

# Sun Devil Battalion Newsletter

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The Sun Devil Battalion is an ever evolving organization, striving towards honor and excellence. As the fall 2013 semester is now underway, we have continued in our mission to build leaders of character, committed to a lifetime of selfless service to the nation. We are always working to better our training, our community, and our relationship within the University.

We commissioned 24 new Second Lieutenants in to the United States Army this past spring. We are exceptionally proud of our graduates, both recent and from years past. We have high hopes for the senior class of 2014 and look forward to the exciting year ahead!



To our alumni, current cadets, and their family members —

We would like to formally thank you for your continued support and welcome any new comers to the Sun Devil Battalion family.



# MEET THE SUN DEVIL BATTALION CADRE

## Command and Operations

**Professor of Military Science (PMS)**  
LTC Daniel Roberts

**Executive Officer (XO)**  
MAJ Michelle Bravo

**Senior Military Instructor (SMI)**  
SFC Christopher Rhodes

**Operations Officer (S-3)**  
CPT Robert Fix

**Operations Officer (S-3)**  
SFC Steven Miller

**Administration Officer (S-1)**  
1LT Eric Garcia

## Recruiting

**Lead Recruiting Operations Officer**  
Mr. Nathaniel Carsey

**ASST. Recruiter**  
Amanda Arboleda

**National Guard Liaison Officer**  
CPT Gordon Smith

**GCU Recruiting Officer**  
Mr. Christopher Triem

**Gold Bar Recruiter**  
2LT Travis Miner

## Instructors

**MIS 101/102**  
CPT Robert Monk  
SFC Jonathan Houle  
MSG John Lancaster (GCU)

**MIS 201/202**  
CPT Gordon Smith  
CPT Serna (GCU)

**MIS 301/ 302**  
Mr. Chad Shuman  
Mr. Alex Bowman (GCU)

**MIS 410**  
COL Bruce Pagel

**MIS 499**  
Mr. Craig Best

## Civilian Support Staff

**Business Operations Officer**  
Lisa Robbins

**Communications Program Coordinator**  
Amanda Arboleda

**Human Resources Assistant**  
DeAnn Johnson

**Human Resources Assistant**  
Myles Stover

**Human Resources Assistant**  
Angela Ellis (GCU)

**Supply**  
Garrit Ringenoldus

**Student Worker**  
Claudia Nunez-Eddy

## MEET THE SUN DEVIL BATTALION CADET STAFF

### THE BATTALION COMMANDER:

Heading the cadet leadership is the cadet Battalion Commander. The Battalion Commander is directly responsible to the Professor of Military Science for all areas concerning the cadets and their training. This includes their safety, discipline, morale as well as the over all retention of the cadets in the program. He supervises the planning and executing of all battalion operations. Acting as

the Sun Devil Cadet Battalion Commander for this semester is CDT LTC Daniel Vigeant.

He is a history major carrying a seventeen credit class load as well as a family. His hope is to branch active duty Aviation and "to see a 25% growth and retention of cadets within the battalion." An interesting fact about this gentleman is that he has already visited twenty-two countries.



### THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

The cadet Executive Officer acts as the lead staff officer and second to the Battalion Commander. She is responsible for supervising the staff's coordination in planning and ensuring their timely actions in accordance with the Battalion Commanders guidance. The Sun devil Battalion Cadet Executive Officer is CDT MAJ Catherine Hoke.

Cadet Hoke has had a strong presence in the battalion ever since her return from LTC (Leadership Training Course). With a major in Mechanical

Engineering and a twenty- three credit class load she sets the example for the battalion. Her goal is "to ensure every cadet receives the necessary training to perform above the expectation and to excel at every task they are given. " She also hopes "to promote an environment of cadets helping each other to succeed by taking the initiative." An interesting Fact

about CDT Hoke is that she received advanced SCUBA certification through the program and is a member of the ASU Shotgun team, the Gun Devils.

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-CDT MAJ Hoke



### THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR:

The cadet Battalion Command Sergeant Major is responsible for keeping the Battalion Commander informed on all aspects concerning the underclassmen cadets. It is his duty to ensure that the standards for the battalions training, conduct, appearance and performance are enforced at all levels consistently. The Sun devil Battalion cadet Command Sergeant Major is CDT CSM Joshua Reeves. Cadet Reeves is taking eighteen credits toward his degree in Criminal Justice and hopes to branch Medical Services. He is an absolute force to be reckoned with and he holds not only himself, but all of our cadets to the highest standard.

### THE OPERATIONS OFFICER:

The cadet Battalion S3 serves as premier staff officer for all matters concerning training, plans and operations. He works directly with the battalion Captain S3 to produce warning orders, operations orders and fragmentary orders that are distributed to the entire chain of command. The S3 ensures that all operations are centered on setting conditions that allow for all cadets to improve their individual proficiency level of whatever task is being performed. The S3 for the



Sun Devil Battalion is CDT Major Logan Stone.

He is an Urban Planning major hoping to branch in the Engineer Corps. He carries a class load of thirteen credits and spends hours in his office ensuring that our Battalion is set up for success. This position is the third highest in the Battalions chain of command and cadet Stone hopes to use his influence to increase the morale and motivation while maintaining discipline.

### THE SAFETY OFFICER:

The cadet Battalion S2 is responsible for assisting in the process of putting together the Composite Risk Management for our training. This form includes the analysis of environmental conditions and how they could or could not affect both training and the individuals conducting the training. He works directly with the other staff officers to ensure that every cadet is prepared for the conditions so that they can be successful. The S2 for the Sun Devil Battalion is CDT 1LT Brian O'Neil.

Cadet O'Neil is an absolute asset to the Battalion staff. With his prior service and passion for the Army, he exudes nothing but the most positive energy and is always ready to lend a helping hand where it is needed. He is majoring in Exercise and Wellness and taking seventeen credits toward his degree this semester. He hopes to branch Medical Services and is certain that he can "out limbo anybody in the battalion." Cadet O'Neil's goal for the semester is to "promote a safe and positive



working environment that fosters leaders of character today to become the officers of tomorrow."

### THE PERSONNEL OFFICER:



The cadet Battalion S1 is responsible for monitoring and informing the Battalion Commander on a variety of the cadet's personal matters. This is ranging anywhere from medical issues to awards that need to be handed out. He is immediately responsible for keeping track of what is going on with cadets in the battalion. The S1 for the Sun devil Battalion is CDT Captain Trevor Kinkade.

With a major in business communication and a class load of eighteen credits cadet Kinkade was an excellent candidate for one of the staff positions. He spends some of the very little free time he has playing left wing at Polar Ice for the adult recreational hockey team, the Storm troopers. He hopes that all of the hard work he has put in will result in the branch of his choice, Quartermaster.

**THE SUPPLY OFFICER:**

The cadet Battalion S4 is responsible for all logistical operations in the area of supply services. He is directly in charge of the requisitioning, acquisition and storage of all supplies and equipment as well as ensuring the maintenance of all material records. The S4 for the Sun devil Battalion is CDT Captain Connor Rolan.

**THE ACTIVITIES OFFICER:**

Cadet Rolan is a perfectionist who truly thrives off of organization and order. He is a chemistry major with a fifteen credit class load and spends a great deal of time dedicated to making our Battalions supply process a smooth one. He has implemented a few new procedures this semester that have shown his ability to think outside the box and he is an excellent addition to the staff. He hopes to branch field artillery and continue to have things run successfully in the Sun devil battalion.

The cadet Battalion S5 is responsible for all public affairs matters and activities outside of training. She is in charge of coordinating with the cadre staff as well as the cadet staff to organize events in the community around our mandatory training. She is trusted with coming up with innovative ideas to keep the Battalion involved in the community while simultaneously molding future army leaders. The S5 for the Sun devil Battalion is CDT Captain Melanie Marks.



With a sixteen-credit class load in Criminal Justice, cadet Marks finds herself with little spare time. The time she does have is spent managing the MS IV cadets that assist her. She sorts through the ideas that are presented to her from both cadre and cadets to find events that will work for the Battalion. She hopes to branch Medical Services and that she can spread the positive light of ROTC with the surrounding communities.

**THE SIGNAL OFFICER:**

The cadet Battalion S6 is responsible for the accountability and maintenance of our communications equipment as well as managing our website. He directly handles the withdrawal of our radios to ensure that they are kept track of. Our equipment is essential to the success of our training so its up keep is paramount. The S6 for the Sun Devil Battalion is CDT

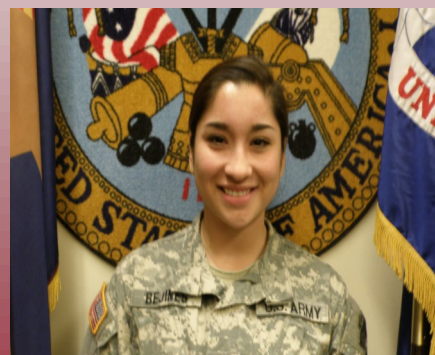


Captain Tyler Williams.

Cadet Williams is majoring in Computer Systems Engineering and is taking nineteen credits this semester. He hopes to keep his grade point average up this year and to branch into the Signal Corps. For the Battalion, Cadet Williams simply hopes that he can do his part in making our training as successful and beneficial as it can possibly be.

**THE LDP OFFICER:**

The Leadership Development Program officer is responsible for rotating the cadet MS III's through their leadership positions. They ensures that the cadets are being properly evaluated and mentored in all leadership dimensions. The LDP officer for the Sun Devil Battalion is CDT Captain Chelsea Bejines. Majoring in Exercise and Wellness, and carrying seventeen credits, cadet Bejines surrounds her ROTC focus around our MS III's. She aspires to branch either Aviation or Medical Services and she hopes to inspire the cadets to be known as great leaders in the community.



## FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE

Every semester the Sun Devil Battalion takes part in a field training exercise (FTX) where all cadets have the opportunity to utilize the skills they have learned up to that point. This fall's FTX was focused on giving the cadets the opportunity to work on their leadership skills as well as their team building. On day one freshmen had the opportunity to explore the lava caves of Flagstaff. These caves are not to be taken lightly. Every group that went through met the challenge of maintaining group integrity and clear leaders stepped up to lead the way. While this was going on the sophomores and juniors were getting familiar with M4 rifles on the shooting range. They had the opportunity to practice assembling weapons and later had a chance to teach the freshmen how to do the same. The day concluded with a BBQ giving everyone the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other a bit more.



Day two started off with a light run led by LTC Roberts. Cadets motivated each other to keep going despite the altitude. Within a couple hours they were out on the land navigation course working as a team to find their way to different stations where they would navigate an obstacle course, learn about field craft, work with communications equipment and how to apply camouflage. After dinner, cadets went on to night land navigation where they were given grid coordinates throughout the course which they needed to plot and find. Training completed on day three and individuals were recognized for their outstanding work throughout the weekend and one cadet was even contracted.

## RANGER CHALLENGE

This year the Sun Devil Battalion was given the privilege to host the 2013 5th Apache Brigade Ranger Challenge competition. Eight schools from the southwest made up 13 teams in a competition that tested the most elite cadet's physical and mental stamina, as well as their proficiency in soldier tasks. The first day was a test of physical endurance, as cadets took part in a functional combat fitness test where they ran through the Tempe campus performing challenges as a team. At each station, cadets needed to complete a designated amount of repetitions for specified exercises before they moved on to the next one. The time was taken upon completion of the 7 stations and those times would carry on to the next day. There were two teams representing the Sun Devil Battalion in the completion. The A team, led by Senior CDT Perry, was in second by a margin of 30 seconds at the conclusion of day one.

The second day started at 0600 with the first lift taking off on Blackhawks from the Sun Devil Fitness Complex field. Once they were dropped off at their first station they navigated as a team all over the northern Tempe area. The course was made up of several stations with timed tasks that teams had to complete before moving on to the next task. Some of the most challenging stations featured raft building, traversing a lake on a rope bridge, a hand grenade assault course, administering first aid to a live human casualty, and key leader interactions. The culminating event was a hike up A-Mountain to the finish line. Overall the home teams did a great job and the A team finished with an overall second place, missing first by about 2 minutes.



DELTA COMPANY COMMANDER:

Delta company is an extremely high speed group of cadets that are eager to improve themselves in all aspects of their military lives. They train on our days off, wake up early, stay up late and cover a wide variety of different training. Heading up that company is CDT Major Michael Perry. He is majoring in Finance with a minor in military leadership. His class load is twenty two credits and he never lets it get in the way of his extra duties. Cadet Perry has been with Delta Company since he came in as a sophomore and his experiences have pushed him to hopefully branch into the Infantry.

## CADET OF THE MONTH

Every month there are a variety of training events and volunteer events that our Battalion takes part in. With so many cadets eager to take charge, it can be extremely difficult to stand out in the crowd. The cadet leadership keeps their eyes open for that one cadet that seems to be pushing him or herself in every single way to remind the cadets that even though they are a team they are also in a competition for their career choices. This month we noticed one female MS III in particular that seemed to be pushing past what some of us even thought she was capable of. When cadet Timms entered the program our morning physical training sessions were a great deal of strain for her. Pushups were something she couldn't even imagine herself doing and running was simply out of the question. She began her ROTC career with a score of 120, out of 300, on the Army Physical Fitness Test and was not used to the idea of fighting to be in the front. Two years have gone by and the dramatic changes that cadet Timms has made have been completely unexpected and amazing to witness. As a junior this year she has no choice but to lead and has taken it upon herself to do just that in more ways than one. The first improvement we noticed was the fact that she more than doubled her APFT score and earned a spot on the Ranger Challenge competition team. She is taking seventeen credits in her Political Science major and is working on an Undergraduate fellowship. To do that she is working with a Political Science professor to conduct research as well as teach a U.S government class. As if these changes weren't enough she does not want to stop there. She hopes to be maxing her APFT by the end of this year and maintain her 4.0 grade point average. Cadet Alyssa Timms is one of many examples of the excellent leaders we are shaping for the United States Army and she is an excellent example for her peers to follow both in and out of the ROTC program.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	<sup>11</sup> OKTOBERFEST	<sup>12</sup> OKTOBERFEST
<sup>13</sup> OKTOBERFEST	14	15	16	17	18	<sup>19</sup> HOMECOMING
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	<sup>30</sup> Halloween Fun Run	31		

## November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<sup>1</sup> GCU ROTC DAY	2
3	4	5	6 LOFT Event	<sup>7</sup> ASU HOCKEY GAME	8	9 East Valley Veterans Day Parade
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 ASU Military Appreciation Game
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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## **Brief Overview:**

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at Arizona State University has a proud history, dating back to 1935 as one of the oldest ROTC programs in the country. The Battalion includes its cross-enrolled institution, Grand Canyon University (GCU) in central Phoenix. Year after year, the Sun Devil Battalion has been responsible for commissioning waves of new 2nd Lieutenants in to the United States Army. With over 250 cadets, the Sun Devil Battalion is one of the leading commissioning sources for Army officers. The recent accomplishments of students from both schools within the Battalion have been significant.



## **Mission Statement:**

**A Proud History, A Bright Future:** Arizona State University's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) recruits, educates, trains, and inspires cadets to become leaders of character, committed to the values of the United States Army and dedicated to a lifetime of selfless service to the Nation.

