

STONEHENGE BATTALION

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024

Introduction:

Fall 2024 was a busy semester for the Stonehenge battalion. We welcomed LTC Brett Weir as the incoming Professor of Military Science, conducted our fall FTX at Fort Leonard Wood, participated in the Task Force Leonard Wood Ranger Challenge competition, held numerous labs to teach cadets the skills they will need as Army leaders and commissioned Missouri S&T's newest US Army Second Lieutenant.



Upper left: LTC Brett Weir, Professor of Military Science

Upper right: CDT LeeAnn Ford rappels down the rappel tower during Fall FTX.

Education:

ROTC is a development program for future Army Officers who will be commissioned with a duty to provide leadership in different levels of responsibility. This semester, cadets were provided extensive classroom and hands-on learning opportunities that bolstered their leadership and technical skills. Each military science level class (MS 1-4) builds on their skills and exposes them to different attributes of the Army. The attached labs allow for hands-on experience in tactical leadership skills in different military leader positions and give technical skills, one such example being Basic Rifle Marksmanship.



Lower right: CDT Joshua Bess fires an M4 carbine at the M4 zero range during the fall FTX.





Ranger Challenge 2024

Upper left: The Stonehenge Battalion Ranger Challenge team during the ruck march.

Lower left: Fall 2024 Stonehenge Battalion Ranger Challenge Team.

Lower right: Ranger Challenge team carrying a litter on the medical lane.



December 2024 Commission Ceremony for 2LT Kaitlyn Spencer

On Saturday, December 14th, 2024, we held a commissioning ceremony for Missouri S&T ROTC's newest commissioned officer, 2nd Lieutenant Kaitlyn Spencer. 2LT Spencer is attending Air Defense Artillery Basic Officer Leadership Course, at Fort Sill OK. Without a doubt she has a great career ahead of her!

Thank you to all who attended and witnessed this significant accomplishment! We would also like to give a special thanks to Colonel Adam Harless, for his unwavering support to our program and the words of wisdom he imparted with his presence.



LTC Brett Weir present the DA 71 to 2LT Kaitlyn Spencer



Cadet Velasquez gives COL Harless a token of appreciation for serving as the commission speaker for the December Commissioning Ceremony.

JFTX 2024

Upper right: CDT Ewing (MS3) discussing plans for a mission with cadets from across the region during the Spring 2024 Joint Field Training Exercise (JFTX).

Lower left: CDT Ferguson (MS3) preparing to execute an ambush during the Spring JFTX.

Lower right: CDT Becker (MS3) leads his platoon during a mission.



Joint Field Training Exercise (JFTX):

Every spring semester, cadets of Stonehenge Battalion participate in a JFTX through our Task Force of surrounding college ROTC programs. Where nine schools across the region were separated into 6 platoons, with a total of 54 missions over a 4 day period. The goal of the JFTX is to allow MS3 cadets to test their tactical leadership skills in preparation for Cadet Summer Training (CST). Cadets performed tactical missions in multiple leadership positions, where they received Cadre facilitated evaluations on their leadership competencies and attributes. Our cadets scored the best per class size on their leadership evaluations.



Outside Awards

Left: CDT Turner (MS4) receiving the George C. Marshall Award
Right: CDT Ford (MS3) receiving an AUSA scholarship.



Ranger Challenge 2023



Pictured is the winning 7-Man team. They proceeded to Brigade RC afterward. Many of them went on to participate in Northern Warfare and Ranger Buddy after completion of Ranger Challenge.

Left: CDT Jones (MS1) reassembles an M4 standard-issue rifle.
Right: CDT Ford (MS3) puts on a CBRN mask and then locks in on a challenging puzzle.

Ranger Challenge:

Missouri S&T Army ROTC sent 2 teams this year; one team in the 11-Man Team category and another in a 7-Man Team Category. The 7-Man Team received 1st in our task force, the 11-cadet team got second.

Northern Warfare 2024



Ranger Buddy 2024



Northern Warfare:

Our team competed in the Northern Warfare Challenge 2024 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. This included many winter-based military tasks and a 14-mile ruck. Placing 21st out of 54 Teams across the nation

Ranger Buddy:

Five teams represented S&T at Ranger Buddy this year. Traveling to Fort Leavenworth to take on military skill tasks and a difficult 13 mile ruck. They competed well and persevered throughout the grueling day of tasks.



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POW / MIA Table present at our Dining-Out.

Cadets, cadre, and guests raise a toast.

Dining-Out:

Our cadets, cadre, and distinguished guests came in their best attire, military and civilian alike. Everyone enjoyed a nice meal, formal toasts, and many cadets received awards for their hard work over the course of this year. This event was a fantastic way to highlight members of our team, and we hope that we can make next year's even better.



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Commissioning:

We held one of our biggest commissioning ceremonies in recent history with the class of Spring 2024. We want to congratulate these thirteen newly commissioned Second Lieutenants, again. They all earned their bars with hard work and perseverance. Major General Beck was our guest speaker who had insightful words for the Army's newest 2LTs.