As the Fall Semester begins, the Cadets of Wildcat Battalion have returned from their various summer trainings, and are eager to hit the ground running in their newly assumed roles. This issue will cover all the amazing experiences our cadets had the opportunity to take part in over the course of this past summer. Ranging from conducting multinational training with foreign militaries, to overseeing a Stryker Brigade combat team, and conducting research at the US Army Criminal Forensic laboratory, our Cadets have broadened their skill sets and gained valuable experiences for a more successful future as Army officers.

Moving forward, our program will follow the environment our seniors have emplaced. They aim to make the training more closely resemble the Advanced Camp assessment course juniors undergo in preparation to commission. The senior class leadership want to ensure our junior class will be prepared for anything. To achieve this, their experiences at Advance Camp this past summer will drive the type of training and learning environment necessary, and produce highly qualified cadets to be assessed against our peers in other battalions across the country.

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Pictured below: CDT Spears addresses Alpha Company before Drill and Ceremony training
Cadet Summer Training

Read through the variety of trainings, experiences, and internships the cadets of Wildcat Battalion were placed at for the summer of 2018!

CDT Joshua Querido – DFSC Internship (Fort Gillem, GA)

I had the opportunity to intern at the US Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory this summer. This was an amazing experience I got to share with cadets from all over the country, as well as Navy Midshipman from the Naval Academy. We got to partake in relevant research to answer questions that criminal investigators are facing, and work in a state of the art laboratory.

CDT Sean Young – CTLT (Fort Bliss, TX)

I went to CTLT with an Infantry platoon in the 1st Armored Division at Ft. Bliss Texas. It was a mechanized Stryker platoon led by 1LT Lightfoot from West Point. I had the opportunity to lead the platoon during a raid on a village during a field problem. It was a very eye opening experience on how the real army works, and I recommend that all cadets apply for the experience.
During my time in Fort Lewis Washington, I was lucky enough to take over as the platoon leader for an active duty infantry unit with the 1-17IN 2-2ID. While I was there I was able to command a platoon of strykers and prepare the platoon for a field problem. Unexpectedly, my company commander had to go to the hospital and my XO injured his knee. After that happened my platoon leader became the commander and they had me fill in as the XO for a few days. It was an amazing experience that helped me understand what it is like to be a platoon leader. Some of the awesome things I was able to do in Washington was climb part of Mount Rainier, visit Seattle, and explore the area around Fort Lewis.

This past summer I was fortunate enough to travel to Morocco through CULP and experience Moroccan culture and life. In the beginning of the trip we stayed at the Royal Moroccan Military Academy (RMA) in Meknes for 10 days; training and learning from a handful of English majoring Moroccan cadets in regards to their Army’s PT, equestrian discipline, weapons training, Moroccan history and politics, and how those impact their military today. After the RMA, we all traveled to Ifrane, Fès, Marrakech, Agafay Desert, Essaouira, and Casablanca. The remainder of the trip was humanitarian work focused, therefore we visited non-profit organizations that help women in society learn skills needed for the workforce, helped build and repair a school, and played with kids at an orphanage. Throughout the month I made memories of a lifetime and gained so much from my trip, I would not have traded this opportunity for anything else.
CDT Eliot Coulter – NSA Internship (Fort Meade, MD)

This summer I had the opportunity to be an intern for the NSA, at Fort. Meade, MD. This internship lasted 6 weeks and allowed me to have a deeper understanding of the operations conducted at the NSA, as well as, work on a project for the NSA. During my stay at Fort. Meade, I was able to become proficient in coding with Python and develop solutions for big data analysis using Google’s newest AI library, Tensorflow. Seeing the capability of these new technologies, my interest in future pursuing the intelligence field. With the skills learned at Fort. Meade, I am able to implement AI technology for my studies at school and my hobbies.

CDT Alden Skillings – CULP (Nepal)

This past summer I ventured to the country of Nepal. During my 3 week trip, I joined a team of cadets to build rapport and train with the military, aid a humanitarian aid project. Our first week was joint training with the Nepali cadets and Nepali Rangers. Our team observed their cadet academy and understand the process of becoming an officer in the Nepali Army. Being guests we were given a small dose of their PT and concluded with an Army mixed soccer game. We observed the Nepali Rangers training as well as learned basic Nepali judo. Their Rangers are modeled closely after ours, and they had a deep respect for the U.S military. After a great week of training we headed to the countryside where we had the task of building a schoolhouse at the Maya school, outside of a little town called Daumali. While we worked most of the days, we got to hike the beautiful hills in the mornings and even had a trip to the tourist town of Pokhara. We toured the Armed Police Force HQ and began our cultural experience. We toured Hindu temples, saw the Monkey temples, dined in authentic Nepali restaurants, and interacted with the real people of Nepal. After our cultural tours our time was up. It would be impossible to put into words our trip but it was easily the greatest experience of my life.
**CDT Sherman Spears – CTLT (Fort Bliss, TX)**

Spent 3 weeks with a combat Blackhawk company in Fort Bliss, TX. The company was just coming out of the field when we got there, so we spent a lot of time in recovery from that. They also got news that they were going on deployment to Afghanistan in February, so they spent a lot of the time I was there preparing for the National Training Center in September. Got on several flights, including one with British General Laurence. Also spent time in the Blackhawk simulator on my last day there, flying with a Major.

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**CDT Lindsey Collins – Channel15 internship (Lafayette, LA)**

After Advanced camp this summer, I was lucky enough to travel to Lafayette, Louisiana for a journalism internship at Channel 15 News station. Over the course of 21 days, I began by shadowing reporters, producers, editors, and news anchors, and by the end, I had the abilities to film, edit, and produce my own content, which was broadcasted on television during the noon, 5PM and 6PM segments. During my time in the south, I was also able to travel to New Orleans, where I got the true Cajun cultural experience. This internship gave me the hands-on immersion I needed as a part of my CAPSTONE towards my English/Journalism undergraduate degree. It also set me up for success in my current leadership position as the Battalion Public Affairs Officer. I now have a full understanding of how the news world operates, on and off camera, as well as the importance of effective communication and writing skills in the workplace.
I was selected to participate in a CULP mission. This mission is designed to enhance collaboration between foreign countries and the United States. It expands farther by focusing on relations between the United States Army and various other militaries. The mission’s goal is to expand individual knowledge of a chosen county’s culture by implementing the cadet in a variety of activities and educational programs. I was chosen to participate in the CULP mission to Argentina; a country located in SOUTHCOM. In this photo I am taking part in the Argentine Military College (CMN) Infantry Obstacle Course. This course helped to build team work skills and aided my physical fitness. The CULP mission has served as an additional learning tool to help me in a myriad of ways become a better officer in the future.

I was assigned to shadow an Armor Lieutenant in Apache Troop, ¾ CAV during my time at CTLT. The experience was overall a very positive one. seeing how an active duty unit functions day to day was something I had never done. It shed light on all the small details you wonder about, such as the Platoon Leader’s daily work schedule, how he works with his platoon sergeant on administrative issues, and what a combat arms unit does when it is not in the field. Apache troop was extremely professional and every soldier there seemed happy to take time to teach their various jobs within the Troop. The weekends in Oahu made the experience even more enjoyable, with world famous beaches only a short drive away, and luckily, I had a few friends stationed there that were happy to show me the Island and drive me to the beach for free (Uber was upwards of 60 dollars one way to the beach!) Aside from the less than ideal barracks (roach-infested with no washing machines available) I had a great experience.
This past summer, I was fortunate enough to participate in the Nurse Summer Training Program down in Fort Hood, Texas. For a whole month, I worked in the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, shadowing several army nurse officers during their shift. Working mainly on the Labor & Delivery unit, I was able to assist in over 10 births during my stay. In additional to working on the L&D unit, I also worked in the ED, PACU, and MBU. The experience was unbelievably enjoyable and knowledgeable. During our days off, we were able to travel around Texas, visiting Austin and San Antonio. The experiences were unforgettable and have definitely made me ecstatic with my future in the Army Nurse Corps.

I received the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit Romania on a CULP trip. Before this trip, Romania always seemed a distant, unknown place to me, like it wasn’t real. To begin with, my teammates included other cadets from universities across the United States. I genuinely enjoyed meeting them and getting to know them throughout the month we spent together. By the time we came back to the States, we shared countless memories and had formed lifelong friendships. While I was in country, I stayed at the Nicolae Balcescu Land Forces Academy in Sibiu. During the week, we trained alongside Romanian cadets as they conducted their version of our Advanced Camp, which included a week living in the mountains. The training was challenging, but my team members and I enjoyed it. Although the Romanians base their military doctrine on America’s, they conduct training and operations differently. Further, they have limited resources and equipment. It was eye-opening and informative for me to see the way our allies operate in terms of strategy and tactics. Moreover, it was fun to hang out with the Romanian cadets. One day they taught us a traditional wedding dance and in exchange we taught them the Cotton Eyed Joe, which they loved learning. Finally, on the weekends, my team would go sightseeing and immerse ourselves in Romania’s fascinating
Freedom Challenge

The freedom challenge was a fitness oriented contest that was a 2nd brigade tradition. It has since been discontinued, however Wildcat Battalion has carried on the tradition to challenge our cadets and strive for the esteemed freedom tab.

All the events must be completed in full and within the allotted time. Upon completion, the Freedom Tab is presented to cadets by the Professor of Military Science.

The Freedom Challenge consists of the following events:

- 4 mile run in under 34 minutes
- A score of 270 or higher out of 300 on the APFT, with 90 points in each event
- 12 mile ruck march
- Competitive individual movement techniques (IMT) challenge
  - 100m sprint
  - 100m 2x water jug carry
  - 100m low crawl
  - 100m high crawl
  - 100m buddy team rush
  - 100m SKEDCO pull w/ 100lbs
  - 100m sprint

CDT Conor Phelps wearing his earned Freedom Tab.
Contracting Cadets

A welcoming congratulations to the following cadets who have proven themselves above their peers, and contracted with UNH Army ROTC this fall semester.

Zachary Hulecki
Jacob Gregson

Ethan McAllister
Tyler Gross

Sophie Pollack
Sebastian Hart-Meyer

Jenna Randall
Devon Lambert

Mckenna Riley
Brooke Lawson

Alexander Young
Matthew Leroux

Jennifer Choate
Kailey Parker

Blake Clickner
Jennifer Stevens

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