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# A Letter from the Professor of Military Science



Hello Patriot Battalion community! I am excited and proud to be serving as your new Professor of Military Science, continuing this unit's outstanding tradition of producing confident and capable Army officers to defend our nation. Over the past semester, it's been a privilege to learn about the rich and storied ties between the Patriot Battalion and our school community: Providence College, Brown University, Bryant University, Johnson & Wales University, Rhode Island College, UMass Dartmouth and the Community College of Rhode Island. At each of these schools I've been pleased to find highly motivated students as well as academic colleagues enthusiastic to assist us in our mission to produce intelligent, ethical and tactically proficient officers. I look forward to deepening our cooperation and continuing the high standards of performance set thus far.

Our MSIV Cadets hit the ground running on their return from Cadet Summer training, starting off the semester by administering an ACFT and introducing the MSI Cadets to Army tactical training during PORT. Over the course of the semester, our MSIVs led the Battalion through five leadership and tactics labs, one two-day field training event (FTX), a day of marksmanship training at the Fort Devens range, seven ROTC classes and early morning physical training. I had a fantastic time accompanying our Ranger Challenge Team to the 2nd Brigade Ranger Challenge competition at Fort Dix, where our Patriot Battalion team secured a fourth place finish out of 45 teams, the best in this program's history!

Beyond our field and tactical training, our Cadets volunteered to serve at several important community events. Patriot Battalion Cadets demonstrated the Army values by assisting Providence College move-in, providing a color guard for the reunion of the storied 509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, conducting Veterans Day Ceremonies at Brown University and Providence College and providing a color guard for the Providence Water Fires Salute to Veterans.

Observing and guiding the Cadets through all this work and training has been an absolute pleasure. I'm excited to see what the future holds and to continue working with my colleagues as well as our MSIVs to continue developing our Cadets.

I wish you all Happy Holidays and a calm and restful break from school.

Sincerely,  
LTC Jason Kneib  
Professor of Military Science



Veterans Day Ceremony, Brown University, 11 November 2022



# Notes from the Battalion Commander

CDT Charles “Hank” Hultman, Brown University - Class of 2023



The Fall 2022 semester was a great semester for the Patriot Battalion. The program saw some wonderful change and growth, with the addition of three phenomenal cadre: LTC Kneib, MSG Bottom and SFC Palermo. These cadre ushered in great change, including helping to refocus and balance the training priorities of the younger cadets, who are learning the basics, with the older Cadets, who are learning at a more advanced level in preparation for Cadet Summer Training 2023.



The month of October was very busy, with our Field Training Exercise (FTX) and the Ranger Challenge Competition at Fort Dix, NJ. We had a fantastic FTX, including a lovely Blackhawk joy ride provided by the Rhode Island Air National Guard. Our Ranger Challenge Team, under the leadership of CDT Wills, placed fourth out of 45 teams during the competition, this is the best the Patriot Battalion has ever performed!



Esprit de Corps was important this semester to the Patriot Battalion. Cadets were encouraged to bring a friend to our Halloween fun run, providing the broader community with a perspective of the “fun side” of Army ROTC. We also hosted our first-ever end-of-semester holiday social, which included a toy drive for Hasbro Children's Hospital and a team gingerbread house-building competition for Cadets. I was honored to serve in my capacity as the Cadet Battalion Commander. I saw firsthand the extreme capability and dedication the Cadets of the Patriot Battalion possess and I know that next semester will continue to build on the progress made this Fall.



## **Pictures From Top to Bottom:**

**First Picture:** Cadet Wills (MSIV) shows Cadet Gouck (MSI) how to properly use a compass during the Land Navigation LLAB, at Bryant University.

**Second Picture:** Cadets Johnson, Ferreira, Starrs and Stubner enjoy the Veterans Day Ceremony Reception while talking with COL (R) Gerald F. Dillion ('68)

**Third Picture:** Cadets Ferreira and Passauer mentor under classmen on Slavin Lawn while they demonstrate accessing a casualty during FTX Prep LLAB

**Fourth Picture:** Front Row: Cadets Aldana ('24), McNicholas ('24) and Mason ('23); Back Row: Cadets Fulmer ('24) and Bettinelli ('23) celebrate the holiday season with an ugly sweater contest and team gingerbread house making competition.



# Operations Update



**Cadets test their technical and tactical knowledge at Bryant University while conducting STX Lanes.**

The MSIV Cadets returned from Cadet Summer Training this Fall with the confidence and capability to guide the Patriot Battalion through an important semester of tactical training. The Fall semester is always focused on establishing the basics of Army tactics and leadership in preparation for more advanced training in the Spring, all with an eye towards ensuring the success of our MSIII cadets at Advanced Camp this summer. Our new MSI cadets experienced a small taste of life as Army privates during field training, taking instructions from MSII and

MSIII team leaders, squad leaders and platoon leaders. As squad and team leaders, our MSII Cadets practiced being responsible for their junior cadets and faithfully carrying out the instructions of the MSIIIs. The MSIII Cadets practiced the role of Platoon Leader, carrying out ambushes, movements to contact, patrol base operations, defenses, assaults, and raids, always relying on the instructions of their trusty Ranger Handbooks.



**Cadets Gouck ('26), Fullerton ('24) and Fulmer ('24) take a moment during the Fall FTX, held at Fort Dix to sit and reflect on their Day Land Navigation skills while eating an MRE before they head out for the Night Land Navigation portion of the exercise.**

**Cadets are given three hours to complete each iteration of Land Navigation. They are required to find three out of four points for a successful "Go" on Day Land Navigation and one out of three points for a successful "Go" on Night Land Navigation.**

# Ranger Challenge '22: A History-Making Team

## Platoon Leader: CDT Braiden Wills, Providence College - Class of 2023



From left to right: Cadets Torres ('26), Mucharsky ('26), Wills ('23) and Gouck ('26) take a moment after their impressive first place finish in the 6-mile ruck march to pose with the Battalion Gideon before the closing ceremony.

2022 was a historic year for the Patriot Battalion's Ranger Challenge program. Early in the semester, CDT Fullerton and I held tryouts and selected a group of 15 physically fit, mentally strong and intrinsically motivated Cadets to comprise our Ranger Challenge Team. From there, we trained vigorously nearly every day for six weeks in preparation for the Annual 2nd BDE Ranger Challenge Competition, held at Fort Dix, NJ. Our training regimen emphasized physical fitness, weapons assembly, one-rope bridge construction, grenade throwing, tactical combat casualty care and other military skills.

We selected the top 12 cadets on the team to comprise our competition roster. Our relatively young team represented

the Patriot Battalion proudly by winning the 6-mile ruck march event and placing fourth overall out of 45 ROTC battalions from 2nd BDE—constituting the highest overall placement in program history. Every member of the team displayed unmatched motivation, focus, positivity and determination throughout the entire competition. In my last year of ROTC, I was extremely grateful and inspired to be a part of such a talented, hard-working and dedicated group of Cadets. I have no doubt that CDT Fullerton will carry the team to further success next year.

## 1SG: CDT John Fullerton, Brown University - Class of 2024

CDT Wills put together a talented mix of Cadets that trained rigorously in physical and technical skills such as radio familiarization, rope systems and weapons assembly while correcting mistakes from previous years. The performance of the team is a testament to well-planned and well-executed training by CDT Wills. We took the risk of having a younger team in order to emphasize the development of underclassmen Cadets which paid off greatly and will undoubtedly serve us next year quite well. In the coming months, we will be looking to improve our team's endurance threshold and maintain proficiency in the skills we learned last semester. The future for Ranger Challenge is brightened by the hard work, discipline, and determination of each and every cadet on our team.



The 2022 Ranger Challenge team poses for a photo after the tug-o-war event. They had just learned they were ranked in the top 10 overall before going into the last and final event, the ruck march.

# **Patriot Battalion Upcoming Events**

## **Spring 2023 Semester**

<b>17 January 2023</b>	Spring Semester resumes
<b>25 January 2023</b>	First ROTC Class for the semester
<b>22 April 2023</b>	Annual Patriot Battalion Military Ball. Invitations will be sent out via email
<b>07 May 2023</b>	Annual Patriot Battalion Cadet Award Ceremony
<b>19 May 2023</b>	Patriot Battalion Reserve Officer's Training Corps. Commissioning Ceremony

