Senior Class of 2016

Kansas State Army ROTC Cadets were busy studying for and taking final exams as the semester came to an end. Many of the seniors commissioned on 13 May 2016.

We would like to thank MG Grigsby for attending the ceremony! MG Grigsby was the guest speaker and swore in the newly commissioned Second Lieutenants.

Those who commissioned this month are as follows, as well as their branches:

- Frederik Lindsey: Signal Corps
- Jakob Hutter: Quartermaster
- Mikaela Wood: Transportation
- Miquel Powell: Quartermaster
- Stephani Brooks: Medical Service
- Steve Verespej: Adjutant General Corps/Branch Detail: Infantry
- Thomas Moloney: Infantry
- Travis Hogan: Finance
- William Clark: Aviation
- William Rector: Military Intelligence
- Alecia Miller: Finance
- Alexander Ly: Military Intelligence
- Clay Confer: Transportation
- Corey Kipp: Medical Services
- Daniel Ruiz: Ordnance Corps
- Daniel Schmidt: Aviation
- David Jensen: Signal Corps/Branch Detail: Field Artillery

Congratulations class of 2016! We wish you all the best of luck in your careers as officers in the United States Army and all that you set out to accomplish!

Major General(R) Rita Broadway

MG(R) Broadway was born in Wichita, Kansas and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Science. MG(R) Broadway also pursued a military career in the U.S. Army; serving on active duty before joining the Army Reserve in September 1979.

MG(R) Broadway retired from the Army Reserve in June 2011 at the rank of Maj. Gen. She continues to serve Soldiers, civilians, and their families as a member of the Association of United States Army (AUSA), the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) and the Senior Army Reserve Commander’s Association (SARCA).

As the military embarks on progressive roles for female Soldiers, we are honored to acknowledge MG(R) Broadway as one of the pioneers of this movement.

The Wildcat Battalion is proud to recognize MG(R) Rita Broadway as a notable Alumni. In 1976, MG(R) Broadway was the first female Cadet to receive an Army ROTC commission from Kansas State University; marking this May as the 40th anniversary of her impressive career.
Military Ball

Cadets came together for one final event before the end of the semester.

This year’s Military Ball was held at the Kansas State University Union in the Grand Ballroom located on the 2nd floor.

The evening was filled with delightful entertainment and a tasty dinner.

We would like to thank CSM(R) James Champagne for speaking to the Cadets and imparting his knowledge on to us.

Unfortunately, the lab had to be cut short because of severe weather that was producing lightning, hail, and the possibility of tornadoes.

Everyone was able to make it back safely!

Farewell Lab

The farewell lab was conducted at City Park, where a game of capture-the-flag was conducted to determine who the winner of the Commander’s Cup would be, which will be revealed at the end of the newsletter.

Each platoon had to bring a guidon that they worked on as a team and to boost pride within each unit.

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GEN(R) Ham Speech

On 29 April, the Wildcat Battalion met at the Holiday Inn to listen to two highly experienced professionals of the United States Army.

The Wildcat Battalion would like to thank GEN (R) Carter Ham and SMA (R) Kenneth Preston (13th Sergeant Major of the Army) for speaking with the Cadets about their future in the United States Army and what it takes to become a successful leader.
Company G-7 will be undergoing some major changes this summer and into the fall. Cadet Matthew Lester, formerly the Company Commander, has taken a new position in the society as the 2nd and 7th Regimental Commander. On 18 April 2016, Lester officially handed off the Company Commander position to Miss Jolene O’Donnell, a junior in Elementary Education and German. Miss O’Donnell is one of the few civilian members of Pershing Rifles.

A new, updated uniform is in the works to replace the West Point grays for Exhibition routines. These new uniforms will allow for more flexibility and movement to perform complex spins and tosses.

The Candidate course, overseen by Candidate Training Officer Jack Curtis, will also go through some changes. Candidates will be required to complete sixty contact hours with an active member, plan and lead a service project, and more. This course will be designed to assist the Candidates in growing as both a team and as leaders. Active members will also be doing more as the overall focal point of the Company is changing. Members will learn more about what it means to be a leaders and have more hands-on training for their future lives as leaders for both the military and civilian worlds.

This year’s winner of the Commander’s Cup came down to the wire, and win was determined at the farewell lab conducted on 26 April.

A game of capture-the-flag was played to determine which company would reign victorious and claim the Commander’s Cup, as well as, end the school year with a enjoyable team bonding event.

The final results established Alpha as the proud owners of the Commander’s Cup for the next year!

Congratulations, Alpha!