

Newsletter

What's New Spring/Summer Trends

Army ROTC spring / summer trends focus on transition to Lieutenant leadership development, featuring intensive Cadet Summer Training (CST) at Fort Knox, basic camp and specialized schools like Air Assault. Key activities include field training, navigating confidence courses and career - enhanced internships.

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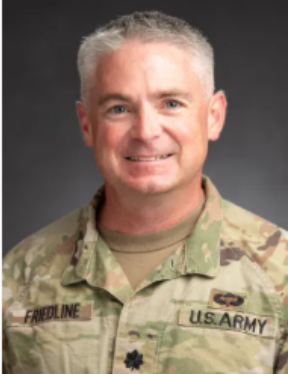




Words from our PMS LTC Friedline

Winter greetings from North Dakota and the Bison Battalion. As the thaw begins we begin preparations for a busy few months. In December we commissioned two outstanding officers that now join the officer ranks as they prepare to head off to the Basic Officer Leaders Course in the near future. This month Sergeant First Class Jones and five cadets participated in the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. Their grit and determination are an inspiration to younger cadets. Planning is also in full swing for the spring CFTX and NDSU Military Ball being held on 2 May 2026. We are on track to commission thirteen new Second Lieutenants and send eighteen highly motivated MSIII Cadets to the Cadet Assessment Validation Exercise (CAVE) at Fort Knox, KY this summer. Your Bison battalion has become a truly Cadet led organization where orders are developed, leadership labs are planned, and the execution of events are all conducted by the Cadets. Cadets are expected to function and perform in their staff roles similar to how they will perform once they are in the Army. Beginning the development of critical thinking while they are in college is preparing them for this enormous responsibility of caring for and leading America's sons and daughters. The Cadet leadership continues to adapt each year, taking the best elements from the previous year to build the program.

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LTC WILLIAM FRIEDLINE

Professor of Military Science / MS IV Instructor

MSIV cadets have been busy this semester preparing to commission as Second Lieutenants on 15 May 2026. Currently, the cadets are researching and planning the spring 2026 Staff Ride to the Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site in Abercrombie, ND. Cadets will analyze 19th-century leadership, defensive operations, and strategic transitions in order to prepare cadets for commissioning as Second Lieutenants. MSIV cadets are also evaluating our MSIII cadets in weekly leadership labs leading up to the Combined Field Training Exercise (CFTX) at Camp Ripley, MN 16-19 April 2026 in preparation for their attendance this summer at the Cadet Summer Training (CST) in Fort Knox, KY.



CPT ALEX ANDERSON

Assistant Professor of Military Science / MS II Instructor

MSII students began the semester with direct instruction on Offensive and Defensive Operations to ensure they had a firm understanding of what was being discussed and practiced in Leadership Lab. Focus was shifted to a deep dive into how to receive, write, and brief OPORDs to create a foundation to be built on throughout the semester and into their MSIII year. Most recently, they received instruction on Joint Operations and Problem Solving to better prepare them for situations of varying complexity.



SFC ADAM JONES

Military Science Instructor / MS III Instructor

MS3s are preparing for the CAVE program by enhancing their leadership skills in leading patrols and planning operations, which is crucial for developing their tactical and strategic capabilities essential for successful military operations. To refine these skills, they may engage in scenario-based training to improve decision-making and adaptability, participate in leadership workshops focusing on communication and team dynamics, conduct realistic field exercises to apply planning skills, receive constructive feedback from instructors and peers to identify areas for improvement, and collaborate in groups to design and plan operations with a focus on logistics, risk assessment, and execution strategies. These activities will ensure they are well-prepared for the challenges they may face during CAVE and beyond.



Mr. Eric Moen

Army ROTC Contractor / MSI Instructor

The MSI class is continuing to build on the foundation of basic military knowledge and skills from the Fall semester. Content has shown a heavy focus on the composition, capabilities, and actions of an Infantry Rifle Squad along with how to critically think and work through situations of varying complexity. In our MSI class there is an emphasis on collaboration and discussion with peers to foster a strong team mentality. Students are currently preparing to take their upcoming midterm exam before Spring Break.

Happening this spring



MS IV Staff Ride 11 April
CFTX 16-19 April
NDSU Finals Week 11-15 May
MSUM Graduation 8 May, 2pm
NDSU Graduation 16 May, 10am and 2 pm
2LT Commissioning Ceremony 16 May, 8am



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