



BIG RED BATTALION REPORT

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MLKJ Day	16 Jan
APFT MS IV & III	18 Jan
23 min drills & CTT Lab	19 Jan
APFT MS II & I	20 Nov
Get Rec'd	19-20 Jan



Suggestions
from the
Sergeant:

Freshmen: Most of you have been in the program for one semester now. You should know enough skills to support the rest of your squad. Anything that you do not know: ASK! Read up on FM 7-8 Battle Drills and Basic Soldier Skills so you can be prepared for the Air Insertion Lab and FTX.

Sophomores: You are now the physical trainers for the company. Start planning now so your PT plan seems creative, even after being locked in the Cook all winter long. Enjoy the rest of your MSII year. It will fly by and then you will be in charge of your own squad.

Juniors: Second semester will bring joy and sorrow all at the same time. As long as you embrace the opportunity and utilize the skill set that you have spent the past 2 years learning, you will do fine!

***Any Comments, Complaints, Suggestions, Ideas, Fascinating Articles, Intelligent Arguments, and the like can be sent to the Battalion Mentor's box on a 3x5 note card.**

Welcome Back!

A welcome from our new battalion commander.

By: **CDT/LTC KENNEDY**

I'd like to start off by saying welcome back to Spring Semester 2012. I hope that you all had a relaxing and fun Holiday Break. I am excited to get this semester started and I expect that it will be filled with excellent training that is fun and will result in another successful year in ROTC. I look forward to participating in PT that will be led by our MS IIs, and I know that the MS IIIs are looking forward to their semester of House of Pain. The MS IVs have already started to plan the Air Insertion Lab, the Spring FTX, and there will be a new and exciting adventure in Military training for most of the Cadets of the BRB. As you all know, we are still holding onto a few of those MS IVs and hope they will move on over the next semester. I am instituting a few new policies to ensure that you are reading the information in the bunker. If you have any questions ask your chain of command and, if they can't help you, ask the MS IVs. The MS Vs are here to mentor, guide, and train you along your path to becoming a 2LT in the Army. Now that the first week is over, I hope everyone has settled into your class schedule and are ready to hit the books and make this a great academic year. If you are having any trouble with classes this semester I encourage you to meet with your Professors, TAs, and utilize a Tutoring section if the class provides this resource. After trying those resources talk to the Mentor for the BN, CDT Skelton; he may be able to arrange other ways of getting you help. With the changes taking place in the Military, getting a contract, scholarship, and even a commission are becoming more competitive and you will have to do more and be better than the people around you and across the nation in order to maximize your OML score. I challenge all the Cadets in the BRB to strive to make this semester the best one they've had. If there is anything that the MS IVs can do to facilitate that challenge let us know. Good luck and may your days here in ROTC be worthwhile and memorable.



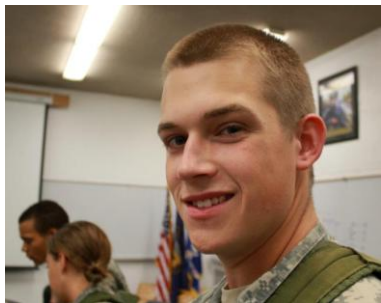
By the S-5/6
CPT Nate Carda



*Check out the new kettle bell workout presentation on the facebook site!

Let's Get Physical

I hope you all had a good break and got some quality time in front of the TV, but now it is time to get back to work. As you may have noticed, a mysterious white board has appeared in the well deck. A few brave underclassmen have dared to follow its daunting instructions. No one knows how it got there or who changes it every day, I would put my money on Terry; but, nonetheless, it remains. Take an hour out of your day, head to the well deck and see if you can't add your name to the list of those who have completed a kettlebell workout. Our generous alumni have provided us with equipment that can take your physical fitness to the next level if you are willing to put in the effort it requires. For the brave few who have dared to complete its stated task, I applaud you. To those who haven't tempted fate, I dare you. "Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. **Impossible is nothing.**" – Muhammad Ali



Cadet Specs

Austin Moore

Grade: Junior MSIII
Hometown: Omaha, NE
Major: Economics w/ History and Political Science minors
School Activities: Intramural football & basketball
Branch Choice: Combat arms, hopefully Armor
Why he joined the ARMY? I've always wanted to since I was little
What he is most looking forward to this year? Warrior Forge in Ft. Lewis, WA (L.D.A.C.)
Hobbies: Watching movies or reading and procrastinating doing my homework
Favorite food: Steak
Where he can be found on the weekend? At my apartment or maybe at a movie with my girlfriend
Interesting fact about him: I had the opportunity to go to South Africa on a hunting safari.

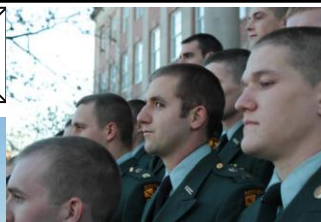


LeAnna Cutler

Grade: Sophomore MSII
Home: Shirley, NY
Major: Business Administration
School Activities: Wrestling
Branch Choice: 31A Military Police
Why she joined the ARMY? For the money, honey!
What she is most looking forward to this year? FTX! I love being out in the field and learning hands on.
Hobbies: Wrestling, Art, Singing
Favorite food: Penne-a-la-vodka
Where she can be found on the weekend? Playing sports or studying and reading
Interesting fact about her: I started wrestling when I was 3 and I would like to work with U.S.A.'s Olympic wrestling team.



Candid Shoots



"The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war!"
 - Hyman G. Rickover

"Weapons are an important factor in war, but not the decisive one; it is man and not materials that counts."
 - Mao Tse-tung

"Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid."
 - Col. David H. Hackworth

Refernces

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