

University of Memphis Army Reserve Officer Training Corps

Tiger Pride Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- A message from the PMS
- Tiger Battalion says "Farewell" to one of its Cadre members
- Get a look into upcoming training events
- ROTC awards for deserving Cadets and Midshipmen
- See what it takes to top the National Order of Merit List

Another great semester! Tiger Cadets can look back with pride on everything they accomplished this semester. The MS IIIs represented the battalion well during the joint FTX where they trained with eight other schools. All Cadets trained hard on land navigation and squad tactics during our first-ever battalion FTX at Camp Robinson. The semester ended on a great note when we commissioned 9 Lieutenants into our Army. Congratulations to those who commissioned and welcome to the profession of arms.

This summer, we're sending Cadets off to challenging training. Our MS IIIs are trained and ready for the Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, Washington. While other Cadets will jump out of

airplanes, rappel from helicopters, and immerse themselves in the culture of other countries. All hooah Army training!

Enjoy your summer break. Set goals for yourself, both physically and mentally. Remember the Army values and that you are always an ambassador for the Army, the University of Memphis, and the Tiger Battalion. Come back in the fall, ready to lead this battalion, build upon our successes, and integrate our incoming class of 2015 into the Tiger family.

The Cadre and I are very proud of what you are doing in the ROTC program, on campus, and in our community. Be it academics, athletics, fitness, volunteerism, or social activities.....you continue to impress



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us. We appreciate the effort and commitment you have put forth into becoming an Army officer. Continue to make effective use of your time in ROTC to develop your leadership abilities to the fullest potential possible – your future Soldiers deserve nothing less.

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 Cadet's checking account.

STIPEND AMOUNTS

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



A Night of Dining Out for Tiger Cadets

On Saturday 9 April, Tiger Cadets and Cadre enjoyed their annual dining out in the University Center ballroom.

Cadets, family, and friends enjoyed great food and a very entertaining evening centered around a guest speaker, class skits, and the always “not-so” pleasing grog bowl. The night was full of fines and trips to the grog. Congratulations to our MS IVs and MS Vs who outdid themselves with a terrible tasting grog while honoring their respective branches.



Table runners provide dessert to their tables at the annual Military Ball in the University Center Ballroom.

Our seniors are the ones that made it all possible. MC Cadet Dickey did a great job leading the event while Mr. Vice Cadet Casey worked hard at keeping the crowd entertained. Thanks to Cadet Rehbein for planning the event two years in a row.

It was a very memorable evening with the Tiger family. What a great way to build camaraderie in the unit.

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LTC Brunt says “Farewell”

Tiger Battalion,

I want to take a moment to let you all know that I am leaving my position within the Tiger Battalion. I will be starting a new position with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) next month. Unfortunately, I will have to move to the DC area.

I have enjoyed my tenure here and appreciate having had the opportunity to work with our excellent cadre and to be an instructor for some of the best “future Officers” in the Army. Thank you all for the respect, support, guidance, and encouragement that you have given me during my time here at the University of Memphis.

I will cherish the times we all have spent together either in class, during PT, car washes, willows, flag details, dining outs, FTXs, commissioning ceremonies and the list goes on.

Although I will miss you all, I am looking forward to this new challenge and the opportunity to start a new job. We jokingly talk about me being the oldest cadre member in the Tiger Battalion. While this is true, there is one quote that I want you all to remember... “You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream” (C. S. Lewis).

Thanks again for everything, and I will see you guys on the high ground. Please keep in touch; I can be reached at my email address (john.a.brunt@us.army.mil) or by phone at 662.292.3405.

Yours truly,

John A. Brunt
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Semester Calendar

22-26 AUG
ORIENTATION WEEK

26 AUG
ROTC OPEN HOUSE

30 AUG
FIRST DAY OF ROTC CLASS

31 AUG
FIRST DAY OF MANDATORY PT

01 SEP
WELCOME BACK LAB MIXER

14-16 OCT
RANGER CHALLENGE

28-30 OCT
FALL FTX @ CAMP ROBINSON

11 NOV
VETERAN’S DAY JOINT RUN

16 DEC
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

ARMY PT SESSIONS
MON, WED, FRI
0600-0715

REMEDIAL PT
TUE, THUR
0600-0715

LEADERSHIP LAB
EVERY THURSDAY
1430-1630

Our Cadets Head to the Field

This semester, the Tiger Battalion changed scenery for their Battalion Field Training Exercise (FTX) to conduct training. Camp Robinson, Arkansas was the place of choice for training this semester.

This exercise included a number of activities such as land navigation, squad tactical exercises, patrol base operations, and even a little field craft and survival training. Cadets always enjoy spending time outdoors.

Underclassmen were able to focus on learning basic soldiering skills, while Juniors focused on Troop Leading Procedures and successfully planning, conducting, and supervising tactical exercises at the squad level.

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



Tiger Cadets receive an Operations Order (OPORD) brief from their Squad Leader during training at Camp Robinson.

Tiger Cadets Train with Students from Afar

At Camp McCain, MS the Cadets participated in a Joint Field Training Exercise (JFTX) with eight other ROTC programs from across the region.

The four day long exercise focused on Squad Situational Training Exercises (STX). The demanding weekend required Cadets to serve in different leadership positions within the squad for various missions while having minimal time to sleep.

Cadets describe the weekend as an awesome learning experience that allows them to have a small taste of what will be expected from them when they attend the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, Washington. Cadets attend LDAC the summer between their junior and senior years.

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Cadets training on squad tactics during the JFTX .

Army Competes in Marine Corps Endurance Race

Two Tiger Battalion teams competed in the Marine Corps Endurance Race on Saturday 2 April which was hosted by the U of M Navy ROTC program at Shelby Farms.

Cadets competed in events such as a 2 mile run with sandbags, 2 miles carrying a log, ammo can carry, another 2 miles with rucksacks, then finished with 200 pull-ups.

Our teams came in fourth and ninth places out of 18 teams. Congratulations to Cadets Coneo, Stanford, Allen, Dale, Pernia, Bendall, C Ford, and Liley. An impressive physical feat!



Army ROTC Cadets compete in the Marine Corps Endurance race hosted by the Navy ROTC program.

Awards Among all ROTC Branches

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Each year the Army, Navy/ Marine Corps, and Air Force ROTC programs on campus come together to honor Cadets and Midshipmen in an awards ceremony.

This year, the Army ROTC Tiger Battalion took the lead in organizing the Joint Awards Ceremony which consisted of over 100 awards. Presenters included many community leaders, veterans, and current cadre members from each branch. The ceremony was held in the University Center

Theatre and concluded with a reception.

This is always a great opportunity for the ROTC branches to recognize their students for all the great things they accomplish throughout the year. Congratulations to all the students that were recognized.

Cadets and Midshipmen from each ROTC program present the National Colors at the Joint Awards Ceremony.



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How Will YOU Assess with Army ROTC?

The ROTC Order of Merit List (OML) Model is a Cadet Command standardized system. It is designed to rank order Cadets at the beginning of their senior year against their peers from 273 host Army ROTC programs across the nation. It rewards Cadets for their performance in academics, leadership, and physical fitness. This ranking determines a Cadet's branch of service and duty station after graduation. The higher a Cadet's ranking, the better their chance of receiving their first choice. Knowing and understanding this system is the first step towards success. Cadets should strive for academic excellence because GPA is the single largest contributing factor into the OML Model, making up 40% of the available points. Cadets should also participate in extracurricular activities both in and outside of ROTC to gain more points. Study hard and get involved to posture yourself for success!

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Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular Activities	Points Per	
	Year	Max Possible
Colorguard	5	15
Ranger Challenge	5	15
ROTC Recruiter	5	15
USAR/NG/SMP	5	15
Community Service	5	15
Student Government	5	15
Band Member	5	15
Debate Team	5	15
Elected Official of Org	10	30
Leader (President/Capt)	10	30
Resident Advisor	10	30
Peer Educator/Tutor	5	15
Full-time Job	10	30
Part-time Job	5	15
Varsity Athletics	5	15
Intramural Team	5	15
Community Athletics	5	15

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ROTC OML Model

1. Academic Program (40%)

(40.00) Cumulative GPA (includes ROTC GPA) (Spring Semester, most current)

2. Leadership Program (60%)

Leader (45%)

- (6.75) - LDAC Performance (E/S/N)
 - Leadership positions
 - Leadership attributes/skills/actions
- (11.25) - LDAC PLT TAC Evaluation (E/S/N)
- (4.50) - LDAC Land Navigation (1st score)

PMS Experienced Based Observations

- (6.75) - PMS MSIII CER OML
- (4.50) - PMS Accessions OML
- (4.50) - PMS Accessions Potential Comments
- (4.50) - Cadet Training / Extracurricular Activities
- (2.25) - Language / Cultural Awareness

Physical (15%)

APFT (90%)

- (1.69) - Campus (most current fall sem)
- (2.36) - Campus (most current spring sem)
- (9.45) - LDAC (1st score)

Athletics (10%)

- (1.50) - Varsity, Intramural, or Community Team

Warrior Forge, Platoon Top Five = 1 point added to final OMS
RECONDO = 0.5 point added to final OMS

