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A Letter from the Professor of Military Science



Greetings Patriot Battalion!

This semester has been a whirlwind of continued success for the Patriot Battalion! Our cadets have truly impressed me with their growth, hard work and dedication towards military service. From balancing classes and internships to participating in veteran outreach, and university events, they've exemplified leadership and commitment.

I'd like to express my deepest gratitude once again to our incredible alumni network. Your generous financial contributions this year exceeded the last with over \$18,000 supporting various awards and the Patriot Battalion Military Ball. This was the first year every single cadet received a sponsored alumni ticket! Thank you for making a difference and demonstrating to our future leaders what selfless service is all about. You are truly planting seeds and directly contributing to the development of the Army's Officer Corps.

Celebrating Achievements and Looking Ahead

This May 17th, we proudly say farewell to 13 outstanding cadets who will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Army. I have no doubt these future leaders will serve our country with distinction.

Meanwhile, 16 talented juniors are gearing up for Cadet Summer Training, their final assessment before branch selection this fall. Thanks to the exceptional leadership of our seniors, I am confident they'll perform exceptionally well.

Growth and Excitement on the Horizon

Once again, the Patriot Battalion is shattering incoming student recruitment records. We're thrilled to welcome a projected incoming freshman class of over 30 cadets!

This incredible growth of our program is a testament to the collective effort put in by our dedicated cadets, supportive university leaders, and alumni to ensure that the Patriot Battalion continues its historic reputation of building capable, confident leaders of character to serve our country's Armed Forces.

A Well-Deserved Break

As we close out the semester, I wish you all a safe and joyful summer! TRAIN TO FIGHT, FIGHT TO WIN!

Sincerely,

LTC Jason Kneib

Professor of Military Science



Notes from the Battalion Commander

Cadet Richard Shin, Brown University - Class of 2024



This spring, the Patriot Battalion continued to build upon the rock-solid foundation that was established in the fall. We picked training right back up from the semester prior and continued to develop our MSIIIs in preparation for advanced camp, MSIIIs to start filling in more significant leadership roles, and MSIs to learn the basic functions and roles that make up Platoon STX. Throughout the semester, MSIIIs got

comfortable making sound decisions in any role that they were put in, and underclassmen cadets began to understand the fundamentals of platoon operations.

The Patriot Battalion and the Cramer's Sabers at the University of Rhode Island had the opportunity to join Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Northeastern University for the culminating Joint Field Training Exercise at Joint Base Cape Cod. Despite the challenges that come with working with new faces and personalities, our cadets reported high levels of engagement and we hope to build upon our newfound relationship.

In addition to training, our cadets took volunteer opportunities in and around the city of Providence to enrich the community as well as talk to and give guidance to candidates interested in joining ROTC. These opportunities included volunteering at the local soup kitchen, supporting local high school sports' teams, and attending JROTC color guard competitions.

Looking ahead, we are confident in our MSIIIs' preparation for Cadet Summer Training and know they will excel in every event that is thrown at them- from Land Navigation to Platoon STX- and will come out of it with new perspectives, relationships, and pride from confronting and overcoming challenges. We are also excited to send our cadets to other training opportunities such as Basic Camp, Air Assault school, internships and more, and hit the ground running in the fall, bigger and better.

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Train to fight, fight to win!
CDT Shin



Operations Update

Cadet John Tracy (S3), Providence College - Class of 2024
Cadet Colin Fulmer (AS3), Providence College - Class of 2024



MSIV Cadets lead a gear layout for the underclassman in Peterson Field House in preparation of the four day CFTX.



Cadets practice commands and technique on the short wall before attempting to rappel down the large Tower.



A Cadet conquers their fear of heights as they rappel down the side of the large tower. Everyone did great !

As it occurs every spring semester, the cadets of Patriot Battalion returned from winter break ready to hit the ground running and build upon the technical and tactical skills they learned during the previous fall semester. The spring semester brings added pressure for the MSIIIs as the reality of performing well and getting solid evaluations at Cadet Summer Training (CST) or Advance Camp (AC) looms over them. The fall semester focused on the basics of Army tactics and leadership by conducting squad level tactics and soldiering skills. This spring, it was the time for the MSIIIs to take it to the next level. They assumed platoon leader, platoon sergeant, and squad leader roles in platoon patrolling operations, with MSIs and MSIIIs filling in as lower enlisted. While there were many questions and learning moments early on, LLABs 1-7 (which included patrolling, OPORD briefs, patrol base classes and more) helped get all MSIIIs ready for CST. All of these skills were *really* put to the test during our culminating Combined Field Training Exercise (CFTX) which occurred between five schools to include Northeastern University, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Rhode Island and of course Providence College. There were over 300 cadets on ground at Camp Edwards, MA training and enhancing their skills over the four day CFTX, which simulated that of Advance Camp for the MSIIIs and Basic Camp for the MSIs and MSIIIs. The CFTX started off with everyone conducting Night into Day Land Navigation, once complete, the MSIIIs from all five schools worked through STX lanes together just as they would during CST while the MSIs and MSIIIs rotated through various stations including Battle Drills, Weapons Training, Medical and Communications, the Leaders Reaction Course, the Obstacle Course, and the Rappel Course. The MSIs and MSIIIs finished the CFTX with a six mile ruck march and the MSIIIs from PC went to the range for familiarization on the new qualification table. But that was not the end of it for the MSIIIs, as the closing weeks of the semester provided even MORE platoon patrolling labs. As MSIVs we have done our best to ensure that every MSIII is ready to rock at CST. MSIIIs, we are excited to pass you the MSIV torch and entrust you will train, educate and prepare the rising MSIIIs to an even higher standard.



MSIs and MSIIIs complete the Obstacle Course at Camp Edwards, MA.



Cadet Heinzer (Providence College) works on perfecting his technique at the Range.



MSI and MSII Cadets practice putting on and taking off gas masks during the Weapons Training portion of the CFTX.

Patriot Battalion ROTC Cadets Making an Impact

Cadet Katelin Ferreira Brown University - Class of 2024

Community service has always been an integral part of how the Patriot Battalion operates. Engaging in activities that benefit the community allows cadets to apply the values they learn in training to real-world scenarios, fostering a deeper understanding of service and sacrifice.

Through volunteering, cadets build strong bonds with the community that are essential to their development as leaders. Starting in January, the Patriot Battalion was invited to assist with several JROTC color guard competitions. With newfound relationships fostered at these events, later in the semester, two groups of cadets assisted the JROTC Raider Challenge cadets in training for the competition. Other events include recruiting on our own campuses, serving dinner at St. Mary's House, and participating in Valentines for Veterans.

Thirty-one cadets participated in 15 volunteer events for a total of roughly 300 hours of community service. After each volunteer event, cadets always leave with a warmth in their hearts, knowing they have brightened someone's day. In the end, it is moments like these that remind cadets why they felt the call to service.



Pictured from top to bottom:

Cadet Nolan Costa, (MSI, Providence College) measures the distance of a successful "V-Sit and Reach" attempt made by a JROTC Cadet during the physical portion of the Marksmanship Academic & Physical Fitness (MAP) Competition. This event tests and measures the extensibility of the hamstrings and lower back; designed to have the Cadet put their feet against a piece of wood and reach with both hands as far forward as they can towards their feet while holding the reach for three seconds.

Inspired by CPT Robert A. Bager and Bobby's Valentines for Veterans (BOBBYSVALENTINES.ORG - Home) Cadets Grace Chong and Katelin Ferreira (both MSIVs from Brown University) spent Valentine's Day morning at the Providence VA Medical Center offering handmade Valentine's Day cards to Veterans. The valentines, crafted by a local elementary school students and Boy Scout Troops were paired with a cellophane bag filled with goodies. This was our fourth year partnering with the PVD VAMC and we feel grateful to have been able to bring smiles to our veterans and hand out a little over 400 handmade valentine cards and bags; adding to our total count of 1,531 valentines distributed!

Cadets Colin Fulmer and Luke Tischio (both MSIVs from Providence College) participated in a table display during a PC Open House for incoming freshmen. Together they shared their experiences and talked to over 15 students interested in ROTC, they also met two freshman who were already signed up and committed to the Patriot Battalion; very exciting!

Patriot Battalion Cadet Spot Light



SSG Suryawan Ang was born in Jakarta, Indonesia and raised in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the United States Army in 2015 as a 68W, Combat Medic, and attended basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was selected for the Green to Gold ADO program and is currently enrolled in Brown University while participating in ROTC with the Patriot Battalion at Providence College, Rhode Island. He is projected to commission in May 2025.

He is a graduate of the Basic Leaders Course, the Advanced Leaders Course, certified SHARP Victim's Advocate, Army retention NCO, and Unit Prevention Leader. He possesses an Associate's of Science in Business Administration from Pennsylvania State University.

SSG Ang's assignments include: Health Care Specialist, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge, Emergency Department, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (5 Awards), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (2 Awards), Overseas Service Ribbon (2 Awards), Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Driver Badge and Air Assault Badge.

In 2021, SSG Ang played a crucial role in Operation Allies Refuge (OAR). Serving as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of the Emergency Department in Landstuhl, he effectively led his team in providing emergency medical care for 988 Afghan nationals within a condensed timeframe of 20 days.

Cadet Ang served as the Cadet First Sergeant in Spring 2024 and is poised to assume the role of Cadet Company Commander in Fall 2024. Additionally, he was presented with the Army ROTC Superior Cadet Decoration Award for having been selected as the outstanding cadet in his class for the academic year 2024.

Congratulations Cadet Ang, the Patriot Battalion is excited to see where the future will take you in the coming academic year and beyond!

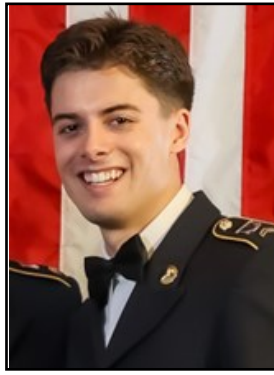


A Look Ahead to the Patriot Battalion Class of 2025

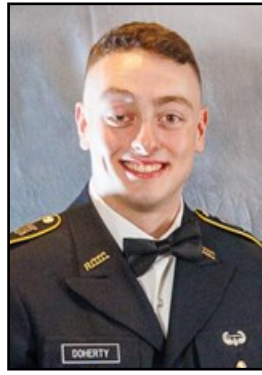
We would like to wish our MSIIIs the best of luck as they pack and prepare for Advance Camp, CTLT and Internships this summer. We are excited to see them embark on and concur these exciting challenges and we look forward to them coming back in the Fall Semester as MSIVs ready to lead the way for the underclassmen. **Best of Luck!!**



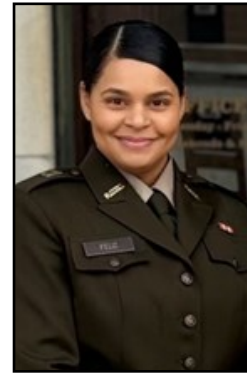
Cadet Ang
Brown University



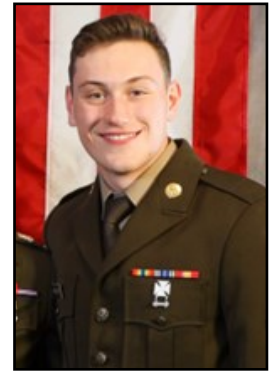
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Providence College



Cadet Doherty
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Cadet Feliz
Rhode Island College



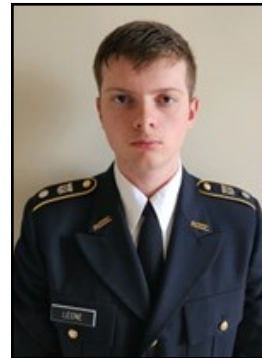
Cadet Heinzer
Providence College



Cadet Johnson
Brown University



Cadet Kim
Johnson & Wales University



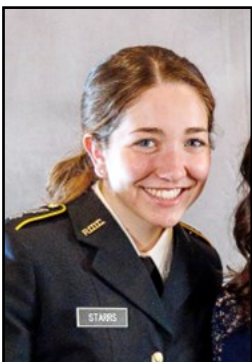
Cadet Leone
Bryant University



Cadet Mercedes
Rhode Island College



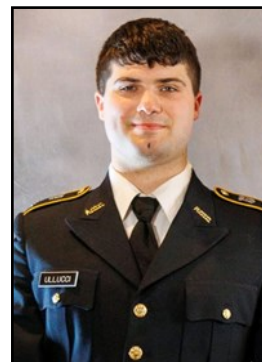
Cadet Sexton
Rhode Island College



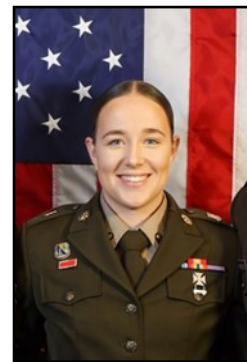
Cadet Starrs
Brown University



Cadet Stubner
Brown University



Cadet Ullucci
Johnson & Wales University



Cadet Vygoder
Rhode Island College



Cadet Walpole
Brown University

2024 Patriot Battalion Award Ceremony Recipients

This year, at the request of the Cadets, some Awards were combined with either the Annual Military Ball or the Commissioning Ceremony. Although a different format, we were excited to recognize our Cadets' amazing accomplishments. The below awards were presented at the Military Ball.



Department of The Army Superior Cadet

A prestigious ROTC award, recognizing those who demonstrate extraordinary officer potential, military leadership, and scholastic excellence. Each recipient ranks in the top 25% of their academic class and top 10% of their military science class. Receiving this award from left to right:

Matteo Sredzinski, Brown University '27

Ellison Mucharsky, Brown University '26

Suryawan Ang, Brown University '25

Luke Tischio, Providence College, Commissioned '24



The USAA Spirit Award

Honoring a deserving Cadet from the Patriot Battalion who best exemplifies the concept of service to their organization, community and our Nation.

Receiving the USAA Spirit Award this year was Richard Shin, Brown University, Commissioned '24



Civilian Aide to The Secretary of The Army Award

Awarded to a Senior Cadet, who represents excellence in leadership, academics, and shows great officer potential. Receiving the CASA Award this year was Katelin Ferreira, Brown University, Commissioned '24



American Legion Military Excellence Award

Awarded to a Patriot Battalion Cadet who demonstrates outstanding attributes within the classroom and in the field. Receiving the American Legion Military Excellence Award this year was Connor Dudka, Bryant University, Commissioned '24

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Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America Award

Awarded to a Cadet in the top 25% of the ROTC class with a high degree of excellence in Military History. This Cadet has demonstrated potential for good leadership and similar or related accomplishments reflecting the ideals of patriotism. Receiving the award this year was Katelin Ferreira, Brown University, Commissioned '24



Rhode Island Reserve Organization of America Award

Awarded to Cadets who demonstrate true qualities of leadership, moral character, and a high aptitude for military service. Receiving the award this year was Linda (Lilly) Starrs, Brown University '25



Rhode Island Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War Award

Awarded to a Cadet who excels in all military and scholastic aspects of ROTC. This year, the award was presented to Theodor Illarionov, Brown University '27



Military Officers' Association of America Award

Awarded to a Cadet in good academic standing, high moral character, loyalty and exceptional military leadership. This year, the award was presented to Anna Vygoder, Rhode Island College '25

2024 Patriot Battalion Awards Ceremony Recipients



Rhode Island Order of Founders and Patriots of America Award

Awarded to one female, one male, and one PC or Bryant Cadet who displays a high degree of excellence in military and leadership potential. Receiving the award this year was Jason Vitelli, Providence College '26



Rhode Island Order of Founders and Patriots of America Award

Awarded to one female, one male, and one PC or Bryant Cadet who displays a high degree of excellence in military and leadership potential. Receiving the award this year was Liam Doherty, Providence College '25

Female recipient Jenna Jacobs, Providence College '27 (not pictured)



Rhode Island Society Sons of The American Revolution Award

Awarded to a Cadet with a high degree of merit and leadership potential. Receiving the award this year was Nolan Costa, Providence College '27



General Society Of The War of 1812 Award

Awarded to a Cadet in good academic standing and who possess high moral character. Receiving the award this year was Julia Rendon, Brown University '26

2024 Patriot Battalion MSIV Award Recipients

This year, the MSIVs requested that awards be presented during the Commissioning Ceremony, allowing their family and friends to take part in recognizing their four years of hard work and dedication not only to their academic studies but also to the Patriot Battalion.

The Department of The Army Distinguished Military Graduate

This prestigious distinction is awarded to the top 20% of all Cadets, nationwide for displaying outstanding qualities of leadership, high moral character, exemplary academic achievement, superior Advanced Camp performance, and exceptional aptitude for military service. Awarded to: ***Genesis Aldana Pineda, Rhode Island College; Grace Chong, Brown University; John Fullerton, Brown University; Leo Pacher, Brown University and Luke Tischio, Providence College.***

The Military Order of Foreign Wars Academic Excellence Award

Honoring a deserving Cadet for their outstanding leadership, loyalty, and devotion to duty. Awarded to ***Genesis Aldana Pineda, Rhode Island College.***

The Rhode Island College ROTC Achievement Award

Awarded for attaining the highest standing of military aptitude, moral character, scholastic achievement, and leadership potential. Awarded to ***Genesis Aldana Pineda, Rhode Island College.***

The Bryant University ROTC Achievement Award

Awarded for attaining the highest standing of military aptitude, moral character, scholastic achievement, and leadership potential. Awarded to ***Connor Dudka, Bryant University.***

The Brown University ROTC Achievement Award

Awarded for attaining the highest standing of military aptitude, moral character, scholastic achievement, and leadership potential. Awarded to ***Leo Pacher, Brown University.***

The First Command Sabre for Leadership Excellence Award

Awarded to a Patriot Battalion Cadet for their outstanding military leadership potential, scholastic merit and high moral character. Awarded to ***Grace Chong, Brown University.***

The J. Hull Family Award

Given to a Brown University Cadet who contributes to the overall success of the ROTC program. This award is a public display of support by the Hull family. Awarded to ***Katelin Ferreira, Brown University.***

The Patriot Battalion Class of 1999 Award

Presented to a Cadet who exemplifies the value of teamwork and unquestionably upholds the legacy of the Class of 1999! Awarded to ***John Fullerton, Brown University.***

2024 Patriot Battalion MSIV Award Recipients

Providence College President's Trophy

This award was established in 1958 by the Very Reverend Robert Slavin, to recognize a Providence College Senior Cadet who has demonstrated outstanding ROTC achievement, honor, character, and leadership. Awarded to **Colin Fulmer, Providence College.**

Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Sons & Daughters of Italy in America Award

Awarded to a Senior Cadet for their loyalty and service to the Patriot Battalion. Awarded to **Richard Shin, Brown University.**

The Rhode Island Chapter Association of the United States Army Award

Awarded to a Cadet for excellence in Military studies and for demonstrated leadership and their contributions to the program. Awarded to **Colin Fulmer, Providence College.**

The Robert Riesman First Infantry Division Award

Given in memory of Colonel Riesman, an advocate of the ROTC college program, this award is an embodiment of his belief that quality leaders are educated, molded, and nurtured in educational institutions. Presented to a Cadet that was selected for active duty in a combat arms branch and who has demonstrated exceptional loyalty and devotion to the ideals of the First Infantry Division. Awarded to **Samuel Hogan, Providence College.**

1LT Brian McPhillips (USMC) Memorial Award

Given in memory of Lieutenant Brian McPhillips, killed in action in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM on April 4th, 2003, as a member of the 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. A Providence College alum who received his commission in the US Marine Corps in 2000 Presented to a Cadet who best exemplifies the qualities of Lieutenant McPhillips and demonstrated excellence in Scholastic and Military Studies. Awarded to **John McNicholas, Providence College.**

Providence College "Class of '66" Award

Given in memory of the Providence College class of 1966, from which three graduates were killed in action in the Republic of Vietnam. Presented to a Providence College Cadet who best exemplifies the values of citizenship and service to the Nation. Awarded to **Peter Monaco, Providence College.**

The CPT John "Jay" Tobin Memorial Award

Given in memory of Captain Tobin, a native of Belmont, MA, commissioning class of 1998, who served as an Air Defense and Ordnance Officer with a combat tour to Kosovo in 2000. This award is sponsored by Captain Tobin's family and presented by his classmates to honor his memory. Presented to a Cadet who best exemplifies and displays outstanding leadership, high moral character, and an exceptional aptitude for military service. Awarded to **Peter Monaco, Providence College.**

2024 Patriot Battalion MSIV Award Recipients

The 1LT Gregory J. Paredes Memorial Award

Established on March 31, 1988, by the Paredes family. Given in memory of Lieutenant Paredes, commissioning class of 1985, who gave his life in the line of duty in a heroic attempt to rescue a wounded American Soldier. Presented to a Senior Cadet who best demonstrates scholastic excellence and traits of moral courage, selflessness, and loyalty while a member of the Patriot Battalion. **Awarded to *John Tracy, Providence College.***

COL Gerald F. Dillon & COL Ryan S. Dillion ROTC Award

Presented to a Providence College Cadet who has been selected for Active Duty and will commission into either the Infantry or Combat Arms branch, and displays an extraordinary level of loyalty, duty, selflessness, and a general love for Military Service. Awarded to ***John McNicholas and Luke Tischio, both from Providence College.***

The Providence College COL J. Gardner Conway Alumni Award

COL Conway enlisted in the Rhode Island National Guard in 1931 and served in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the 1/103rd Field Artillery. COL Conway committed himself to numerous military, Providence College and civic affairs. His life positively influenced many great organizations. In 1989, COL Conway received the Mal Brown Award from the Greater Providence Chapter of the Providence College Alumni Association. The award is the highest accolade given to PC Alumni "whose lives have exemplified the love and loyalty for PC that was characteristic of Mal Brown." *"Presented to a superior Providence College Cadet who has achieved the highest standing in terms of military attitude, moral character, holistic achievement, and leadership potential; ultimately typifying the honor and humanity of COL J. Gardner Conway."* **Awarded to *Luke Tischio, Providence College.***

See links below for pictures and videos of the Patriot Battalion

Video: "A Year In Review" (produced by MSIII Cadets Anna Vygoder & Suryawan Ang)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kwRrI2CsKE>

Video: Patriot Battalion 2024 Commissioning Ceremony (PC Marketing & Communications)

<https://youtu.be/quDHPd6rsWM>

Pictures: Patriot Battalion 2024 Commissioning Ceremony (Taken by Ashley McCabe)

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBrqxJ>

Patriot Battalion Commissioning Class of 2024



As is tradition, the Commissioning Class takes one last class picture in front of the historic Harkins Hall, Providence College. This picture marks their last picture together as ROTC Cadets while also marking it their first picture as newly commissioned officers in the United States Army. **Front Row (L to R):** 2LT Dudka, 2LT Chong, 2LT Ferreira, 2LT Aldana, 2LT Tischio, 2LT Hogan. **Back Row (L to R):** 2LT McNicholas, 2LT Tracy, 2LT Pacher, 2LT Fullerton, 2LT Shin, 2LT Fulmer, 2LT Monaco

Patriot Battalion Distinguished Military Graduates

The following members have distinguished themselves by meeting the standards in displaying outstanding qualities of leadership, high moral character, noteworthy academic achievement, superior camp performance, and exceptional aptitude for military service.

Genesis Aldana Pineda, Rhode Island College
Grace Chong, Brown University
John Fullerton, Brown University
Leo Pacher, Brown University
Luke Tischio, Providence College

2LT Aldana



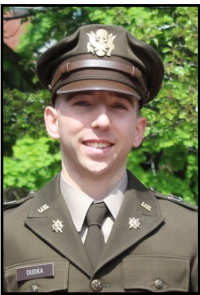
Second Lieutenant Genesis Aldana, originally from Cranston, Rhode Island, graduated from Rhode Island College with a degree in World Language Education with a Concentration in Spanish. She commissioned into the Army Corps of Adjutant General with a branch detail in Armor. Her long-term goal is to continue influencing those around her and one day, go back to the classroom to teach. She also hopes to continue her education by getting her Masters degree. Her favorite memory of ROTC was the relationships and the mentors she was able to meet; like CPT Walason.

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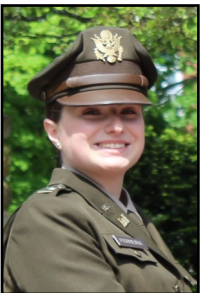
2LT Chong

Second Lieutenant Grace Chong, originally from Vienna, Virginia, graduated from Brown University with a degree in Neuroscience. She received an Education Delay to go to Albert Einstein College of Medicine and will go on to serve in the Medical Corps. Her long-term goal is to be a mentor and educator as well as a healer for those who serve our country. 2LT Chong has many amazing memories, but her most memorable ROTC experience was going to CST her MSIII year and having the opportunity to work with peers from all over the country.



2LT Dudka

Second Lieutenant Connor Dudka, originally from Whitinsville, Massachusetts, graduated from Bryant University with a degree in Finance and Applied Analytics. He commissioned as a Military Intelligence Officer in the Massachusetts National Guard. His long-term goal is to better others around him in the Army as well as grow and learn from every new experience he encounters. His favorite Army ROTC memory is Spring FTX MSI year when we were all freezing together at Joint Base Cape Cod, and "embracing the suck" and learning that your mind and body are more resilient than you think while building lasting memories with others.



2LT Ferreira

Second Lieutenant Katelin Ferreira, originally from Warwick, Rhode Island, graduated from Brown University with a degree in Biology on a Biomedical Informatics track. She commissioned into the U.S. Army Reserves as an Engineer Officer. Her long-term goal is to attend medical school and become a physician. Her most memorable ROTC experience was completing the ruck march at her first FTX. FTX was unlike anything she had ever done before, and she found it to be extremely challenging. However, after finishing the ruck, the sense of accomplishment made her realize that this was the career path she wanted to pursue.

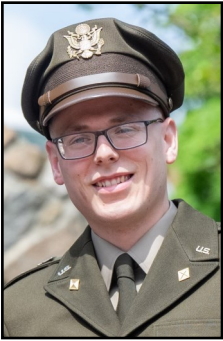


2LT Fullerton

Second Lieutenant John Fullerton, originally from Long Lake, Minnesota, graduated from Brown University with degrees in English Literature, East Asian Studies, and International Affairs. He commissioned as an Active Duty Intelligence Officer and will be heading back to Fort Knox this summer to assist at CST. His long-term goal is to provide meaningful service to his country and community while seeking new and challenges experiences. His favorite memory in Army ROTC was stopping for milkshakes on the drive down to the Ranger Challenge competition with Lieutenant Pacher and MSG Bottom.

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2LT Fulmer



Second Lieutenant Colin Fulmer, originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduated from Providence College with a degree in Finance and Business Management. He commissioned as a Finance Officer into the Reserves stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. His long-term goal is to become a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) as well as pursue a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance. One ROTC memory that stands out to him was the blisters he sustained freshman year. He was unable to wear closed shoes for months; even wearing flip flops in the snow because of the scars the blisters left. This taught him grit, determination, and resilience and he is excited to bring this mindset to his unit in Virginia.

2LT Hogan



Second Lieutenant Samuel Hogan, originally from Farmington, Connecticut, graduated from Providence College with a degree in Political Science. He commissioned into the Military Intelligence Corps with a branch detail in Field Artillery. His long-term goal is to positively impact those around him and live a full life. 2LT Hogan's favorite ROTC memory was his CTLT experience at Joint Base Lewis-McChord which affirmed his desire to serve as an Active Duty officer.

2LT McNicholas



Second Lieutenant John McNicholas, originally from Waldwick, New Jersey, graduated from Providence College with a B.S. degree in Computer Science. He commissioned as an Infantry officer into the Active Army. His long-term goal is to earn his Ranger tab. His favorite memory in ROTC was branch day during the fall semester.

2LT Monaco



Second Lieutenant Peter Monaco, is originally from Pelham, New York. He graduated from Providence College with a degree in Management. He graduated as an infantry officer into New York National Guard's 69th infantry regiment, The Fighting 69th. His long-term goal is to sail the Caribbean in his own sail boat. 2LT Monaco's most favorite memory from ROTC was finding all of his land navigation points at Fort Knox.

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2LT Pacher

Second Lieutenant Leo C. Pacher, is originally from Watertown, New York. His family settled in Annapolis, Maryland before he eventually would attend Brown University. He graduates from Brown with a Bachelor of Arts in Health & Human Biology and in International & Public Affairs - Security. He commissioned as an active duty intelligence officer and will be heading back to Fort Knox this June. His long-term goal in the Army is to attend Ranger School, go to Regiment, and make lots of friends. His favorite memory in ROTC was winning the ruck at the Sabalauski Air Assault School.



2LT Shin

Second Lieutenant Richard Shin, originally from Los Angeles, California, graduated from Brown University with a degree in Cognitive Neuroscience. He commissioned as a Transportation officer. His long-term goal is to positively affect all those around him and build meaningful relationships while pushing himself to be the best leader he can be. He wants to “bloom where he’s planted” and take advantage of any opportunity that comes his way. He hopes that he can create healthy environments conducive to building camaraderie and fostering success. His favorite ROTC memory is any example of the daily goofiness that goes down, but he ultimately will remember the many relationships that he has formed through the program.



2LT Tischio

Second Lieutenant Luke Tischio, originally from Moodus, Connecticut, graduated from Providence College with a degree in Biochemistry. He commissioned Active Duty into the Ordnance Corps and was preselected to attend Explosive Ordnance Disposal school. His long-term goal is to pass EOD school and continue his training in Army Combatives. His favorite memory in ROTC was attending CTLT with an Airborne OD (EOD) Company following CST.



2LT Tracy

Second Lieutenant John Tracy, originally from Oradell, New Jersey, graduated from Providence College with a degree in Business Management. He commissions as an Air Defense Artillery officer. His long-term goal is to obtain a Master’s degree in Finance. 2LT Tracy’s most memorable ROTC experience was the Norwegian Ruck March where he was able to embrace the suck with his fellow cadets and complete the 18.6 miles at a 12-minute pace.

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