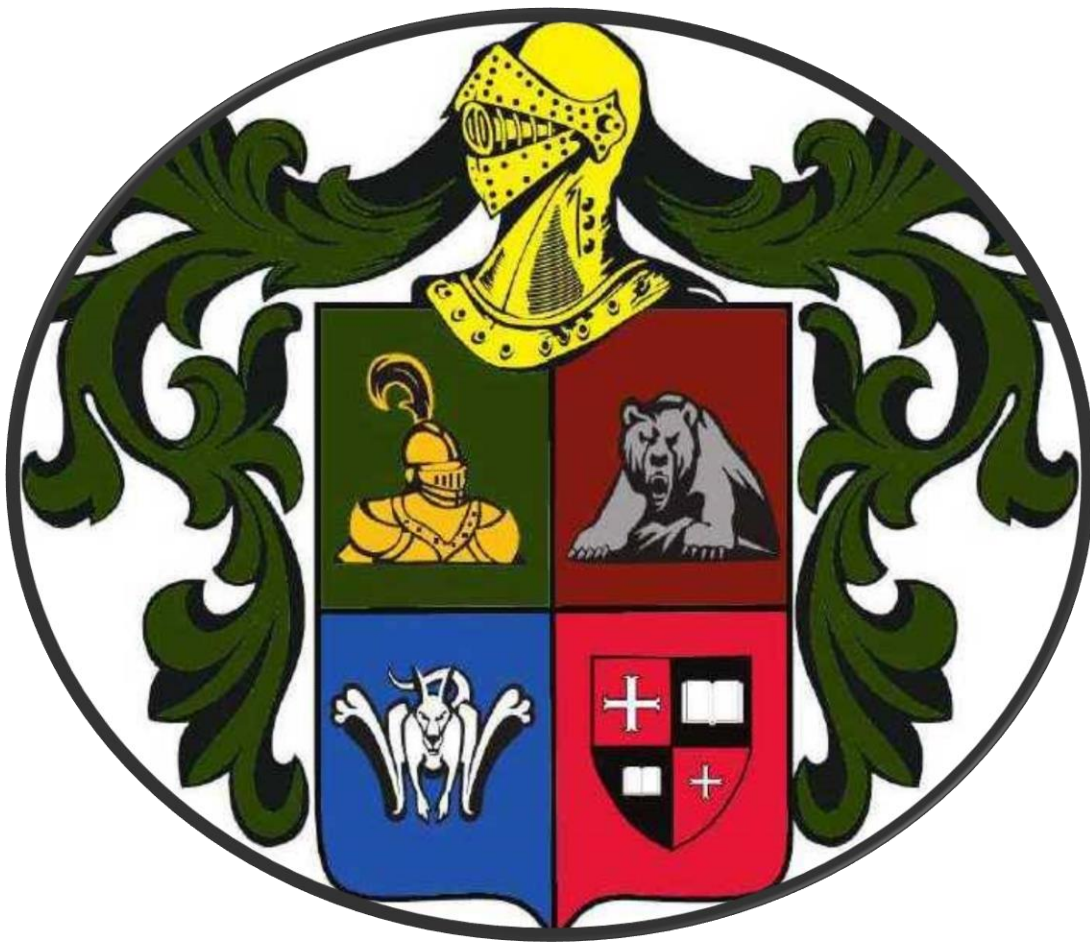


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FROM THE FRONT

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NOTE FROM THE PMS:



MAJ Nguyen

I want to use this month newsletter to discuss Change and the ROTC Family.

Change is a fact of life. Changes can be unpopular and there will be resistance. However, as an organizational leader you are expected to make changes so you can improve your organization. Don't be resistant to change or think that things are good the way they are. Continue to grow and learn.

We are a family. I am very proud of the way the Battalion came together to support a few Cadets that were struggling with personal issues. Coming together and supporting each other is what separates us from some random corporations or random sports teams. The Army is all about being a family and a team. Continue to support each other and bring issues to your cadet chain of command. **From the Front, MAJ Bill Nguyen**

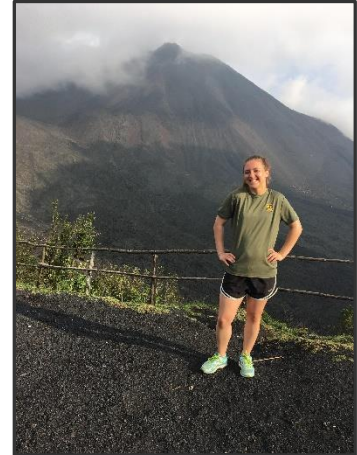
CADET OF THE MONTH

Cadet Gianna Valenti



I joined Army ROTC because I was inspired by my father and all those that have served. Thanks to them we are fortunate enough to live freely in the greatest country. I want to serve to allow Americans to continue to have their freedom. I hope to go into the medical corps so that I can protect the soldiers that are fighting to protect our people and our rights. Even though

Soldiers put their lives on the line, I want to be the person there that is making sure they are able to return home to their friends and families. Army ROTC has become my greatest passion. My favorite aspect about the program is that you are constantly challenged, mentally and physically, and developed. Every Cadet is experiencing the same situations as the rest of the battalion. This fosters a sense of brotherhood throughout the program. We all look out for each other and help each other enhance our skills. I am motivated to achieve a good PT score and a high GPA because I always keep my future in mind. I believe this is thanks to my family. They taught me that I need to work hard to achieve what I want in life.



PROMOTIONS

MS1s are promoted for exceeding the standard, performing above their peers, and leading from the front!



c/PFC Matthew
Geary



c/PFC Tommy
Gonzalez



c/PFC Thomas
Mellon



c/PFC Amanda
Riley



c/PFC Olga
Zubak



c/PFC Adaline
Friedlander



c/PFC
Benjamin
Dindo



c/PFC Jenna
Woods

CADET EXPERIENCEU.S. Army Ten Miler

By David Mackey



Cadets of the GKB met General Milley, US Army Chief-of-Staff

The Army Ten-Mile Race is an annual event that is held in our nation's Capital. This race has over 35,000 runners with 900 teams that come from around the world to participate. Being able to bring a team down to compete in the ROTC division was a very memorable thing for everyone involved. Our team got to go down before the race to explore Washington D.C. and the Army Ten-Mile Expo. During our

time there, we bonded as a team and learned more about our country's heritage. The following morning, we showed up early to the race and got to see all the hard work that was put into making the event run so smooth. We were excited to see how much support there was for all the runners and what this race meant to a lot of people. Lastly, the team out performed almost all other ROTC teams and ended up coming in 12th place out of 96 teams. Special thanks to the Northern New York Chapter of the AUSA for their support.



Cadet from the Golden Knight Battalion get a group photo with Mr. Toth, and 5 Alumni from the ROTC program who ran the race as well

GOLDEN KNIGHT EVENTS

SARANAC LAKE SIXER RACE

By Ryan Weiner

Over the weekend of October 13th, Cadets and some of the Cadre had the opportunity for a team building exercise in the Adirondacks. A team of six members of the Battalion made the trip out to Saranac Lake to participate in the Saranac 6er, which is a relay race that takes place over a 24-hour period. Each team member hikes one of the peaks to get their ticket punched. This



CDT William "Big Willy" Marklinger races down Panther Mountain.

shows that they have completed each peak. The peaks ranged from 2,400 feet to around a 3,800-foot ascent. Some of the peaks had a more rugged steep ascent compared to the smaller peaks that had an easier and more direct route to the top. Once one member finished a peak the team would hop into the Battalion van and quickly travel to the next mountain for another high-speed ascent. The Army team was able to successfully complete

all 6 peaks and ended up coming in 2nd place (collegiate category). Although we did not win, it was a good experience for the cadets to connect with Major Nguyen and bond with each



The GKB Team get a photo with Clarkson Alumni, Mr. Clyde Rabideau, mayor of Saranac Lake at the Sixer start/finish

other. This event allowed for the cadets to push their physical and mental abilities as they scaled the mountains. It enabled them to get more comfortable navigating through wooded terrain. But as always, and most importantly, the cadets were able to have a fun-filled weekend getting out into nature.

"Lead from the Front".



Major Nguyen climbs Baker Mountain.



CDTs Fowler, Leiber, and Schreiner coming down Panther Mountain

PRELIMINARY MARKSMANSHIP

By Madison Cunningham

The last Military Science Lab in September for the GKB Battalion consisted of Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction. Cadets were instructed on the details necessary for range operations that would take place the following day at the Potsdam Police Range. Briefs on safety were given to the cadets at the lab, They were taught how to properly disassemble and reassemble an M4 rifle by the senior class, and how to properly load and unload the weapon system. The range began at 0600 on Friday morning and continued until 1600 that afternoon. Upon arriving at the range, cadets signed in and were given a final safety brief before



CDT Fries receives instruction from c/CPT Sadler



c/CPT Perillo was in charge of supply and distribution of ammunition at the range

beginning the process. They started by loading the M4 magazines with thirty rounds each, then each cadet would shoot six iterations of five at a target 30 meters away. After each iteration, the cadet would walk down to the target and view the group that he or she had shot, determining where adjustment was needed, if necessary. As the cadets continued the process, they were taught the proper way to shoot, specifically how

to breathe, when to relax, how to aim and squeeze the trigger. The MS4s at both the lab and the range did very well and certainly were successful in assisting the cadets understand the fundamentals of handling and firing the M4. Their familiarity with the weapon was enhanced and new skills were gained as the cadets learned more about themselves mentally and physically. Thanks for this opportunity that we had at the Potsdam Police Range.



c/CPT Olsen instructs CDT Zubak on the finer points of marksmanship

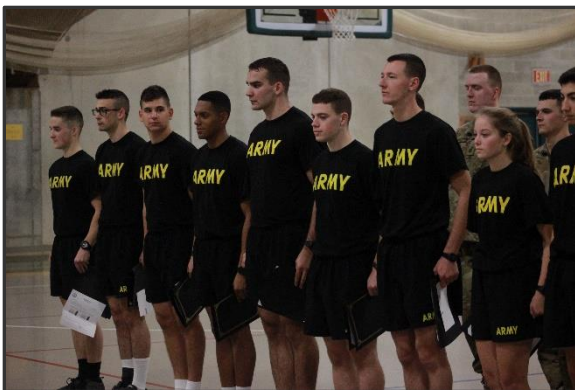
MONTHLY PHOTOS



The Clarkson 10-miler team visits the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery



Cadet Battalion Commander runs with his subordinates during PT



Cadets who scored 280 or higher on their PT test are awarded the PT badge by Major Nguyen



Cadet Ritzenthaler climbing the Air Assault rope



Cadet Suski checks Cadet Dindo's harness



Cadet Scarlatta climbs the Air Assault rope during a squad competition