Minuteman BN Fall 2022 Newsletter

What have we been up to?

Saturday Lab SQD
STX Lanes

Saturday Lab Land Navigation

Wednesday Labs

Saturday Lab PMI

Fall FTX

PLT meetings

Each cadet has put in at least 125 hours of training throughout the semester!
Fall FTX!

Day 1
The battalion completed both day and night Land Navigation covering miles of land to find their set points.

Day 2
We divided our battalion into four squads with assigned leadership and asked them to conduct STX lanes including Ambush, Attack, and Movement to contact.

Day 3
Range day! Where everyone in the battalion got to try their hand in shooting live ammunition. Not only that but we sent our MS3s through a practice Qualification in preparation for CST.
Physical Training

Our cadets get together twice a week to exercise and prepare for the ACFT (the Army's newest form of a physical test).

Not only do our cadets exercise together twice a week, but those competing for a Air Assault or Airborne slots gather Mon-Fri so enhance their physical performance.
Ranger Challenge is a team bonding and all around fun and difficult experience that a selected group of cadets partake in each year. This is an a group of cadets that excel past their peers with extra training and exercise. They go up against other ROTC battalions in the Freedom Brigade.
Hello, I’m CDT Tran. I’m currently 1SG for this rotation. I am the link between battalion leadership and company leadership. I make sure information and tasks are disseminated correctly. I am also responsible for accountability of the battalion at events such as labs, pts, and platoon meetings. Since taking this position I’ve learned a lot about effective communication and being on-top of accountability. My advice for the next 1Sg is make sure accountability is correct and communicate with your PSGs.

**BC CDT Buonora**

In the short time I have been BC for the MM BN I have learned one specific lesson that I know will stick with me, **take care of your people**. If you are too narrow minded and only focused on training and the outcome of that training you will forget the stress you are putting on your people. As PMS says the army is a “People First” business. You need to create a desirable work environment that fulfills the most important asset, the people within the Minuteman Battalion. You never know what people are dealing with in their day to day lives whether it is financial, family, or anything else. With that said I encourage people to keep reaching out to me about what they need or what they want to see for the people involved in the Minuteman Battalion and to keep checking in on your battle buddies.

**CSM CDT Isam**

ROTC is an excellent officer-producing program. You get to meet and work with people from all backgrounds. I came in as MS3 from an MI background knowing the basics of the infantry, ROTC cadre made sure that we were going to camp well-prepared. This is a great place to learn how to become a leader. I have learned a lot in my one year in the program. I feel very comfortable with my leadership skills and I know I will get the mission accomplished.

**CC CDT Austin**

My biggest takeaway from this leadership rotation is that a good company commander is not a micromanager. An effective commander operates at a bird’s eye point of view. He/she delegates tasks to his/her key subordinates - the company executive officer and first sergeant - so that he/she can focus on what lies ahead for the company. As commander, you should keep your hands free of the day-to-day operation and administration, because while you are responsible for everything that happens in your company, your job is not to run everything that happens in the company. Trust your subordinate leaders to get things done in accordance with your clearly-expressed intent, and do your actual job, which is to think prospectively about your company and to plan for future events and training. I’ve found that being a company commander - usually the position of a captain or even first lieutenant in the Army - is far different from being a squad leader. A good squad leader, by contrast, is concerned with being accountable for his/her 6-8 soldiers at all times, which requires a ground-level point of view. So far, it’s been a great honor and privilege to lead my fellow cadets at the team, squad, and now company level, and I look forward to whatever leadership position lies ahead using what I’ve learned over the years.

**C1SG CDT Tran**

I recommend attending all ROTC training because this is how you learn. You will make mistakes and you will learn to succeed. Ask a lot of questions! Cadre are the best of the best in the Army, they get selected to teach the next generation of officers, use them as resources and learn from them. Now I am an MS4 serving as the BN CSM. My favorite part about being in this position is I get to work with all of our cadets in the program and be the one taking care of them.
Professor of Military Science:
MAJ Brian E. Alexander

I am privileged to serve with this amazing and tenacious group of leaders - the Cadets in the Minuteman Battalion! In my first-year observations as the Professor of Military Science, the Cadets have redefined the meaning of service, as they energetically accomplish all of the things we are showcasing here today, and it is only the fall semester!!!

From conducting early morning physical training, to sleeping in the freezing cold woods of Ft. Devins for the Fall 22 Field Training Exercise, to getting dressed up and celebrating tradition during the Cadet Dining-In dinner event, the Minuteman Battalion Cadets have “knocked it out of the park!” time and time again. Their drive and sheer willpower motivates my team of “cadre” to deliver world-class instruction on leadership and tactics, grounded in experience, to help them forge their futures in service and citizenship.

Our communities are stronger because of our Cadets and their service; their impact will continue to grow exponentially as they draw closer to becoming Officers in the Army. Again, I am proud to serve daily alongside each of our 60+ cadets and am open and available anytime to discuss their individual training and progress with our families at anytime.

**Spirit of the Warrior!!!**

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Good Job Minuteman BN! See you in the spring!