



# Arizona State University Army ROTC

## ASU ROTC RETURNS FOR SPRING 2010



Fall 2009 FTX at Ft. Huachuca, AZ Photo Courtesy of C/2LT Wake

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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Never forget that no military leader has ever become great without audacity. If the leader is filled with high ambition and if he pursues his aims with audacity and strength of will, he will reach them in spite of all obstacles.”

- Karl von Clausewitz

BY: C/ILT Richard Diaz

MS IV

Arizona State University Army ROTC Cadet's have returned from winter break to finish off the school year. Fall semester was the crawl/walk phase of our training, but now we are running with our boots on the ground. Every MS class will be involved in many great training opportunities this semester. From being able to practice drill and ceremony after Physical Training (PT), to leading a platoon in a Squad Situation Training Exercise (STX), issuing out Operations Orders (OPORD), and to executing training plans. It is now up to each and every one of us to set our priorities straight and be proactive in accomplishing our goals and tasks at hand. This semester you will be learning the basic fundamentals of rifle marksmanship, qualify

on the M16A2 rifle, be involved in a variety of fundraising events, take part in the honorary Bataan death march, and last but not least execute what we've learned over the semester at the Joint Field Training Exercise (JFTX) to be held at Camp Navajo, AZ. Just a brief scope of what's to come: the JFTX will be an excellent opportunity for all MS cadets, especially MSIII's, to work side by side with other cadets coming from different universities around the state. In other words, this will be your moment to shine as Sun Devils by utilizing all the skills and knowledge you have and will have acquired towards the end of this semester. Remember to stay focused on the tasks at hand, avoid procrastination by all means, and you will succeed.

### MENTORSHIP PROGRAM GETS A JUMPSTART

BY: C/CPT Jared Cuevas

MS IV

ASU ROTC's Cadet Mentorship Program took a solid step forward this semester with the assignment of two dedicated Mentorship officers, Cadet Cuevas (OIC) and Cadet Visconti (AOIC). The program has refocused and gained momentum pursuant to its original goal of providing underclassmen with a supportive social framework in which to succeed both academically and professionally. Specifically, ASU ROTC mentors will provide the solid counseling foundation

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needed to help Cadets meet their ultimate goal of graduation and commissioning in the US Army. Development of Cadets on an individual basis is achieved through linking underclassman with a junior or senior mentor whom can guide the underclassman through the initial stages of the program or college life in general, and even be available for advice in the social and/or personal realm. The Mentorship Program hopes to provide an improved acclimation process for incoming Cadets, as well as a strong hand-off for those progressing through the program. Overall, our intent is to develop Cadets physically and mentally as well as retain qualified members through to commissioning, and the activities of our designated Mentorship Officers has thus far focused on providing the operational and structural framework for those goals to be met in the near future.

**DESERT RANGERS  
UPDATE**

BY: C/CPT Grant Smith

MS IV

We're off to a great start this semester with the Desert Rangers program. We have a great group of cadets enrolled and have been making steady progress using a discovery learning methodology to train the troop leading procedures and small unit tactics. Additionally, we have a diverse group of cadre instructors who rotate weekly to different squads in order to maximize variety to ensure every aspect of the material is covered in the greatest detail possible. Desert Rangers is currently operating jointly with the Air Force ROTC and even has one Marine OCS candidate participating. At this time the Desert Rangers are focusing on the troop leading procedures and battle drills, but as the students progress we will move onto more advanced training up to squad situational training exercises (STX) in varying terrain, light, and weather conditions.

**BATAAN MEMORIAL DEATH MARCH**

Photo Courtesy of C/CPT O'Conner

BY: C/2LT Kevin Wake

MS IV

Every year Army ROTC cadets, as well as soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines from across the country, make the trip down to White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico for the annual Bataan Memorial Death March.

The Bataan Memorial Death March commemorates the heroic actions of the WWII service members who defended the Philippine islands during WWII, and were subsequently made prisoners of war. As prisoners of the Japanese, the survivors of the battle for the Philippines were forced to march the 61-miles to their place of internment, Camp O'Donnell. During the trek to Camp O'Donnell, approximately 5,000-10,000 Filipino and 600-650 American prisoners of war died.

To honor the veterans who both survived and perished during the march, thousands of participants flock to White Sands every year to participate in either the 15.2 mile, or full 26.2 mile Bataan Memorial Death March.

Participants can either choose to march individually or in teams within the non-military, military, or JROTC/ROTC divisions. Each division is also divided into either a

light or heavy category.

Next year's Bataan Memorial Death March will be held between March 19th and March 22nd, 2010. The Sun Devil Battalion has participated in the event for several years, and will be sending teams again this coming year.

Training for next years march has already began, and if you would like further information regarding the Sun Devil Battalion's participation, or would like to try out for the team, contact the Bataan team captain, C/CPT Tyler O'Conner at [tyler.oconner@asu.edu](mailto:tyler.oconner@asu.edu).

**CHARLIE CO.  
ROCK REPORT**

BY: C/CPT Troy Merkle

MS IV

Charlie Company is currently in the midst of several changes. With the addition of several new On Campus Labs (OCL), the training has taken a new emphasis in land navigation, as it has Battalion wide. Physical Training (PT) has also been seeing many changes under the assistance of CPT Mayeaux. The level of intensity has reached an all time high in comparison to the previous this group of cadets has seen. With a wide variety in exercises, PT sessions have achieved such a widely positive review: "PT has diverted from the previously mundane

**Charlie Co.**

exercises and has transformed into a greater personal challenge and what was viewed as only an early morning exercise, now offers a greater feeling of personal achievement," says MS II Steven Hack.

In addition to this, Grand Canyon University has begun to grow immensely in the past few years. With this growth rises new opportunities for ROTC. The color guard team has been used on a near weekly basis, including leading the schools homecoming parade that was used to emphasize school's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the color guard will be able to be seen at the Phoenix Sun's game, as they have been asked to represent the school during the national anthem.

New changes and new opportunities are all around C Co. Our growth in the Company and in the school have stimulated many new activities. C Co cadets are seeing a bright future ahead of them both in ROTC and as future leaders in the United States Army.

**PHOTOS: AROUND THE BATTALION**



**SCABBARD & BLADE**



BY: CDT Sebastian Diaz  
MS II

The National Society of Scabbard and Blade was established by five senior cadet officers "to strengthen joint service relationship" amongst the branches. The goal is to promote scholarship throughout the military and the university. With its emphasis on joint effort, cadets are supposed to learn how to conduct strategic operations with other services.

C Company 18<sup>th</sup> Regiment was

Chartered to approximately seven to eight years ago. The program was defunct for some time before being reestablished last year.

The officers in charge of maintaining the program are Army cadets Williams, Silvers, and Tuala. They hold the position of commander, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

Most members of the Scabbard and Blade are Army cadets. It is up to the Cadet Chain of Command to decide on how to organize the induction of Air Force cadets and by next year, Navy midshipmen.

High academic achievement is required to enter the honor society. From this pool of qualifiers, only the top 10% of the battalion qualify to be considered inductees, which are then chosen by cadets currently within Scabbard and Blade.

This program is responsible for two events per year as required by the National Staff. To date, the program has aided in construction of a house for Habitat for Humanity. Scabbard and Blade members will oversee the spring ball for the battalion, which is conducted annually.

**FYI: SUBMITTING A SUPPLY REQUEST**

BY: C/CPT Charles Maves  
MS IV

The following information will provide further clarification of what is expected for BN supply requests:

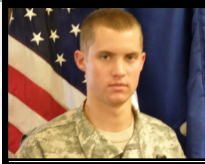
**Point #1: Provide a DTG format**, minus the Time Zone (for US, "Z"), for pick-up/drop-off times. If you are unsure of what the Date-Time Group format looks like, Google it. It is the standard time format for military operations.

**Point #2: Re-check your entries** -- especially dates. I'm sure you don't want your equipment to be ready by 2011 or last year sometime.

**Point #3: Despite previous guidance, all requests should go directly to me.** I will pass them to Garrit.

**Point #4: My preferred method is e-mail** – the electronic format simplifies the process. If you do turn in a hard-copy, it must be at least **a day PRIOR TO your final suspense date** and you need to notify me via telephone or e-mail that you have placed it in my inbox.

**Point #5: When a suspense date is listed, the request is due that day at approximate COB, NLT 1600.** Requests received after standard COB will be processed the following day and will be noted as such for Performance Summaries I send to the XO and the S3.



# CADET COMMANDER'S CORNER

**BY: C/LTC Lance Bailey**

**Cadet Battalion CDR**

Our primary goal, bottom line, is to train cadets to become fully competent and capable officers in the U.S. Army upon commissioning. We would be doing the Battalion a disservice if cadre and staff alike did not input as much energy as possible into achieving that end. It is the reason why we expect cadets to be physically fit and carry themselves with a professional military appearance. Additionally, we strive to instill strong moral character and mental capacity as the semester progresses. Simply

put: we expect cadets to think. We expect cadets to adhere to higher standards than most would choose to accept. Our profession of arms demands it of us and should not be a responsibility taken lightly. "The American people rightly look to their military leaders not only to be skilled in the technical aspects of the profession of arms, but to be men of integrity who have a deep understanding of the human strengths and weaknesses that motivate soldiers under the ultimate test of war."

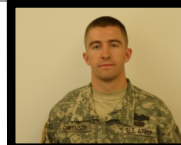
-Gen. J. Collins

**"NO PAIN NO GAIN. NO GUTS NO GLORY."**  
- C/MAJ Byers

# HELP OUR BATTALION

So far last semester we have been hard at work raising money for the battalion. We currently have about \$5500 at our disposal, about \$3600 more than last semester, but we still need to keep at it. Ask your chain of command or check blackboard for upcoming fundraising events. If you would like to help out our Battalion with a donation, please make checks out to the "ASU Army ROTC Cadet Fund" and send them to:

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Arizona State University  
ATTN: Cynthia Mitchell  
P.O. Box 874901  
Tempe, AZ 85287-4901

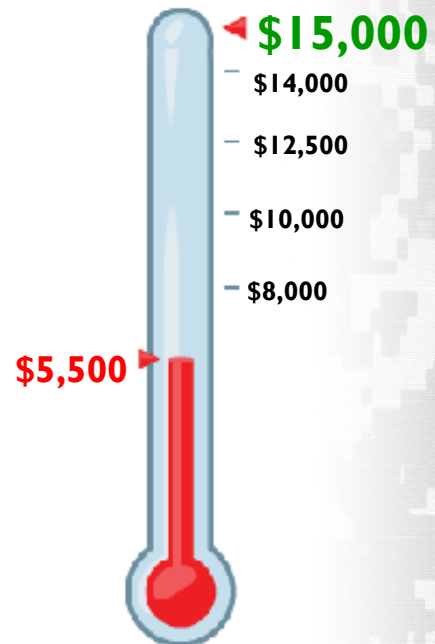


# CADET TOP'S CORNER

**BY: C/CSM Derrick Owensby**

**Cadet Battalion CSM**

As the CDT Command Sergeant Major, I expect the battalion to be in the right place, at the right time, and in the right uniform. The right uniform consists of not only the uniform that you wear, but being fully prepared for whatever the task may be. This means showing up to OCL's with the mindset to learn and apply the skills that ROTC is teaching you. Also, with this preparedness if there is an OCL coming up for an Ambush, reading up on this tactic in the Ranger Handbook, or in FM 3-21.8 would be very wise because when the OCL comes around the cadet will be able to apply the knowledge, and see how all the moving pieces apply. This would allow for a more enriched ROTC experience, and better prepare the battalion for future operations. Also, this better prepares the cadet for future endeavors in their military career, whether that is achieving an "E" at camp, or being an Infantry officer.





## COMMANDER'S CORNER

**BY: LTC Roderick Hammond**

### Battalion PMS

Team,

Even though we are only into the second month of the New Year, most of you will face mid-terms in the next few weeks. For the seniors, this will mark one of your final few milestones as you complete the transition to a commissioned officer. MS III's, under the watchful and demanding eyes of MSG Stover and CPT Mammoser, are ramping their mental and physical conditioning levels to meet the challenges of Warrior Forge (aka LDAC). I encourage underclassman to stay with the program. By doing so, I anticipate that you will continue to grow, develop, and learn – in essence, to become what you are quite capable of achieving.

We have a few events on the horizon where failure is not an option. Two events in particular; Basic Rifle Marksmanship (BRM) training and the Waste Management Open are at the top of the list. Our ROTC program does not afford enough time to become fully proficient at marksmanship skills. This means, we must make the most of allotted time. All Cadets must be on time, in the correct uniform, and ready to instruct

or learn depending on assigned roles. Military skill sets are perishable and require constant sustainment training to maintain proficiency. MS IV's must plan, prep, and execute all training with a sense of empowerment and urgency to ensure adequate return on investment of time, labor, and mentorship. The Waste Management Open will provide the Cadet fund with its largest cash infusion of any single event since the start of the school year. I say again, failure is not an option. The management for this event specifically asked for our support. Why have they asked for help from the Sun Devil ROTC Battalion? I believe because we are honest, dependable, courteous, and disciplined. Given these assumptions, I ask that all Cadets participate and realize that they represent the ROTC Program, ASU, and the US Army at all times, in and out of uniform. Know that I'm proud of each of you and truly ecstatic over the positive improvements implemented in the program over the last few months. Continue to improve your time management skills while meeting all academic requirements. Remember that I expect you to develop toward your full potential – this will take time, patience, and perseverance.

Smile and Hustle,

Feel the Heat!

### COMING UP THIS MONTH

DONSA: Presidents Day	15FEB
OCL PMI	16FEB
PMI/RANGE	19FEB
*WM Golf Fundraising	21-27FEB



## TOP'S CORNER

**BY: MSG John Garrison**

### Battalion SMI

Last semester the Sun Devil Battalion implemented our mentorship program. This semester we have added emphasis to the mentorship program by assigning a cadet OIC CDT Cuevas. I encourage ALL cadets to take advantage of this unique benefit of being in the Army ROTC program here at Arizona State University and Grand Canyon University.

As a mentor, not only are you helping and assisting a junior cadet, you are honing the critical leadership skill of counseling. As a new platoon leader you will be expected to be able to counsel your platoon sergeant, and being a mentor is a great opportunity to improve your counseling skills.

Our mentorship program is an awesome asset for the cadet being mentored. You have a cadet outside your chain of command who can assist you with your academics, your diet and exercise regime, as well as another student who can assist you with questions you have about any facet of college life here at Arizona State University or Grand Canyon University. Take full advantage of our mentorship program, the mentor's are there to assist you achieve your goals of graduating and commissioning into the Army.

If you have questions about ROTC, your mentor can help. If you have questions about university life, your mentor is there for you. If you are having troubles academically, your mentor can help you find tutors and study groups. Unlike many programs offered by both ASU and GCU, this service is free.

## Contact for Scholarship Information:

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