

MOHAWK ARMY ROTC



Mohawk Battalion Army ROTC Spring 2022 Newsletter



C/BC&CSM OPENING REMARKS



My name is Cadet Riley, Senior Cadet at Siena College. This semester I had the privilege of serving the Mohawk Battalion as its Cadet Battalion Commander alongside Cadet Command Sergeant Major Spaulding, and Cadet Major Chasse, my Executive Officer. The Spring Semester acts as a final progression phase towards all relevant Cadet Summer Training (CST) at Fort Knox, Kentucky (Basic Camp, Advanced Camp) that Mohawk Battalion Cadets take part in. As such, training is enhanced to adequately prepare Mohawk cadets to continually strive at CST, and represent the Mohawk Battalion, and the Freedom Brigade well in their endeavors at Fort Knox. This semester the Mohawk Battalion performed Platoon Situational Training Exercise "Lanes" at a pair of Superlabs (all-day training events) that served as graded indicators of progress for Junior Cadets towards preparing for their training at CST. The culminating training event of the semester was the Spring Field Training Exercise held at Fort Drum, New York. For this exercise, the Mohawk Battalion Command and Staff team led the planning of the event, accompanied by our mission partners in Task Force New York, including Syracuse, Clarkson, and Cornell universities. Junior Mohawk Cadets trained in Platoons alongside Cadets from other universities while simultaneously being evaluated on their leadership capabilities, and performed exceptionally well. Freshman and Sophomore cadets gained invaluable training experience that they will utilize throughout the rest of their ROTC careers. Our Ranger Challenge Team that finished Second Place in the Fall Brigade Competition participated in the Sandhurst Military Skills Competition at West Point, New York, and represented the Mohawk Battalion admirably. Mohawks also took on the new, and final version of the Army Combat Fitness Test, a challenging physical fitness test that simulates physical capabilities needed in combat capacities, and well exceeded the standards expected of them. Lastly, the Mohawk Battalion was privileged to host a series of Senior Officers that interacted with Mohawk Cadets providing invaluable guidance that will help them progress in their careers, including 2nd Brigade Commander - Colonel Daffins, and the TRADOC Deputy Chief of Staff - Major General Daniels. Ultimately, this past semester has been an emphatic success for the Cadets in the Mohawk Battalion, and the development that this position has offered me has been immense. I leave the Mohawk Battalion confident that the Cadets that will serve after us will be fully equipped to confidently commission as excellent 2nd Lieutenants in the United States Army in the years to come. Go Mohawks!

c/BC Quillan Riley

Siena College

Mohawks,

Congratulations on completing another year and making advances on your future careers as an Army Officer. This past semester was a great example of what it takes to be a Mohawk Cadet. We were all faced with the common and consistent battle of balancing academics as well as the needs of the Battalion. Nearly every week this semester there was a Battalion event, either it be a Company Competition, a Superlab or the culminating event of our Joint Field Training Exercise at Fort Drum. Not to mention the rigors of early morning physical training and the constant learning of what it takes to be an Army Officer... My Dad often reminds me daily with the famous quote of "If it were easy, everyone would be doing it." This path I chose along with every other contracted Mohawk Cadet would agree it's not easy, hence why we're only a select few from six different Universities and Colleges. This pathway to commissioning as an Army Officer has pushed us to new limits we never imagined. I know you will all continue to push each other to new limits and leave the Battalion stronger than when you found it. I wish you all the best of luck on your future endeavors and will see you all on the battlefield one day.

c/CSM Dylan Spaulding

University of Albany

COMMISSIONING CLASS 2022

MAY 14, 2022

- Alexandra Bisaccia, Medical Services (VTNG)
- Mark Borelli, Cyber (Active Duty)
- Brandon Chasse, Aviation (Active Duty)
- John B. Douglas IV, Infantry (Active Duty)
- Catherine Foley, Infantry (Active Duty)
- Alan Glasser, Signal Corps (SCNG)
- Andrew Kazmer, Infantry (Active Duty)
- William Lee, Ordnance (NYNG)
- Steven Lynn, Engineer Corps (Active Duty)
- Ninamarie Macagnone, Field Artillery (Active Duty)
- Spencer Mason, Military Intelligence w/Infantry Detail (Active Duty)
- Quillan Riley, Signal Corps (Active Duty)
- Farrah Sanford, Field Artillery (Active Duty)
- Jevon Schmitz, Aviation (Active Duty)
- Dylan Spaulding, Armor (Active Duty)

ALPHA COMPANY



Alpha Company cadets have shown their willingness to work inside and outside the classroom. Whether it be their willingness to go the extra mile with classes on tactics to ensure that the MS3s are well prepared for Advanced Camp or giving a hundred and twenty percent effort at PT, the new cadets came ready to work this semester. They made great strides in their physical fitness and academics. In addition, alpha cadets used their competitive nature to motivate other cadets to perform well, showing their improvement throughout the semester. As a result, alpha cadets have so much to look forward to in the future to advance their skills. In addition, Alpha Co. has provided cadets with essential leadership skills to help them in their future endeavors.

c/CPT Alan Glasser

BRAVO COMPANY



This semester Bravo Company cadets showed a great deal of morale and dedication. Being a Bravo cadet is a unique challenge because of the rigorous academic challenges thrown at us as many of us are RPI students. However, that doesn't stop us from showing up at morning PT motivated and ready to put forth our best efforts everyday. Whether it be at PT or in the classroom, we hold each other accountable for doing the best we can everyday. We may be the smallest company in the Mohawk Battalion, but we have still been able to show above average performance on PT tests. This goes to show that although we may be small in numbers, we have everlasting drive and motivation. The bonds shared by Bravo cadets are strong due to the small team we have. Another morale booster Bravo had this semester was a healthy amount of competition during PT. Whether that be a bit of racing during a sprint workout or the full PT competition we had to end the semester. These kinds of activities were able to turn a tiring workout into a fun morning to start off the day with our team.

As a result of continuous hard work and discipline Bravo cadets have seen considerable improvements to their physical fitness, confidence levels, and knowledge base. Our Cadets were challenged during this semester to draw forth these attributes in harsh conditions during our superlabs and field training exercises, which further cemented these traits into our cadets' character. These experiences will enable many of our Bravo cadets to take these values into the U.S. Army as members of the next generation of leadership and cause our force to become more effective, and efficient Army officers.

CHARLIE COMPANY



This past semester Charlie Company gained a few new cadets that proved to strengthen the morale and overall cohesion of the company. There was a major focus on cardio and overall physical fitness as we sought to have a majority of ACFT passing scores. Classes were held at the end of PT to ensure the readiness of our cadets at labs and the Spring joint FTX. The constant eagerness and positivity that the cadets brought to every PT and battalion event. As a company, Charlie has faced and grown so much together and we wish the best of luck to our commissioning cadets as they become officers.

c/CPT Farrah Sanford

TAYLOR TROPHY

Each semester Cadets from Mohawk Battalion compete against the Local Navy and Air Force ROTC programs. This year Mohawk Army ROTC won first place with a strong showing in all events.

Events:

Athletic Competition: Navy

Tug of War: Army

Soccer: Army

Rankings:

1st Place: Army

2nd Place: Navy

3rd Place: Air Force



BATTLE STAFF RIDE GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD



Each semester, MSIV Cadets participate in an event called Battle Staff Ride where they must research a specific battle in depth and give a presentation on a leader who is deemed to have played a critical role. This year Mohawk Battalion visited Gettysburg Battlefield with the support of generous donors.



RANGER CHALLENGE

CAPTAIN'S NOTE



Each year, the 8 brigades within the United States Army Cadet Command gather to hold regional competitions in order to identify the 16 best Ranger Challenge teams nationwide. These competitions include physical and mental challenges that put the military skills, individual resolve, and the leadership of each team to the test. 2nd Brigade's competition in Fort Dix, New Jersey is held annually in October, and is composed of 10 events spread over three days. Mohawk Battalion competes among 45 teams, and in the spring of 2021 placed 3rd overall. In Fall of 2021 the team improved to 2nd overall, earning a spot at the Sandhurst military skills competition, held at the United States Military Academy.

The team members of the Mohawk Ranger Challenge team are drawn from all three companies, and are students from Siena College, Union College, SUNY Albany, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Additionally, the team is composed of Cadets from every cohort, freshman to senior. The diverse experience and knowledge of team members enables the team to tackle new situations effectively, and has undoubtedly contributed to its success.

After qualifying in the fall competition the team started a new block of training, focusing on fitness and the new skills that would be required to complete the Sandhurst competition. The Sandhurst competition would be unlike anything the team had previously experienced, including 19 events in less than 36 hours, with approximately 25 miles of ruck marching between events. Day one events at the Sandhurst competition included one-rope bridge, weapons assembly, functional fitness, gas mask run, communications, burden, work capacity, tactical combat casualty care, grenade assault course, zodiac, call for fire, and a two ruck marches. The day two events included an obstacle course, rifle marksmanship, grenade launcher marksmanship, pistol marksmanship, and the culminating "Crucible" event. Each of these events lasted approximately 30 minutes, immediately followed by a 30 minute march to the next event.

The Mohawk team had several strong performances, placing fifth in one-rope bridge with a time of 4:02, and rallying after a challenging gas mask run for an excellent communications lane which included radio assembly and programming. Following was a casualty evacuation up and down a hill. On day two, the team performed well in both the M320 grenade launcher and M17 pistol ranges. The team performed with distinction, fighting for every second and every point. The event also provided a learning experience for the team. The Mohawk battalion had not qualified for the competition in over a decade, and as a result the team went into the event unsure of what to expect or how to prepare. Moving forward from the 2021-2022 season, the team stands ready to crush the 2nd Brigade competition and return to Sandhurst.

The team that qualified in the fall of 2021 included Ranger Challenge Captain Kellyanne Cahill (Siena), Patrick Best (RPI), Sarah Rule (Siena), Andrew Kazmer (RPI), Dylan Spaulding (UAlbany), Joseph Harris (UAlbany), William Lapham (Union), Benjamin Daniels (Union), Farrah Sanford (UAlbany), Gregory Kotlyarsky (RPI), Max Fiducia (Siena), and Brandon Chasse (RPI). For the Spring competition, the team added Cadets Angela Fini (Siena), Clayton Garland (Union), and Brendan O'Connor (Siena).

Ranger Challenge Captain
Cadet Kellyanne Cahill

SANDHURST COMPETITION 2022

WEST POINT, NY



Over the course of 2 grueling days (29-30 April), the Mohawk Battalion composed of Cadets from Siena College, RPI, UAlbany, and Union College competed with 48 teams from around the world, military service academies, and other Senior ROTC programs. This competition covered over 24 miles of road marching and 17 military skills events testing their ability to work as a team, solve problems, and all with less than 4 hours of sleep. Although they placed overall 40th, the **Mohawk** Battalion completed every event with courage and honor. The competition ingrained into the team a spirit of cooperation and our core values of duty, honor, and country. All came back with their shields!

SPRING JOINT FTX

Joint FTX during the Spring semester consisted of four days at Fort Drum, New York

- **Focuses**

- Prepare MSIII Cadets for Cadet Summer Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky
- Develop strategies for peer leadership
- Hands on experience and practice with platoon level tactics
- Problem solve with Cadets from other ROTC programs, many of which it was their first time meeting. This required teamwork and trust in order to complete the mission



CADET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The Cadet Professional Development Training (CPDT) program offers Cadets unique training opportunities annually. These opportunities are designed to further develop Cadets and in some cases provide them with functional skills. Below are the list of cadets participating in the CPDT program

Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT)	Cadet Advanced Individual Training (CAIT)	Internships
CDT Kellyanne Cahill (Hawaii)	CDT Angela Fini (Air Assault)	CDT Thomas Moe (Army Testing & Evaluation Center)
	CDT Andrew Hong (Air Assault)	CDT Peter Agate (Nursing – Hawaii)
	CDT Sarah Rule (Air Assault)	CDT Sebastian Rossi (Legal)
	CDT Benjamin Daniels (Robin Sage)	CDT Samuel Duke (Finance)



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