Cadets Prepare for MilBall

Kansas State Army ROTC Cadets’ classes are picking up speed as the end of the semester draws nearer. This year’s Military Ball (MilBall) will be on 06 May 2016 at the Kansas State University Ballroom. The Military Ball is held each year to recognize the senior class as they prepare for their commissioning as 2nd Lieutenants.

Last year’s Military Ball was located on post at Ft. Riley, which led to some complications as not every Cadet and their date had a military I.D. The Military Ball location this year, resolves this issue by being on campus where most Cadets live within walking distance.

The MS4’s have been hard at work getting things ready and making sure every detail has been accounted for. Cadets can feel the excitement in the air as the date moves closer.

STX Lab

On 05 April 2016, Cadets conducted a Simulated Training Exercise (STX) at Warner Park. The lab was carried out to prepare MS3’s for Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) this summer. They held positions anywhere from platoon leader, platoon sergeant, or squad leader. The rest of the underclassmen were squad members. Cadets learned to move and communicate as one team while conducting a mission where they had to meet several objectives, some known and others unknown.

At CLC, the MS3’s will do similar training exercises that will culminate in a much larger, company wide operation.

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♦ Withstand
♦ Integrity
♦ Leaders
♦ Dedication
♦ Communication
♦ Accountability
♦ Team

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Recondo

This month, the Recondo Company sent six teams to compete in the annual University of Kansas Ranger Buddy Competition. The competition was held in Lawrence, Kansas and consisted of a 9 mile ruck, skills events, and was concluded with a 3 mile run.

All the teams gave their all and performed very well. We had one team place in the top ten; finishing in eighth place overall out of 110 teams. Kansas State had another team finish with the best overall run time for the entire event.

Overall, we are extremely proud of all teams that competed. Every Cadet worked incredibly hard and put in countless hours of work.

Recondo will still be carrying out RIP week and Recondo FTX later this month, and have been prepping for these events over the past few weeks.

Ropes Course Lab

The Wildcat Battalion conducted a new lab this month at the Kansas State University Ropes Obstacle Course.

Cadets were challenged to use teamwork and communication to complete each obstacle, building camaraderie between the Cadets.

The instructors were K-State students who walked the Cadets through all the obstacles and helped them to work together.

The Wildcat Battalion thanks them for the opportunity to use their course.
Pershing Rifles/Color Guard

Pershing Rifles initiated 5 new rifleman on Saturday, 09 April 2016. After conducting a public performance and passing the national test, Joshua Ash, Robert Sholl, Muriel Eaton, Cole Cochran, and Jack Curtis, have officially joined the ranks of Pershing Rifles Company G-7.

The unit also conducted a change of command for the next school year. Jolene O’Donnell has taken over as the new commanding officer (CO) and Robert Sholl will be the new executive officer (XO). Cole Cochran will continue on as the first sergeant (1SG).

The company performed at the Kansas State University open house on 16 April 2016, in order to recruit members for next semester’s initiation.

Commander’s Cup Standings

No Commander’s Cup events have been conducted thus far. Alpha Company still holds the lead with 3-2 against Bravo Company.

However, an event is being planned that will happen during the Wildcat Battalion’s farewell lab.

A game of flicker ball will be conducted to determine the final winner for this year’s Commander’s Cup. The event will be worth 2 points which will either put Alpha Company up by 3 or Bravo Company up by 1.

Can Alpha Company maintain the lead for the Commander’s Cup?

Kansas State Army ROTC Alumni Passes Away

Philip ‘Phil’ Finley, 86, Colby, Ks., died April 17, 2016, at Citizen’s Medical Center of complications from heart failure.

Philip graduated from Morrowville High School in 1947, and enrolled at Kansas State University. ROTC was mandatory, thus started his life long military career. He graduated from KSU in 1951 with an Agricultural Education Degree and a commission as a Second Lieutenant of Artillery.

Phil was unfettered in serving God, Country, Community, Family and Friends. Phil knew no stranger and will be missed by all. What a wonderful Father and Friend!