

University of Memphis Army Reserve Officer Training Corps

Tiger Pride Newsletter

Commander's Corner

Special points of interest:

- Tiger Battalion hosts the annual Boy Scouts Venture Day
- Messages from the PMS and Cadet Commander
- Army ROTC contracts new cadets and commissions new officers this semester
- Take a look into Army ROTC training

Welcome to the first edition of the Tiger Battalion newsletter! What a great semester. We welcomed home our Cadets from rewarding and challenging summer training opportunities – 9 LDAC graduates, 2 LTC graduates, 5 Airborne School graduates, 3 Air Assault School graduates, and 3 from Cultural Immersion programs in the Baltic States and India. Then integrated new Cadets into our Tiger family. We focused on the basics and started building a great team. We trained as individuals and squads during leadership labs and our fall training

exercise at Camp McCain. Our Ranger Challenge team performed very well, scoring in the top third of all brigade schools. We held fundraisers and hosted a venture day for local high school students, demonstrating pride in our organization and the US Army. The semester concluded by welcoming a new Lieutenant into our great Army – congratulations 2LT Lewallen! At every turn, Tiger Cadets rose to the challenge and demonstrated their teamwork, professionalism, physical fitness, and proficiency in warrior tasks. The Cadre and I are extremely



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proud of each and every one of you. Continue to strive for academic excellence, physical and mental toughness, and living the Army values.

Tiger Pride! Army Strong!

LTC Kimberly Cowen

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Army ROTC Stipend Information

One of the many benefits that Army ROTC has to offer contracted cadets is a monthly stipend. The monthly stipend amount varies for each military science class and is paid to cadets by a two-part payment each month. The funds are automatically deposited into the cadets' checking account.

STIPEND AMOUNTS

CLASS	AMOUNT
FRESHMAN	\$300
SOPHOMORE	\$350
JUNIOR	\$450
SENIOR	\$500



Venture Super Day 2010

On Friday, 19 November 2010, the University of Memphis Army ROTC program hosted the annual Boy Scouts of America Super Venture Day sponsored by the local Chickasaw Council.

Over 250 students from local city and county schools participated in the event that lasted from 9 am to 1 pm. Students from local high schools, including over 100 students from Cordova High School, were all JROTC cadets.

The cadets were divided into approximately 10-man teams then led through a number of team building events throughout the day. Venture Day included events



2LT Millican provides a glimpse of one of the many trophies awarded by the Chickasaw Council.

such as: fireman carry, water jug relay, tarp fold, spider web, pull-up competition, and push-up competition.

Army Senior ROTC Cadets and Reserve and National Guard Soldiers from local recruiting stations judged these competitions. Participants were provided lunch cour-

tesy of the Chickasaw Council and top performers were rewarded at the end of the event. While Cordova High School took home the award for best participation, White Station High School won first place.

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From the Cadet Commander

The fall 2010 semester has marked a great success for the University of Memphis Tiger Battalion. Our Ranger Challenge team drastically improved their performance in the all-new 7th Brigade "Bold Warrior" Challenge competition at Ft. Knox, KY ranking 14th out of 48 teams. We conducted the first Boy Scout Venture Day that has enabled our battalion to improve community outreach specifically towards those JROTC cadets intending to attend college or join the Army. We achieved maximum participation during our first car wash fund raiser, amounting to \$940 that will go towards upcoming events. Our battalion FTX has been yet another victory that has allowed our cadets to train in scenarios with the benefit of being placed in a field environment. The APFT scores from last semester have shown improvement, and I challenge all cadets to continue to maintain and strengthen themselves physically which will then, in return, increase mental agility and endurance. With a new year

we must outline new goals for ourselves. For the spring 2011 semester, my goal is to see each MS I/II achieve at least a 225 on the APFT with 75/75/75 in each event and the MS III/IVs achieve a 270 with 90/90/90 in each event. Aside from physical fitness, I challenge each of you to also better yourselves academically. I propose that each cadet strive to achieve a GPA above a 3.0 for next semester, while exhibiting perfect attendance in all classes and Tiger Battalion events. As we move into this new year, keep in mind all of those future officer tasks that set you above the standard such as time management, staying proactive, involvement, maintaining organization, and above all the camaraderie amongst our fellow cadets. I look forward to fulfilling all of these new expectations for this new semester. As always Tiger Pride, Army Strong!

Your Fearless Leader,
William S. DeClue
C/LTC



C/LTC WILLIAM DECLUE
Cadet Battalion Commander

Semester Calendar

11 JAN
FIRST CADET
TRAINING MEETING

13 JAN
FIRST DAY OF
CLASS AT U OF M

14 JAN
FIRST DAY OF
MANDATORY PT

24-27 FEB
JOINT FTX

7-11 MAR
SPRING BREAK

25-27 MAR
BATTALION FTX

ARMY PT SESSIONS
MON, WED, FRI
0600-0715

REMEDIAL PT
TUE and THUR
0600-0715

LEADERSHIP LAB
EVERY THURSDAY
1430-1630

New Cadets Commit to Becoming Future Officers

Each year young Americans step up and make the commitment to become future officers in the United States Army through the Army ROTC Program at the University of Memphis. During the fall contracting ceremony, 14 cadets took the oath of enlistment and made a goal to one day commission as an officer and lead soldiers, America's most precious resource.

Newly contracted cadets include freshmen, sophomores, and juniors

from the University of Memphis and Rhodes College. When contracting with the Army ROTC program, cadets are eligible for many benefits to include monthly stipends and semester book stipends. Some of these newly contracted cadets are even enlisted soldiers in the Army Reserve or National Guard. It just goes to show, that there are many ways to become a leader in the United States Army.

Congrats Cadets!!



Cadets show off their first gold bar after the contracting ceremony. They will receive the second bar upon commissioning their senior year.

Another Officer is Commissioned at U of M

In December, Cadet Lewallen took his final step into officer-ship. The day before graduating with a history degree from the University of Memphis, 2LT Taylor Lewallen stood in his

very own commissioning ceremony. 2LT Lewallen served as an enlisted soldier in the Army Reserve for several years. He commissioned as an officer in the Engineer Branch and will

attend Engineer BOLC at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He chose his parents to pin on his first set of gold bars and his fraternity brother, a Lance Corporal in the Marine Corps, for his first salute as an officer in the United States Army. 2LT Lewallen is now officially an officer and will have the privilege of leading America's soldiers.

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2LT Lewallen stands proud as his parents, Pat and Jim, pin on his gold bars and Lieutenant shoulder boards at the commissioning ceremony in December.

A Look into Tiger Field Training

At least once a semester, the Tiger Battalion travels down to Camp McCain near Grenada, MS to conduct field training exercises. These exercises include a number of activities such as: land navigation, squad tactical exercises, patrol base opera-

tions, and even a little field craft and survival training. Cadets enjoy spending time outdoors, sometimes even over night.

During the spring semester, the Tiger Battalion participates in the Joint FTX, a much larger scale exercise involving ROTC

programs from Mississippi and Alabama. This FTX prepares our juniors to succeed at LDAC in the summer.

An FTX is a great learning tool for cadets on warrior skills necessary to successfully lead troops.



Cadets get pumped up to go train on squad tactics in the woods at Camp McCain.

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The Tiger Battalion at the University of Memphis was founded in the spring of 1982. It was first established as an extension center of the University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawk Battalion. CPT Dane L. Woytek was the first Professor of Military Science as commander of the Army ROTC extension center. In the fall of 1982, Army ROTC at Memphis State University was granted host status and ceased to be an extension program. LTC David C. De Grange was assigned as the Professor of Military Science in July 1983. The first commissioning ceremony was held in the University Center's Ballroom in December 1983.

Since 1983, the program has included students from Christian Brothers University, Rhodes College, Southwest Tennessee Community College, and Lemoyne Owen College. Students from all of these schools are given the opportunity to enroll in Army ROTC at the University of Memphis.

In 1986, Army ROTC at Memphis State was designated the Memphis State Tiger Battalion. In 1994, the University of Memphis was renamed the University of Memphis. Today the battalion remains the University of Memphis Tiger Battalion.

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TOP APFT SCORES

	Male	Female
MS I	Ford, C. Moss	Smathers
MS II	Pernia	Marr
MS III	Allen Casey Tellez	Kruger
MS IV	Pritchett Stanford	Rundle

Tiger Cadets have Fun on Halloween Run

The PT session that falls closest to Halloween is always reserved for a special occasion at the University of Memphis Army ROTC Tiger Battalion. Cadets and Cadre gather for PT in their best costumes to take a battalion run around campus.

It is a time for everyone to show their creative side to their fellow teammates. It is always interesting to see what everyone comes up with for their own costumes whether they are purchased from a store, composed of things just laying around the house, or made from scratch.

At the end of the run cadets are judged on who has the best costume. The top three costumes are rewarded with gift certificates and other goodies provided by the battalion.

This year, Cadet Anthony Ford took first place with his awesome costume and homemade ax prop. The previous two years, Cadet Michael Metz took first. The last time Cadet Metz won the competition he came dressed as the Walt Disney cartoon character, Goofy. Everyone always looks forward to this PT session.



Army ROTC gathers every year for an annual Halloween fun run where cadets dress in costumes.
Pictured (L-R) Cadets Gdula, Kruger, and Liley.