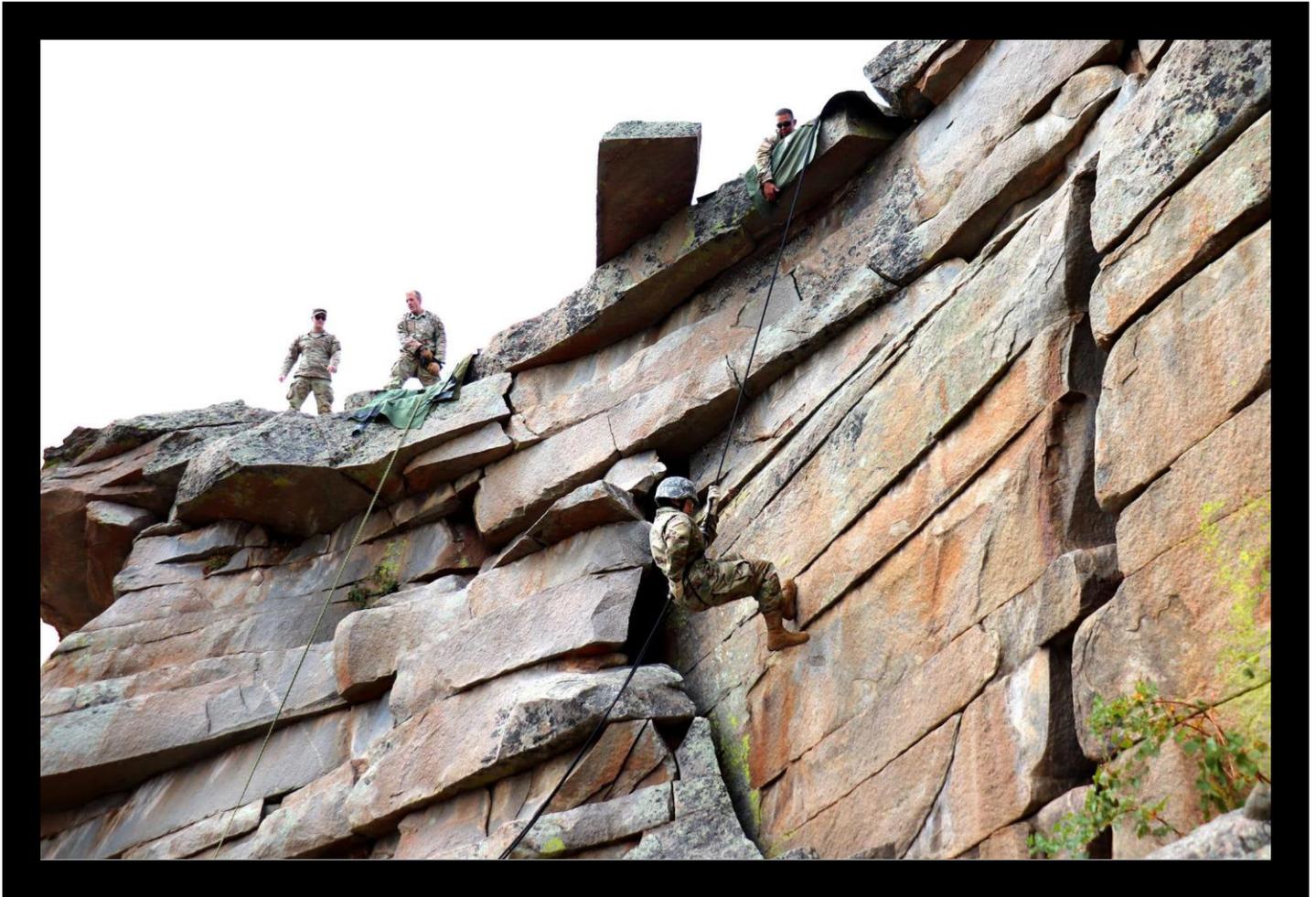




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Ranger Challenge

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The Brigade Ranger Challenge is the Army ROTC Varsity Sport. Teams form early in the semester and train rigorously nearly every morning of the week. Ranger Challenge team members accomplish more before 0800 than most college students accomplish in an entire day. Teams train all the way up until the Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition.



This competition is conducted over two days on a non-tactical course. The mission is to challenge Cadets' mental and physical toughness and to develop leadership while fostering teamwork and esprit-de-corps. Teams participate in nine graded events.

Project GO (Global Officer)

CDT Taylor Johnson, MSIII

I attended the Arabic program hosted through the University of Wyoming for 10 weeks in Jordan. 5 days a week I had 4 hours of Arabic instruction in an institute in Amman. I lived with a Jordanian host family.

Besides the quality critical language training, Some highlights of the program were: seeing Petra, wadi rum, the Jesus baptismal site, and scuba diving in the Red Sea. Also, meeting the military staff at the embassy including the defense attaché, multiple foreign area officers, and representatives from the Air Force and

SOCOM, in Amman was great for developing regional expertise and situational awareness, as well as learn the role and career track of foreign area officers.



I choose to go because I enjoy traveling and studying and learning foreign languages. What I got out of the program is the ability to respectfully interact in Arab society, have basic conversations in Arabic, and invaluable and current regional knowledge from the local population and regional experts.

This experience will help me moving forward in the military and in civilian life because it will help me to better communicate and understand Arab partner forces, civilians, and enemies. Knowledge of a critical language opens many doors to exciting and lucrative career Opportunities. Also, it can't hurt to be scuba certified.

Project GO (Global Officer)

CDT Megan Litchfield, MSIII

I got accepted to Project GO South Korea through the University of Montana and there were 9 of us in total who went. Four of us were Army cadets and the rest were Air Force. All of us had different levels of Korean, some had taken it for years, others who were native speakers, and some who had no experience at all.



The program started with 2 weeks in Missoula Montana where we had classes every day and went on a cultural trip at the end where we spoke Korean the whole day and played traditional Korean games. After that we were off in Seoul for 8 weeks. In Seoul, we had classes every day and what was cool about this class was that we had people from all over the world! I was the only American, so I had the opportunity to learn about more cultures than the one I was living in.

Originally, I was interested in Korea because I have a lot of family in Seoul and I wanted to see them, learn more about my culture, and be able to speak more Korean. And I was able to check these off the list! It was an absolutely amazing experience being immersed in the culture and a great way to learn the language.

This experience will help me with my time in the Army because it made me realize how different other cultures can be with values and daily life and to always respect that. I hope to keep up learning more Korean so I can use it in the Army and have the opportunity to travel back!

Scabbard and Blade

CDT Jessica Sommers, MSIV

Army ROTC Scabbard and Blade is an organization recognized nationally, that was started in 1904 by a group of five cadet officers who were attending the University of Wisconsin. The primary purpose of forming

this organization was to develop strong, and well-established leaders, who were dedicated to strengthening relationships within the community. The leaders of this organization have proven to be transformed into some of the Army's greatest officers.

Here at Colorado State University, Scabbard and Blade is identified as a National Honor Society that many ROTC programs across the nation participate in. It is centered around engaging with the community through different volunteer events. The organizations that we typically work with are Habitat for Humanity, the FOCO Rescue Mission, the Fort Collins Food Bank, The Winslow Senior Independent Living, and St. Jude Up Till Dawn.



The purpose behind a lot of the events that we do is to engage the ROTC Cadets with the community, and allow them to demonstrate the Army values and leadership skills that they have developed during their time in the program.

In the past year, and during my time as the OIC (Officer in Charge) of this club, we have volunteered at the Fort Collins Food Bank as well as the Loveland Food Share, adopted a natural area to pick up trash once a month, carved pumpkins with retired military personnel at the Winslow

Independent Senior Home as well as put together blankets to send off as a care package to our men and women serving overseas. These two events at the Senior Citizen home were special for the club because it gave the cadets an opportunity to hear the stories of the retired veterans, as well as tell them about their experiences of being in ROTC.

Scabbard and Blade is continuing to expand its areas of community service, which will allow for the opportunity of cadets to volunteer at places we have not been to. Overall, Scabbard and Blade at CSU is a program that helps cadets advance their leadership qualities while developing a sense of pride in giving back to the community. Scabbard and Blade will continue to help cadets grow both in the military and outside of the military, by showing what it truly means to make a difference in society.

Firearms Education Club (Est. 2021)

CDT Maddie Pringle, MSIV

The Firearms Education Club (FEC) is a cadet-run organization that operates within the Ram Battalion. Overseen by cadre faculty advisor SFC Christopher Sanders, the leadership team works to provide cadets with essential firearms and marksmanship skills pertinent to success in the Army. FEC is currently run by cadet OICs Maddie Pringle (MSIV), Robert Haldeman (MSIV), Hayden Landry (MSIV), and cadet NCOICs Matthew Copley (MSIII), and Michael Ozmai (MSII).

Each semester FEC tackles numerous firearms-related topics to complement the regular Army ROTC curriculum. Topics range from firearms safety and the fundamentals of marksmanship, to ready-ups and carry positions, to the proper use of cover, realistic target analysis, moving and shooting, off-hand shooting,

introduction to alternate weapons platforms, and urban operations.



FEC meetings take place in the classroom and on live-fire ranges. In the classroom, cadets are introduced to new topics through interactive lectures and practical exercises. On the range, cadets conduct an array of marksmanship drills allowing shooters to apply the skills they learned in the classroom and improve their overall range proficiency.

The Firearms Education Club aims to develop cadets into future United States Army Officers. Each semester the club grows in caliber and scope, continually increasing the training opportunities for our cadets. FEC produces adept shooters that always strive to hit the mark.

Poudre Muskets

CDT Adam Parole

Initially, the Poudre Muskets were established in 1922 as a “fancy drill and ceremony team.” In the early 1960’s the club was reorganized into a special forces division of the ROTC program, specializing in guerilla warfare. With the increasing involvement of the United States in Vietnam, the Poudre Musket company

began intense training in counter-guerilla and ranger warfare training. According to the Colorado State University archives, the training continued into 1973.



Today, the muskets have evolved to address new threats and considerations. The curriculum covers a plethora of classroom content for tactical and technical skills. Which includes small unit tactics, land navigation, communication, mission planning, survival training, operating in different environments, and more. Poudre Muskets also get the opportunity to have additional patrolling exercises in the Colorado mountains.

Bronze Boot Run 2022
CDT Aaron Boulter, MSIV

The Bronze Boot Run kicked off this year with excitement. The Border War tradition started back in 1991, and CSU and University of Wyoming Cadets are still carrying the Border War football as well as the tradition. This run means something, not only to ROTC Cadets but also to the CSU community. This year, that fact was clearly evident.

CSU ROTC Cadets were honored and ecstatic to welcome back CPT Jason Mumm (Ret.), a CSU Army ROTC alumni who ran the very first Bronze Boot Run into the former Hughes Stadium. CPT Mumm's first Boot Run in '91 was of little consequence and didn't receive much notice or interaction from the community. Not so upon his return 31 years later. The 2022 Bronze Boot Run was met with outstanding applause and media coverage from not only CSU students at Moby Gym and in Canvas Stadium for the final mile, but CPT Mumm's return was captured and televised via 9News Sports Denver, CBS Sports Denver, as well as being featured on the CSU Collegian and KCSU radio network.

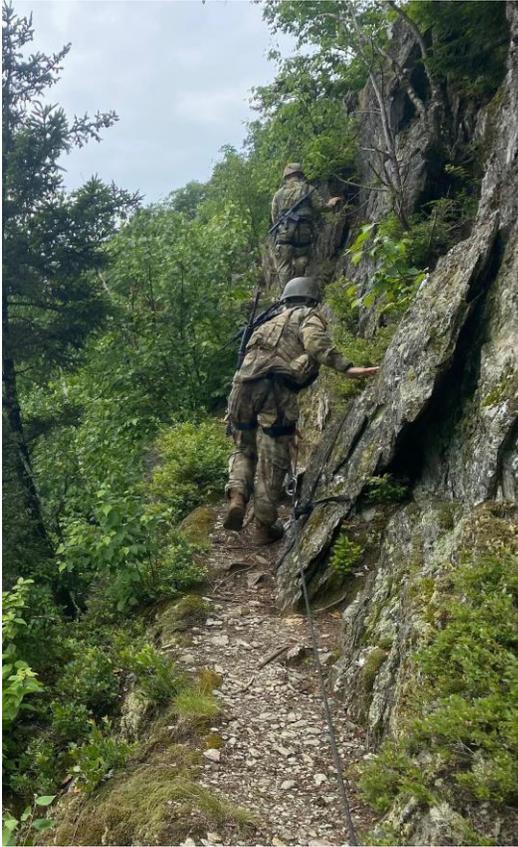


It was a surreal experience to see a former Ram Battalion Cadet relive the tradition that he and his peers set into motion well before our generation. It was an honor to have him, and it was motivating to the Battalion. We just can't wait to run this thing again, and we're stoked to have the CSU community at our side cheering us on as we do it.

Mountain Warfare School
CDT Lianna Lincoln, MSIII

I attended Mountain Warfare School last summer in Jericho, Vermont with the Vermont National Guard where I was faced with many physical and mental hardships. For two weeks, I learned how to navigate and operate tactically in a mountain

environment, as well as how to manipulate rope systems to my advantage.



We started each day by rucking up a mountain, then learned a new skill we could bring back to our units, followed by rucking back down the mountain. The rope systems taught us how to navigate any vertical or horizontal terrain in a variety of weather conditions. This course was very knot intensive while learning the following systems: fixed ropes, hauling, high line, rappelling, and lowering. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to conquer practical scenarios with my classmates as patients needing CASEVAC in difficult-to-navigate terrain.

While I was at this course, we attended a high-angle range, completed land navigation in a very densely vegetated area, and got to rock climb at several locations. Some called this school the most physically demanding Army school because of the rucks with 60+ pounds to include

mountaineering gear, and I would agree. I struggled mentally and physically with the rucks, but really enjoyed learning the numerous skills that I have brought back to the Ram Battalion and included in our own winter warfare practical exercise.

Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT) CDT Adam Vogt, MSIV

My CTLT training took place in El Paso Texas with the 1st Armored Division. I was attached to Ares Troop which was a cavalry troop that used Bradley Fighting vehicles to conduct missions pertaining to reconnaissance and security on the battlefield. Through this training, I was able to get real-life hands-on experience of what it's like to operate as a 1st LT in a platoon-sized element. This training consisted of PT, attending live fires as well as live fire simulations, working closely with different levels of leadership to see what their day-to-day looked like, and having opportunities to meet with Generals and Commanders to ask in-depth questions about what being in armor is really like.

During this time I was also able to spend time with Tankers and Air Defense Artillery Officers to help me also understand what their day-to-day life looked like as leaders of their version of a platoon-sized element. This allowed me to utilize CTLT to get a diverse look at what opportunities the Army had to offer me as a cadet. CTLT was a great chance for me to better understand what the culture of the Army was like before getting into it myself. CTLT can also give you the ability to get out and about during the weekends to experience some of what the local area has to offer. El Paso is home to some great Mexican food and culture that I and some other cadets who were also there were able to explore. CTLT is a great opportunity and I recommend it to anyone who has the chance.

Congratulations to our commissioning seniors!



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Canfield
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Han (Detail Field Artillery)
Nelson (Detail Infantry)



Adjutant General

Tarr (Detail Field Artillery)
Waugh



Quartermaster

Dunn
Smith



Ordnance (EOD)

Hodes



Transportation Corps

Lowe



Engineers

Freed, C (Detail Infantry)
Hotchkiss



Chemical Corps

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Rodriguez (Detail Infantry)
Waskey (Detail Infantry)
Freed
Carrier



Signal Corps

Miyachi (Detail Infantry)
Ujfalusy (Detail Armor)