



# Fighting Falcon Battalion NEWS

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## 2015 Spring Commissioning

This past spring, the Fighting Falcon Battalion commissioned eight officers into the United States Army. The recent graduates will commission as 2nd Lieutenants and serve in a variety of branches including the Ordnance Corps, Transportation Corps, Chaplaincy, Military Police, Adjutant General, and Finance Corps. The following undergraduates and graduate students have shown unrivalled leadership skill in training for success in these respective career fields. "If you have a passion for it, you can find a place to fit in the Army as an officer and get



the training you need to turn that passion into a career" (US ARMY). Congratulations to the graduates of 2015 and best wishes for your next adventure!

(Robert J. Wolpert, Thomas E. Savage Jr., Timothy J. Lemon II, Jacob J. Schall, Christopher C. Mann, Kyle B. Brenay, Ethan Brown, Danielle F. Wildman, Catherine B. Peterson)

## Air Assault School

Eighteen members of the BGSU Army ROTC program attended Air Assault operations training this summer. Soldiers are trained on the missions performed by rotary wing aircraft, aircraft safety, aero-medical evacuation procedures, pathfinder operations, principles and techniques of combat assaults, rappelling techniques, and sling-load operations. All phases of training requires each soldier to make maximum use of helicopter assets in order to help support unit operations. The BGSU family is proud that ALL of the members of the Fighting Falcon Battalion that have attended Air Assault School this summer have graduated. \*Cdt Leygraaf will attend Air Assault school in FT. Benning while Cdt Bowman attends Airborne training.\*



(Wadsworth, Shammo, Pendelton, Burgos, Lemon, Wolpert, Savage, Stagl, Stearns, Poole, Mansaray, Widmer, Forsyth, Stribrny, Lane, Hicks, Lewis, Bintz)

## Dean's List

Being a Student-Soldier can be very challenging at times. Having the ability to juggle classes, exams, schedules, and ROTC is a daunting task. ROTC soldiers have a variety of responsibilities and falling behind in their studies is not an option. Student-Soldiers place their studies as a priority at all times. However, the following Student-Soldiers have made exceptional strides in the classroom and are setting the standard for their fellow ROTC Cadets.

- Gero, Hogan, Jansen, McQuillen, Moorefield, Todt, Walton, Crist, Hicks, Lane, Langmeier, Legraaf, Pendelton, Rowlands, Shammo, Bintz, Croft, Poole, Stearns, Widmer



## BGSU Hall Of Fame Inductee (Brigadier General Douglas M. Gabram)

Since the establishment of the Army ROTC program at Bowling Green State University in the fall of 1948, distinguished members have attended classes and graduated with expertise in the field of Military Science and Tactics. The original plan for the ROTC program was to produce Artillery Officers but it has since evolved to encompass more. The motto of the Fighting Falcon Battalion is “Committed to Developing Leadership Excellence.” Brigadier General Douglas M. Gabram was inducted into the BGSU Hall of Fame during the 2015 Spring Awards. Gabram graduated 1984 as a Distinguished Military Graduate of Bowling Green State University. He commissioned as an Armor Officer and transferred to the Aviation Branch. Gabram has a masters degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University. His Military education includes Army Command and General Staff College, Joint Forces Staff College, and Senior Services College Fellowship at the University of Texas. BGSU faculty, Cadre, and Cadets are proud to acknowledge and host the induction of BG Gabram into the ROTC Hall of Fame. BG Gabram has committed to the development of leadership in himself and others. In doing so, he has achieved a level of excellence and expertise that only comes with hard work and a continuous pursuit of knowledge.



## Top APFT Scores

The following Cadets have achieved a 290 or above on the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). The APFT is designed as an assessment of a soldier’s muscular endurance, strength, and cardiovascular fitness. Soldiers are scored based on performance in three events. The events consist of two minutes of push-ups, two minutes of sit-ups and a two mile run. The following Cadets have performed extremely well setting the standard for other ROTC Cadets.

(Givens, Shimrock, Walton, Bowman, Hicks, Lane, Lewis, Leygraaf, Pendelton, Bintz, Forsyth, Poole, Stearns, Wadsworth, Stagl)



## New and Returning Cadet Orientation and In-Processing

TUE 18 AUG:	EVENT	AUDIENCE	LOCATION
0800-1000	Contracting Cadets APFT	MSI – MSIV’s	Hockey Arena
1000-1200	MS IV’s orientation rehearsal	MS IV’s	Memorial Hall
1000-1200	Move in returning Cadets	MS II – IV’s	Memorial Hall
1200 – 1300	Lunch	MS II - IV’s	Campus
1500 – 1600	Set up for FFB Family Event	MS II - IV’s	Memorial Hall
1300 - 1600	New Cadet Move in	MS I’s	Campus
1600 – 1800	FFB Family Event	ALL	Memorial Hall
WED 19 AUG:	EVENT	AUDIENCE	LOCATION
0730 - 1600	ROTC Orientation	ALL	Memorial Hall



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