RECONDO FTX

K-State Army ROTC RECONDO Company partnered with the Kansas Army National Guard to conduct a helicopter insertion to their FTX at Fort Riley, KS. The operation allowed Cadets to execute air mission planning, learn concepts of cross-leveling personnel and LZ selection, rehearse loading and offloading procedures, and determine accurate location upon insertion. The Cadets conducted an ambush of OPFOR upon insertion to conclude Day 1. On Day 2, the Cadets conducted other Battle Drill and MOUT operations utilizing paintball guns to enhance their training. The operation lasted approximately 20 hours.

Farewell Lab

Cadets conducted a Farewell Lab at Warner Park at the end of April. The lab focused on team-building through athletic competition. Cadets were divided into teams and participated in high intensity iterations of football and soccer.
This year Kansas State Army ROTC planned the Spring FTX that took place on Fort Riley, KS. Cadets from Kansas University, Missouri Western State University, and the University of Central Missouri joined the Wildcat Battalion for the four day FTX. During those four days the Cadets conducted Land Navigation training during the night and day, patrolling, squad level tactics and operations, and confidence training. This four day FTX was aimed to help prepare the MSIII Cadets that will be attending Advanced Camp this Summer. On the last day of the FTX, Kansas State Army ROTC had their MSI and MSII Cadets conduct a 6 Mile Ruck March. The MSIII and MSIV Cadets conducted a 12 Mile Ruck March to the Range. MSIII Cadets put into practice their marksmanship training by grouping and zeroing their weapons followed by qualifications.

Brigadier General Frank

The Wildcat Battalion continues to get tremendous amounts of support from Fort Riley, KS. Brigadier General Patrick Frank, First Infantry Division and Fort Riley acting senior commander and his Division Staff came out to conduct Physical Readiness Training with the Cadets. Their workout consisted of several iterations of tire flips, log sit-ups, pull-ups, 400 meter sprints, and log push-ups. The Cadets and First Infantry Division Soldiers were mixed into groups that allowed them to get to know and work with each other. General Frank also recognized the MSIV Cadets that are soon to be commissioned Second Lieutenants.
Pershing Rifles has had an eventful month as they participated in the dedication of the WWI Memorial Stadium. The stadium officially commemorates the service of 48 K-State students who lost their lives during World War I. On 8 April 17, they conducted a Fallen Soldier Memorial during the Little Apple Barbershop Chorus’s rendition of Taps. On 29 April 17 they executed a Saber Arch as our commissioning MSIV Cadets were introduced with their branch and duty stations at the annual Military Ball. The Cadet Color Guard also participated in three formal events this Month including the Military Ball, President Richard B Myers’ Inauguration and the Joint Awards Ceremony. All volunteers that participated in the Inauguration received an Inauguration Coin.

April was Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. In honor of this month, our Cadets and cadre participate in Denim Day to show our support to survivors. Denim Day takes place on 26 April every year. CPT Patton, the unit’s SHARP Representative, also discussed with all the Cadets the importance of being able to prevent and respond to sexual assault.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Joint Awards Ceremony**
- **1-1 AHB Leadership Development Night**
- **Commissioning Ceremony**