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Esprit De Corps



In light of the Coronavirus outbreak cadets have been finding creative ways, like hiking, to stay connected and fit while maintaining social distancing.



In his capacity as the Vice President of the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, CDT McHale interviewed the former acting DOD Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness. Mr. Carson previously served as the Undersecretary of the Army and the General Counsel of the Army.



Cadets Joo, Nizinski, and Dexter spent their spring break volunteering their time with Habitat for Humanity in Pittsboro, North Carolina.



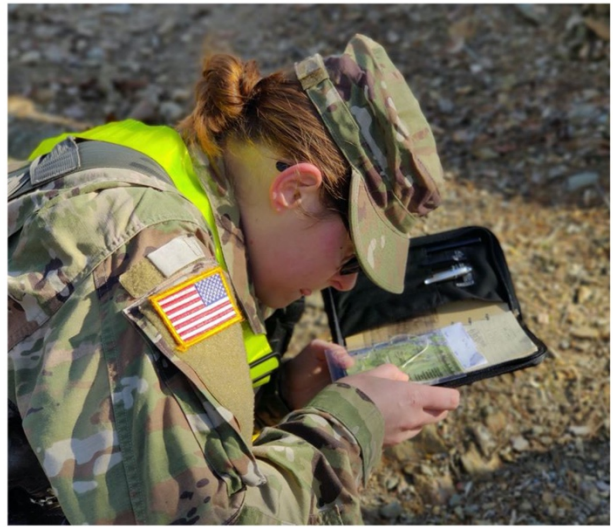
2020 Spring Super Lab



MS3 Cadets spent the first few days of Spring Break engaged in Super Lab where they refined land navigation and resiliency skills in preparation for Advanced Camp.



Congratulations Cadet Murphy, pictured below on the left, for officially contracting and accepting his oath to serve as a future US Army Officer





Military Science Class Projects



This year each cadet class created a project set to give back to the program or local community. Pictured above is the MSI class who volunteered their time to bake challah in support of Challah for Hunger; an organization whose mission is to raise funds supporting hunger relief organizations. The MSII class (pictured in the photo on the left) decided to undertake the massive management of our program's storage facility which required major reorganization. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, the MSIII class was unable to host their class project, the annual RJ Hess 5k Memorial Run, as planned. However, the MSIII class quickly adapted by hosting a virtual 5k run. As a result, cadets, cadre, and alumni all over the world were able to run in remembrance of Captain RJ Hess. Pictured in the upper left corner, is 2LT Kelly's RJ Hess virtual run time, which she completed while stationed in South Korea. The MSIV Class is currently in the process of creating an annual award to be bestowed upon cadets who exemplify the Army Values.



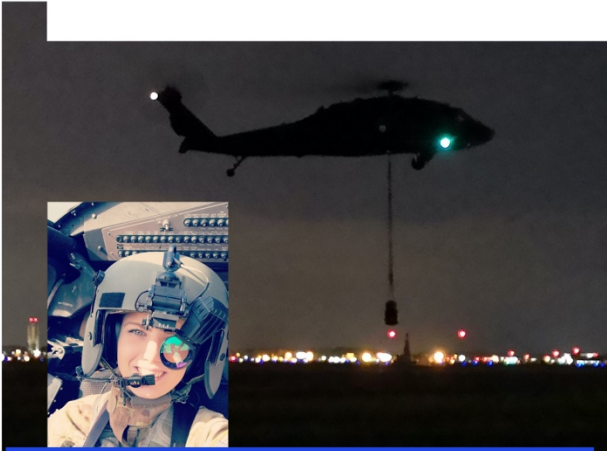
1LT Lee is currently taking care of patients sick with COVID 19 as an ICU Nurse at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. A special thank you from Cavalier Battalion to all of those currently serving in the medical field during this pandemic.

2015 UVA Alum, CPT Penatzer recently graduated Ranger School. After completing one of the most challenging Army Schools her inspiring advice is "How much you achieve is a function of what you believe you are capable of achieving. Don't self-select out of success. If you fail, so what? Whatever your goal is, if it means something to you, thrive on the challenge and NEVER quit."



Pictured here is 1LT Hiles, a 2018 UVA Army ROTC Alumni, and our former Military Science Instructor, SFC Chaulk, who participated in a Live Fire Exercise with 2-502 IN. In 2019 1LT Hiles completed Ranger, Pathfinder and Air Assault School. As a Sapper qualified engineering officer he also competed in the 2019 Best Sapper competition.

Cavalier Battalion Alumni



As an Army Air Assault Aviator 2017 UVA alum and 1LT Salix is trained and proficient in many operator tasks of the UH-60L Blackhawk utility helicopter. The culmination of these tasks lead you to be Readiness Level 1 (RL1) following flight school. The final and more difficult tasks are night vision goggle (NVG) sling load operations and NVG dust landings. Listening to your crew chiefs and increasing your scan are crucial elements of maintaining a safe environment throughout these tasks. In the picture you will find NVG sling load ops at the Richmond International Airport. While her stick buddy took a turn hovering a couple of feet above her head, she was taking her turn as the ground crew, hooking up a 5,000lb wrecking ball to the belly of the airframe. Even now, after all the education she has received, from the Virginia Army National Guard on this aircraft, She is still blown away by some of the amazing things it can do.

1LT Bellew, a 2017 UVA ROTC alumni, recently graduated Flight School and is now with 3rd Combat Aviation brigade at Hunter Army Airfield in the MEDEVAC Company as a section leader.



Pictured is 2017 UVA ROTC Alum, 1LT Bayer, in Kandahar, AFG. 1LT Bayer is currently a LLVI platoon leader supporting 502nd Expeditionary Military Battalion.

Thank you Cavalier 6!

This year Cavalier Battalion will say farewell to Professor of Military Science, LTC Montgomery as he retires after 24 years of service. On behalf of Cavalier Battalion, we would like to thank LTC Montgomery for all of his contributions to the program over the last three years. The success of the cadets that he has helped develop in this program are a reflection of his high expectations and dedication.



"I am thankful for my time as the Cavalier Battalion's Professor of Military Science (this was my only way of ever getting into UVA). My family and I have enjoyed our time in Charlottesville and cheering for the Hoos in various sports. My time with the cadets has been invigorating and uplifting and I couldn't think of a better way to end my Army career. Hopefully you learned a few valuable lessons along the way because I know I learned from you—the cadets. I am confident the future Army will be in great hands because of the quality officers produced at UVA. The juice has definitely been worth the squeeze!" LTC Montgomery



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