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A Message From the Cadet BN CO

This year, Gateway Battalion is going through some big changes. Our training methods are evolving and adapting to new cadet command standards. Even with all the changes to our curriculum, our mission has not changed.



Here at Gateway we strive to produce well qualified leaders in service of the United States Army. We accomplish this goal by staying true to the "Gateway Big Five," which represent the values of this battalion: Discipline, Pride, Academics, Fitness, and Accountability. These values make our battalion one of the top programs in the nation and hold our Cadets to a much higher standard than the average college student. Gateway Cadets will push themselves to improve their level of fitness, achieve excellent grades at their universities, and become better leaders.

- Jacob Schroeder, BN Cadet Commander

Army ROTC Doesn't Just Make Me a Soldier

By Augustus Kihn

On college campuses across America, thousands of students go to class in a United States Army uniform. ROTC and the activities that Cadets take part in definitely set them apart from any other college student. However, ROTC Cadets are far more than students with their sights set on a commission in the Army after four years of school. Seemingly every cadet in ROTC is involved in many things outside of both school and ROTC. The Gateway Battalion ROTC program is no different; we have cadets involved in countless activities such as athletics, Greek life, music and the arts. For our cadets, saying, "Army ROTC Doesn't Just Mean I'm a Soldier" could not be more true.

Marcus Prosser, an MSIII cadet from Lindenwood University is also a Division II wrestler. The various schools in the Gateway Battalion all conduct physical training three to five mornings a week at 6:00 am. However, for CDT Prosser this time working out before most of his friends are even out of bed, is just a fraction of the time he will spend a week in the gym. When ROTC PT ends at 6:55 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, CDT Prosser goes straight on for more training and conditioning.



"Everyday is a battle; our coaches push us to limits we didn't know existed. Friendship goes out the window for two hours and everybody fights to not get beaten, but once we leave the room our brotherhood returns."

For CDT Prosser, it's a tough road but the strengths CDT Prosser gains from his wrestling are not only useful outside of ROTC. The amount of extra time put in at the gym has earned Marcus one of the top ROTC PT scores in his Military Science class and helped him secure a full scholarship and contract.

Cadets like Marcus Prosser are creating themselves to be just the type of well rounded individual the Army is looking for. For some cadets, ROTC and the military career to follow is a huge driving force throughout college. Although even for those cadets who have never wanted anything but the military, there is still more to their four years at school than ROTC.

The Gateway Battalion Army ROTC program has produced hundreds of fine leaders for the United States Army. Throughout this program's colorful history, the members that have filled these ranks have been far more than just Cadets. While they hone their skills in the science of warfare and the art of leadership, they also become well rounded individuals with skills in a variety of fields. Army ROTC doesn't just mean I'm a Soldier; there is more to us than a uniform and working towards a set of gold bars at graduation.

Ranger Challenge Report

This year, Gateway Battalion's Ranger Challenge (RC) team competed at Ft. Leonard Wood against 13 other teams from schools across the midwest. This event is the culmination of six weeks packed with training, where nine team members and 2 supporting alternates, ready to step in at a moments notice, are selected to participate in this competition as representatives of our battalion. In preparation for RC, our main training focus was on equipping the team with skills that could be used both in their time as cadets and in their future service as officers.



This year, our team received special training in first aid, which allowed us to be very successful on the "casualty treatment and evacuation" lane. RC competitors are expected to be able to assess and maneuver casualties in real time, in a tactical environment, all while trying to compete with other schools of highly dedicated, physically fit cadets.

We also practiced the "one rope bridge" event thoroughly during training; the team ties a rope between two trees and then has to cross the rope as quickly as possible, as if they were actually crossing a body of water. This year, we were able to accomplish this in less than four minutes, breaking time records set by the RC team of past years.

We did not place this year for the competitions, but our team nevertheless maintained incredibly high morale. Each cadet, from freshman to senior, displayed his own unique leadership attributes throughout the weekend. Any cadet can join the 2015 Ranger Challenge team, but our captains



look for commitment, physical fitness, and a will to succeed. If a promise of challenge and camaraderie interests you, consider joining the Ranger Challenge team next year.

- Cadet Joshua Steele, BN RC Captain

When you think about a college student, several things may spring to mind: Caffeine addled, over (or under) working, ramen fueled young people are what come to mind. My Freshman year late nights and even later wake ups were characteristics of my daily schedule. The purpose of a twenty four hour clock was beyond my comprehension; I only ever saw the afternoon. Eventually, that all changed. I got involved with the Army, and ROTC, and now three years later as a Senior, One PM alarms are a thing of the past. Cadet Shelby Aleksick, BN XO, interviewed an MSI Cadet to find out about the daily schedule of an ROTC Freshman and how it differed from my own experiences:

Cadet Lauren Murray is a Freshman Nursing Student from Saint Louis University. When asking her about her busiest days of the week, Thursdays, CDT Murray explained that her schedule looks as such:

0500 Wake up in her SLU dorm so she can get to PT.

0600-0700 PT at Washington University's campus.

0715-0830(ish) Murray and the other cadets from SLU meet for breakfast at an on campus dining facility. Gateway encourages Cadets from all schools to informally meet for activities such as breakfast to bolster a mentoring community.

0900-1100 CDT Murray goes to Human Development Class. After her class if she is lucky she will get a nap in, if not, homework and readings for class.

1430-1600 Military Science class where she learns all about the fundamentals of being a Soldier, and what it means to be an officer in the United States Army.

1615-1815 CDT Murray will be at an ROTC lab. During labs she learns a variety of military skills and leadership lessons; practical lessons and exercises to put into use everything she learns in the military academic classroom.

1900-2000 Meeting the physical requirements for CDT Murray is not enough. She strives to be the fittest she possibly can and will often go to the gym for a second workout after lab.

2000- CDT Murray will spend the rest of her evening doing homework, readings, kicking back with some of her friends, or understandably, going to bed.

CDT Murray added that she is looking forward to our next weekend training event, rappelling for a second time next year, and traveling with the Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) next summer. CDT Murray has an incredible work ethic and will stop at nothing to achieve her goals personally, academically, and militarily.

A Day in the Life...

By Shelby Aleksick

Every year, new Cadets join our program from all walks of life, both civilian and military. MSIV CDT Taylor Baum, the BN S1 met with a couple to interview them on their first experiences with Gateway. Cadet Morgan Brooks is a Freshman at Washington University:

TB: Is it difficult for you to attend Washington University and participate in the Gateway ROTC program?

MB: My classes are difficult and ROTC is a large time commitment. We have physical training three times a week, Military Science class twice a week, and weekly labs. However, participating in the program has helped me improve my time management skills.

TB: Are the benefits that you get from the program worth the extra time commitment?

MB: Yes, there is no other program that pays for college, while offering once in a lifetime experiences that most of my peers will never have. Shooting, learning about tactics, and problem solving tasks. The program also gives me the opportunity to make friends who have similar goals, interests, and values as me. It also promises me a career following college.

TB: Do you find it difficult to have a social life and participate in extracurricular activities?

MB: I am currently in sailing club. I would like to join an intramural sport or a sorority next year. I think it is important to maintain a social life. During the week, I spend most of my time studying but make time on the weekends to spend time with friends.

MSIII Cadet Phillip Gallon is a Junior at St Louis University, and was also a Staff Sergeant in the Active Duty Army prior to ROTC.

TB: What made you join ROTC?

PG: I worked in a special operations unit planning strategic and operational side of missions. I also planned joint operations. Doing this type of work made me realize all the great opportunities that there are for Army Officers.

TB: How do you think ROTC is developing your leadership abilities?

PG: I have already learned a lot of the lessons taught by ROTC when I was in the Active Duty Army. However, I always am looking for things to learn within the program, even if it is ways to improve the program as MSIVs. Another new idea for me is coordinating troop leading procedures with higher level elements.

TB: What are your likes and dislikes about the programs?

PG: I think the Gateway Battalion teaches a lot of very important topics, such as basic Soldier skills, military fundamentals, operations orders, and leadership. One thing that I would like to improve within the program is the delayed communication. However, I understand that as college students, we have many competing demands and communication is an important part of being an Army Officer.

TB: What did you expect from the ROTC program?

PG: I expected the program to be mostly cadre run. For instance, I figured cadre would teach us at weekly labs. Instead, the labs and various other events are run by the MSIVs and MSIIIs. I think this is one beneficial way that the Gateway ROTC program develops leaders.

This September, Gateway BN Cadets conducted a series of training events at Fort Leonard Wood. CDT Bryan Ciccarello, the BN S3 reports on the operational environment:

Cadets began their training at the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST) to prepare them for live fire exercises. The EST range is a digital skills

trainer for the various individual and crew served weapons from the M9 pistol series all the way to AT4s. Cadets participated in preliminary marksmanship instruction and familiarization with the M4s and M203 grenade launchers.



Later at the confidence course, Cadets navigated a variety of individual and team oriented obstacles in order to build confidence in themselves and their squads. After the completion of this event, Cadets enjoyed a hot dinner and occupied the barracks for an evening of operations order lesson briefs; MSIII Cadets had the opportunity to practice their leadership skills, and prepare for the following day of training.

The next morning was an early start; some Cadets woke up as early as 0400. Early wake ups meant that Gateway Battalion could execute a series of lanes on the Field Leadership Reaction Course (FLRC).



This course provides a series of obstacles that Cadets must navigate as a team in order to successfully complete. For MSI Cadet Morgan Brooks this:

“Was my favorite event because I liked how it combined physical toughness and team building.”

On the final day Cadets again rose early for the day's training. At the range, they participated in a morning of familiarization fires with M203 grenade launcher, the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, and the M240B machine gun. Following the completion of the range, Cadets collected their bag lunch and boarded the busses to return home after a busy weekend of training to resume their lives as college students with a whole new set of experiences and a newfound confidence in their comrades, their equipment, and themselves.



Cadet Summer Training

Over summer '14 numerous Cadets at Gateway undertook

summer training around the globe

I went with another Cadet and two Foreign Area Officers (FAO) to Morocco. Capt. Labac (our team leader) was born and raised in Morocco, so we were able to have lunch at his parents house, travel with his brother, and have knowledgeable family-friends show us major cities and cultural sites. We were also able



to meet up with a group of West Point cadets at the US Embassy and USAID office in Rabat. Here, we received a series of briefs from the Defense Attaché and OSC officers. We then flew to Italy where we were able to visit the Italian Field Artillery school near Torino, Italian Infantry school near Rome, see Italian military academy cadets execute offensive operations live-fire lanes in the Alps, Italian military language school in Perugia, and repel/zip line with 2nd year Italian cadets.

- Cadet Thomas Sims MSIII, CULP - AFRICOM



At the NATO School I took courses on NATO Logistics, Civil-Military Interaction, Crisis Management, and a Staff Officer Orientation course. These consisted of lectures by international military personnel, representatives of international organizations,

and instructors from the NATO School itself. While the lectures and courses were both interesting and informative, the true benefit of this trip was in my interactions with my classmates. The courses were attended by military and civilian representatives of the NATO member and partner nations, allowing me to interact with people from thirty to fifty countries each week. The opportunity to learn about the world and the perspectives of other nations on current events was invaluable.

- Cadet Connor Eulberg MSIII, Summer Internship - EUCOM

Letter from the Professor of Military Science

Alumni and friends of the Gateway Battalion welcome to this year's inaugural edition of the Gateway Gazette, the newsletter of the St. Louis Army ROTC Community. As the new Professor of Military Science, please allow me a moment for introductions. I am LTC Chad Callis. I am an armor officer with a variety of experience serving in armor and infantry units. Like the rest of the cadre team, my deployment experiences helped develop my understanding of the demands combat places on the leadership and problem solving abilities of today's Army leaders. Despite only being the PMS since July, I am very impressed with the dedication, leadership abilities, and drive to succeed that our Cadets exhibit each day. I'm confident that the young men and women we will be commissioning through the Gateway Battalion will continue to uphold the high standards set by our alumni.



The Gateway Battalion's ranks have grown over the past semester, with a current population of 96 Cadets, representing nine universities in the St. Louis metro area. As you've seen in the preceding pages, our Cadets have taken advantage of multiple opportunities to further develop their leadership and problem solving skills. These include the Culture and Language Program, the Project Global Officer initiative, Cadet Troop Leader Training, Nurse Summer Training Program, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, Ranger Challenge Team, and the Color Guard. On campus, our Cadets serve as leaders in fraternities, professional organizations, university athletic teams, and with various university community organizations. This is in addition to juggling the demands of being a regular college student. I am extremely proud of our Cadets' dedication, and ability to manage multiple challenges, while still finding time to assist each other in both academics and ROTC.

I sincerely appreciate the assistance we've already received from various Gateway Battalion alumni. It's a hallmark of a good organization when our former members remain dedicated to assisting the development of the current Corps of Cadets. Please contact us if you are interested in assisting our Cadets through providing professional insights, or in some other manner. On another note, we are always challenged with funding Cadets' participation in extracurricular leadership development activities. I encourage you to consider donating to Gateway Battalion Cadet Fund. Your donations are tax deductible if you donate through Washington University's processes. Your entire donation goes directly to fund Cadet activities, travel, and additional leadership development opportunities.

The past few months have produced exciting developments in our Battalion. From the decisions by Washington University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis to grant academic credit for Military Science courses, to Washington University's awarding of room and board grants for Cadet recipients of campus-based and 3-year ROTC scholarships, the relationships with each of our universities continues to strengthen. Additionally, we are in the midst of implementing Cadet Command's curriculum development initiatives, which will result in Cadets who are better prepared to succeed as Army leaders.

In closing, thank you for supporting your Gateway Battalion Cadets. As you already know, these are remarkable young men and women who are the future of our Army. I encourage you to stay up to date on the Gateway Battalion's activities and accomplishments through our website (www.rotc.wustl.edu), and our Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/GatewayROTC>).

- Chad A. Callis, LTC, Professor of Military Science

How Do you Get Involved at Gateway ROTC?

Whether you're a prospective Cadet, a parent interested in what your child does in the ROTC, an alumni wanting to look back in on the program, or help out; we are here to help.

Gateway Battalion

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I'm a prospective Cadet and want to come see some of your training events, who do I get in contact with to schedule that?

Mr Lee Rodriguez in the Gateway admin office can help you schedule a date. His contact details are:

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- lee.e.rodriguez@wustl.edu



I'm a specialist in the National Guard, how do I get involved with ROTC?



Mr Gary Lee is the Program Coordinator and has over 26 years of experience in helping Cadets achieve their goals.

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