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Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Yellow Jacket Battalion



Summer 2016 Events:

- Cadet Leadership Course
- Cadet Initial Entry Training
- Drill Cadet Leader Training

~ Professor of Military Science



It seems as though I have said this in all of my previous newsletter entries...it has been a busy semester.

Our priorities continue to be to recruit, retain and develop Cadets for successful leadership as an officer. We can always use your help in finding qualified students that we can develop into the future leaders of the Army and our Nation. Please help us in spreading the word that ROTC should be a first option for qualified college students.

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The Cadets were developed this semester with a challenging curriculum at all levels and with extracurricular activities to aid them in becoming a complete person. We changed how we normally conduct leadership labs this semester by executing

two all day Saturday labs instead of the traditional weekly two hour labs on Thursdays. This was a hit with Cadets and cadre alike. Because there was less of a time constraint, Cadets experienced a more intense developmental experience.

Other highlights this semester were the several opportunities we had to engage with the community through our color guard and at WVSU Cares Day. It was a good feeling to provide volunteer service in the community and to see the Cadets enjoy what they were doing.

2016 is Army ROTC's Centennial year. The Yellow Jacket Battalion commemorated this event with a "Centennial Day" on 22 April. The day started with a 5K run and culminated with our annual dining-out. It was a fun filled day that helped the Cadets and friends of the program see that ROTC has been the foundation for many of the country's leaders. Part of U. S. Army Cadet Command's national celebration is the establishment of a national ROTC Hall of Fame. The Yellow Jacket Battalion nominated Major General Charles Rogers (WVSU class of 1951 and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient) and Brigadier General Walter Johnson (WVSU class of 1961, former Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps). I am happy to say both have been selected for induction. They will be recognized in June at Ft. Knox, KY.

In the military we are constantly saying "see you later" to someone. This summer we bid farewell to our Senior Military Instructor, Master Sergeant Ray, as he was selected for promotion and will be moving on to bigger things. I wish him and his family Godspeed. Thank you for professionalism and dedication while here this school year.

I also want to acknowledge our Logistics Specialist, Mr. Brooks for his 30 years of civilian service which all have been right here at the Yellow Jacket Battalion. It is rare today that you find someone that serves in one job for 30 years. Thank you Mr. Brooks!

Congratulations to Second Lieutenants Burns, Hummel, and Myers on their commission. I wish them the best.

Lastly, thank you to all that support this program.





Yellow Jackets

-Making the Headlines

Yellow Jacket Battalion Annual Dining Out

The Yellow Jacket Battalion conducted the annual dining out in the Union on WVSU's campus. This year's event was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of U.S. Army ROTC. Thanks to Major General (Retired) John Barnette (WVSU class of 1969 and former WV Army National Guard Chief of for his inspiring words as the guest speaker.

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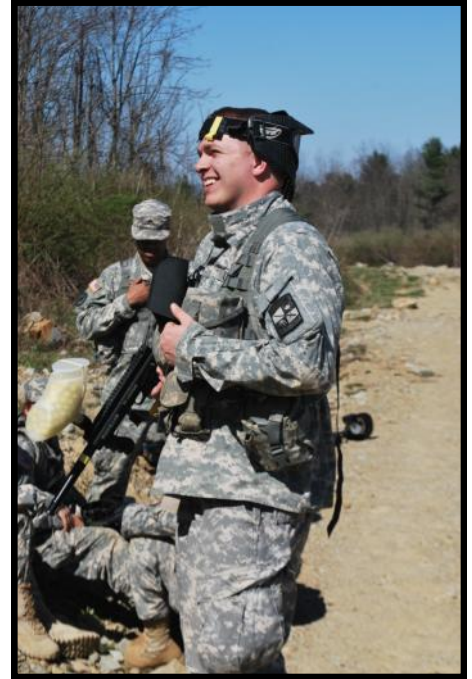
Joint Leadership Development Exercise

This spring the Yellow Jacket Battalion participated in a Joint Leadership Development exercise with Cadets from WVU and Marshall University. This year's exercise was held at Camp Dawson, WV and included land navigation and tactics training.

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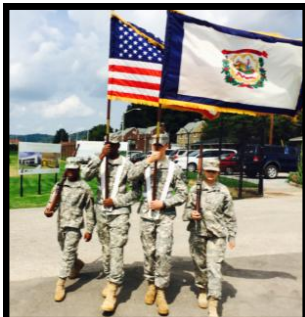
WVSU Cares Day

This spring the Yellow Jacket Battalion continued the tradition of supporting WVSU Cares Day. During this day of service, faculty and students conduct numerous service projects around the state to give back to the community.

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ROTC 100th Anniversary 5km Run

In commemoration of the 100th year anniversary of Army ROTC, select Cadets participated in a nationwide ROTC 5k run. Cadets from across the nation conducted the run on the same day at their respective campuses.



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Check us out on Instagram at [WVSUROTC](#)

~Cadet Summer Training

Specialty Schools

Drill Cadet Leadership Training



Cadet Vincent Bird

This summer, Cadet Vincent Bird will participate in Drill Cadet Leadership Training, or DCLT, at Fort Benning, GA. Cadet Bird will shadow Drill Sergeants and other Cadre at a Basic Training Company, learning first hand how our recruits are trained and molded into U.S. Army Soldiers.

Cadet Leadership Course



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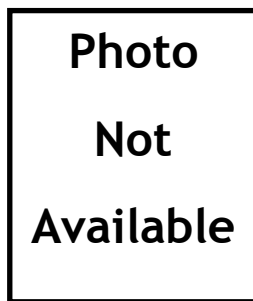
Cadet Sam Schoolcraft

Cadets Vincent Bird and Sam Schoolcraft will attend the Cadet Leadership Course at Fort Knox, KY this summer. This 30 day training event tests each Cadet on their leadership ability, tactical knowledge, and military skills. All juniors in ROTC units from across the nation will attend the training as a pre-commissioning requirement.

Cadet Initial Entry Training



Cadet Ryan Gamber



Cadet James Pennington



Cadet Marshall Tully



Cadet Delanta Yancey

Cadets Ryan Gamber, James Pennington, Marshall Tully, and Delanta Yancey will attend Cadet Initial Entry Training, or CIET, at Fort Knox, KY this summer. CIET is ROTC's version of basic training. freshman and sophomore Cadets from across the nation will meet at Fort Knox to learn basic military skills, customs and courtesies, and tactics.

-Newest Lieutenants is the U.S. Army

Second Lieutenant Ashley Burns

Second Lieutenant Ashley Burns is a graduate of West Virginia University Institute of Technology. She will serve in the West Virginia Army National Guard as an Ordnance Officer.



Second Lieutenant Abraham Hummel

Second Lieutenant Abraham Hummel is a graduate of Glenville State College. He will serve in the U.S. Army Reserves as a Military Police Officer.



Second Lieutenant Franklyn Myers

Second Lieutenant Franklyn Myers is a graduate of the University of Charleston. He will serve in the West Virginia Army National Guard as a Military Police Officer.





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-Farewell



MSG Thomas Ray

After only one year with the Yellow Jacket Battalion, the Army has bigger and better things in store for Master Sergeant Ray. Recently selected for promotion to Sergeant Major, Master Sergeant Ray will attend the Sergeants Major Academy this fall at Fort Bliss, TX.

In the short time he has been with the battalion, Master Sergeant Ray has definitely made an impact on the Cadets, instilling discipline, professionalism, and technical and tactical knowledge in them. He will be missed and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

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WVSU Army ROTC Video

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