

STONEHENGE BATTALION

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024

Introduction:

Stonehenge Battalion, Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) at Missouri University of Science and Technology would like to highlight how busy our cadets, cadre, and staff were this year in creating quality education, training events, and enrichment events to further this program for semesters to come. We will highlight our lab curriculum, extracurriculars, Army and Army ROTC training events, and to conclude, dining out and commissioning ceremony



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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.

*Upper left: CDT Tong (MS4) briefing technical skills in route planning.
Upper right: CDTs notionally clear a "prisoner of war" in a tactical setting.*



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Cadet Corrick (MS4) provided instruction to CDT Leggett (MS1) on proper breathing using a "Dime/washer drill" to test how still he could keep his breathing while firing.





FALL FTX 2023

Upper left: MS3 cadets execute the .40 Army Marksmanship Qualification Table 5. This qualification includes various shooting positions with varying target distances.

Lower left: CDT Mitchell (MS3) at the EST Range at FLW practicing for practical .40 qualification range.

Lower right: CDT Holmstead performs the 1-rope obstacle at the Fort Leonard Wood Confidence Course.



Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX):

Every fall semester, cadets of Stonehenge Battalion participate in an FTX that provides training in a variety of different skills. This school year, our Fall FTX consisted of a visit to the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST) range (an electronic shooting range), the Army .40 M4 Marksmanship Qualification range, navigation of the Confidence Course, and the Warrior Tower (rappelling). This training event serves two purposes: to allow upper-level cadets to practice these skills for Cadet Summer Training (CST) and for newer cadets to experience how fun ROTC can be.



Cadets pose for a picture after a “run day” PT session sporting the new Battalion PT Shirt issued out in the Spring 2024 semester



Cadets going to CST and Army Cait schools complete a 12-mile ruck to prepare for their summer training.

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



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.

Ranger Buddy 2024





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POW / MIA Table present at our Dining-Out.



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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.