

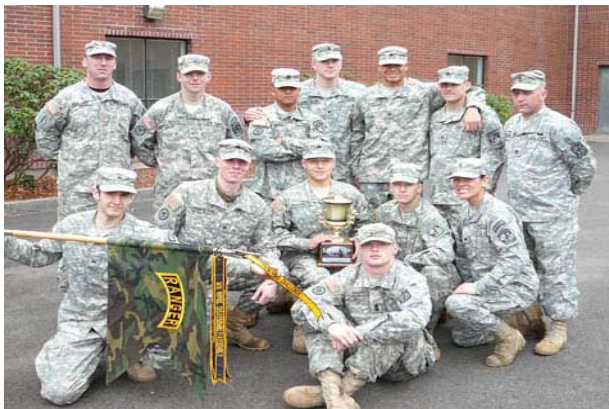
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CWU WILDCATS #1 in the Northwest!



Earlier this spring, the U.S. Army Cadet Command named Central Washington University Wildcats as the top program in the Northwest for the 2nd consecutive year. The Wildcat Army ROTC Battalion was ranked in the top 14 programs nationwide out of 277 colleges and universities that have Army ROTC programs. LTC Solem, Professor of Military Science, "God has blessed our program with outstanding Cadets and Cadre. We are humbled and honored by this special recognition."



WILDCATS Host BDE Ranger Challenge Competition

CWU Army ROTC will host the NW Ranger Challenge competition from 7-9 November. Last year the Wildcats won the 13th BDE Championship at Camp Adair in Monmouth, Oregon. Central's Ranger Challenge team defeated over 30 other teams from 17 major colleges in the Northwest to win the first annual BDE Championship. Teams will be competing in a 10K roadmarch, land navigation testing, hand grenade assault course, M-16 disassembly and reassembly, rope bridge and the Army Physical Fitness Test.

2008 Commissioning!



CWU 2008 Commissioning Class

On 6 June 2008, CWU commissioned 17 new 2LT's into the United States Army! COL Mike Cloy, Chief of Staff Cadet Command, was the Commissioning speaker and challenged each of the 2LT's to lead by example and to take care of America's Soldiers. The Wildcat's Commissioned 2 other 2LT's into the Army on 15 August 2008 following summer classes. Dean Lambert, Commissioning speaker from the College of Education and Professional Studies, challenged the new 2LT's as leaders to find ways to overcome obstacles and difficulties that will inevitably come their way. The 2008 Commissioning class had 6 Distinguished Military Graduates! To earn this distinction, a Cadet must be in the top 20% of the Cadets nationwide.

People often wonder how to reach our new lieutenants. Most of them are getting ready to depart for BOLC II at Fort Sill, Oklahoma or Fort Benning, Georgia. They will be at their BOLC II training for about seven weeks before moving to their branch training base.

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Meet Our New Cadre!



MAJ George Glass is the new Wildcat Battalion Executive Officer. MAJ Glass is a Field Artillery officer who was commissioned through OCS in 1995. MAJ Glass has 23 years of service; he served nine years as an enlisted Soldier and NCO. He was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division during the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom and has deployed six times. Most recently he served on a Military Transition Team working with and helping train members of the Iraqi military. He worked alongside previous cadre member MAJ Oxley as a Captain. MAJ Glass speaks French, Spanish, German and Arabic. He loves living in the Northwest and his hobbies are: motorcycles, fishing, hiking, skiing, snowboarding, and kayaking. He enjoys teaching and looked at CWU ROTC as a perfect opportunity to influence the future Army.



Mr. Dave Mirro is our new Human Resources Assistant. Mr. Mirro served 22 years on active duty with the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Mirro's wife is a teacher and he has 3 grown children. He was an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies here at CWU and retired as a Captain. Upon retirement, Mr. Mirro spent seven years as a high school music and social studies teacher. He enjoys writing music, playing brass instruments and the guitar. When asked, "Why he came to ROTC at CWU?", he replied "I missed the troops!"

Meet Our New Cadre!



MSG Christopher Ward is our new Senior Military Instructor. MSG Ward is an Infantryman who has spent 18 years in the service. He has been stationed in Kentucky, Hawaii and at Ft Lewis. MSG Ward has deployed 5 times in his career. MSG Ward was awarded the Bronze Star for valor this past spring for his heroic actions as a First Sergeant in Iraq. He is married with two children and loves coaching football and baseball. His hobbies are coaching and fishing.

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CWU Army ROTC Training Schedule

SEPT 13-14 Annual CDT Fundraiser (Skeet Shoot)
SEPT 23 Senior (MSIV) Pizza Party
SEPT 24 Fall Quarter Begins
SEPT 25 Welcome Back BBQ
NOV 7-9 BDE Ranger Challenge Competition at CWU
DEC 4 Cadet Christmas Party
DEC 5 Christmas Military Ball

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Donate to the Cratsenberg Fund!



The Cratsenberg Award is presented to the most outstanding MS IV Cadet at CWU in memory of ROTC alumni Captain David Alan Cratsenberg. CPT Cratsenberg was Commissioned as an Infantry Second Lieutenant at CWU in 2000. He possessed Scholar-Athlete-Leader attributes and was a phenomenal role model as a Cadet and an Officer. He lived the Army values while faithfully and honorably serving our country stateside and also in Kosovo and Iraq. He was not only a warrior, but a man of faith and a loving husband and father. He had an uncanny sense of humor and truly lived an abundant life. He strived for excellence in everything he did. His service and caring spirit has left an indelible mark upon Central Washington University, the U.S. Army and the United States of America. The winner of this prestigious award is given a silver saber by Mrs. Meredith Cratsenberg annually at the Presidential Day Retreat. To contribute to the fund you may send donations to:

Central Washington University Foundation
ATTN: Cratsenberg Fund /Project # 010577000
400 E. University Way
Ellensburg, WA 98926-7508

*Please annotate Cratsenberg fund/ Project # 010577000 in the memo line of your check.

Linda Hayden Military Science Scholarship Winner



The 2008-2009 Linda Hayden Scholarship is given to an outstanding leader from Ellensburg High School that is planning to attend CWU. It is a one year scholarship given annually in loving memory of Linda Hayden who was a very strong supporter of the military. Throughout her life, Linda always showed her belief in the men and women in uniform and was most grateful for the freedom she enjoyed because of their sacrifices. Linda did whatever she could during her life to honor and assist members of the Armed Forces. On several occasions, she sent deployed Soldiers food, supplies, movies, boots and other items. Her actions and caring spirit have left an indelible impact upon our country and our military. Her legacy continues with the Linda Hayden Military Science Scholarship. This year's recipient is Jessica Meyers.

Jessica Meyers is from Ellensburg and is the oldest of three children. She is planning to major in Business or English. She loves school and is looking forward to learning about leadership through ROTC. She enjoys hiking, camping and the outdoors. In high school she ran cross country and she is excited about joining the CWU women's Rugby team.

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Former Wildcat Cadre In Iraq



Major Tyler Oxley is a former cadre member who has moved on to work as a Regimental S6 for the 2d Striker Cavalry Regiment. He is currently deployed to Bagdad, Iraq. The sign MAJ Oxley is posing with is a street sign in Bagdad's International Zone/ Ellensburg! It was placed there by the Washington National Guard during their deployment to Iraq a couple years back. There are also Auburn and Rainier streets.

CWU ROTC Alumni In Iraq



1LT Andrew Vandenhoeck is a CWU alumni who Commissioned in DEC 2005. He is serving in the 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment with MAJ Oxley. 1LT Vandenhoeck is enjoying his current position as a Platoon Leader in Iraq.

CWU Alumni at Ft Leavenworth, KS



This is a photo of three CWU Alumni who are currently at the US Army Command and General Staff College. From the left they are: MAJ Dewey Haines class of 1994, MAJ Deanna Bridenback class of 1995 and MAJ Mike Buchkoski class of 1996. MAJ Bridenback had the rare honor of being CWU alumni and coming back as a cadre member. US Army Command and Staff College is located at FT. Leavenworth, KS. Command and Staff Colleges mission is to prepare Field Grade officers to lead and command organizations and serve as a source of leadership expertise with in the military.

What Are Your Doing These Days?

CWU ROTC would like to keep in touch with all alumni. Where are you? What are you doing? Are you still in the Army or have you moved on to other things? Please forward updates and photos to mirrod@cwu.edu.

If you'd like to give a tax deductible gift to the Army ROTC program, please mail checks to:

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