style
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Your 2012 S&T Intramural Flag Football Champions

Calendar
APR
12-14 TF FLW FTX
19-21 Ranger Buddy

May
1 Record APFT
8 BBQ and Awards Ceremony
18 Commissioning
28 Start of LDAC

August
9 End of LDAC
10 Orientation Week
21 Welcome BBQ
23 Record APFT

COL Shultis, Blackhawk 6, with the MS IV Class.

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