

WILDCAT

BATTALION



Battalion Hosts Successful Joint Field Training Exercise

From March 26–28, the Wildcat Battalion hosted **Task Force Leavenworth's Joint Field Training Exercise (JFTX)**, supporting more than 330 cadets from across the region. The exercise provided every MSIII cadet with multiple leadership opportunities while challenging MSI–MSIII cadets through day and night land navigation assessments. Wildcat cadets achieved outstanding results, averaging 4.4 out of 5 points during day land navigation and 2.8 out of 3 points during night land navigation with zero failures. Eight of seventeen MSIII cadets earned perfect scores across all land navigation assessments. During the exercise, 17 MSIII cadets completed 39 leadership evaluations. Cadets earned 14 Excellent ratings and 21 Proficient ratings, while four cadets received Excellent ratings in every evaluated leadership position. The exercise served as a critical validation event as the battalion prepares cadets for Cadet Summer Training.

CADET HIGHLIGHT



CADET Andrew Frick finished **first overall** at the Norwegian Foot March, completing the 18.6-mile ruck in 2 hours and 54 minutes.

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SPRING BANQUET CELEBRATES CADET EXCELLENCE

Awards \$34,200 in Scholarships

The Wildcat Battalion hosted its annual Spring Banquet on April 23, bringing together more than 90 cadets, cadre, alumni, family members, and supporters to celebrate another successful year of leadership development and achievement. During the event, community organizations, veteran groups, and alumni supporters recognized outstanding cadets by awarding **22 scholarships** and eight special awards totaling **\$34,200** in academic support. These scholarships and awards highlighted excellence in academics, leadership, military performance, and service to the battalion. The Spring Banquet continues to serve as one of the Wildcat Battalion's most important traditions, strengthening the connection between current cadets and the alumni and community members who support their success. The evening concluded with recognition of the battalion's accomplishments throughout the year and appreciation for those who continue to invest in the next generation of Army leaders.



SPRING 2026 COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

The Wildcat Battalion proudly **commissioned fourteen cadets** as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army during the Spring 2026 Commissioning Ceremony held on May 15 at Forum Hall in the Kansas State Student Union. Surrounded by family members, friends, cadre, alumni, and community supporters, the newest officers celebrated the culmination of years of academic achievement, leadership development, and military training. Colonel Shea Weide, Kansas Army National Guard, 35th Infantry Division Rear Command Post Chief of Staff, served as the commissioning officer and guest speaker. The Spring 2026 Commissioning Class included Joseph Bergman, David Coba, Creed Ekerberg, Jimmy Forred, Andrew Frick, Isaac Gray, Jolei Hertz, Sean Jones, Emily Joseph, Sawan Kumar, Clayton Mombello, Anne Phillips, Shane Smith, and Landon Weide. Among the fourteen newly commissioned officers, nine entered Active Duty, four commissioned into the Kansas Army National Guard, and one entered the United States Army Reserve. Branch assignments included seven Logistics officers, four Infantry officers, two Field Artillery officers, and one Chemical Corps officer. As they begin their Army careers, these new lieutenants carry forward the Wildcat Battalion's tradition of excellence and commitment to serving the Nation.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WELCOME WEEK:** August 24-28
- **ALUMNI DAY:** September 5
- **FALL FTX:** September 18-20

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