

# The Wildcat Post

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## The Joint Army/USAF Military Ball

Ryu Ybay

The annual Military Ball: an event every cadet looks forward to throughout the year. The main purpose of the Ball is to build camaraderie throughout the Air Force and Army CWU ROTC cadets and to showcase years of Military tradition. This year we celebrated the 100th year of Army ROTC. The most exciting aspect of this year's ball was the WWI/1920s theme that reflected the centennial. There were many novel aspects that took place this year, such as attending cadets being allowed one accessory that follows the theme, a Color Guard showcasing vintage Army and Air Force uniforms, a WWII Army truck being showcased, and a grog created specifically for CWU ROTC cadets. The guest speaker USAF COL Jeremy Horn reinforced the points of being genuine, servant leadership, and living in the moment making the best of each position you serve.

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The live Jazz band that played throughout the social hour of the Ball





# Veteran Memorial to Break Ground This Year

Hauke Harfst

Progress on the proposed veteran’s memorial at Central Washington University is well underway, and has made substantial strides since the Veterans Memorial Task Force was founded in January. The task force has decided on a concept which is being designed by Gregg Schlanger (photo below). The design will consist of several large basalt pillars which will display stories that veterans have written about their experiences with war. The stories that are on the memorial will serve as a way to stir a reaction in any viewer, regardless of military service or affiliation. We believe that this is what makes a successful memorial, and one which means something to whoever passes by.



The next big steps are presenting the concept to the Enterprise Facilities Committee for final approval, coming to a consensus on whether or not to include veteran names, and to secure funding. The ASCWU Student Government will be providing some funding for the memorial, however alumni support will be critical in order to make this project a success. For more information on the project, to follow updates as they happen, and to learn more about donating: <https://www.cwu.edu/ascwu/veterans-memorial-project>

## Awards for Fall Quarter Academic Achievement:

### Cadet Honors: 3.2-3.49

MSI: Nathan Carlson, Brandon Barrett, Anthony Davis

MSII: Joely Manning, Jadin Peerson, Aiyana Homer

MSIII: Joshua Goodsell, Matthew Yuste, Zacheriah Schepp, Shane Small, Jacob Maule, Hunter Mata

MSIV: Jared Paddock, Tyler Jutte, Brian Bender

### Dean’s List: 3.5-4.0

MSI: Austin McKenzie, Eric Roberts, Michael Demchuck

MSII: Ryu Ybay, Lacey Myers, Andrew Wilkenson, Daniel Bouchie, Jens Clark, Curtis Reeve, Victor McIntosh

MSIII: Jacob Ferris, Joseph Knight, Nicholas Jacobus, Kyle Kriegsman

MSIV: Hauke Harfst, Danielle Maldonado, Gabriel Valladares, Christopher Meyers, Cristine Fetzer, Olivia Halsne, Kyung Kim

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## Wildcat BN Debuts New Patch

Olivia Halsne

The Wildcat Battalion cadets proudly wear the Central Washington University patch on their right shoulder. This year, a new patch has been issued, containing the new CWU Wildcat logo, the Cascade Mountain Range in the background, and the year of Central’s founding (1891). This is the third patch worn by CWU cadets in the program’s 35-year history



The new Wildcat BN patch





# A Letter from the Cadet Battalion Commander

Joseph Bauer

## PT Excellence:

### Bronze Athlete: 270-279

MSI: Brandon Barrett, Eric Roberts

MSII: Ryu Ybay

MSIV: Joseph Bauer, Jared Paddock, Christopher Scott

### Silver Athlete: 280-289

MSII: Lacey Myers, Jadin Peerson

MSIII: Nicholas Jacobus, Kyle Kriegsmann, Joseph Knight, Zacheriah Schepp

MSIV: Cristine Fetzer

### Gold Athlete: 290-299

MSI: Dante Kelly

MSII: Jens Clark, Joely Manning, Andrew Wilkenson

MSIII: Jacob Ferris, Hunter Mata, Jacob Maule, Tagan Rapp-Stieler, Shane Small, Matthew Yuste

MSIV: Olivia Halsne, Hauke Harfst

### Platinum Athlete: 300+

MSI: Nathan Carlson

MSII: Aiyana Homer

MSIII: Nicholas Maule, Joshua Goodsell

MSIV: Danielle Maldonado, Brian Bender, Tyler Jutte

The Wildcat Battalion, as a whole, has always been about producing quality 2nd Lieutenants for the Army, and this year is no exception. The Battalion has many events that precede our Spring Leadership Development Exercise, taking place in April. Our Military Ball has been planned, organized and set up by a team of Army cadets along with the CWU "Cascade Cowboys" Air Force ROTC program, and is sure to deliver a welcoming night of fun for all.

There is also training for the Bataan Memorial Death March in New Mexico: cadets Hauke Harfst, Brian Bender, Tyler Jutte, Joey Knight, Aiyana Homer, Nicholas Jacobus, and Jacob Ferris will be participating in the 26.2 mile ruck.

Cadets are thoroughly tested with weekly leadership exercises at labs, while others represent our program across the nation in places such as West Point, Ft. Leavenworth, and at countless Army training schools. When it really comes down to it at the end of the day though, we see our program not as an ROTC unit, but as a family.

How often does someone choose to represent the .1% of America that becomes an Officer in the United States Army? It's a process that takes a special breed, and a process many across the country and in each generation are willing to undergo. Becoming an officer is simple when you have a family to support you and friends you can count on. ROTC, at least for me, has shown there are those out there willing to give everything for me, and I them, and we would do the same for our country.

Members of the Senior Class attending a leadership exercise at the University of Washington.

Cadet BC, top row, second from the left



## Meet Cadet Manning

I have been in the Army ROTC program for two years now, and it has been one of my favorite parts about my experience in college. The program has been a non-stop learning experience, and that is what I truly enjoy about it. In my short time in the program, I have learned many things about leadership, teamwork, and myself. ROTC is not the same as other college courses: I don't always know what I'm



doing, but there has never been a time when I didn't take something away from my leadership experiences at ROTC.

I enjoy the camaraderie; the people in the program have all different personalities, but everyone comes together and it really is one of the best parts. Regardless of how frustrated everyone may get during times of stress, at the end of the day you know you have a Battalion-sized group of battle buddies to get you through. I look forward to my years to come in the program.

Some of my hobbies as a college student include hiking, camping, snowboarding, and basically playing outside. I love the outdoors and I don't like wasting my days inside.

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