



Fighting Falcon Battalion NEWS

Letter from Professor of Military Science, LTC Steve Hopingardner



Greetings from the Fighting Falcon Battalion!

First, I would like to wish LTC Mohler and his wife, Vicki, well as they start their next adventure. He is retiring after 20 years of untiring service to our country. They truly had a great impact on the Falcon Battalion, the BGSU campus, and their community. I recently arrived at BGSU from Fort Eustis, Virginia and I am very excited to be here and to be a part of this great team.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and making the most of it! The campus is quiet but the cadre and staff are busy either supporting the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Knox, Kentucky or at the battalion preparing for the upcoming year. The Fighting Falcon Cadets are performing very well at LDAC and the Leader Training Course (LTC) and we are expecting great things from these leaders on campus this year. Please be safe and enjoy the remainder of the summer, Cadet Orientation and In-processing is 20-22 August which is right around the corner! I look forward to meeting you all! Falcons Lead The Way!

2014 Spring Commissioning

This past spring, Fighting Falcon Battalion commissioned eight officers into service in the United States Army. Our newly commissioned Lieutenants will serve in a variety of branches including the Ordnance Corps, Medical Services Corps, Field Artillery, Finance, Armor and Military Intelligence.

2LT Jordan Miller, a graduate of Tiffin University, earned the honor of being named a Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG). To earn DMG, Cadets must be ranked in the top 20% of the overall national order of merit list.

2LTs Kurtis Gilley, Zachary Brewington, Jordan Miller, and Tyler Todd all earned the designation of Distinguished Military Students. They achieved this title by being ranked in the upper third of the battalion's order of merit list. They also must be ranked in the upper half of their university or college class.

Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement ROTC Award

Cadet Ethan Brown was awarded the 2014 Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement ROTC Award. This award is given to outstanding Cadets for achievement of scholastic excellence in military and academic subjects. Cadet Brown is a member of the Ranger Challenge team and is the Cadet Battalion Sergeant Major.



2LT Kurtis Gilley receiving the Oath of Office at the University of Northwestern Ohio.



Cadets from Pershing Rifles carry the colors through downtown Bowling Green during the city's Memorial Day parade. Pershing Rifles perform color guard ceremonies and have competed at national competitions.

Cadet Summer Training: Leadership Development and Assessment Course

Every summer, MS III Cadets attend the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC). This was the first summer the course was held at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In previous years, the course was held at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington.

The 30 day training assesses the leadership abilities of Cadets and further trains them to become officers. Cadets participate in a wide range of activities such as first aid training, land navigation, patrolling operations and an army physical fitness test. At LDAC, Cadets also take part in a Branch Orientation Day which educates Cadets on the different branches and jobs they may serve in upon commissioning.



BGSU Cadet, Kyle Brenay (Center), serves in the color guard during 1st Regiment's Activation Ceremony.

New and Returning Cadet Orientation and In-Processing

Wednesday, August 20th

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Location</i>
0800-1000	Returning Cadets Move In	MS II-IV	Campus
0900	Cadet Meeting with PMS	MS IV	Memorial Hall
1000-1300	Equipment Draw and Admin	MS II-IV	Memorial Hall
1300-1400	Lunch Break	MS II-IV	Campus
1300-1600	New Cadet Move In	New Cadets	Campus
1600-1800	Battalion Family Day and Cookout	ALL	Memorial Hall

Uniform: New Cadets-Civilian Attire, Returning Cadets- ROTC shirt and khaki Shorts with athletic shoes, MS IVs- ROTC polo and khaki shorts with athletic shoes.

Thursday, August 21st

0730-0800	First Formation	ALL	Memorial Hall
0815-1230	Cadet Orientation Classes	ALL	Memorial Hall
1230-1430	Lunch and Cadet Mentoring	ALL	Memorial Hall
1435-1500	Final Formation	ALL	Memorial Hall

Friday, August 22nd

0630-0730	Army Physical Fitness Test	MS IVs and new contracting cadets	
0900-1100	Leadership Development Process	MS III-IV	Memorial Hall



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