



Fall 2020

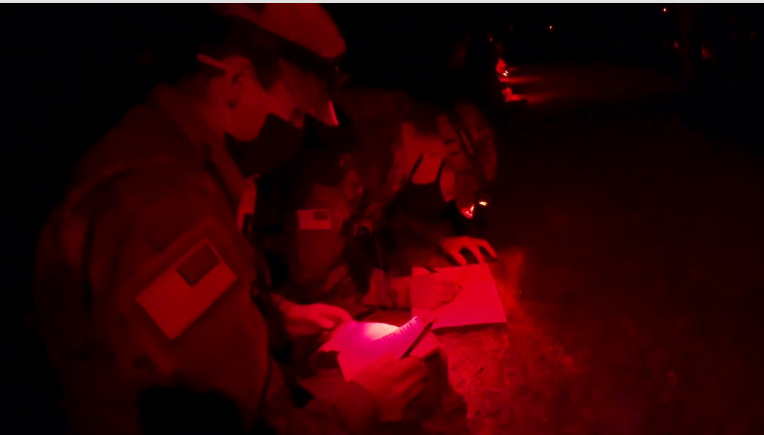
UVA Army ROTC  
Newsletter

This semester has been different than any other. We are so proud of our Cadets for their resilience and positive attitudes. It is because of them that we were able to overcome the difficulties of training while respecting all CDC and Army guidance.

The Cavalier Battalion conducted training in a hybrid format, with class instruction taking place online and Lab/PT taking place in-person while observing all COVID-19 regulations.

**Look at all that we accomplished  
this semester!**

# We executed realistic training,



Pictured above: UVA Cadets used their red lenses, protractors, and compasses to plot their points before conducting night land navigation.



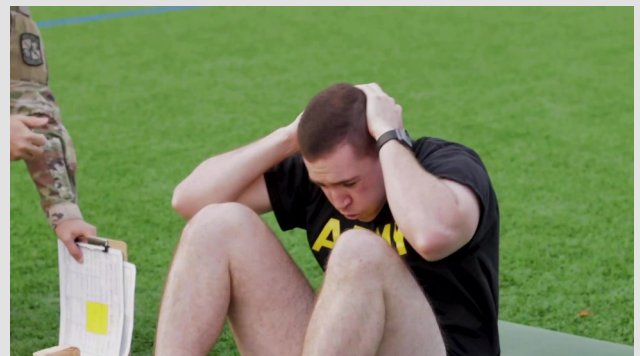
Pictured above: CDT Nizinski, our battalion's Command Sergeant Major for the semester, conducted a situational training exercise (STX) lane. MSIII Cadets trained their squad battle drills this semester.



Pictured above: in week nine, CavBat conducted a tactical combat casualty care lab. At this station, Cadets learned to apply a tourniquet to a dummy. We received valuable instruction from the Virginia National Guard 1-169th MEDEVAC.



# We fulfilled commissioning requirements,



Because Cadet Summer Training was canceled in 2020, MSIV Cadets executed a seven-day joint field training exercise with other Virginia universities to satisfy commissioning requirements. While there, Cadets took a fitness test, qualified on the pop-up range, and conducted platoon operations. During the semester, they finished the remaining events that normally take place at Fort Knox, like the 8 and 12 mile ruck marches.



# We fostered Esprit de Corps,



Pictured above: UVA went to its partner school, LU, to run the Army 10-miler. The event, usually hosted in D.C., went virtual this year.



Pictured above: Cadets Litchfield (left) and Nizinski (right) spent the final days of summer vacation hiking at McAfee Knob along the Appalachian Trail.



Pictured above: MSI and MSII Cadets flew in a Blackhawk with the Virginia National Guard 1-169th MEDEVAC. Dustoff!



# We honored our Veterans,



The Cavalier Battalion joined Cadets from UVA Air Force ROTC and Midshipmen from UVA Naval ROTC in the Amphitheatre. Together, we conducted a 24-hour vigil to pay respect to POW/MIA. Following the vigil, the three Battalions attended a joint ceremony to honor Veterans who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.



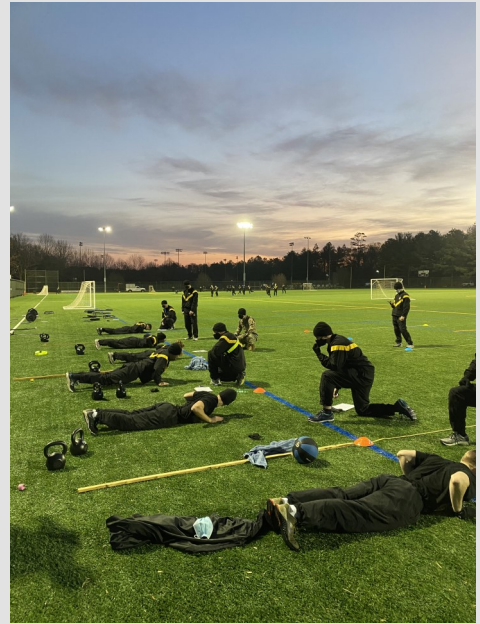
# We conducted a field training exercise,



From 06-08 NOV 20, the Cavalier Battalion, made up of UVA and LU, conducted a field training exercise at Fort Pickett. While there, Cadets learned to operate weapon and communication systems, executed battle drills, and competed in a best squad competition.



# We prepared for the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT),



The Cavalier Battalion began preparing for the Army's new fitness test, which became the Army's official test of record on 20 OCT 20. It has six events, with a maximum score of 600. CDT Dexter, pictured bottom right, achieved a 595. Congrats c/Dexter!



# And we added to our ranks!



Over the course of the semester, we contracted 15 UVA Cadets into the U.S. Army. Joining Army ROTC at UVA is a great way for students to develop their leadership and earn a scholarship. Contact Ms. Susan Kellett-Forsyth at [spk4e@virginia.edu](mailto:spk4e@virginia.edu) to learn more.

# Please welcome our new Professor of Military Science, LTC Peralta, and our new Senior Military Instructor, MSG Shannon.



LTC Geraldo A. Peralta took command of the Cavalier Battalion during the summer before the most unconventional school year to date. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, LTC Peralta empowered CavBat to complete its tactical labs, field training exercise, and physical training.



MSG Brenden Shannon joined the command team this year after he completed time as a First Sergeant at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the 7th Infantry Division. MSG Shannon draws from his experience as a First Sergeant and his time in the 75th Ranger Regiment to help develop Cadets' tactical competencies and leadership attributes.



Let's stay connected! For the latest with the Cavalier Battalion, be sure to check out our website and social media!

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