



# ROTC NEWSLETTER



## WILDCAT BATTALION



## Professor of Military Science Comments

By Maj. Jake Johnston

Welcome back to school for all our returning Cadets and cadre! My family and I are excited to join the University of New Hampshire ROTC Program and the local community. We arrived in August from our previous assignment in Hawaii and appreciate the warm welcome we've received. I am grateful to LTC Bradley Nadig for his leadership and dedication to the program over the last few years and wish him the best in retirement.



He certainly provided for a smooth transition. The Program is well positioned, with great Cadets and cadre, to continue with our tradition and mission of graduating leaders of character for our Army who are "Hard as Granite!" I look forward to working with our team to further this mission. Have a great semester!

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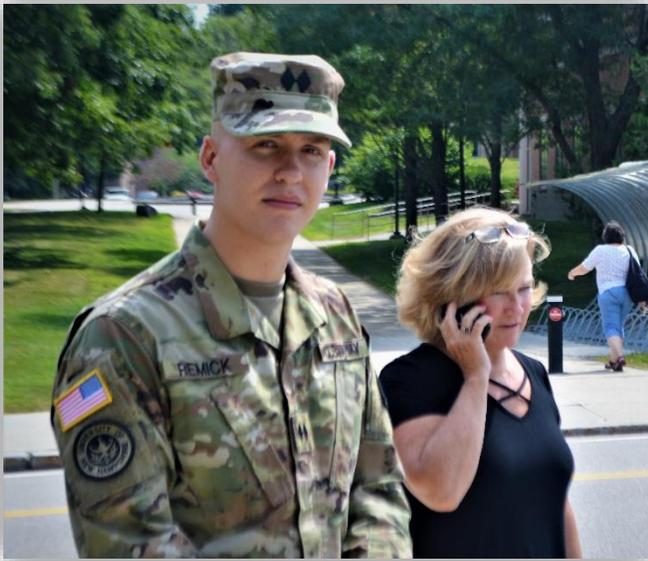
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## Cadet Battalion Commander Comments

By Jacob Remick

Cadets are already back into the full swing of the ROTC life here in Wildcat Battalion. New Cadets are quickly adjusting to the early morning Physical Training schedule as well rigorous academic course loads. The semester is off to a great start as we approach our Spring Field Training Exercise (FTX). This consists of a weekend long, fast paced training opportunity that prepares current MSIII's for their upcoming summer commitment *Advanced Camp*, as well provide training for MSI's and



MSII's to further expand their Army knowledge and gain valuable hands on tactical experience.

Myself and the rest of the MSIV class are very excited about this year as we plan, prepare, and conduct the best possible training for Wildcat Battalion Cadets. This year we will focus on building leaders that have a strong sense of

professionalism and character with the motivation and desire to accomplish any mission thrown at them. Our motto: "*Hard as Granite*" is what exemplifies each and every cadet in the Battalion. Representing that no quit attitude, and drive to do whatever it takes to win. *Dirigo!*

## Cadet Battalion Command Sergeant Major Comments

By Daniel Phelps

I have high hopes and expectations for this semester that is now upon us. The newly introduced freshman class has shown enthusiastic motivation and effort just within the first weeks. The sophomores and juniors are becoming well acquainted in their newly appointed leadership positions. My ultimate goal is to keep this motivation strong and to provide each cadet the right tools to ensure proper development and growth both mentally and physically.



# New and Improved Freedom Challenge

By Jason Alphonse

This semester Brigade has sent us their toughest challenge yet. Compared to last year's Fitness Challenge, which focused primarily on physical exercise, the newly coined Freedom Challenge demands physical, scholastic, and leadership excellence from any cadet who decides to take it on. Earning your Freedom Tab is prestigious since you are authorized to wear it on your uniform (on



campus) until graduation. Cadets who earn their tabs will be recognized by their peers and cadre as some of the most well-rounded leaders in the program. There is also a newly added incentive to keep attempting the Freedom Challenge every semester as Cadets can now earn more advanced levels of the Freedom Tab. The four levels include Blue, Red, White, then Gold. Blue is awarded for first semester, Red for the second semester earned, etc.

The Scholar domain requirements for the Freedom Challenge includes a 3.3 Term GPA, or a 3.0 GPA with a waiver from the PMS based on the cadet academic involvement. Cadets will also need at least a 3.67 ROTC Cumulative GPA. In terms of the

Physical Domain, Cadets are required to score at least a 270 with 90 in each event on the semester Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), complete a 6-mile ruck march in less than 1.5 hours, run 4 miles in less than 34 minutes, complete 16 reps of interval sprints in 15 minutes, and complete 2 tracked events (air squats and deadlifts) throughout the semester. And finally, for the leadership requirement, Cadets are required to earn 15 points during the semester through participation in extracurricular activities and volunteering events. Another requirement for MSIIIs specifically will be earning an "E" or "Excel" evaluation during the semester. The requirements are challenging, yet realistic and attainable for all Cadets in the

## Winner of the Drill and Ceremony Competition

Name: Matthew McCarthy

Major: Finance

Hometown: Westwood, MA

Desired branch: Transportation Corps

Reason for joining ROTC: "I joined ROTC because I have always felt an obligation to serve my country and my grandfather, a WWII veteran inspired me to serve in the military."



## Fall 2017 Chain of Command

MSIV Leadership Positions	Name	Assistants
Battalion Commander	Remick	
Executive Officer	Alphonse	
Command Sergeant Major	Phelps	
S1 Personnel Officer	Rose	Hancock
S2 Intelligence Officer	Rotenberg	Poore
S3 Operations Officer	Carleton	Wallace, Riley
S4 Logistics Officer	Vierkant	White, Meagher
S6 Signal Officer	Walters	Kpan, Wrightson
A Co Company Commander	Barth	
A Co First Sergeant	Bagley	
A Co Executive Officer	Hauge	
B Co Company Commander	Cleaves	
B Co First Sergeant	White	
B Co Executive Officer	Shields	
C Co Company Commander	Normand	
C Co First Sergeant	Shue	

## SEPTEMBER CALENDER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> Aug 27	28	29	30	31	01
<b>Week 2</b> Sep 3	Labor Day 04	05	06	07	<b>Lab #1-</b> 08 Drill and Ceremony
<b>Week 3</b> Sep 10	11	12	13	<b>MS IV</b> 14 Diagnostic PT Test	<b>Lab #2-</b> 15 Land Navigation #1
<b>Week 4</b> Sep 17	18	19	<b>MS I-III</b> 20 Diagnostic PT Test	21	<b>Lab #3-</b> 22 PCC/PCI, Ruck Packing
<b>Week 5</b> Sep 24	25	26	27	28	<b>FALL</b> 29-01 <b>FTX</b>

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