

NDSU ARMY ROTC



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BISON BATTALION



Summer 2016

From the PMS's Desk

It has been another busy semester for the Bison Battalion. In addition to our regular training events we celebrated the 100-year anniversary of the Reserve Officer Training Corps, which NDSU has been a part of for the entire time. Several distinguished Alumni visited campus on 16 April to help unveil a monument in commemoration of the event. We capped off the semester by commissioning twelve new 2LTs; two in the Regular Army, 5 in the Minnesota National Guard, 4 in the North Dakota Guard and one to Washington State. The summer will be even more busy, see the "Where in the world are our Cadets for details.

It has been a banner year for recruiting and the Battalion will be contracting as many as 30 new Cadets in the Fall. They will be enrolling in all three universities in more than 20 Academic degree programs. This group includes an impressive array of young people from the most diverse background the program has seen in the last decade. It will take a lot of hard work but the growth of the enrollment speaks to the hard work of everyone involved.



LTC Ted Preister

New Cadet Leadership

At our End of School picnic we bid farewell to our seniors and announced a few of the newest Battalion leadership.

Battalion Commander: CDT Kyle Bogart

Goes to NDSU, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and plans to branch as an Engineer with the National Guard after graduating May 2017.

Battalion XO: CDT Cassandra Pollard

Goes to Concordia as a Nursing student and is looking to branch Nurse Corps, Active duty after graduating May 2017.

Battalion S-3: CDT Brett Turbeville

Goes to NDSU, majoring in Psychology and is a SMP Cadet with the ND National Guard. He plans to branch MP after graduation in May 2017.

Sergeant Major: CDT Andrew Johnson

Goes to NDSU as a Business Management student and is a SMP Cadet with the MN National Guard. He plans to branch Intelligence after graduation in December 2017.



Cadets reviewing their notes prior to a mission at this Spring's CFTX.

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Mr Sylvan Melroe ('56) and LTC Jason Benson ('96) assist LTC Preister, the Professor of Military Science in unveiling the NDSU ROTC Centennial Monument in front of the Bentson Bunker Field House.

Inaugural Hall of Fame Inductees

Since it is the Centennial of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, events have taken place across the country throughout the year. One of the major events is the induction of the first batch of Graduates into an ROTC Hall of Fame. Universities were asked to nominate two leaders who were products of their program for consideration. It was suggested that one be a person of Military Achievement and another, who may have only served a short while, but went on to lead in a business or community effort. In June, Cadet Command will induct the inaugural class of ROTC Hall of Fame members: NDSU ROTC Alumni Mr. Sylvan Melroe ('56), co-founder of Bobcat, and Rear Admiral Fred Paavola ('70), former Assistant Surgeon General, will be among those honored.

Celebrating 100 Years

On April 16 numerous ROTC Alumni, campus personalities, and community leaders gathered with the current cadets for the unveiling of the 100-Year Monument. The ceremony was one part to the celebration of Army ROTC's history here at NDSU. It also included a joint run with Junior ROTC cadets and Senior ROTC cadets, a luncheon, and public presentations.

Across the country many schools are hosting similar events celebrating 100 years of excellence. While this year marks the 100th year of ROTC being a congressionally sanctioned organization, NDSU has been producing officers since 1892.

NDSU's library partook of the celebration by setting up a public display in the library's entry way for a month full of readings, artifacts, and photos from across Army ROTC's history. On April 19, LTC Preister gave a speech to the open public about the intertwined history of ROTC and NDSU's campus. Many campus personalities and local supporters attended this event.

The battalion would like to extend a special thank you to all of the Supporters that made this possible. The class of 1994 has made total contributions of \$500 to date and has challenged other classes to beat them. There are future plans to add tablets on the sides of the monument with the names of all Commissionees from our program, so if you or your class wishes to donate please use any of our contact information (back page) and we will gladly assist you in what manner will be best for you.



Mr. Sylvan Melroe



RADM Fred Paavola

Our default delivery method for newsletters is email. If you wish to receive the physical version or if you are getting a physical version and want it electronically, please let us know.

Congratulations to our recent Scholarship recipients!

4 Year Dedicated Guard

Kaitlyn Gura— Spring of 2020 grad pursuing a Psychology Degree.

Elena Lerabakken— Spring of 2020 grad pursuing a Pre-Medical Degree.

Lukas Berndt— Spring of 2020 grad pursuing a Civil Engineer Degree.

Crysta Krantz— Spring of 2020 grad pursuing a Criminal Justice Degree.

Ashley Perez— Spring of 2020 grad pursuing a Biology Degree.

Taylor Nein— Spring of 2021 grad pursuing a Civil Engineer Degree.

Preston Miller— Spring of 2021 grad pursuing a Mechanical Engineer Degree.

Matthew Schaffner— Spring of 2020 grad pursuing an Animal Science Degree.

Alexis Schneider— Spring of 2020 grad pursuing a Biology Degree.

Carter Powley— Spring of 2020 grad pursuing a Social Science Education Degree.

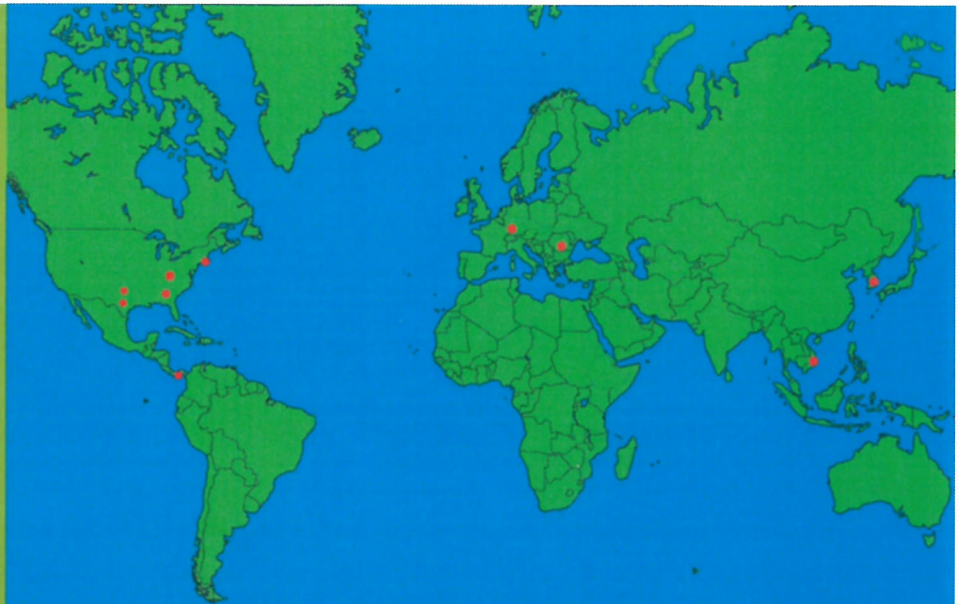
William Howlett IV— Spring of 2020 grad pursuing a Degree in Chemistry.

3.5 Year Dedicated Guard

Rachel Ouren— Spring of 2019 grad pursuing an Animal Science Degree.

3 Year Dedicated Guard

Jessica Corley— Spring of 2019 grad pursuing a Nursing Degree.



World map highlighting locations of all our Cadets. A red dot represents an area we will have a Cadet this summer.

Where in the world are our Cadets?

The summer is always an exciting time in the department, it is when we get to send Cadets across the globe to enhance or test their training. This year our global footprint spreads across five states, six countries, and three continents.

Fort Knox, KY— 22 Cadets attending Cadet Leadership Camp (previously Advanced Camp or LDAC); 8 Cadets attending Cadet Initial Entry Training (1-month basic training for new Cadets); 3 Cadre assigned to support summer training operations and attending school.

Fort Benning, GA— This year we are sending one Cadet to Airborne School and one Cadet to Air Assault School

Cade Troop Leader Training— This a month long experience for Cadets to be placed with an Active Duty platoon and are responsible for executing the planning and training. This year we are sending a Cadet to Fort Hood, TX; Fort Bliss, OK; and Korea.

Cultural Understanding Language Proficiency-

This an opportunity for Cadets to immerse themselves in a foreign culture while executing Military to Military, humanitarian, or educational missions in a host country. This year we are sending Cadets to Romania, Vietnam, and Panama.

Cadet Internships- Cadets are also afforded an opportunity to gain civilian job experience by participating in ROTC sponsored internship; they cover a plethora of career fields and branches. This year we have an Intern with the Army Corps of Engineers in Boston, MA and a Nursing Intern stationed in Landstuhl, Germany.

Cadets Try for GAFPB

The weekend of 14 and 15 May provided 11 Cadets the opportunity to try and earn the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFPB) at St. John's University in Minnesota. The GAFPB consist of: pistol qualification, first aid and NBC certification, physical fitness test (flex arm hang, shuttle sprint, 1000 meter run), 35 pound ruck march (distance ranges from 4 to 7.5 miles depends on qualification level), and 100 meter swim in full combat uniform. Their final qualification was determined by how they performed in each event. Qualification levels are Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

Results

Gold Qualifiers

Zachary Reich
Hannah Olson
Kyle Bogart

Silver Qualifiers

Sarah Olson
Daniel Boland
Devin Bykonen
Cody Hanson
Jonathan Hwang
Matthew Bonn

Bronze Qualifiers

Andrew Leighton
Thomas Stiller IV

A Time to Reflect...

2LT Ryan Doblak—Class of 2016, Engineer, ND National Guard
Platoon Leader, 188th Vertical Engineer Company

My time with the ROTC program has really helped me grow and learn. The summer training opportunities I was offered were incredible, and they are the reason I got my full time civilian job. I feel confident in my abilities to perform and represent the program as I start my officer career.

CPT Kevin Cronen—Class of 2011, Adjutant General, MN National Guard
Battalion S-1, 2-136 Infantry

The NDSU Army ROTC program helped me develop my own personal leadership style, and helped me understand how to implement them both in my civilian and military careers. The training I received while in college has allowed me to step into positions of greater responsibility ahead of my peers and I continue to take on additional responsibilities with success.

CPT(P) Micheal McGath—Class of 2006, Military Police, Active Duty
J-2 Executive Officer, U.S. Transportation Command

The most impactful part of the NDSU ROTC Program for me were the lifelong friendships I established across various year groups, branches and components. Of course, there were the leadership mentoring opportunities, the leadership labs, the FTX's which were always a great time, but all of those were second to the lifelong connections made through the program. The profession of arms and ethics classes that we had, at the time I thought were farfetched, only to learn later the very good reasons for the exercise existed in the curriculum.



Cadets proudly display their newly earned badges along side German Sergeant Major Marco Somma.

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