Color Guard Honors Martin Luther King Jr.

Kansas State Army ROTC Cadets are grinding away as the semester is finally in full stride. Among them are the members of the Color Guard, who have been dedicating extra time and effort to be able to display this nation’s great flag at many events. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Color Guard lead a procession of participants from the Student Union to the Martin Luther King Jr. statue outside of Ahearn Field House.

Close Combat Tactical Trainer

On 06 February 2016, the Wildcat Battalion participated in what is known as Close Combat Tactical Trainer or CCTT. Every year Cadets get to find out what it’s like to be inside the Army’s most advanced, highly sophisticated armored vehicle, the M1A2 SEPv2 Abrams tank. Or, rather, the simulator set up to look like the inside of one. After arriving at the location, Cadets were briefed on the different positions inside the simulator (driver, loader, gunner, and tank commander) and how to operate each position. They were then given their mission and sent to their tank with the rest of their crew. The first rotation consisted of just getting to know the vehicle, but the second rotation is when the fun began. Cadets faced a computer-generated enemy in an intense tank battle. As can be imagined, the Cadets were inevitably overrun. Regardless of the results, Cadets learned how to work as a team, as well as, build their confidence with mission planning, rehearsals, and tactics.

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- Withstand
- Integrity
- Leaders
- Dedication
- Communication
- Accountability
- Team

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Recondo

Recondo is alive and well in the Wildcat Battalion. We continue to carry on the high standards and traditions set by past Recondo leadership dating back nearly thirty years. For this Spring semester, the focus of Recondo has been shifted in order to prep the MS3s and underclassmen for their future camp experiences. The focus is now on key leader engagement preparation (KLE). For this, we have had numerous classes reviewing how to properly conduct a KLE. In the future, we will expand on the KLE and use it as a base mission to practice the ambush, attack, and recon. We will also continue the tradition of having an end of the year culminating Recondo LDX. We have high expectations, for the reason that we will be conducting a “Battle of Wanat” type operation that has never been done before on a Recondo LDX.

Pershing Rifles to prepare for natcon!

Pershing Rifles Company G-7 is practicing hard in order to compete at NATCON this year. NATCON is an annual national drill competition, and the group hopes to come home with several trophies as they have done in previous years. NATCON 2016 will be on the 10th of March in Washington D.C., and the riflemen look forward to experiencing the iconic monuments of history, as well as, competing.

Company G-7 is raising money to reach this goal through fundraising and donations. The next fundraiser will be hosted at the HuHot Mongolian Grill in the Manhattan Town Center on Thursday, 18 February from 5-8pm. Company G-7 appreciates the support it has received to compete at NATCON. Donations are a significant portion of the company’s funding for NATCON.

SHARP/E0 Lab

Every year Cadets must be trained up on the Army’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention and Equal Opportunity policies. Soldiers from Ft. Riley came over to teach the Cadets on how to handle certain situations, as well as, how to recognize such situations. We thank them for their time.
Soldiers from 3-66 AR, 1HBCT, 1st ID were able to come out and talk to Cadets about what will be expected of them once they graduate school and become commissioned 2nd Lieutenants.

Cadets asked about many situations that they were curious about, such as, “how am I suppose to interact with my platoon sergeant who has less rank but much more experience than I do?” Questions also arose from what to do if you have an incompetent platoon sergeant or squad leader. Cadets got many different viewpoints from the Soldiers who ranks consisted of Lieutenant Colonel and Command Sergeant Major, to 1st Lieutenants, and Senior Noncommissioned Officers.

The overall experience for the Cadets was excellent, who gained a lot of insight from this lab.

Commander’s Cup Standings

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

Alpha company maintains the lead in the commander’s cup!