The Wildcat Battalion held their annual Fall FTX at Fort Riley, Kansas. This tactical environment training provided MSIV Cadets with an opportunity to plan and execute large unit training. MSIII Cadets learned foundational skills needed for success at Cadet Summer Training. MSI and MSII training was primarily focused on providing basic skills necessary to succeed in future training.

Day one consisted of day and night land navigation on a new and challenging course. This course was designed to further develop MSIII Cadets and instill confidence in their developing skills. MSI and MSII Cadets worked in groups to develop team cohesion and introduce all Cadets to key foundational Soldier tasks. All Cadets participated in training designed to build on basic Soldier skills consisting of Hand and Arm Signals, Movement Techniques, Patrol Base Operations, Weapons Familiarization, and Tactical Communications.
Leading up to the Fall FTX, Cadets reinforced the fundamentals of land navigation through classroom instruction and practical exercises. Cadets were shown how to accurately plot points on a map, proper use of a compass, route planning, pace count, and terrain association. They put their newfound skills to the test as they worked in groups to navigate and locate their points.

**Drill and Ceremony Lab**

Cadets learned Drill and Ceremony at the individual, squad, and platoon level. MSIII Cadets refined their ability to lead a formation in drill. Drill enables leaders to move their unit from one place to another in an orderly manner while aiding in disciplinary training by instilling habits of precision and response to the leader’s orders.
Cadets are required to participate and successfully complete Combat Water Survival Training (CWST) prior to commissioning. There are times during military training when Soldiers may need to negotiate water obstacles. Water survival training allows Cadets to overcome their fears for operations in and around water. The training consisted of 5 events: a 10 minute swim, 25 meter rifle swim, equipment ditch, 5 minute tread, and 5 meter drop. This training develops personal courage and confidence in Cadets’

**Occupational Physical Assessment Test**

Prior to commissioning MSIII Cadets are required to take the Occupational Physical Assessment Test (OPAT). This test measures upper and lower body power, lower body strength and aerobic endurance. The four tests include the standing long jump, the seated power throw, the strength dead-lift and the interval aerobic run. This assessment is used to determine their fitness for military occupational specialties.

**Pershing Rifles**

Cadet Max Curtis, a MSII and member of Company G-7, was recently promoted to Deputy Commander of the National Society of Pershing Rifles. This is a National Organization and Cadet Curtis has earned this honor through his hard work and dedication.

The Wildcat Battalion congratulates Cadet Curtis on this incredible and notable achievement. Great work!