Wildcats Head Back for Spring Semester

The Wildcats returned to classes on January 19th for their final semester of the 2015-16 school year. With this return to class also brings in a new chain of command for the battalion. Welcome to your new positions!

MSIV’s Social with the CG

Shortly before the end of the semester, Major General Wayne Grigsby Jr. invited over the MSIV commissioning class of 2016 to partake in a social at his home on post. While there, the cadets were given the opportunity to socialize with soldiers and their spouses. Cadets were given a lot of good advice on what to expect upon commissioning and taking their first platoon.
Female Officer Mentorship Night

The females of the Wildcat Battalion were presented the opportunity along with the Air Force females to meet with army MAJ Jamie Peer and air force MAJ Gabrielle Dupree. During this mentorship event the women listened to real life examples of what it's like being a woman and an officer in the military and some of the challenges they may face. They were also given a forum to receive advice on events they may have already encountered and how they can approach them in the future. Thank you MAJ Dupree and MAJ Peer for your mentorship!

Recondo

The Wildcat Battalion would like to congratulate MSI Joshua Ash and Air Force ROTC cadet Louis Schuler on becoming the newest instructors in KSU ROTC’s Recondo program. Ash, Schuler, and eight fellow Recondo members undertook the challenge of RIP week to conclude their training in tactics last semester. As members of the Recondo staff, they will be expected to assist their peers in regards to tactical, technical, and physical development. This semester, the main focus of Recondo will be to better prepare MS3’s for adversity they might face during the patrolling phase of Cadet Leadership Course. Key leader engagements are a relatively new type of mission that platoons are facing at CLC. It will be the role of the R.L.’s to instruct the MS3’s on how to excel during KLE operations, along with any other type of mission they will undertake at camp.

Pershing Rifles/Color Guard

The Pershing Rifles will be hitting hard with recruiting and fundraising this semester to prepare for NATCON. They will be starting with fundraising nights such as the upcoming event with HuHot Mongolian Grill which is scheduled for February 18th. They also are working on one with Buffalo Wild Wings, and several others. They will be sure to keep the public updated with specific dates for the fundraising nights. NATCON 2016 kicks off March 10 and ends March 13. The Pershing Rifles command team will also be working on getting the performances ready and fine tuned. The members of Pershing Rifles are looking to have some more personnel join their team to enhance their shows through recruitment. Just a reminder: every undergraduate student at Kansas State is welcome to join, it is not just a program for ROTC cadets. Good Pershing Rifles team!
Joint Awards Ceremony/Winter Commissioning

To celebrate all of their hard work over the fall semester, the Wildcat Battalion got together with the Air Force ROTC to put together a joint awards ceremony. Also, to end the semester two of our MSV cadets had all of their hard work over the years pay off when they participated in a joint commissioning ceremony with the air force and their two commissioning cadets. Congratulations to the two newest lieutenants from the Wildcat Battalion, as well as, their Air Force counterparts. Good luck with your futures 2L.T Luke Ranum and 2L.T Drake Pfeifer!

Battalion Mentorship Night

To blow off a little steam at the end of the semester and build battalion relations prior to finals week, the battalion got together for a battalion mentorship event. To kick it off, the battalion got together at the Gen. Myers Hall for pizza. After socializing at Myers for awhile, the battalion then proceeded to walk to the Union for some bowling and pool.

Commander’s Cup Standings

With no commander’s cup events during the month of December, it seems as though Alpha Company will start with the edge for the semester. The cup standings currently sit at 3-2 in favor of Alpha Company. Good luck to the entire battalion!