

NDSU ARMY ROTC



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BISON BATTALION



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From the PMS's Desk

Hello Friends, Family and Alumni of the Bison Battalion,

As I enter my fourth year as the Professor of Military Science I have to reflect a bit on how far we have come. I looked at the Bison Strong Timeline today and saw updates from the last several months of how busy our current students are across the Fargo-Moorhead community and the globe. We have students out there completing BOLC, Ranger School, Flight School and visiting far flung bases and countries. They demonstrate what is great about the program and the University in every single instance.



LTC Ted Preister

My first year here was marked by challenge as we were notified that the program would close in 18 months (we are 20 months past that date and in case you had not heard that threat is long past). I am still so overwhelmed at the amount of support we received during that challenging time and even more amazed at where we stand now. Prior to this year, the most students we ever had contracted to complete the program was 47. On the first day of the semester this year we were at 31 (not significantly lower than previous year starts). As I write this we have 62 and about 8 more to go for the semester and as many as 11-15 next semester. WHAT A TURN AROUND!!! Every day we are contacted by more students, counsellors and parents who are interested. This is really a direct reflection on the students and friends of the Battalion who say great things about us, and more importantly demonstrate those things they have learned from participation in ROTC. A very important team member to recognize is the North Dakota National Guard who brought in a huge freshman class of highly qualified prospects including multiple collegiate athletes and support us frequently with resources like training areas or personnel to assist in training. The Minnesota National Guard and U.S Army Reserve each sent us several Minuteman scholarship students (see page 3) and helped to far surpass the expectations of anyone in the program or any of our headquarters.

Watch out for our Cadets around town if you are in FM, they will be the ones demonstrating character and excellence in all that they do. If you are ever around the Bentson Bunker Field House, please stop by and say hello.

LTC Ted M. Preister

New Cadet Leadership

Since the end of spring semester the newly MSIV's have been hard at work with their new leadership responsibilities. The head shops are as follows:

S1: Andrew Leighton

Is from Minneapolis, goes to NDSU, majoring in Emergency Management, graduates in May of 2017 and plans to stay in the MN National Guard

S2: CDT Gregory Conlin

Goes to NDSU studying Criminal Justice and is from St. Paul, MN. He graduates in May 2017 and will stay in the North Dakota National Guard as an MP.

S4: CDT Jonathan Hwang

Is from Andover, MN studying Industrial Engineering. He graduates in December of 2017 and plans to stay in MN National Guard.

S5: CDT Brian Anderson

Is from Harvey North Dakota studying History Education. He graduates in December of 2017 and will stay in the ND National Guard

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New Contracted Cadets

Minuteman Scholarships

This semester the Bison Battalion had the opportunity contract 30 new cadets, awarding more than any other university in the country, bringing our grand total to 76 cadets, including MSI's, MSII's, MSIII's, and MSIV's. Twenty-nine of which received GRFD or dedicated Guard minuteman scholarships. A Minuteman scholarship is a scholarship from Headquarters U.S Army Cadet Command to qualified nominees of the National Guard and The US Army Reserve, put on by a reserve component that allows for students to attend school while serving their community. In addition, Minuteman Scholarship recipients participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program, which gives them experience with an Reserve component unit. With so many of our soldiers in the SMP program, it allows the Bison Battalion to become stronger than ever with more soldiers than we have ever had. With the addition of new Cadets, we are happy to inform you that this year has been busier than ever.

Congratulations to the new contracted Cadets

Daniella Babatunde: goes to MSUM pursuing a Computer Science degree with a 3.5 year scholarship

Lukas Berndt: goes to NDSU with a Civil Engineering degree with a 4 year scholarship

Jessica Corley: goes to NDSU pursuing a nursing degree with a 3 year scholarship

Jacob Eberle: goes to NDSU with a Agriculture degree with a 4 year scholarship

Jonathon Grunfelder: goes to NDSU with a agriculture major with a 4 year scholarship

Kaitlyn Gura: goes to NDSU pursuing a nursing degree with a 4 year scholarship

Nigel Helley: goes to NDSU pursuing a computer engineering major with a 3.5 year scholarship

Matthew Hendrickson: goes to Concordia for political science with a 3 year scholarship

Kristofer Hochsprung: goes to NDSU for computer science with 4 year scholarship

William Howlett: goes to NDSU for chemistry with a 4 year scholarship

Crysta Krantz: studies criminal justice

at NDSU with a 4 year scholarship

Lucas Kubik: goes to NDSU for landscape architecture with a 4 year scholarship

Austin Lenoue: goes to NDSU for business management with a 3 year scholarship

Elena Lerbakken: goes to NDSU for zoology with a 4 year scholarship

Kyle Martin: goes to Concordia for political science with a 4 year scholarship

Preston Miller: goes to NDSU pursuing mechanical engineering with a 4 year scholarship

Ty Moser: goes to NDSU with a agriculture degree with a 4 year scholarship

Taylor Nein: goes to ndsu with pursuing a civil engineering degree with a 4 year scholarship

Sarah Olson: goes to NDSU pursuing psychology with a year scholarship

Gerardo Ortiz: goes to NDSU for criminal justice with a 2 year scholarship

Rachel Ouren: studies animal science at NDSU with a 3.5 year scholarship

Michael Pegors: is pursuing an education degree From NDSU with a 3.5 year scholarship

Ashley Perez: goes to NDSU for psychology with a 4 year scholarship

Carter Powley: studies education at NDSU with a 4 year scholarship

Thomas Raymond: goes to Concordia for political science with a 4 year scholarship

Tashael Rick: goes to NDSU pursuing a business management degree with a 4 year scholarship

Mathew Schaffner: goes to NDSU pursuing animal science with a 4 year scholarship

Alexis Schneider: goes to NDSU for biology with a 4 year scholarship

Jeremy Schulz: goes to NDSU for electrical engineering with a 4 year scholarship

Darian Slama: goes to NDSU pursuing nursing with a 3.5 year scholarship

Seguy Tchakounte: is getting his masters in applied statistics.

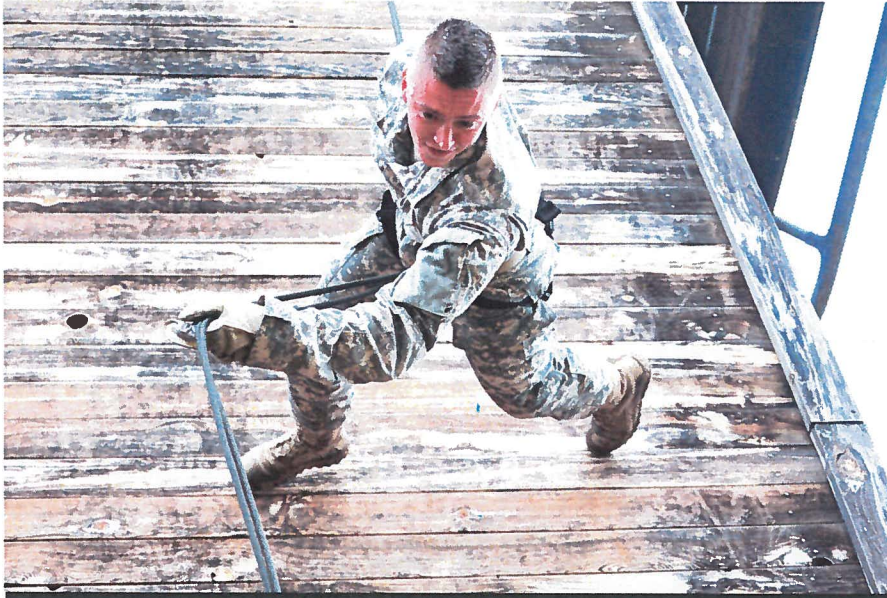
Andrew Walton: goes to NDSU for education with a 2 year scholarship

Jeremy Wesloh: goes to NDSU for criminal justice with a 3.5 year scholarship



Above is a picture of the Bison Battalion at Large after one of our Leadership labs

Camp Grafton Fall FTX



CDT Austin LeNoue attempting to rappel face first at Camp Grafton's rappel tower.

On September 24th the Bison Battalion made their way to Camp Grafton to conduct a field training exercise (FTX). Throughout the weekend the Cadets received hands on training in multiple different areas including: land navigation, rappelling, a team building exercise course, qualifying on a computer simulated program with an M4 along with familiarization with a variety of crew served weapons.

Cadets also received classes on First Aid, basic survival skills and hand signals. Even though the weather wasn't always cooperating with us, Cadets were able to adapt and make the FTX a successful one.

Ranger Challenge



On the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd, part of the Bison Battalion headed over to Camp Ripley, MN to participate in a Ranger Challenge event. The Bison Battalion is excited and proud to announce that the Female Ranger Challenge team finished in second place over other competing schools including University of Minnesota, St. Johns University

Military Ball

Every year the Bison Battalion puts on a military ball inviting Cadets, Cadre, alumni, family members, and special guests. During this event, Cadre take the time to recognize the hard work that Cadets have put forth throughout the semester by presenting them with awards and special recognitions to select individuals. There will be a formal dinner followed by speeches from cadre and special guests followed by a dance to end the night. The Cadets have now started the fundraising process by going around to local businesses seeking donations which will help pay for the event and door prizes. This year, the Military Ball will be held at the Avalon West Event Center. If you would like to attend this event or request more information you can contact us using contact information at the end of this document.



Above is an old picture of the Bison Battalion's Military Ball at the Benson Bunker Field House from 1962

Dakota Monument



Philanthropy

Throughout the course of the semester, the Bison Battalion has a number of philanthropy events that they participate to give back to the community.

Boy Scouts Event:

The Bison Battalion was called upon to support young men in the community and teach them the meaning of American citizenship. Cadets provide insight and guidance on key components of American government, the civil rights, and the duties of its citizens.

Blood Drive:

Every year the Bison Battalion puts on a Blood Drive in order to help wounded soldiers across the globe that need it. It is put on at NDSU and everyone in the area is welcome to join!

Operation Snow Angel:

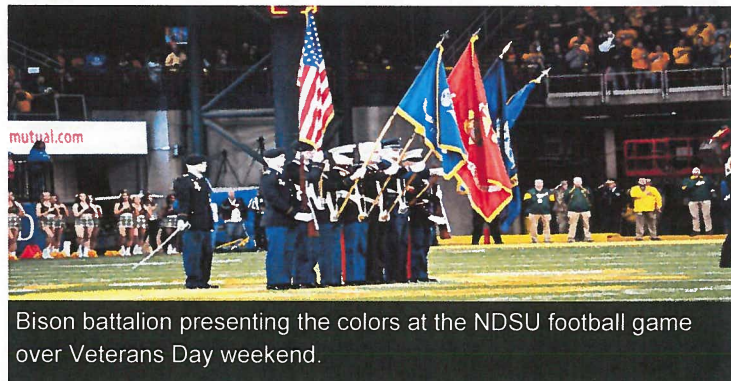
During the winter, the Bison Battalion has a group of individuals that, when it snows, they wake up early to go shovel veterans driveways and sidewalks. We do this to show our appreciation to the service they gave our country!

Over the weekend of October 29th and 30th, individuals from NDSU knocked over the Dakota Monument which is a statue celebrating 100 years of hard work and dedication that the Bison Battalion has put forth. The NDSU police were able to identify the individuals who vandalized the monument within 48 hours and charges are pending the outcome of the investigation.

Damage done to the monument is still being evaluated by the installation company at their workshop. When they reinstall the monument it will be reinforced so that it will not be as easy to knock over in the future.

A special thanks goes out to the NDSU police department for their diligence in identifying the responsible individuals and working with the ROTC program to ensure justice was done.

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Bison battalion presenting the colors at the NDSU football game over Veterans Day weekend.

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