

THE PIRATE SCROLL

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PMS' Piece

We ended another successful year and commissioned 14 of our Seniors/MSIVs this past year. The cadets have done nothing but superb things over this past year. Let me provide you a short update from my foxhole. We continue to adjust to all the changes US Army Cadet Command has implemented, which are all good for the betterment of our cadets' development so they may be the best young officers. We have over 20 of our cadets attending some type of Cadet Summer Training, CST. We have several participating in the Culture Understanding Language Program (CULP), Cadet Leader Course (CLC), Cadet Initial Entry Training (CIET), Cadet Troop Leading Training (CTLT), Airborne, Air Assault, and even supporting Junior ROTC at their camp on FT Dix. Our cadets will share their stories with you when we publish our summer newsletter in September.

I want to say how thankful we are for our alumni getting back in touch with us. We have now made contact with over 200 of our alumni. We still have a ways to go but are doing well. Please reach out and let all of our alumni know they can stay in touch with our program. Here's the link to update contact information: <http://www.shu.edu/offices/rotc/alumni.cfm>. We have so many distinguished alumni that this year we had Mr David Scalera, Vice President of Frito Lay, speak at our Awards Banquet Ball and Brigadier General Troiano give words of wisdom at our commissioning ceremony. We also recognized COL (R) Paul Montacelli as our inaugural inductee to the Pirate Battalion Hall of Fame. I just want to remind everyone we will begin to take nominations for next year beginning in September.

Lastly, we wish everyone a safe and fun-filled summer! Keep track with what our cadets are up to on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pirate-Battalion-ROTC/11799875545>) and visit our website (<http://www.shu.edu/offices/rotc/index.cfm>) to get reacquainted with our cadets and battalion.

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Cadet Excellence

Pirate Battalion's Spring Semester

While the phrase "Spring Semester" may evoke visions of green lawns and warm weather, that wasn't the case in North Jersey, home of Pirate Battalion. Cadets had to deal with temperatures reaching into the negative teens and substantial snowfall. That being said the cadets of Pirate Battalion never let that stop them. Over the course of the semester the battalion conducted leadership training on South Mountain Reservation as well as at Ft. Dix with Cadets from both Rutgers and Princeton Universities' ROTC programs. They engaged in Physical Readiness Training, competitive events, and the Combat Water Survival Test. They also conducted community service, hosted Raider Challenge, and an Inter-ROTC competition. At the end of the semester the Battalion conducted its annual Pirate Ball, Awards Ceremony, and finally Commissioning. All in all it was a very busy semester for the Cadets who's motto is a loud and resounding CAN DO NEVER QUIT.



CDT Sanchez is recognized for Academic Achievement



CDTs Show support for SHU Women's Basketball



CDT Hurley takes the Oath of Office at the Prudential Center



CDTs listen intently to Alumni as they share their lessons



CDTs Duval and Adams pull security during LTX2



CDT Klimas on Patrol during JLTX at Ft. Dix

Physical Readiness Training



Alpha Company Cadets form up before PT

A key part of Cadet life in Pirate Battalion is Physical Readiness Training . Physical Training is formally conducted every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with remedial training held on Tuesdays and Thursdays . Cadets in their Junior (MSIII) year plan and lead PT regularly. Sports PT is held once a month by Company leadership to build moral and teamwork. Additionally, Cadets must pass both the Combat Water Survival Test and Army Physical Fitness Test by the end of the semester . Cadet Fitness is a priority for Pirate Battalion; read below for more on what Cadets did this semester.

CWST

The Combat Water Survival Test is designed to test Cadet confidence and competence in water. On April 13th and 17th Cadets tested themselves in the Seton Hall Natatorium. The Test Consisted of a 15 meter swim with Load Bearing Equipment (LBE) and rifle, a blindfolded drop of 3 meters with rifle from the high dive, an equipment ditch while wearing LBE and rifle, a 5 minute Water Tread, and finally a 10 minute continuous swim.



CDT Laidig prepares to conduct the equipment ditch



CDT Thuglouva steps off the 3 meter Drop

APFT

Twice this semester the Battalion conducted Army Physical Fitness Tests (APFT). The APFT consists of 2 minutes of Push ups, 2 minutes of Sit-ups, and a 2 mile run meant to measure the fitness level of cadets. On March 24th and 25th, a diagnostic APFT was held to measure fitness levels. Based on cadet performance the platoons adjusted their PT plans and on 21 and 22 April took the Record APFT. See page 4 for the top scores in the Battalion!!



CDTs Chideau and Sabourin run to the finish line during the 2mile run portion of the PT test.

Sports PT



During the Semester Cadets are encouraged to participate in outside sporting activities. This year ROTC cadets had both a intramural Basketball Team(Left) at Seton Hall and a Intramural Dodgeball team at Montclair (Left) . Besides this Alpha Company of Pirate Battalion ran a sports PT day once every month.

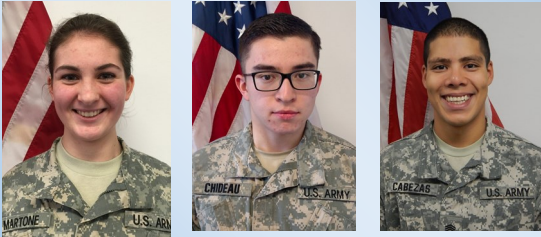


Athletics Excellence

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 Martone CDT Chideau CDT Cabezas

Most Push Ups



CDT Martone

50



CDT Bala

97

Most Sit Ups



CDT Martone

80



CDT Ptol

98

Physical Fitness Excellence

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

CDT Martone

CDT Chideau

CDT Cabezas

CDT Chelf

CDT Laidig

CDT Prol

CDT Sabourin

Fastest Two Mile Run



CDT Martone

14: 29



CDT Chideau

12:10

Best APFT Score



CDT Martone

300+



CDT Cabezas

300+

Leadership Training Exercises

Throughout the semester Pirate Battalion held two Leadership Training Exercises (LTX) and one Joint LTX with Rutgers University ROTC and Princeton University ROTC. LTXs are meant to challenge cadets leadership skills in dynamic situations. The main leaders during Spring Semester LTXs are the MSIII cadets. Training is planned and facilitated by MSIV Cadets. MSIIIs act as Platoon Leaders, Platoon Sergeants, and Squad Leaders. MSII cadets act as team leaders and MSI cadets act as team members. LTXs give cadets the opportunity to test their leadership skills and techniques, helping to facilitate growth.



Operation Butterfinger



CDT Borland briefs his squad leaders on their platoon mission using his terrain model

On March 6, 2015 Pirate Battalion conducted its first LTX of the semester. Due to heavy snow the day before the MSIII cadets ran tabletop STX lanes inside. Although cadets could not lead in the field they did still practice the full orders process for leading a platoon size patrol. Separated by platoon the MSIII cadets each had a chance to act as platoon leadership, receive a mission and then brief their squad leaders how the platoon would execute the mission. Cadre observed the orders process through each iteration of lanes and critiqued Cadets ability to create a order and effectively brief it. While the MSIIIs ran Platoon lanes the MSII and MSI cadets received instruction from Cadre on their roles and responsibilities during a patrolling lane as well as the basics of platoon movement and security. After a full day of running lanes Cadets walked away with a better understanding of patrolling operations and their own strengths and weaknesses.

Operation Kit Kat

On March 27, 2015 Pirate Battalion held its second LTX. Each platoon of Alpha Company Pirate Battalion trained in a separate training area on South Mountain Reservation, South Orange NJ. Each platoon rucked up to their training site, drew weapons, and began platoon patrolling operations. Each platoon conducted a raid and a ambush lane with a total of four leadership rotations giving every MSIII cadet a platoon leadership position. Unlike Operation Butterfinger, MSIII cadets now had to lead their peers in actual missions throughout South Mountain. MSIII cadets were not only challenged to manage their time properly to accomplish their mission but to effectively communicate every aspect of that mission to every member of the platoon. Additionally during their Raid mission both platoons had to deal with a simulated civilian on the battlefield, not only containing that civilian but leveraging them for intelligence. After both lanes the platoons returned to SHU.



CDT Chelf briefs her security element before moving to the objective



2nd PLT CDTs clear a enemy during an Ambush mission



From April 9 through April 12 ,2015, Pirate Battalion, Rutgers ROTC, and Princeton ROTC conducted the semester's Joint Leadership Training Exercise (JLTX). Starting the afternoon of April 9th, Pirate Battalion moved to Ft. Dix to stage for training and draw weapons. Day One was run by Rutgers ROTC; a competitive event where squads consisting of cadets from each university conducted as many competitive events as they could in four hours to earn points. Events included Rappelling, physical challenges, obstacle courses, a HUMVEE push, and land navigation. Day Two, run by Pirate Battalion, consisted of a progressive patrolling mission where a platoon would encounter a civilian on the battlefield, conduct a ambush, speak with a local civilian key leader, conduct a raid, and finally rescue a downed pilot. Cadet leadership's actions and decisions at each step would yield either positive or negative outcomes as the day continued. Day Three featured a three way game of capture the flag run by Princeton ROTC and the awarding of the AUSA Cup to the best platoon of the training exercise, 1st Platoon.



CDTs from Rutgers, Princeton, and Seton Hall after Capture the Flag



CDTs are sorted into their Platoons



CDTs from 3rd platoon prepare to step off on day one.



CDT Khalawan instructs CDT Antonini on tying a Swiss seat before rappelling



Pirate Battalion proudly holds the AUSA cup earned by Pirate Battalion Cadets from 1st Platoon



CDT Sharma pulls security during Patrolling



CDT Antonini bounds off the tower during Rappelling

Northern NJ Raider Challenge 2015

Every April, Pirate Battalion Hosts the Northern NJ JROTC Raider Challenge at South Mountain Reservation. Held on April 18th this year, Pirate Battalion planned and organized the Challenge consisting of a modified



PT test, 3k Team Race, One Rope Bridge, grueling one mile ruck run through rough terrain, and a simulated litter carry over wooded terrain. 8 Area High schools sent their JROTC cadets to compete fielding a total of 16 teams of males, females, and mixed gender teams. JROTC Cadets were faced with a longer course and new event areas this



JROTC CDTs perform Situps for the physical challenge

year but came out swinging and competed to their fullest. The event was not only a good experience for JROTC cadets but it gave Pirate Battalion Cadets a chance to interact and build better relationships with JROTC. The days events were capped off by a BBQ and an awards ceremony recognizing the top teams in each event by division as well as the overall winners of the Challenge by Division.

JROTC CDTs perform the low crawl as part of the Raider Gauntlet

A McNair JROTC CDT receives an award for his teams' performance on the Cross Country Rescue from LTC Gonzalez



Best Pirate 2015

On May 1, 2015 after a full day of uniform inspections and finals, Pirate Battalion set its most competitive and fit Cadets against one another for Best Pirate 2015. Each Military Science level (MSL) sent at least one team of two cadets to compete in a grueling four hours of competition. The first event was Class Fit, where each MSL had its non-competitor cadets do two minutes of push ups, sit-ups, and burpees and finally a two mile relay with ten pound weights. The top scoring class, the Seniors, got to step off first for the main competition. After this, teams raced to the top of South Mountain to conduct a Hand Grenade Assault Course while under water balloon fire from their fellow cadets.

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CDT Kim and his partner complete a total of 100 kettle bell swings during the Pirate Gauntlet portion of Best Pirate

Best Pirate

After this the teams ran back to SHU to “rescue” a downed Pirate and tactically treat them for wounds. Immediately afterwards, teams had to complete a cross fit crucible, of sprints, kettlebell swings, burpees, and even a football relay. Finally, assisted by their classmates, each team participated in a tug of war. After a long and grueling competition the winners, for the second year in a row, Cadets Cabezas and Duce, were recognized at Pirate Ball for their outstanding effort and performance at the competition.



CDTs square off in the final Tug-of-War brought to finish Best Pirate

Pirate Ball 2015

Every Year Pirate Battalion practices one of the Army’s oldest traditions with a formal ball held at the close of the Spring academic semester. Cadets, Cadre, University Officials, and Alumni of Pirate Battalion all attended the Ball at the Double Tree Hotel in Newark, NJ on May 2, 2015. The ceremony began with the posting of the Colors followed by one of the Battalions favorite traditions, the mixing of the Grog, a theatrical presentation with each ingredient representing a conflict that the Army has fought in. After eating dinner, a short video highlighting the Battalion’s year was played and the guest speaker welcomed to the podium. The Battalion’s honored guest was Mr. Scalera, a Pirate Battalion Alumni and Vice President of Marketing at Frito Lay. Next, the awards for Superior



The Battalions Superior Cadet CDT Bennett



CDT Hurley and Alumni Mr. Walsh

Cut the Cake together

Cadet in each MS Level were presented. The George M.

Ring Award was presented to Cadet Shawn DesLauriers, and the Award for the Most Outstanding Cadet in the Battalion was presented to Cadet Kirsten Bennett, who had helped plan and MC the Ball. Two new traditions were created this year the Battalion inducted its first Alumni into the Pirate Battalion Hall of Fame COL. Montacelli and the oldest commissioned Alumni and the newest contracted Cadet opened the desert course by cutting the cake together with a sabre. Finally the night concluded with dancing and pictures as the Cadets celebrated another successful school year.



Commissioning and Awards

On May 15, Pirate Battalion held its final official event of the 2015 Spring Semester: The Awards and Commissioning Ceremonies. In the morning, Pirate Battalion gathered in Jubilee Hall on Seton Hall's campus to receive awards for their hard work and dedication throughout the academic year. Awards were given for academic success, physical fitness achievement, and leadership capabilities. Awards were also presented by some of Pirate Battalion's supporters such as AUSA and the American Legion.

Later the same afternoon, Pirate Battalion again gathered in Jubilee Hall, but this time with many more friends and family members to witness the annual Spring Commissioning Ceremony. This year Pirate Battalion commissioned eight Second Lieutenants. After an address from guest speaker BG Gabriel Troiano, Commander of the Military Intelligence Readiness Command and Pirate Battalion alumnus, our new 2LTs took the oath of office, pinned on their epaulettes, and received their first salutes. After the ceremony the 2LTs with their family and friends gather for the last time as a class to ceremonially cut the cake and begin to celebrate their greatest military achievement so far. Congratulations to the Commissioning Class of 2015!

Class of 2015

Andrew Danilack— Infantry, Active Duty

Andrew Derogatis— Field Artillery, Active Duty

Shawn DesLauriers— Military Police, Active Duty

David Glinbizzi— Field Artillery, Active Duty

Christopher Kosmyrna— Field Artillery, Active Duty

Russell McPherson,—Field Artillery, New Jersey National Guard

Mathew Sanagustin— Infantry, New Jersey National Guard

Alexander Smith— Field Artillery, Active Duty



CDT Keyes receives an award from LTC Gonzalez during the Awards Ceremony



2LT DesLauriers receives his first salute from MSG Contreras

BG Troiano administers the Oath of Office



Parents of 2LTs' Danilack, Derogatis, and Kosmyrna pin on their sons' new rank



The Class of 2015 cuts the cake as a class!



Community Service



CDT Hill Preps food for the kitchens next meal

Every semester Pirate Battalion sends cadets out to volunteer and help give back to the community. Through both Seton Hall University and outside organizations cadets have given back to the northern NJ community. This semester Pirate Battalion made two major community service efforts outside of Seton Hall. The first was three separate days of volunteering at St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark NJ. Cadets served breakfast to the those in need on the 7th, 14th and 28th of April. Working with Soup Kitchen staff the Cadets served food and prepped for meals later in the day as well.



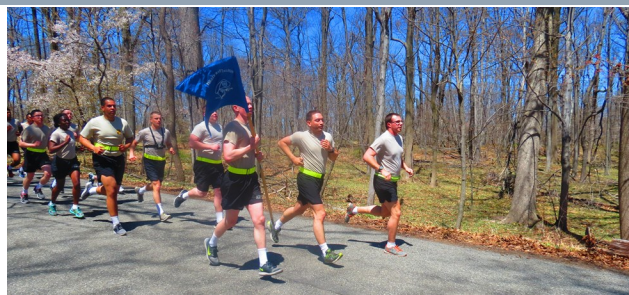
CDT Hill, Sahrma, Thuglouva, and Viola at the Soup Kitchen on April 14, 2015

SMR Cleanup



Cadets clean up a running path at SMR

On April 25th, Pirate Battalion conducted its semesterly South Mountain Clean up . Cadets brought rakes, brooms and trash bags to pick up the trash in the high use areas of the



Cadets race to the finish line of the 5k at the mountain

mountain. After finishing cleaning the Cadets regrouped and participated in another outreach event. Organized on a national level by JROTC, almost every ROTC program, junior and senior, across the nation ran a 5k in a attempt to break a Guinness world record to raise awareness for Sexual Harassment and Assault.



The final product of Silent Packing

Seton Hall Outreach

Throughout the semester, Pirate Battalion has participated in outreach events hosted by Seton Hall . On April 7, 2015, Cadets participated in Seton Halls Silent Packing event to raise awareness for their Suicide Prevention effort. On April 21, 2015 Cadets made shirts and helped set up Seton Hall's Clothesline event to raise awareness for Sexual Harassment and Assault.



CDTs Antonini, Mastrolia, and Blaza at the Clothesline event

Cadet Excellence

Over the course of the Semester, our cadets have performed with distinction and honor. At the end of the semester on we recognize their achievements.

Cadet of Week

At the end of every regular training week, the Cadet Company Commander selects an outstanding cadet to recognize as Cadet of the Week.



17-23JAN

CDT Martone



1-6FEB

CDT Prol



7-13FEB

CDT Montano



14-20FEB

CDT Von Capplen



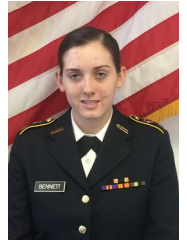
28FEB-3MAR

CDT Antonini



21-27MAR

CDT Park



25APR-01MAY

CDT Bennet

Cadet of the Month

Every third Thursday of the month, Cadets can try to earn the prestigious Cadet of the Month award. Cadets must submit all of their PT scores and a recommendation from their supervisor and stand before a Board of Cadets led by the Cadet Command Sergeant Major. After reporting to the Board, Cadets are grilled with knowledge and opinion based questions. The Cadet who presents the best image is recognized as Cadet of the Month



January COM

CDT Nicholas



February COM

CDT Chideau



March COM

CDT Chelf



April COM

CDT Klimas



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