COMMISSIONING CLASS OF 2021

Congratulations to our commissioning and graduating class!

Lucy Belden (RPI)
Timothy Cieslak (RPI)
Noah Cohen (RPI)
Marie Cuvillier (RPI)
Patrick Connerney (RPI)
Collin Bresett (Union)
Eli Nicholson (Union)
Graham Tilkemeier (Union)
Adam Branch (Siena)
Kacie Oliver (Siena) *
Jarod Pollack (UAlbany)
Andrew Hur (UAlbany)
Kevin Castro (UAlbany)
Kevin Metz (ACPHS)
Devon Bosco-Johnson (St. Rose) *

Commissioning Ceremony will be on 5 June 2021.

* End of Camp Commissioning Lieutenants

THE MOHAWK BATTALION AT THE JFTX 2021
FORT DRUM, NEW YORK

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Due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, all Battalion labs were moved to take place on one Saturday per month at the 42nd Infantry Division. Cadets practiced infantry tactics and ran lanes for platoon ambush, platoon attack, platoon raid, and patrol base operations. Cadets also practiced land navigation and marksmanship skills at the smokeless range.

At weekly company PT, cadets exercised to maintain physical readiness and to prepare for the various PT tests throughout the semester. For St. Patrick’s Day in March, Siena cadets from Alpha Company held an all green sports PT in the Siena Marcelle Athletic Complex (MAC). Throughout the semester, the companies worked hard and trained by doing cardiovascular and strength exercises as well as company ruck marches.
In order to test physical strength and endurance, Mohawk cadets took various PT tests this semester. Cadets began by taking the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) in March of 2021. This test consists of 2 minutes of push-ups, 2 minutes of sit-ups, and a timed 2 mile run.

Next, cadets took the Army Occupational Physical Assessment Test (OPAT) in April. The OPAT consists of 4 events: the standing long jump, the seated power throw, the strength deadlift, and the interval aerobic run.

Lastly, Mohawk cadets took the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) in early May. This test consists of 6 events: the repetition strength deadlift, the standing power throw, the arm extension push-up, the sprint drag carry, the leg tuck, and the 2 mile run.

Mohawk cadets trained throughout the semester to complete both the 8 mile individual ruck march and the 12 mile individual ruck march. Cadets went to the Mohawk River Trail in Schenectady, NY to ruck 8 miles in April of 2021 and to ruck 12 miles later that same month.

Pictured above is CDT Mason completing the 12 mile ruck. Below is CDT Bisaccia and CDT Borelli just before completing the 8 miler.
This year’s Ranger Challenge team trained long and hard to compete at the annual 2nd BDE ROTC Ranger Challenge competition at Joint Base Dix-McGuire, New Jersey. The team was one of over 27 schools competing this year.

Lead by team captain, CDT Andrew Kazmer (RPI), the team worked on physical fitness, weapons assembly, rucking, Combat Casualty Care, and general teamwork to secure a third place win!

Congratulations Mohawk Rangers!
Mohawk Battalion Army SROTC is devoted to developing students into Army officers. Since there are leadership skills that cannot be taught in a classroom, once a semester we conduct a field training exercise (FTX). During this weekend, cadets are fully immersed in a tactical environment and learn to operate as a cohesive unit to complete missions. This spring, Mohawk Battalion teamed up with cadets from Cornell University, Clarkson University, and University of Syracuse to conduct a joint FTX at Fort Drum.
**LUNCH WITH CSM CAYWOOD**

Brigade Command Sergeant Major, CSM Caywood stopped by Siena college on April 22nd, 2021 to have lunch and speak with Mohawk cadets. CSM Caywood gave great advice to our future 2nd Lieutenants and answered questions about the Army and how to be a better leader. CDT Lapham was awarded a coin for his hardwork and dedication to ROTC.

**JOINT SERVICE AWARD CEREMONY (JSAC)**

The Joint Service Award Ceremony (JSAC) is a time each year where the Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC units come together to honor extraordinary cadets with military awards. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, JSAC had to be done separately from other ROTC programs. Multiple cadets from each company were honored by receiving awards after completing the ACFT, which was our last training event of the semester.

Congratulations to all the awardees!
PICTURES FROM SPRING 2021

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