

GOLDEN KNIGHT BATTALION NEWSLETTER

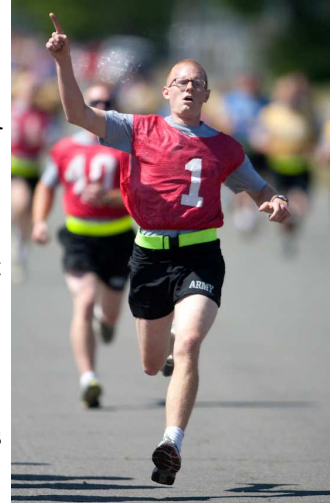
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A FEW WORDS FROM THE BATTALION COMMANDER

Members and supporters of the Golden Knight Battalion; I am extremely honored and excited to be the Cadet Commander of the Golden Knight Battalion. The fall semester is always very exciting as we prepare a new junior class for Leadership Development Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Washington. This semester's training is off to a fast start with Field Leaders Reaction Course and Land Navigation. These two training events are some of the first graded events at LDAC. Later in the semester the Cadets will exercise their knowledge in Squad Level Tactics. All of these training events will then be tested again in our three day Field Training Exercise. In addition; the GKB competed in the ARMY 10 miler in Washington D.C. This year's team placed 7th out of 62 teams. Ranger Challenge competed 14-17 October at Camp Smith, New York. Their hard work paid off as the finished in 1st place. Dining Out is not very far away and I look forward to meeting many of the younger Cadet's families. I hope to see you all in February. "From the Front!"



CTLT

CDT ZANGHI

This summer I had the privilege of traveling to Schofield Barracks, HI, to attend Cadet Troop Leader Training upon completion of LDAC. In Hawaii I spent the week days working under the XO and PL of a Quartermaster Company and learning their jobs as 1LT's. While with the unit, I worked with the training NCOs to develop training plans for the company, taught a class on OERs, and helped plan and run a combat water survival test with another Cadet. The officers of course did not want us wasting our time on Oahu stuck in the office. I was able to go to Fort Shafter to meet Maj. Gen. Terry, commanding general of U.S. Army-Hawaii, and Hickam AF Base to take a tour of an LSV (Boats the Army uses to transport cargo between the islands). I also took advantage of the opportunity to meet with officers of different branches, and spent a day touring helicopters at Wheeler AFB with a MEDEVAC unit. On the weekends I toured the island with the other Cadets. My most worthwhile experience of the trip being the tour of the Arizona Memorial and USS Missouri at Pearl Harbor. We also learned how to stand-up paddle, went snorkeling at the North Shore, attended a Luau, hiked Kolekole Pass, and spent a weekend sightseeing and enjoying the sun in Waikiki. CTLT was a great experience I would recommend for any Cadet who wants to learn about the everyday life of a LT in the Army. The knowledge I gained will enable me to be more prepared when I arrive at my first duty station, and the experiences I had left me with no question as to where I want that duty station to be.



AIR ASSAULT: CDT HALLAM



I am Cadet Devin Hallam, now in my Junior year at Clarkson University. Over the summer, from the dates of 09MAY2011 until 23MAY2011 I attended the Sabalauski Air Assault School, conducted by the 101st Airborne Division. Some of the things we learned were basic aircraft speeds, armaments, characteristics, cargo capacities, missions, how to prepare Landing Zones and Pickup Zones, planning Air Assault missions, use of attack aviation in Close Air Support, and capabilities and request procedures for MEDEVAC aircraft. We also learned how to rig a slingload and how to disassemble one, we were also taught how to inspect them. Specifically, we focused on 4 different slingloads; the A-22 cargo bag, 3 fuel blivets, the 5,000 and 10,000 lbs cargo net, and an up-armored Humvee. Finally, our last obstacle before graduation was the 12 mile ruck march. Uniform for the foot march was full ACU's, one full canteen, a ruck sack full of 35 lbs of gear, and our Kevlars (helmets). We were transported to the airfield, and started at approximately 0300. We had 3 full hours to complete the march. Because of how dark it was, everyone was required to use their red-lens flashlights. It was a very cool to look behind and see a line of red dots, miles long into the night. Around mile 6, a huge storm rolled in. We could

hear the thunder from a few miles out. It rained sideways and hard for nearly an hour, lightning arcing across the sky, thunder louder than the person yelling next to you trying to get your attention. The march was literally something straight from a movie. It was a fitting end to such a challenging two weeks.

AIRBORNE: CDT STRAIT

This past summer myself along with Cadets Russ Austin, Nick Olszewski, and Taylor Macci went to Airborne school at Fort Benning. While learning to become paratroopers we each had the chance to interact with enlisted Soldiers, NCO's, and new lieutenants. During our first week of training we went through what is called ground week. During ground week we learned about our harness, how to properly exit the aircraft using a 34 foot tower (which apparently does not count as a tower), and how to perform a Parachute landing fall (PLF). Week two is known as Tower week and it was during this week that we practiced mass exit technique from the 34 foot tower, practiced our PLF's using the Swing Landing Trainer (SLT), and how to control our chute while in the air. Typically most companies use the 250 foot towers so one would have more practice controlling the chute while in air and then perform a safe landing, but our company did not have time. During jump week we performed five jumps. Bravo Company which myself, Olszewski, and Macci were a part of, did two combat load jumps and one night jump out of our five jumps. Sitting in a harness shed for a few hours while waiting for the jump was painfully slow but once my stick was called to the plane it was all worth it. My first jump I was fourth man out the door and as soon as I stepped out of the plane I hit the prop blast and was in for the ride of a lifetime. Remembering the most important thing the Sgt Airborne's told us, I kept my feet and knees together as I hit the ground.



CULP: CDT VOORHEES

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THANK YOU
AGAIN FOR ALL
OF YOUR
SUPPORT.

GO KNIGHTS!!

This summer was filled with a lot of excitement for me as I was fortunate enough to go on an adventure to the country of Costa Rica. This was not a vacation I took with my family or a giant road trip I took with my friends. I received a spot for a Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) trip through the U.S. Army Cadet Command; so I headed down to Costa Rica with nine other ROTC Cadets and one cadre member to experience the language, culture, and Costa Rican way of life. There are a number of different CULP slots, to dozens of different countries, which are available to any contracted ROTC Cadet. Each country has a different agenda that could range from teaching English to training with the host country's military.

While I was in Costa Rica I lived in the city of Quesada with the other Cadets and our cadre member. During the week we all volunteered within the local community either teaching English, working at nursing homes, or helping with special needs kids in the local schools. These volunteer assignments took us out of our comfort zones and forced us to become engaged with the local culture and language. I quickly went from knowing three Spanish words to being able to speak a grand total of about



twenty. Although my Spanish skills were limited, I learned so much from my time there. Once the weekends rolled around we quickly kicked it into tourist mode and took full advantage of our free time. One weekend we visited a volcano that was surrounded by rainforest and the next we took a trip to the Pacific coast. While on our weekend trips we had a great deal of fun while visiting some amazing places and doing some really exciting things. To elaborate on this we were able to explore the rain forest, relax in some volcanic hot springs, visit a cocoa plantation and unwind on the beach. As if this wasn't enough already we also went rappelling, zip lining, snorkeling, sailing, and bungee jumping. Nothing gets your heart racing quite like jumping off a bridge with only a strap around your ankles to support you.

This summer was one to remember because of the awesome time I was able to have in Costa Rica. I will not forget the time I spent there or the people I spent it with. Oh, and I almost forgot to mention the best part of this whole experience. Not only was everything that I did in Costa Rica 100% paid for by the Army but on top of that I got paid to do it! It truly was a trip of a lifetime.

<http://www.cadetcommand.army.mil/culp/>

UP COMING EVENTS

The ROTC ARMY/AIR FORCE
Soccer Game
22 October 2011

Field Training Exercise (FTX)
27 through 30 October, 2011

Mark your Calendars
Golden Knight Battalion Dining Out
25 February 2012





Army Ten Miler Team



Swearing in Ceremony



Ranger Challenge Team



Land Navigation Training



Marksmanship Training



Squad Tactics

