

The Chrisman Raider

The Latest Updates on the Chrisman Battalion and Our Cadets

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Cadet DesRosier is on the Right

This past summer our cadets have been very busy with summer training. Cadet DesRosier spent time at the University of Pittsburgh in an immersive language course through Project GO. The program was an eight week course that covered two semesters worth of Russian. She said that it was probably the hardest thing she's ever done academically. However, even through the difficulty of the course, she still came out successful by graduating with an A and a 1+ (advanced beginner) on the OPIc (Oral Proficiency Interview). Great job Cadet DesRosier!

CST OPFOR

Over the summer, cadets Mayer, Siple, Francis, Eisenhower, and Moreno-Vargas aided Cadet Summer Training (CST) as the Opposing Force for the Wolverine stage of field training operations. What this meant was that cadets were the enemy force for the MSIII's going through the lanes. During their time at Fort Knox, they were able to get a first-hand view of CST while also completing some individual training tasks. Everyone was able to complete the rappel tower, the obstacle course, and practiced marksmanship skills with M4's. They also got a few fun days off where they played field games and went to the waterpark. Even though our cadets were there in a support role, they were still able to learn a lot and become better prepared for CST.



From Left to Right Top to Bottom: Cadets Eisenhower, Francis, Siple, Moreno-Vargas, and Mayer in OPFOR Uniforms



Top Photo: Cadet Branz is on the Right



Top Photo: Cadet McGavern on the Obstacle Course



From Left to Right Top to Bottom: Cadets McGavern, Riding, Campbell, Richter, and Keilman

CST and Recondo

The Chrisman Battalion sent six cadets to Fort Knox over the summer to complete Cadet Summer Training. All of them passed and five of them came back with the coveted title of Recondo. Earning Recondo is a difficult achievement and is done so by excellence in individual skills such as marksmanship, field and garrison leadership, land navigation, and many others tasks. The Chrisman Battalion had the highest percent of Recondo Cadets in the nation. Additionally, the Chrisman Battalion had the third highest overall land navigation score in the nation and we were the only program in the nation that had everyone shoot Sharpshooter or better on the rifle qualification. Congratulations to cadets McGavern, Richter, Riding, Branz, and Keilman for earning Recondo as well as Campbell for his graduation.

Air Assault

In June, Cadets Siwek and Kreslins attended Air Assault School. It was located at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Cadet Siwek's favorite portion was learning everything about the aircraft. Cadet Kreslin's really enjoyed rappelling but he said that the people were what truly made the course worth it. Air Assault school is often referred to as "the hardest ten days in the Army" so graduation is a huge achievement for both of them. While at Air Assault School, they were instructed on aircraft performance, sling-load operations, and they rappelled out of a live aircraft. In order to pass, they had to demonstrate knowledge and capability in all of these areas. The school culminates with a twelve mile timed foot march.

Congratulations cadets on earning your wings!



Cadet Siwek is on the left



Cadet Kreslins is on the right