



PATRIOT BATTALION NEWS

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Leading The Way

The Patriot Battalion has been hard at work this semester. In this issue, we will follow their progress and see how far they have come in their ROTC journey.

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In the current semester, Patriot Battalion cadets have embarked on a journey to acquire essential skills and knowledge, laying a solid foundation. These competencies will serve as a cornerstone for their tenure as Army ROTC cadets and pave the way for their future success as officers in the United States Army.

FALL FTX DAY 1&2

Crawl, Walk, Run

The Patriot battalion conducted our annual Fall FTX at Marine Corps Base Quantico. Over the course of 4 days, cadets learned valuable skills and built stronger bonds amongst their fellow cadets.



STX Lanes

Day 1 of the Fall FTX involved providing MS3 cadets with comprehensive walk-through demonstrations on the execution of a platoon ambush STX lane. This was complemented by the formulation of SOPs that will be utilized by the platoon throughout the year. The primary objective behind acquiring these field skills is to thoroughly acquaint and ready these cadets for their forthcoming CST experience.



Land Nav

Land Navigation is a pivotal skill for officers. It fosters a foundation for the Army and instills self-confidence in individual soldiers. This semester, day 2 was dedicated to land nav. MS1s and 2s engaged in buddy group exercises, while MS3s went solo. The day comprised both daytime and nighttime land navigation, and the cadets admirably showcased their competencies throughout the course.

FALL FTX DAY 3&4

Learning the Ropes

Day 3 for MS1&2 cadets was spent on the obstacle course and rappel tower. The purpose of this training was to familiarize cadets with tasks that must be completed at CST and to build confidence in their own abilities in executing these responsibilities.



MS3s spent their third day in a tactical environment, conducting STX lanes. This experience enabled them to become well-versed in platoon-level leadership, as the MS4 trainers gradually transitioned to a more hands-off approach. With this newfound independence, the MS3s effectively initiated mission execution, showcasing their remarkable skill development and enjoying their time out in the woods.

Day 4 was the last and final day of the Patriot Battalions Fall FTX. MS1&2s conducted training involving TCCC, ASIP Radios, M4, M249, M240 weapon familiarization. MS3s got the opportunity to utilize the rappel tower at the FBI academy.



PHYSICAL TRAINING

PT Week 1-7

The Patriot Battalion has shown up and shown out! Demonstrating their resilience, hard work, and consistency at PT! PT is more than developing your physical fitness; it builds discipline and instills work ethic. The act of setting a routine and being held accountable will allow our cadets to be future leaders.



ACFT

The Army Combat Fitness Test is the assessment the Army uses to determine physical readiness of all soldiers. This semester, cadets put their best effort forward and gave it their all! Cadets have assessed their individual strengths and weaknesses in various events, and they are dedicated to making improvements in preparation for the Spring semester ACFT

Top ACFT Scores

Male	Female
MS I - Gallagher 515	MS I - Blue 582
MS II - Francis 592	MS II - Cardoni 528
MS III - Harrington 596	MS III - Riehl 570
MS V - Corso/Reyes 591	MS V - Crump 587

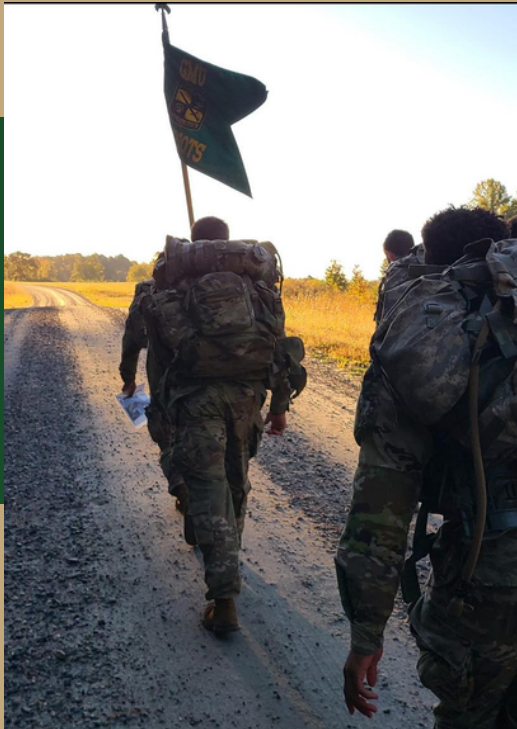


The Patriot Battalion conducted several memorial workouts to commemorate the anniversary of important events for the nation, as well as the army. This encompasses a special workout conducted on the anniversaries of 9/11 and the Battle of Mogadishu.

RANGER CHALLENGE

Making The Cut

Almost as soon as the semester began Ranger Challenge began tryout for the Patriot Battalion RC team. This was a rough period where out of the original 38 that tried out only 11 went to the competition.



Training For Success

Our RC team trained for success the moment the semester started. They conducted PT 5 time a week, this was to build team cohesion and physical fitness. This extra sacrifice paid off and our Patriots were ready when it came time to go to the Ranger Challenge competition.



At the Ranger Challenge competition Cadets: Reyes, Corso, Grump, Najor, Genova, Harrington, Foote, Cabral, Crusha, Francis, and Blue. Placed 9th out of 29 teams! Great improvement from last year. Great work everyone we're all so proud of you.

GAFPB - Color Guard

GAFPB

Patriot Battalion Cadets had the opportunity to earn the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge. This award is given to those that demonstrate proficiency in basic combat lifesaver training, a basic fitness test, marksmanship with an M9 pistol and a 6, 9, and 12 kilometer foot march, and a 100 meter swim uniform. 7 Patriot Battalion cadets earned their badge, great work!



Color Guard

The Patriot Battalion Color Guard team has proudly represented our program as well as the university this semester. They have participated in a wide variety of events such as a Washington Nationals game. Way to show your dedication!

CLOSING

The Patriot Battalion has made great strides this semester. I have no doubts that the Patriot Battalion cadets will persist in honing their skills and nurturing friendships with their fellow cadets. These bonds will foster a culture of learning and excellence both in the battalion and in the greater George Mason community



You've all demonstrated dedication throughout this semester, and I encourage you to maintain your efforts and perform admirably on your mid-term exams. Strong academic performance is vital for your success as a cadet. If you require academic assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to your mentor.

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