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GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE ARMY ROTC

OLD CAPITOL GUARD BATTALION

Georgia Military College’s incredible Winter and Spring Quarters included Cadet competition in the 6th Brigade Ranger Challenge, Winter Leadership Development Exercise, Annual Bataan Memorial Death March, Spring Joint Leadership Development Exercise, and Kansas University Ranger Buddy Challenge Competition. Cadet training and instruction continues to groom the young future Officers of the ROTC Program into adaptive leaders, capable of critical thinking and overcoming the obstacles under adverse conditions.

Yet to come in the latter half of the Spring Quarter is the Annual Military Ball, Graduation, and Commissioning Ceremony! While the Senior Military Science Cadets prepare for their first steps as a 2nd Lieutenant, our Junior Cadets are busy preparing for the Cadet Leader Course at Fort Knox, KY as well as Cadet Troop Leadership Training, Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Program, and Army Airborne and Air Assault Schools. These opportunities are an integral piece of the developmental process in Cadets’ future careers as Army Officers.

Please enjoy the rest of our Spring Edition Newsletter!



Find out more!

For additional information on the Army ROTC Early Commissioning Program, please see the Georgia Military College website at: www.gmc.cc.ga.us. Near the top, scroll over “Prospective Students,” and click on “Army ROTC.” The links in the lower left corner provide information about the program, activities, our newsletters, the ROTC Applications process, a list of Cadre and Staff, and Contact Information. Contact GMC’s Military Science Department for more information!

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From the Professor of Military Science: LTC Thomas Nelson

A proud moment on a sunny May afternoon with our Cadets in front of Georgia's Old Capitol Building in the heart of the GMC Campus. Thank you to the entire GMC Leadership Team, Cadre, Faculty, and Staff for your efforts this year as we prepare for graduation and commissioning on 29-30 May. As we approach the end of this academic year, I am comforted knowing that GMC, in their 136th Corps of Cadets, produced another fine class of Second Lieutenants of character for our Nation. This is truly a remarkable institution to learn and grow in leadership; where you truly start here and go anywhere.

Duty, Honor, Country and Character above all!


THOMAS M. NELSON
LTC, IN
Professor of Military Science



6th Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition 22–25 January 2015



After returning back to school from Winter Leave, GMC and Mercer University Cadets wasted no time in combining their efforts in the 2015 6th Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition placing 14th out of 55 teams. The Old Capitol Guard Battalion competed on the fields of friendly strife against their counterparts from other Army ROTC programs in FL, GA, AL, MS, and LA to include teams from Auburn University, the University of Georgia, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and the University of Florida. Notable performances included 2nd place on the M16 Marksmanship Range and 17th place in the Zodiac Boat Event. Additional events included a Hand Grenade Assault Course, 4-Mile Foot March, Obstacle Course, Medical Triage, One Rope Bridge, and the Commander's Challenge. Most of the members of this new young team will be returning to Camp Blanding, FL with expectations of victory!

Winter Leadership Development Exercise 19—21 February 2015



Over one hundred Cadets from Georgia Military College and Mercer University combined efforts to plan and execute a two-day developmental exercise designed to promote team building and leadership skills, as well as develop adaptive and creative thinking in response to complex and challenging situations. All Cadets were tested both physically and mentally over the duration of the exercise, foot marching over 9 miles and reacting to uncommon tactical scenarios over 9 dispersed training lanes. As these future Leaders continue to grow and develop, this exercise served as one more concrete experience, with valuable lessons learned leading into the planning and resourcing of the Old Capitol Guard Battalion's Spring Joint Leadership Development Exercise with Marion Military Institute in April 2015.



Bataan Memorial Death March 21–23 March 2015



On Sunday, March 22nd, fourteen Cadets from the GMC ROTC Program competed in the 26th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands, NM. These young, future Army Officers began training over 5 months ago for the event, and challenged themselves by participating in the 30th Annual Army Ten Miler, Wounded Warrior 10k, and the Soldier Marathon races along the way.

The Bataan Memorial Death March commemorates the World War II events of April 1942, Japanese Forces captured tens of thousands of American and Filipino Allied Soldiers and forced them march for days through the jungles of the Philippines. Thousands of Soldiers died from sun exposure, hunger, dehydration, or at the hands of their captives. In their honor, GMC Cadets rigorously trained and traveled across the United States to complete the 26.2 mile course.

GMC was well represented, and competing Cadets displayed the utmost pride, cooperation, teamwork, dedication, and leadership as they braved the hot, uphill, sandy, dry, 4,000-foot elevation terrain. Four teams competed in the ROTC Heavy Division, donning Army Combat gear and carrying backpacks filled with 35 pounds of food donations to be turned in to the Roadrunner Food Bank at the end of the March. These outstanding teams banded together for moral support, motivation, and at times, physical assistance. Along the way, our GMC teams were privileged to meet nine surviving veterans of the Bataan Death March. “The way the military units from across the Country were able to come together for such a patriotic event was very awe inspiring and showed me what it means to be an unit,” said 2nd Year Cadet Joshua Hall of his experience.

As ROTC Cadets, the GMC students who participated in the Bataan Memorial Death March are especially deserving of recognition for the academic, physical, and leadership demands made of them. Prior to competing in the event, Cadets voluntarily trained throughout the winter to include weekends, gradually increasing the distance of their workouts from 6 up to 20 mile foot marches. “The camaraderie was great and we knew we had to push each other to new physical limits we never knew we were capable of,” recalled Cadet Luke Torres. “Coming up with a team plan on how to tackle the 26.2 mile course, overcoming injuries, making quick decisions, and persevering definitely left me with valuable lessons learned.”



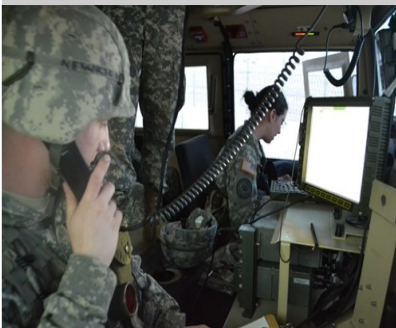


The Cadets of GMC's "Old Capitol Guard Battalion" Early Commissioning Program arrived to New Mexico ready to compete, with the top team placing 8th out of 42 ROTC Heavy teams and placed 14th overall of the 115 teams competing in the Heavy Category. They left with an enduring sense of fulfillment and the foot blisters to prove their determination. Cadet Joshua Hall reflected back on the March, saying, "It was physically demanding, yet it was an extremely rewarding experience that I'll remember for the rest of my life."



Spring Joint Leadership Development Exercise 8–11 April 2015

Over 150 Cadets from GMC, Mercer, GCSU, Marion Military Institute, and Concordia College converged on Ft. Benning, GA to conduct a Joint Leadership Development Exercise focused on developing critical thinking capabilities and simulations training. MS4 Cadets planned, resourced, and enabled all training events for the participating MS3 Cadets. Critical Thinking events run by GMC/Mercer University Cadets



MS4 Cadets running a live simulation in the Reconfigurable Vehicle

consisted of an evolving tactical scenario and challenged Cadets' knowledge and skills in establishing an HLZ, treating a casualty, reacting to UXO, conducting an ambush, negotiating a minefield, conducting a KLE, and raiding a POW camp. Simulations Center training consisted of VBS3 and reconfigurable vehicle simulators to execute PLT level missions. The LDX concluded with a visit to the National Infantry Museum. Cadets exhibited a great deal of growth as future officers and left with a sense of accomplishment and confidence in their gained abilities.



Cadet Adaptability and creative thinking tested at the Key Leader Engagement



The LDX concluded with a visit to the National Infantry Museum



Tactical movement between events required Cadets to exercise leadership and tactical skills taught to them by MS4s.

Kansas University Ranger Buddy Challenge 17–18 April 2015



From April 17th -19th 2015, five cadets from GMC and Mercer University traveled to the University of Kansas, in Lawrence, KS, to compete in The KU Ranger Buddy Challenge. The KU Ranger Buddy Challenge is one of the most grueling ROTC military competitions in the country, and tests Cadets' mental and physical stamina and capabilities over multiple events. The two Old Capitol Guard Battalion teams competed against other ROTC programs from across the country in a 15k Foot March Qualifier, Target Identification and Marksmanship, Calling in a LACE Report, HLZ Setup, Troop and Equipment Movement, Weapons Knowledge, First Aid, Individual Movement Techniques, and a 2.8 Mile Run. The culminating event of the competition tested Cadets' dedication and physical stamina with a 2.8 Mile Run wearing the Army Combat Uniform, Running Shoes, and a Fighting Load Carrier. Events were scored by timing each team from the start to the completion of each event. A dinner and awards ceremony closed out the day's events, and Cadets Hall, Torres, Preston, and Micka left the competition with a renewed self confidence and Warrior Ethos.



Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Month

On April 28th, 2015, the GMC Military Science Department and Corps of Cadets helped spread awareness of sexual assault during Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month's "Blue Jean Day." Cadets, Cadre, and Staff wore blue jeans across the GMC campus in support of the event.

On May 1st, 2015 GMC Cadre, Cadets, Staff, and community members once again gathered to run in the Annual "Stomp Out Sexual Assault" 5k Run/Walk. Ms. Maxine Blackwell (County Solicitor General) and Ms. Katillya Tucker (County Victim Advocate) were present to speak to the participants, spreading awareness of sexual assault and behaviors to avoid. All 5k participants had a great time in the sunny GA weather and increased community awareness of sexual assault, as well as the resources available to help victims.



Cadet Corner



Top Left Clockwise: Military Honors Parade; Winter LDX; APFT; Plebe Week Activities

How to Qualify for an Army ROTC scholarship

Checklist for Scholarship Eligibility

- ◆ U.S. citizen
- ◆ Less than age 31 the year of commissioning
- ◆ Current GPA of at least 2.5
- ◆ High school diploma
- ◆ 1030 or higher on the SAT (math/verbal) or 21 on the ACT (minus writing scores)
- ◆ Meet physical standards
- ◆ Agree to accept a commission into the Active Duty Army, Reserves, or National Guard

Call (478) 387-4931/0419 for more information or email rotc@gmc.edu

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Commissioning	29 May 2015
Graduation	29 May 2015
Summer CIET Mini Camp	27 June - 3 July 2015
CIET	3 July—31 July 2015
Senior Cadets Report	17 August 2015
Plebes Report	25 August 2015
Classes Begin	31 August 2015
ECP Staff Ride	27—28 August 2015

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Do you know a future Army Officer?



If you know someone who is interested in Army ROTC and has the potential to become a great Army Officer, please refer them to Georgia Military College. Prospective Cadets can compete for an 2 year ROTC Scholarships which covers Tuition/Fees/Books and GMC provides a Performance Grant that covers Room/Board.

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