



Winter 2018 Wildcat Post

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Cadet Fundraising

In preparation for the upcoming annual Military Ball, we have tried to come up with some new and creative ways of fundraising!

Krispy Kreme Sales:

The Wildcat Battalion Fundraising Committee members c/2LT Jacob LaMay and c/SGT Sam Hudson tried a new fundraising method this quarter. They decided to utilize the relatively new Krispy Kreme Shop in nearby Yakima to help raise funds towards the annual military ball. The event did exceptionally well raising over \$450 as well as bringing many smiles and full bellies for the students as well as the surrounding community. Overall the event was a success and will, with some small improvements be done again in the future. Stay tuned!

McDonald's Takeover:

On February 7th, 2018 the CWU Wildcat Battalion took over McDonalds for the night. Both Platoons participated in the event and had Cadets performing all types of duties ranging from cooking fries, drive-thru service, serving food, and even preparing Mcflurries. The Cadets worked with a positive attitude, as smiles were seen all throughout the kitchen. It was amazing to see how in five to ten minutes the Cadets were able to assimilate into the McDonalds team, it goes to show how military discipline can translate into all walks of life! Support came from all across the CWU Family as friends, family, and Cadre showed up to buy a meal. The CWU Wildcat BN thanks the management of the Ellensburg McDonalds for this great opportunity!

Bake Sales:

Hosting a bake sale is a quick and easy way to support the ROTC program here at Central. The donations we receive from the public do more than what most people might think we do with them. If it were not for the people supporting us we could not host morale events that build cohesion within the battalion, along with other events like our annual military ball. We always have cookies and other baked goods like brownies and rice crispy treats, and we are always more than willing to tell those who want to know more information on the program. We know we might seem a little intimidating when we are all in uniform, but everyone is very kind to the people who stop by the bake sale. For future bake sales we are going to try and change our uniform, so we can seem more approachable to those who might find us intimidating, and now that the weather is going to start getting warmer, we might be able to introduce some new items to our sales. No matter what we do and how well we prepare our bake sales, nothing is possible without the support of the CWU community, so we thank those of you who have supported our program because it really means a lot to us. Without these fundraising activities we wouldn't have any funds to do activities and get rewards and gifts to certain members of the battalion.

Save the Date!

-April 1st – Cadet of the Month is announced

-April 20th – Military Ball

-April 26th – Presidents Day Retreat

-May 17th – 20th – Spring FTX

-June 8th – Commissioning

-June 9th – Graduation

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GAFPB Preparations:

Starting in early February, around 18 cadets were selected and given the opportunity to compete for the German Armed forces proficiency badge. This badge is a foreign decoration from the German armed forces that is permitted for wear in either gold, silver, or bronze; each representing a level of proficiency. It is also a mark of honor and cohesion with a foreign military for the soldier wearing it on his or her uniform. Not all soldiers can wear the badge, as the requirements are both tough and rigorous. Soldiers must undergo a basic fitness test consisting of eleven twenty meter sprints, a 1000-meter sprint, and a flex arm hang in respective times for each class of the badge.

The test also includes several go/no-go events such as a marksmanship test, a foot march with a minimum 33-pound ruck, a 100-meter swim in uniform, a first aid test, and lastly, a NBC test. After competing in the event last year, I have to say that it was one of the greatest experiences I have had. Getting to work with a foreign military and competing for a foreign badge is an opportunity not many cadets get. Unfortunately, the Wildcat battalion can only take 10 cadets this year to Montana State University for the competition, training has already begun and we are so excited for the competition in April.

Cadet Experiences:

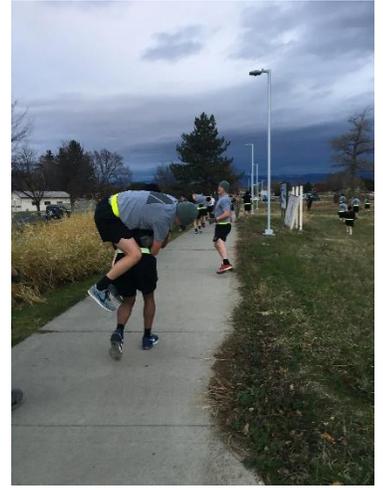
February 11-15 I had the honor of representing CWUs Army ROTC program at the annual George C. Marshall Conference in Fort Leavenworth, KS. As Secretary of State, George C. Marshall promoted international peace and security during World War II. He is remembered for combating communism in Western Europe economically through the Marshall Plan, as well as pushing for the creation of NATO in 1949. This week was filled with interactive seminars, workshops, dynamic PT sessions, and wonderful guest speakers. MG Christopher P. Hughes, Senator Joni Ernst, GEN David G. Perkins, LTG Stephen M. Twitty, LTG(R) Patricia D. Horoho and Dr. Gregory A. Ruark each gave presentations on Emotional Intelligence (EI) and how they have seen good and bad examples of leadership throughout their military careers. Our round-table discussions and small group sessions centered around the role of EI in personal and social behaviors, as well as how it relates to the Army Leadership Requirements Model. Case Studies on The Battle for Najaf and The Battle of Baghdad assisted in further analysis of the EI competencies: Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, and Relationship Management/Social Skills. 280 Cadets from all over the nation participated in the Leadership Seminar this year and I am grateful to have been a part of it. - Cadet Lacy Myers



Winter PT:

Team building is an important part of what ROTC is all about. Squad based competitions are a great way to mature cadets physically and mentally. Working together help exploit and strengthen individual's weaknesses through working as a team. We are constantly trying to better ourselves as a group through building trust and a sense of comradery throughout the Wildcat Battalion. In the past few months squad competitions have become a regular occurrence at PT. They help us push ourselves and our fellow cadets to reach their full potential. Competing in squad ruck marches and scavenger hunts help develop the physical and mental potential of one another. Squad based morale events are also a very important aspect of team building, such as competing in trivia competitions as a squad. This different environment helps cadets loosen up and have a little fun, it builds a different type of friendship and bond to share with the people around you. We take pride in being a part of the Wildcat Battalion family. Creating this positive and supportive environment is an essential tool to develop future officers in the United States Army.

-Cadet Hudson



The MSII Lab Experience:

If you spend time around the CWU campus on Thursday afternoons, you might see some camouflage-clad students hiding in some grass or conducting contact drills. This might seem strange to you, but what's it like for the cadets?

Doing tactical labs not only helps you get in the mindset of problem solving, it provides immediate feedback through observation by upperclassmen and program instructors. By being physically present in a field environment, it creates a suspension of disbelief by making the situations real-world and evolving. It is then up to us to think around the situation and execute the mission in the best possible way. As a famous general once said, 'A week in the field is worth a month in the classroom', and I know personally that sometimes you can only learn through experience of trial and error."

-Cadet Stryker



The MSIII Lab Experience:

During winter quarter, training continued in preparation of Spring FTX. Heavy focus was placed on tactical skills needed to be successful as an Army officer. Training included Call for Fire, Platoon Raids and Receiving and issuing orders in a tactical environment. Training was well organized and proof of the continuing improvement in leadership skills of the Junior and Senior classes.

One of the greatest learning opportunities given this quarter was not tactical though. The cadre arranged a briefing for the Junior class to be given by officers who are either currently serving on active duty or have recently left active duty. Their insights into the daily lives of an officer were very needed and welcome. The briefing was very relaxed and informal, give the junior class opportunities to ask questions and pick their minds.

-Cadet Martin



Cadets of the Month

January:

Cadet Shrestha, a prior active duty NCO, has demonstrated exemplary leadership through mentorship, academics, and motivation! Job well done cadet!

February:

February's cadet of the month is Jared Cloud. Throughout his time here at CWU Army ROTC, he has shown time and time again that he is dedicated to bettering others as well as himself.



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