

NDSU ARMY ROTC



Bison Battalion

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State of Bison Battalion

As Cadet Command ramps up celebrations for the 100 year anniversary of ROTC it is a great opportunity to reflect on where the NDSU ROTC program has been and where it is going. Many Alumni reached out a couple years ago when it was announced that the program would be closing after the 2014-2015 school year. I am happy to announce that that has been completely removed from consideration and this year the program will commission seventeen new lieutenants into three different State's National Guards and four branches of the Army on active duty. We have similar prospects for both of the next two years and a strong

freshman class with the most diverse array of students in any class within recent memory. That class will see us out to our one hundred twenty fifth year of military training conducted at the university. I hope you all enjoy seeing what the Battalion is up to and encourage you all to follow our social media updates as well as stop by the Benton Bunker if you are around campus.

-LTC Ted Preister



2016 ROTC Military Ball

Each year Bison Battalion puts on a military ball to foster comradery among Cadets and their families, honor outstanding service and hard work with the presentation of medals and ribbons, and recognize the bright futures of the senior class who will be commissioning into their respective branches at the end of the year. This year the military ball will be held at Avalon West Event Center in Fargo. There will be a formal dinner, a speech by the Chief of Staff of the Minnesota NG Colonel John Kolb, and a dance at the end with door prizes. Cadets are currently carrying out fundraising for the ball by contacting local businesses for donations. If you would be interested in attending, contact us using one of the methods below.

100 Year Anniversary

The North Dakota State University Army ROTC program will be celebrating 100 years of operation this spring with the construction of a monument on the NDSU campus. The monument will show the Bison Battalion's pride in the Lieutenants it produces for the United States Army. The ceremony will be held on Saturday the 16th of April. The Cadets have raised over \$4000 but still have about \$1500 to go. Contact us if you would like to help.



A similar example of our monument. Check Facebook soon for renderings from the artist.

2015-2016 Senior Class

Ryan Doblak - After commissioning as an Engineer with the ND NG, Ryan will work as a Field Engineer with Mortenson Construction. (2nd row, 3rd from left)

Josh Baneck - After commissioning as an ADA officer in the ND NG, Josh will be looking for a job as an Agricultural Engineer, working with machinery. (1st row, 2nd from left)

Cody Zikmund - Cody will commission in December and will be a Platoon Leader for a mechanized infantry unit in the MN NG. He will be looking for a career with a Bachelors Degree in Emergency Management. (1st row, 4th from left)

Geminette Palencia - Gem has received an Engineering Active Duty slot. She plans on traveling between commissioning and BOLC. (Not pictured)

Erik Nyquist - After commissioning in Military Intelligence, Erik will have a rotation at the National Training Center. He hopes to have a career in network security or operations research in the civilian sector. (2nd row, 1st on left)

Aaron Boe - Aaron will commission as an Engineer Officer for the 818th Engineer Company in the ND NG. He plans on a career in banking or business. (1st row, 5th from left)

Joshua Fergel - Josh will be commissioning as an Active Duty Air Defense Artillery officer and will be headed to Fort Sill for ADA-BOLC. (2nd row, 4th from left)

August Nuutinen - After August commissions he will continue into the NDSU Pharmacy program. After that he will have four more years of school to complete his Medical Doctor License in Pharmacy. August will then work in an Army hospital. (1st row, 3rd from left)

Tyler Fergel - Tyler will be commissioning in December of 2016 and hopes to be assessed for Active Duty. After the Army he hopes to attend Law School or pursue a Master's Degree in International Relations. (Not pictured)



David Adrian - David will continue his education in the NDSU Pharmacy program after commissioning. (2nd row, 7th from left)

Mitchel Welinski - Mitch will branch Armor and be working with the MN NG. With a Bachelors Degree in Crop and Weed Science, he will be working as crop consultant in Minnesota. (2nd row, 5th from left)

David Ballard - David will commission into the Field Artillery branch. He will complete schooling and courses to earn a law enforcement job in MN. (1st row, 1st on left)

Mitch Rosendahl - Mitch will commission in the MN NG as an Engineer Officer. He will graduate with a Civil Engineering degree and hopes to eventually apply for a Professional Engineer License. (2nd row, 2nd from left)

Kasey Lynn - After commissioning Kasey will be headed to Fort Gordon for Signal BOLC. He will then be moving to Portland, Oregon. (2nd row, 6th from left)

Gunner Vraa - After commissioning Gunner will have four more years of Dental School. He will then become a dentist in the Army National Guard. He plans on owning his own practice down the road. (Not pictured)

Fall Field Training Exercise

