



STONEHENGE BATTALION

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

BY: JULIETTE OKEL

. Stonehenge BN Cadets, Cadre, Staff, Families, Supporters, and Teammates,

This BN has a long history of accomplishment. This semester has been no exception. The Ranger Challenge team has excelled in all competitions, winning first the regional Task Force competition against 7 competing university ROTC teams, and then placing second in the brigade competition, equating to finishing 2nd out of the 41 university ROTC programs in the brigade. This means the team will continue on to the National Sandhurst Military Skills Competition in April at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. This will be a two-day competition in military skills and fitness. As one of the 16 university qualifiers from the 273 competing SROTC programs in the country, the University of Missouri S&T Army ROTC Stonehenge Battalion will compete against the 34 cadet teams fielded by West Point, as well as teams from the US Air Force, Naval, and Coast Guard Academies and fourteen international teams from 12 countries that compete in Sandhurst (including Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in the United Kingdom, Royal Military College of Canada, and Royal Military College of Australia – Duntroon). We are very proud of their hard work, as I am sure you all are as well. Also, twelve Stonehenge BN Cadets and Cadre competed for and achieved silver or gold German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge qualification, exceeding the successful proportions of any other BN.

In upcoming events, our department will soon recognize deserving cadets at the fall awards ceremony, commission our December graduate on 18 Dec, and pursue new cadet recruitment opportunities with new partners during the 12 February S&T Career Fair, the 9 March Military Career Fair (first iteration) and surging national scholarship and Green-to-Gold applications. Overall, the cadets are working hard to complete this semester with as much momentum as they started it with.

One last thing. On the last page of this newsletter, you will see a variety of options for alumni to get involved with the program. I ask you to read through the ways you can get involved, identify any way that speaks to your interests and desires, and become a regular point of contact in support of the development of these future officers.

Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you.

MAJ Matt Burmeister



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CADETS TAKE ON RANGE DAY

On October 9th, Missouri S&T Stonehenge cadets headed to Ranger 22 on Fort Leonard Wood, MO in order to attempt the new Army .40 Rifle Qualification.

The new course added a standing firing position, shortened target exposure times and wants soldiers shooting from standing to prone, as they might if under attack. To pass, soldiers will have to score 23 out of 40.

TC 3-20.40 Training and Qualification-Individual Weapons, or "Dot-40,"

CADETS WHO QUALIFIED

MSIV

Adrian Davis
Hunter Rayhart
Emily Chambers
Ethan Gatzemeyer
Joseph Watkins
Juliette Okel
Keagan Michelson
Reece Frotz
Jose Padron
Andrew Edwards

MSIII

Eric Alcante
Michael Callentine
Dale Crosman
Aaron Lucio
Eric Kleinschmidt
Nick Miles
Connor Mulkey
Mitchell Nalley
Maxwell Pitts

MSII

Robert Angulo
Joshua Ash
Tristan Copeland
Liam Corrick
Christopher Doering
Joel Frederickson
Mitchell Hoxworth
Brandon Neil
Kaitlyn Spencer

MSI

Cameron Turner
Jacob Ewing



TASK FORCE RANGER CHALLENGE WIN

On October 15-17, Stonehenge Battalion won the first round of competition at Task Force by defeating teams from seven other Midwestern Universities. They are now advancing to the Brigade Ranger Challenge on November 5-7!

U.S. Army Cadet Command describes Ranger Challenge as the following:

"The Ranger Challenge is the Army ROTC Varsity Sport. Teams train rigorously nearly every morning of the week. Ranger Challenge team members accomplish more before 0800 than most college students accomplish in an entire day. Teams train all the way up until the Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition.

This competition is conducted over two days on a non-tactical course. The mission is to challenge Cadets' mental and physical toughness and to develop leadership while fostering teamwork and esprit-de-corps."

Members of this team from left to right: LeeAnn Ford, Eric Alcante, Brandon Neil, Michael Radlund, Ethan Gatzemeyer, Jacob Ewing, Reece Fritz, Aaron Lucio, Dale Crossman and Emily Chambers.

CONGRATULATIONS STONEHENGE CADETS!

GERMAN ARMED FORCES PROFICIENCY BADGE

On October 29th Stonehenge Battalion sent selected Cadets to compete for the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFPB) hosted by @mizzouarmyrotc. It consisted of pistol qualification, basic fitness test, swim test, and a road march. 96 started and 61 earned the bronze, silver, or gold. For the Stonehenge Battalion 12 of 13 participants earned their badge.

Gold: Cadet Lucio, Cadet Chambers, Cadet Neil, Cadet Davis, Cadet Radlund, and Cadet Ewing

Silver: Cadet Crosman, Cadet Copeland, Cadet Walkenhorst, Cadet Gatzemeyer, Cadet Satterfield (not pictured) and MSG Cox.





3RD BRIGADE RANGER CHALLENGE WIN

On November 5-7, Stonehenge Battalion placed second in the second round of competition at 3rd Brigade Ranger Challenge! They are now advancing to the National Sandhurst Military Skills Competition in April at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

U.S. Army describes Sandhurst Military Skills Competition as the following:

"The Sandhurst Military Skills Competition is a military skills competition at West Point that first began in 1967 with the presentation of a British officer's sword to the United States Corps of Cadets by the British Exchange Officer.

Each 9 member squad is required to perform a series of military tasks along a route which took most teams approximately four hours to complete. Scores are determined by combining the points they earn by performing each military task along the route, with the points earned for completing the course within the 4-hour time frame. Examples of events include rappelling, building and crossing a one-rope bridge, obstacle course navigation, combat swim (with full gear), rifle marksmanship, a raft paddle, 12' wall climb, and weapon handling skills."

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STONEHNGE ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT



**CPT. JON
MUSICK**

CPT. Jon Musick graduated from Missouri S&T in 2015 with a BS in Mining Engineering and minors in Explosives Engineering and Military Science. He commissioned as Active Duty into the Engineer Corps and later also received his MS in Explosives Engineering from Missouri S&T in 2020. CPT. Musick currently serves as the Assistant Professor of Military Science at Missouri State University.



BRANDON NEIL

STONEHNGE CADET HIGHLIGHT

Studying: *Sophomore in Mechanical Engineering*

Hometown: *Collierville, TN*

Why ROTC?: *"I've wanted to be in the Army since I was 12, and I wanted to develop my leadership."*

Branch Wish: *"I want to either join the Chaplain Corps or branch in the Engineers."*

Component Wish: *"I want to start active duty so that the Army can be my full time job."*

Campus Involvements: *Baptist Student Union, Miner Baja Design Team (CFO), Salem Ave. Baptist Church Kids Ministry*



STAY UP TO DATE THROUGH OUR MEDIA OUTLETS!

Alumni of Missouri S&T Army ROTC – We want to hear from you! We'd love it if you sent updates on your activities in the military and civilian life to armyrotc@mst.edu, including emails and phone numbers. We want to invite you to program events in the future. We have commissioning ceremonies planned in December, May, and August. We have spring awards and dining out events that we want you to be a part of. You'll always be Miners. If you would prefer to contact the Professor of Military Science (MAJ Matt Burmeister) directly about any of the above or anything in addition to get involved, please email mrb34d@mst.edu or call at 573-341-6802.



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