CDT Steiner wins Legion of Valor For Achievement Award

On Saturday, October 19th Cadet Justin Steiner was presented with the Legion of Valor for Achievement Award at a BGSU Women’s Volleyball game. This award is one of the top recognitions for ROTC Cadets in the entire nation, and is presented to Cadets who demonstrate scholastic excellence in military and academic subjects. Captain Howell nominated Cadet Steiner for his performance both in and out of the classroom. Whether it be academics, physical fitness, or training performance Cadet Steiner excels in all regards. Cadet Steiner stated, “I am honored to represent such a great program, and I would like to thank Captain Howell for the nomination. “

GAFPB

This semester members of the Fighting Falcon Battalion competed in the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFPB) competition at Ohio University and Toledo University. The participants needed to complete a series of physical events including 11x10-meter sprints, chin-up test, 1000 meter run, 100 meter swim and a road march, along with passing a first aid test, NBC MOPP test and a pistol qualification. Participants were assessed and then scored either bronze, silver or gold in each event. Out of the Cadets that competed, 10 received gold (CDTs: Jarret Childress, Matthew Budzynski, Troy Henricksen, Mason Locke, Aaron Yambor, Josh Digman, James Felch, Nevada Todt, John Kennedy, Jacob Steiner.), 2 silver (CDTs: Jacob Tatum, Ian Seymour) and 1 bronze: CDT John Klimas. Two members of our Cadre, 2LT Eric Tait and 2LT Rachel Fenton, also participated and earned gold. The cadets were presented these awards by two members of the German military. The GAFPB badge is a highly sought after award and is one of the few foreign awards that members of the United States military can wear.
Cadets Butler, Sanchez, Roginsky, Williamson, and Boysza were invited to attend the annual American Veterans Conference in Washington D.C. hosted by the American Veterans Center. The event brought together Cadets from various ROTC Universities and Senior Military Colleges all over the country, such as West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, Virginia Military Institute, The Citadel, Texas A&M, and many more. Cadets had the incredible opportunity to be in the presence of true American heroes, featuring the Tuskegee Airmen, the last surviving member of the Doolittle Raiders, the last surviving officer of the Band of Brothers, Medal of Honor recipients from both the Korean War and the War on Terror in the Middle East, Think Tank members, Special Forces, Navy Seals, and multiple Purple Heart recipients. While in the nation’s beautiful capital, extra time allowed the Cadets the chance to do some sightseeing on their own. They attended events in the National Archives, the home of our nation’s founding documents, and had the chance to attend a dinner in the Norwegian Embassy in D.C. The attending Cadets are incredibly appreciative of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and it is without a doubt that they walked away with not only an invigorated sense of patriotism and thankfulness for those who came before them, but also with lessons and wisdom that they will carry with them for the rest of their careers. A special thanks to Dr. J. Robert Sebo for sponsoring the Cadets on the trip.
Royal Greens

The Army ROTC Royal Greens Club has been putting work into the community, holding its members up to the high standards of the Citizen Soldier. This year comes with new leadership and great events. President Mark Williams and Vice President Philip Forrest started off the year with a summer event in Bowling Green, the Firefly Nights festival, where they set up an obstacle course for local children to navigate through. Following that event, the Royal Greens have involved themselves in fundraising events, such as the BG Parks and Rec Wine and Cheese Auction and the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, as well as, veterans affairs events, such as the Sunset Village Veteran's Day Celebration, and the Campus Veteran's Affairs work at the annual Veteran's Appreciation Game. The list of our community service events is quite lengthy! The Royal Greens Club puts to task the work ethic and American values of every Cadet who partakes, to allow them the means to give back to a community and a country that has done so much to support them. We look forward to many more opportunities to serve at recurring events and at new service opportunities, and we are always open to new members.

-Royal Greens President, Cadet Mark Williams
Pershing Rifles

Notorious for firing the cannon and performing push-ups in the end zone after every touchdown at the BGSU home football games, Bowling Green State University’s Pershing Rifles Company I-1 is active in the community, performing several color guards and exhibition routines throughout the year. In order to join, Pershing Rifles pledges must undergo a twelve week process where pledges learn drill and ceremony, leadership skills, military science, military bearing, and discipline. Now in their eleventh week of pledging, the current pledge class of 2018 has six pledges, three Army and three Air Force Cadets. Company I-1 is training for the annual National Convention & Drill Meet (NATCON), which will be held in March 2019 in Kansas City, MO. Company I-1 will compete in Squad Exhibition, Platoon Regulation, Color Guard, Duet, and Solo performances. Several months prior to NATCON, the Pershing Rifles Club Company I-1 hosts an annual pancake breakfast fundraiser to help defray the cost of attending and participating in the meet (fundraiser detail information will be forthcoming). Pershing Rifles offers a hands on approach to becoming a good cadet and a confident leader.