With the most recent LDP (Leadership Development Position) change, the Wildcat battalion welcomes CDT Alexandria Dunlap as our new c/CSM. CDT Dunlap is originally from Los Angeles, California and already has an Associate of Arts Degree and is currently working on her Bachelor’s of Science degree in sociology with an emphasis in criminology. CDT Dunlap attributes her success to her family. As c/CSM, CDT Dunlap is most looking forward to developing her leadership potential and improving her knowledge on army operations at various levels. Thank you for all your hard work to former c/CSM Harvey and welcome c/CSM Dunlap!

Wildcats Conduct 2015 Fall LDX
Cadets from the Kansas State Wildcat Battalion headed out to Fort Riley for some quality LDX training on the weekend of September 25th and 26th. While there, the Wildcats participated in FLRC, day/night land navigation, tactical basics training, and completed a confidence course. To finish out the LDX, Alpha and Bravo company competed in a confidence course race as a Commander’s Cup event. Ultimately Alpha Company was victorious after falling to Bravo Company in the land navigation event the previous day.
**Wildcats Experience New Technology**

As a special new treat, during their land navigation during the fall LDX, cadets got to experience the Blue Force Tracker training. Cadets were all issued a radio transmitter that allowed them to be tracked and have their location projected on to a screen at all times. This technology can track their moves as they move along the course and records them so if a cadet were to have questions about a misstep s/he might have made, they can look back and figure out what happened.

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This semester has been filled with opportunities to grow mentally and physically. Underclassmen cadets who attended the basic skills event were instructed how to properly move, shoot and communicate as a small team. Upper classmen have been practicing their leadership skills while conducting squad tactical exercises designed to teach troop leading procedures and decision making under pressure. The Ranger Challenge team trained daily before participating in the 3rd Brigade Ranger Challenge competition. Kansas State brought two teams, Alpha and Bravo, both of which performed to standard and proved their true grit by completing the final 10 kilometer ruck march at the top of their heats.

**Pershing Rifles/Color Guard**

This year a new candidate class is underway and they will soon become Pershing Riflemen. Company G-7 has performed at several events this year including a detail at K-State President Schulz’s residence. The company will march and display it’s talent on the 16th October 2015 in the homecoming parade. After the parade the company will begin practicing for its NATCON routine. Company G-7 looks forward to competing and winning NATCON 2016. Kansas State University’s Company G-7 gained national recognition after winning the 1969 Exhibition Drill Championship. Company G-7 “Headhunters” continues to distinguish itself in local events, and the yearly National Convention. Practices are held three days a week, Monday and Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Fridays at 5:00 pm.
The Wildcat Battalion has participated in a multitude of labs. So far this year the battalion has participated in their Welcome Back Lab and competed for the Commander’s Cup, they have learned how to properly conduct PCCs/PCIs (Pre-combat Checks/Inspections) and the field nav basics, and how to write an OER (officer evaluation report). They’ve also most recently participated in a Drill and Ceremony Lab. During the Drill and Ceremony Lab MSIII cadets taught MSI and IIs how to properly move as an army unit at both the squad and platoon levels. Cadets were taught the basics such as commands like about face, present arms, counter column, and more. After they were taught the basics, cadets finished out the lab with a D&C knockout led by former c/CSM Harvey.

Alpha company pulls ahead in the Commander’s Cup!

The most recent competition for the Commander’s Cup was the finale of the D&C Lab when Alpha and Bravo went head to head in a game of knockout. While it looked as though Bravo would be the inevitable winner early on, the battalion was weeded out to just two cadets, with CDT McAllister representing Alpha Company and CDT Hicks representing Bravo. CDT McAllister ended up pulling out the come-from-behind win for Alpha Company. The overall standings currently sit at 3-1 in favor of Alpha Company.

Cadets participated in Combat Water Survival Training. In this training cadets woke up bright and early at 0530 to complete a blindfolded 10m fall where they sounded off with their branch of choice whilst holding a “rubber duck” and freefalling into the water. During this training cadets were also required to complete a 25m gear swim where they put a FLC vest on over their ACUs and swam across the pool with their rubber duck. Cadets also did a 5 minute tread water in full ACUs, a 10 minute swim, and a gear shed where they put on a FLC, grab their rubber duck, and are thrown into the pool where they are required to shed their gear before surfacing.

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