

SUN DEVIL BATTALION

Cadet Newsletter

October 2016

Upcoming Events

October 7: Ranger
Challenge

October 7-11: Fall
Break

October 8: ASU vs
UCLA Football

October 22: ASU
Homecoming and
Block Party

October 28-30: Fall
FTX



Healing Fields Memorial



Every year, the Tempe Beach Park hosts a memorial service for victims of the September 11th attacks. ASU Cadets assist in the set-up and take down of nearly 3,000 American flags, each one representing a life lost during the 9/11 attacks.

Off Campus Learning



Each week Cadets attend labs called OCLs (Off Campus Learning) focused on different Army skill sets. During this lab, Cadets worked on improving their drill and ceremony skills through marching and cadence calling. The task of stepping in front of a platoon and giving commands is not an easy task, however the progress shown by these Cadets is outstanding.

GET TO KNOW YOUR LEADERSHIP

Q&A with Battalion Commander Katalina Peterson



Where are you from originally and what brought you to Arizona?

Albuquerque, NM, but everywhere because I'm an Army brat. The mixture of weather and distance from home lured me to ASU.

What are you studying and why?

I am studying Applied Biological Sciences because I have a passion for science (I am a huge nerd). At the end of the day, I'd like to be a health care professional working for the Army.

Why did you join Army ROTC?

Living as an Army brat has given me a great respect for the Army as a profession and it gave me the initial interest in joining ROTC.

What have you gained from Army ROTC?

I've gained many of the things we promote: professional development, confidence (in myself and leadership capabilities), commitment to physical fitness (I was vaguely interested in being fit before), and best of all some very close friends who I can rely on for most anything.

What advice can you give to other Cadets?

Have fun but take training seriously; if you are only here to check boxes and move on, "what's the point?" For the most part, I think those who join ROTC are like-minded and seek to serve in some way— that kind of environment is conducive to self improvement. Get to know your peers because at the end of the day these are the people who will be commissioning with you.

What are your career goals?

My goal of Pharmacy school has been pushed back by about 5 years, but I know I'll be happy as long as I can get my master's degree in a health related field. My goal is to make the Army my career but I'm happy to take whatever life brings.

What are your hobbies?

I like to force my fiancé to go to the gym, practice yoga, run marathons that I am completely unprepared for with Mrs. Michaels, and of course study with Ms. Hom.

What is your favorite Army ROTC memory?

My second semester freshman year, the MS1 service project named: Operation Smoke the Kids, brought in about 80 high school students to run a pseudo-Ranger Challenge event on the Tempe campus. This event brought together everything we learned throughout MS1 year. This was the most successful I felt during my freshman year of college because we got to see the effect on the high school students and all our plans come together.

Cadet Summer Training



CULP

CULP (Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency) is a program that provides Cadets the opportunity to spend their summer in another country to train with foreign militaries, learn about different cultures, and study a foreign language. The photo featured above shows our Cadets at Mt. Zugspitze, Germany, during a CULP Mission.

Advanced Camp

Advanced Camp is a month-long training camp in Fort Knox, Kentucky, focused on assessing each cadet's leadership abilities prior to the MS IV year. During Advanced Camp, Cadets test and train their leadership skills, as well as their tactical skills and strategies. A few training exercises included: rappelling, ruck marching, medical training, and the culminating event in which cadets endure a sixteen day long battle in the field.



Cadet Spotlight

CDT Dylan Hendrix

Cadet Dylan Hendrix is this month's Cadet Spotlight. He is a part of the Arizona State University D1 Club Baseball team. Over the course of the past three years, he worked his way up from a role player, starting third baseman, shortstop to recently earning recognition as the team's number one pitcher. His perseverance is a key factor to his success in his college baseball team and Army ROTC. CDT Hendrix explains how he balances his time and what he's learned.



What is it like to balance ROTC and college baseball?

Joining ROTC my freshman year and continuing in the program until today has made playing baseball more difficult than others on the team, but I find it also has been more personally rewarding. Volunteer events, FTXs, and early mornings has forced me to become much better at managing time, as well as become a better communicator since some days the two events clash and a choice has to be made on what takes priority. Being in ROTC and being able to play club baseball has helped me grow as an individual and leader—it forces me to grow as person, a student, athlete and a soldier. I get to live my dream of playing college baseball as well as prepare to serve my country, all the while gaining confidence and working on life skills to use for the rest of my life.

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Mission Statement

A Proud History, A Bright Future: Arizona State University's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) recruits, educates, trains, and inspires cadets to become leaders of character, committed to the values of the United States Army and dedicated to a lifetime of selfless service to the Nation.

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