Reconnaissance Lanes

The Kansas State Army ROTC Cadets have been conducting Reconnaissance Lanes during labs to better prepare MSIII’s for Advanced Camp. Cadets are expected to complete doctrinal readings prior to lab to familiarize them with the mission set. A reconnaissance is a mission to obtain information by visual observation or other detection methods, about the activities of an enemy or characteristics of an area.

Land Navigation Course

The Wildcat Battalion went to Fort Riley to conduct land navigation training on Range 24. This training event allowed for all Cadets to hone their navigation skills with the added obstacle of a winter storm. The DPTMS Team on Fort Riley oversaw the use of the Home Station Instrumentation System (HITS), which allowed Cadre to track Cadet movement on the course via RF radios.
BATAAN

Nine Cadets from the Wildcat Battalion represented the program at the Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands, New Mexico during Spring Break. The event consisted of a 26.2 mile course conducted either with (Heavy) or without (Light) combat gear. Participants from all over the United States compete to honor veterans of the Bataan Death March and those who were taken as Prisoners of War by the Japanese in the Philippines. Cadet Seeger placed 3rd and Cadet Baker placed 7th in the ROTC Heavy Division. Cadet Hoang placed 4th and Cadet Kirby placed 5th in the ROTC Light Division.

Upcoming Events

- Record APFT
- GAFPB
- Ranger Buddy
  - FTX
- Recondo FTX
- Military Ball
- Joint Awards Ceremony
- Commissioning Ceremony

CWST Training

The Wildcat Battalion conducted CWST Training (Combat Water Survival Test) at the KSU Natatorium for PT on 27 March. CWST training consisted of 5 events: a combat gear swim, 10 meter fall, combat gear shedding, a 10 minute lap swim, and a 5 minute tread water test. These events are completed in sterilized ACU’s and tennis shoes. CWST is a Cadet Command training requirement for all Cadets. Cadets have to pass at least once and have to participate in it every year. This training develops all Cadets’ confidence and enhances personal courage.
Pershing Rifles had their National Convention (NATCON) competition in Jacksonville, FL on 10 March. Although they did not place, the Color Guard and solo section received outstanding scores and feedback from the judges. Several of the Riflemen received individual awards. Pershing Rifles is currently preparing for the dedication of Memorial Stadium, which was built as a World War I Memorial on campus. The Color Guard is preparing for the University’s Presidential Inauguration event on 28 April and the Joint Awards Ceremony on 1 May, both of which will be conducted jointly with the Air Force ROTC program.

The RECONDO Company is currently preparing for RIP week which will be taking place from 3-7 April. Instructors will be selected from a pool of motivated candidates. Cadets will undergo a series of physically and mentally challenging tasks, such as a timed ruck march and a thorough written test, over the course of the week. Successful candidates will earn status as a RECONDO Instructor.

Cadets were given the opportunity to compete for a spot to earn the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFBP) at Fort Leavenworth. 15 Cadets were selected to attend the training and attempt to earn the badge. All 15 Cadets successfully earned the GAFBP with 12 Cadets earning the Gold Badge and 3 Cadets earning the Silver Badge. The Badge can be worn by Cadets for the rest of their career in the US Army.

Pershing Rifles and Color Guard