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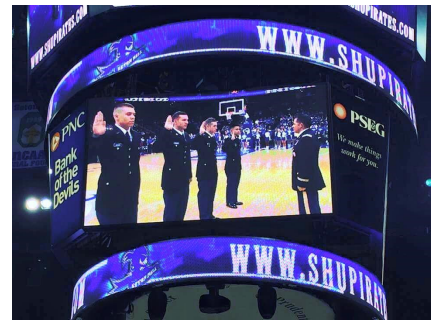
PMS' Piece

Our outstanding young cadets have done nothing short of extraordinary this year. They performed remarkably well during the Fall semester. In addition to improving themselves as individuals, these young adults have built a team that is invincible and willing to execute the impossible. My cadre and I have seen nothing but true professional growth from each cadet. We see a proud "Can Do, Never Quit" attitude in every cadet. We asked a lot of the cadet leadership from developing a plan for New Cadet Orientation (NCO) to helping the community with a Turkey Drive and maintaining South Mountain Reservation while still developing their tactical knowledge and expertise. I could not be more proud of these young people and all they have accomplished this past semester.

I look forward to the spring semester with complete excitement. We have so many events occurring in the Spring. I ask each and every one of you to follow the cadets on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pirate-Battalion-ROTC/11799875545>) and our webpage (<http://www.shu.edu/offices/rotc/index.cfm>). We will have our Joint Leader Development Exercise with Rutgers and Princeton Army ROTC at FT Dix 8-10 April, our best Pirate Competition 29 April, and our commissioning ceremony for our 2016 Class on 13 May at 1300 hours. This year also marks the 100th Anniversary for ROTC. We will celebrate this centennial moment and cadet accomplishments during our annual Ball on 30 April at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany, NJ. Our Program Hall of Fame Inductee will again be recognized at our annual Ball. Please visit our webpage to see our 2015 Hall of Fame Inductee and submit nominations for this year (<http://www13.shu.edu/offices/rotc/alumni-hall-of-fame.cfm>). I personally invite every Army Pirate ROTC Alumni to join us at these events.

Pirate Battalion's Fall Semester

Pirate Battalion certainly knows what it means to “hit the ground running”! The cadets started the semester strong and haven’t looked back since August. The fall is always an exciting time, especially because our Pirate Battalion family grows with the acceptance of a new freshmen class. The cadets who participated in summer training have been putting their new knowledge to good practice. Starting with New Cadet Orientation (NCO) week in August, the cadets have planned, conducted, and participated in an vast amount of events. From physical training, color guards, leadership development training exercises, and swim tests, to basketball games, community service, and so much more. Our cadets have grown as leaders, and continue to excel in every way. They have most definitely earned their winter break, and are looking forward to coming back even stronger to close out the year in the spring! CAN DO, NEVER QUIT!



Cadets reciting their contracting oath were shown on the jumbotron at a SHU Men's Basketball Game.



Pirate Battalion cadets with members of Air Force ROTC and the Newark Police Department during a 9/11 Memorial Service at NJIT.



Cadets and Cadre before the annual Halloween Fun Run.

Physical Readiness Training

Every day Pirate Battalion cadets strive to improve their physical abilities to prepare for the rigorous tasks the Army can require. Cadets were inserted into various environments to both demonstrate their strengths and identify areas of improvement.

CWST

Pirate Battalion's Combat Water Survival Test (CWST) took place this semester on 7 and 14 October. During the test, cadets have to pass multiple stations in the water showcasing their swimming abilities and confidence in the water. Some events include a 3 meter blindfolded drop and a 15 meter swim above water with a Load Bearing Vest and rifle. The cadets also were tested on their stamina in the water through a 10 minute continuous swim and a 5 minute water tread in place.



CDT Sanchez enters the pool.



CDT Verdi blows through the push up event of the APFT.

APFT

Cadets gave it their all during three Army Physical Fitness Tests (APFT). The first two tests were diagnostics to help the Cadet Leadership analyze the performance of the Battalion and plan their future Physical Fitness programs while the final test in November was recorded and used to rank cadets for contracts, scholarships, and even active duty slots when they graduate! LTC Trinidad Gonzalez even challenged any cadets willing to compete against him in each event to try and beat his scores and gave them a few extra points on their grades if they could beat him. Some cadets were in fact able to beat out LTC Gonzalez which boosted the overall morale of everyone taking the test.

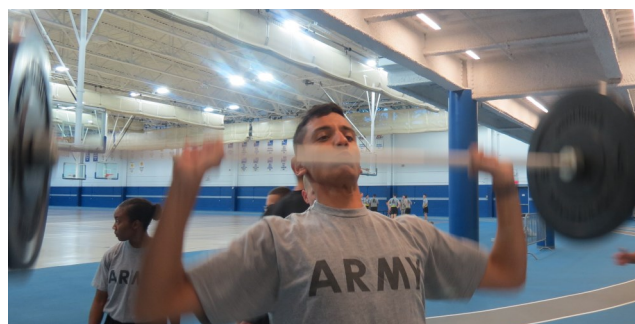
Sports PT

Once a month, cadets look forward to a day of sport and competition between each other. Sports PT this semester consisted of a cross-fit competition in which cadets performed various exercises at different stations for points. The squad that performed the best and had the most points won! In addition to the cross-fit day cadets played ultimate football as well. Finally, there was a scavenger hunt event that took place throughout the area surrounding Seton Hall campus in which cadets had to run to different spots and complete physical activities. All in all every sports PT is a very motivating time at Pirate Battalion that built camaraderie and was entertaining for everyone.



CDT Dolson knocks out Pull Ups during the CrossFit Competition.

CDT Sharma repping out the military press.



NCO Week

Most students get to enjoy summer break all through August and don't have their first day of class until September. This is not the case for Pirate Battalion cadets. The upper classmen came to campus on 17 August. While here, the seniors, who are the lead planners for all the events that take place throughout the school year, received training in military planning and started to map out the upcoming semester. The juniors, who execute the



New Cadets arrive to campus motivated to take on new challenges.



The squads square off in the Tug of War!



CDT Verdi and MSIIIs brief Battalion leadership on plan for NCO week.

role of senior non-commissioned officers in the battalion, immediately got to work preparing for the arrival of our new cadets. The freshmen and sophomore cadets arrived on campus on 24 August before classes started to conduct New Cadet Orientation, or NCO, Week. During this week the older cadets of Pirate Battalion helped the newer cadets move in to their dorms, draw gear, and get situated on campus. On Wednesday, the Battalion marched to South Mountain Reservation to receive classes on Army customs and courtesies, uniform wear, marching, and other basic Army knowledge. They also conducted several team building events, like tug-of-war, and relay races to help assimilate the new cadets into the program. At the end of the week, Pirate Battalion cadets helped Seton Hall's freshmen class move in by carrying up their refrigerators, clothes, TVs, and countless boxes of clothes into the student's new dorms.



Cadets have their first formation with Pirate Battalion.

Leadership Development Exercises

Leadership Developments Exercises (LDX's) give opportunities for underclass cadets to become proficient in basic soldiering skills and improve tactical leadership. Each LDX is designed to build on previous beginning with Land Navigation, moving to a 48 hour tactics and team-building exercise, finally culminating with paintball squad operations. As per unit our SOP each operation was named after a dog breed.

Operation Pointer



CDT Walker acts as a simulated casualty on a training

LDX 1 took place 18 September on South Mountain Reservation in South Orange, NJ where cadets participated in multidimensional land navigation lanes. Cadets had the opportunity to test and develop their land navigation skills, while also furthering their leadership skills in squads. These activities consisted of simulated engagements with civilians and battle drills. Throughout the day, MS3s successfully led their squads through numerous obstacles, demonstrating their critical thinking skills and competence in land navigation. MS1, 1.5 and 2's took on the task of going out in small groups to find designated points on South Mountain Reservation. Applying the skills they had been taught in the classroom, these cadets conquered the challenging course. Pirate Battalion had a great day training, where all cadets came away learning a lot and bettering their tactical and leadership skills.

Operation Pitbull

LDX 2, which took place on 16-17 October, had the cadet leadership spend countless hours planning for this complex operation. Cadets marched to Columbia High school for the first two events: the high ropes course, and medical evaluation and first aid classes. At the high ropes course, cadets were challenged by climbing high towers and traversing obstacles up to 30 feet in the air. At another section on the High school grounds, cadets learned key medical training like how to assess, transport, and treat casualties, and how to evacuate casualties.

The second phase of training brought the cadets to South Mountain Reservation to conduct a team building competition. The squads competed against one another in a series of challenges. The challenges consisted of land navigation, ruck marching, Pirate Battalion trivia, and a very unique commanders challenge where cadets had to create a Pirate Battalion theme song set to the tune of YMCA by the Village people.

At the end of the competition the squads settled into their patrol bases where they would be sleeping for the night and began preparations for the next day of situation training exercises (STX) lanes. After planning out and

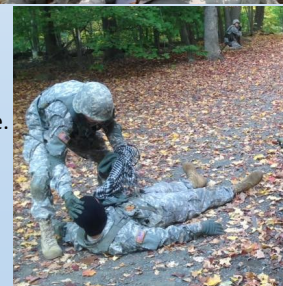
rehearsing their first missions in the evening, the cadets woke up the next morning before sunrise, and got right to work on their lanes. MSL III cadets received missions and had to make a plan and communicate it to their squad. The MSL IIIs then moved their squad into position and conducting either attacks or ambushes. After a long day of lanes cadets marched all the way back to Seton Hall, and were finally dismissed for the weekend.



Above: A Cadet negotiates a high obstacle.



Right: Cadets planning and executing STX Lanes.



Operation Dalmatian

For the last leadership development exercise, cadets deployed to Skirmish Paintball in Albrightsville, PA on 13 November. Throughout the semester, cadets practiced conducting squad size tactical missions. During the last LDX, they put that practice to good use by conducting force on force missions. MSL III cadets led their squads in attacks and ambushes and were assed in their ability to critically think and communicate their plans. Once the missions began, cadets were forced to used the skills developed over the semester to move tactically under fire and suppress the enemy. After the official training was completed, the Battalion competed in a platoon versus platoon game of capture the flag. The cadets were still required to make and communicate a plan, but were also encouraged to have some well-deserved fun after a long day of training. Cadets ended the day with the pizza and a long ride back to campus.



Ranger Challenge 2015

From 16-18 October, Pirate Battalion's Ranger Challenge Team competed against the 41 schools in 2nd Brigade in a variety of physical, tactical, and mental competitions. Our team excelled in every



Ranger Challenge team comes together after a weekend-long competition.

event which included two long ruck marches, first aid evaluations, team bounding, sand bag filling, and even a Haka dance. The team prepared for the competition since the first day of the semester. Members of the Ranger Challenge team conducted rigorous physical training sessions, practiced moving in team and squad formations, and sharpened their skills in countless other tactical and technical skills. The hard work the team put in paid off. The team finished in 5th place, which is the highest place finish for Pirate Battalion in many years. Although happy with their accomplishment, the team still wants more, and will begin training for next year's completion in the Spring Semester.



Cadets conducted tactical movement with handcrafted 240Bs named after Pirate Battalion fallen alumni, Chaplain Charlie Waters, and CPT Greg Dalessio.



Ranger Challenge cadets prepare to move a casualty through a complex course.

CPT Dalessio 5k and Rutgers Run

On 5 December Pirate Battalion and Rutgers University cadets took part in a run from Seton Hall University to Rutgers, New Brunswick. They carried the game ball that would be used in the New Jersey Hardwood Classic between the Pirates and the Scarlet Knights. The Pirates took the victory this time with dozens of cadets watching and supporting their basketball team.



Rutgers and Seton Hall cadets at SHU before departing on their run.



Cadets deliver the ball before a Pirate victory.

At the same time other cadets from Pirate Battalion took part in the annual 5k memorial run for CPT Gregory Dalessio, a Seton Hall alumni that was killed in action on 23 June, 2008 serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. It is a great event run by his family that cadets are always very happy to attend and show their support for the family and for his sacrifice.



Cadets and other members of the Seton Hall community pose with CPT Dalesio's mother.



Pirate Battalion running in formation during the 5K.

Commissioning

On 18 September Pirate Battalion commissioned two brand new Second Lieutenants into the Army. The Battalion joined the new LTs along with their families and guest from the university to witness the commissioning ceremony. The lieutenants took the oath of office, were pinned on their new “Gold Bars”, received their first salutes, and of course, cut their cake. 2LT Evan Sabourin graduated from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and has joined the United States Army Reserves as a Signal Officer. 2LT Colin Speranza graduated from Seton Hall University and is serving in the New Jersey National Guard as an Engineer Officer.



LTC Gonzalez administers the other of office to the comissionees.



Cadets receiving their component envelopes.

CDT Bala: Infantry	CDT Duce: Infantry
CDT Borland: Aviation	CDT Jamandre: Nurse Corps
CDT Cabezas: Engineer	CDT Montano: Engineer
CDT Castillo: Quartermaster	CDT Prol: Infantry
CDT Chelf- Medical Services	CDT Waligroski:
CDT Dewerth-Jaffe:	Medical Services
Field Artillery	CDT Walker:
CDT Donde: Infantry	Military Intelligence
	CDT Warn: Engineer

Component and Branch Release

In the beginning of their last year, senior cadets receive their component and branches they'll serve in throughout their time in the Army. This year on, September 22nd, the seniors were told their component, either Active duty, National Guard, or Reserve. Cadets selected into the National Guard or Reserves have the luxury of choosing their branch and component and got right to work applying to their desired positions. On November 18th, the cadets who were selected for Active Duty received their assigned branch.

Change of Command

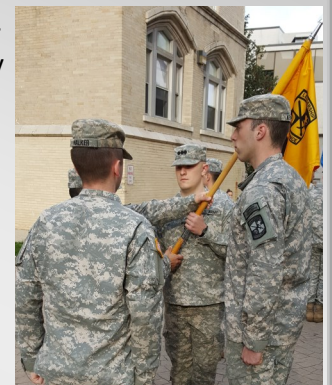
The MSL IVs are assigned leadership position that resemble a regular Army Battalion and Company. Once a semester, the seniors change out positions so they can learn a wider understanding of how units work. On 11 December, the Battalion executed a change of Command Ceremony. Cadet Courtnaey Chelf passed on her duties of Pirate Battalion Commander to Cadet Jeffrey Prol. Cadet Doug Walker passed on his duties as Alpha Company Commander to Cadet Sam Dewerth-Jaffe.



CDT Chelf passing off the Pirate Battalion guidon.



Pirate Battalion in formation before the ceremony.



CDT Dewerth-Jaffe receives the Alpha Company guidon.

Community Service

Pirate Battalion Cadets aim take the abstract ideas of the Army Values and translate them into practical understanding. This semester cadets honed in on Selfless Service by taking action to better the community in which they live, train and serve.

On 31 October cadets partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Newark. Habitat for Humanity works to build houses for families in need. The cadets were sent to a recently completed home that was built for an Army Veteran. The cadets spent the day fixing the property, cutting down very overgrown weeds and restoring the yard. The Habitat team was extremely surprised at how much work the cadets were able to accomplish in only a few hours. When the cadets were done, the yard was unrecognizable.



Cadets with the new home owner.



CDTs Kim, and Warn sorting and counting donated turkeys.

One month later, on November 21st, the cadets helped the Food Bank of New Jersey with their annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. Every year, the Food bank collects thousands of turkeys to be donated to needy families for Thanksgiving. The year cadets went to the Food Bank main hub and sorted canned food into packages that would later be given to families. At the end of the day, trucks loaded with turkeys arrived at the Food Bank. Cadets unloaded, organized, and counted hundreds of Turkeys and prepared them to be given out throughout the week.



Cadets in front of one of the vans bringing donated turkeys to the Food Bank.

SMR Clean-up

On November 14th, Pirate Battalion conducted its semester South Mountain Reservation Clean Up. Cadets use South Mountain Reservation throughout the semester to train, and after the last training event of each semester cadets go back to clean the facilities. Cadets rake leafs and pick up trash along the various trails and picnic areas to ensure the cleanliness of the parks for the publics' use.



CDT Osika enthusiastically rakes leaves at South Mountain Reservation.



The Clean Up team poses with their rakes after another successful clean up.



CDT Chideau and Donde help the clean-up efforts.

New Facilities

Space and equipment are necessary components of ensuring a new generation of Army training and readiness. The anticipated facilities will help maintain a state of studiousness and intensity through the enhancement, organization, and improvement of low-cost facilities.

Over the summer the cadet gym was completely overhauled. Three new power racks were installed, and new equipment, including new barbells, dumbbells, bumper plates, and kettle bells. This semester, the cadets have been working to revamp the MSV IV office, as well as create a new Cadet Supply room for all the cadets' training equipment, and a Cadet Study room, where cadets can go to have a place to study and do work without distraction. The goal for the Study room is to install 15 computers so cadets can do online assignments, as well as use installed programs specifically for Army training.



The new Cadet Study room will provide a dedicated study area and computer lab.



New Cadet Supply room is already stocked with gear.



Brand new equipment lines the Cadet gym.

Guest Speakers

Nothing helps a cadet's training more than receiving information from an individual who has gone through a similar experience. Specifically, guest speakers play a key role in impacting a cadet's future aspirations. The unique knowledge they bring to the table is not only insightful in the classroom, but applicable in the field as well.

This semester, cadets had new wisdom imparted on them from several outstanding officers and professionals. To start the semester, Pirate Alum LTC (R) David Maurer '78, Executive VP at GBX, addressed the entire Battalion and gave useful advice on how to be a successful leader in both military and civilian careers. The seniors were privileged to receive two talks from young alumni. Mr. John Miller '07, financial advisor at Lenox Advisory spoke to the seniors about his time as a quartermaster in the Army and his transition from the Army into a civilian career. 1LT Peter Smith '13, of the 10th Infantry Division, also spoke to the seniors about life as a brand new lieutenant and working as a Company Executive Officer.

Pirate Battalion is always looking for alumni to come back to campus and help develop the cadets by sharing their experiences. If you would like to speak to the cadets, please contact us at (973) 761-9446 or email Ms. Gladden at angella.gladden@shu.edu.



LTC (R) David Maurer '78 shares lessons with the cadets.



John Miller shares a light, but insightful story with the seniors.



1LT Smith with LTC Gonzalez after his candid discussion with the seniors.

Military Leadership Minor

ROTC minor heralds success in its first semester

The cadre of the program have been working diligently to gain formal recognition for the academic value four years of ROTC classes and training impart on the cadets. This semester, ROTC was recognized as a minor in military leadership. The article below, written by Seton Hall student Alexandra Gale, was published in the school newspaper, The Setonian, and describes the minor requirements and our cadets reaction to the new benefits.

Students of the ROTC program at Seton Hall now have the opportunity to minor in the leadership program. The provost signed off on this proposal this fall and the minor is currently in effect for classes graduating after 2015.

Lieutenant Colonel Trinidad Gonzalez, Jr. said there was a need for such recognition here on campus. He brought the idea of making an ROTC minor to an academic board that decided it should be voted on in the Faculty Senate. The Senate then voted it through to the Office of the Provost, which gave the final "yes" and recently signed off on the minor. The ROTC program will stay the same, but the cadets will now be recognized for their work on paper.

Gonzalez explained the details of the program to illustrate how much time cadets spend working with the program, "We take the freshmen in and they're not in charge of anything yet or anyone."

Sophomores, he added, are put in charge of the freshmen to get them leadership experience.

The juniors in turn are in charge of eight to 80 people depending on the position that they hold. Seniors hold positions on staff and lead the entire program.

Gonzalez said that the cadets in these positions are "hands on" and have to deal with real life situations. The sophomore, junior and senior cadets are in charge of ROTC students below them. These cadets are responsible for the successes and failures of those they oversee.

Gonzalez says, each semester, on top of their regular University classes, cadets take an additional four to five credits of ROTC classes and work on 12-20 projects per semester as a whole group. The projects take on the skills of coordination and scheduling.

Junior Cadet Kirstin Bennett said, "Compared to any other program or internship most college students have available, (ROTC) teaches you time management and delegation on a level that you can't gain at most internships or classes because you're the one in charge of it."

On the subject of whether or not he thinks the minor was a positive step, junior cadet Evan Doolittle said, "Army wide there's an issue of taking all the things you do making them tangible in a way that employers see as valuable and having that minor kind of makes it easier for us to prove our value."

Senior Cadet Operations Officer Samuel DeWerth-Jaffe agreed with Doolittle. "It's a leadership factory. What ROTC does is works with those people to find their own leadership style and puts out leaders all over the place. That's kind of the beautiful part of ROTC that doesn't get seen a lot."

These leadership skills were also emphasized by Junior Cadet Sasha Pierre-Louis and Senior Cadet Brent Warn. Warn is in charge of public affairs.

"You develop your own leadership style. You learn how to manage and you have free rein to deal with people how you choose," Pierre-Louis said.

As a graduating senior going into the National Guard, Warn spoke about his current experiences trying to show future employers what ROTC is without having an official document recognizing his achievements.

"The lessons that we're learning in how to be a leader and not just a manager, they're priceless so it's definitely something (we) can use whether (we) continue to be a full time soldier or (have a) civilian career," he said.

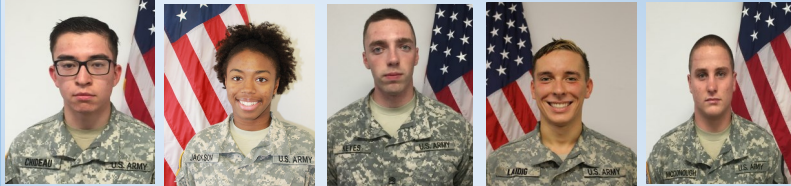
-By Alexandra Gale, staff writer for the Setonian.

Physical Excellence

Outstanding performance by Cadets should always be recognized. In Pirate Battalion we recognize those who have achieved Athletic Excellence as measured by the APFT.

The 300 Club

Cadets who have score the maximum points on their APFT.



CDT Chideau CDT Jackson CDT Keyes CDT Laidig CDT



CDT Osika CDT Prol, J. CDT Navarro CDT Schwarz

Most Push Ups



CDT Bala -123 CDT Chelf - 57

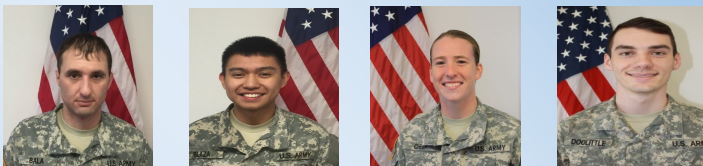
Most Sit Ups



CDT Prol, J- 104 CDT Jackson- 89

Physical Fitness Excellence

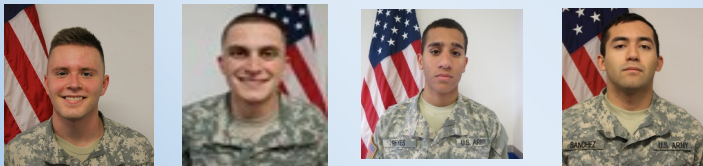
Cadets who have scored at least 90 points on each event of the APFT.



CDT Bala CDT Blaza CDT Chelf CDT Doolittle



CDT VonCappeln CDT Kim CDT McDonald CDT Nyman



CDT Oliva CDT Prol, T. CDT Reyes CDT Sanchez



CDT Warn CDT Wilson

Fastest Two Mile Run



CDTs Laidig and VonCappeln CDT Chelf
11:48 14:22

Best APFT Score



CDT Osika- 334 CDT Jackson- 314

Cadet of the Week

At the end of each full week, a cadet is selected by the company leadership as Cadet of the Week and recognized for their hard word and dedication to ROTC.



21SEP-26SEP

CDT Sharma



28SEP-2OCT

CDT Dahdouh



4OCT-9OCT

CDT Dion



19OCT-24OCT

CDT Prol, T



26OCT-30OCT

CDT Samuel



2NOV-6NOV

CDT Wilson



9NOV-14NOV

CDT Fine

Cadet of Month

At the end of every month, the Battalion NCOs hold the Cadet of the Month Board. Cadets who have performed above the standard are nominated by their leadership and sent to compete on the Board, and are evaluated by their GPAs, APFT scores, appearance, and how their answers to questions from board members. Questions cover everything from Army history and policy, Battalion trivia, current events, and leadership scenarios.



September

CDT Dixon



October

CDT Blaza



November

CDT Bennett

Cadet of Term

At the end of the semester, the cadet of the month winners are sent to the cadet of the Term board. Like the Cadet of the Month Board, the cadets are evaluated on multiple criteria. The first take part in a vigorous physical training session. Once complete, the cadets stood before the senior NCOs of the Battalion and are asked more advanced questions on Army history and policy, Battalion trivia, current events, and leadership scenarios. The best rated cadet is then selected for to be the Cadet of the Term.



Cadet of the Term Fall 2015

CDT Dixon

Save The Date

Pirate Battalion's Annual

PIRATE AWARDS BANQUET

Will take place on

April 30, 2016



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are up to during the school year

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And don't forget to visit our website
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