

# SUN DEVIL BATTALION

Cadet Newsletter

Summer 2016

## Upcoming Events

May 11:

Commissioning

Ceremony

August 8-12: New  
Cadet Orientation

August 18: Classes  
Begin



## Sun Devils go for a swim

### CWST Events

- Underwater Equipment removal
- 5-min water treading
- 5-meter blindfolded drop
- 25-meter rifle swim
- 10-min continuous



ASU Army ROTC cadets executed the Combat Water Survival Test on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at the Mona Plummer Aquatic Complex. The Combat Water Survival Test is a commissioning requirement for all cadets. The test consists of various tasks revolving around being able to survive in water situations.



Cadets and cadre from the Sun Devil Battalion went to Cochise Elementary School on March 28, 2016 to spend a day with Mrs. Christensen's students. Cadets read to the students and answered all questions about the Army.

# GET TO KNOW YOUR LEADERSHIP



**BC:** Katalina Peterson

My name is Katalina Peterson. I was born in Albuquerque, NM. I'm an Army brat, who has grown up from New York to California with my longest stay in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. I enjoy reading science fiction, running, and yoga. I'm majoring in Applied Biological Sciences on a pre-health track, with a minor in Military Leadership. My primary goal is to receive an education delay upon commissioning in order to achieve a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. I would like to make the military my career in the hopes of becoming a COL before retiring. As the incoming Battalion Commander, I wish to develop the Sun Devil Battalion in leadership competencies, discipline, and involvement; while maintaining high morale.



**CSM:** Matthew Jenkins

My name is Matthew Jenkins. I was born in Orlando, Florida on November 12, 1987. I enlisted into the Army as an 11B in 2006 and served in a mechanized and light unit. I also conducted multiple deployments in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. I received training through both Airborne school and Marine Scout Sniper school, which led to my success in my last position through Task Force Bronco 2-35 INF. I received my Associates degree from Honolulu Community College in 2014. My current major is in Criminal Justice with a minor in Political Science at Arizona State University. I'm pushing to branch in Aviation or Medical Service Corp. My hobbies include anything that deals with outdoor activities. My wife and son have supported me throughout my career and pushed me to be the man I am today. My advice that I would give to younger ROTC cadets is, "To have a plan, work hard and don't cut corners, but most importantly, always have a contingency plan."





**XO:** Molly Greenawalt

My name is Molly Greenawalt. I was born in Southern California, but I have lived all over the U.S. growing up. I started off with dual majors in Global Health and Chinese, but decided to settle as a Chinese major and focus my honors thesis on a health-related topic. I don't have too many hobbies, but when I'm not studying for Chinese or doing something for ROTC, I often go on long runs with friends and play with puppies. My best piece of advice for younger cadets is to make friends with other cadets; they will be your support system and those friendships will last. Don't be afraid to talk to older cadets either; they can provide a lot of advice and help you when you need it.



**S3:** Robert Milligan

My name is Robert Milligan and I study Sociology at ASU. I was born at Fort Lewis/ McChord in Tacoma, WA. When I was two years old, my family and I moved to Portland, OR, where I spent the majority of my childhood. I have wanted to serve in the military for as long as I can remember — my great grandfather's, grandfather's, father's and brother's service in the military inspired me to choose this route. I graduated from high school in 2013 with an Army ROTC scholarship to ASU. I plan on commissioning as an Infantry Officer upon completion of ROTC and hope to serve in the Second Infantry Division located at Fort Lewis, WA. Army ROTC has given me the necessary leadership skills necessary to be successful in a career in and out of the Army.





For most college students the end of every semester brings projects, homework, and stress. For ROTC students we not only have the academic workload, but we also have cadet responsibilities; such as training exercises, volunteer events, and formals. The Sun Devil Battalion has kept morale high and improved participation over the last month and a half.

With on campus events, such as the Night of the Open Door, and outreach events, like the South Mountain Drill Meet and the Cochise Elementary School Reading Day, the Sun Devil Battalion has been able to maintain a strong presence in the community. The Night of the Open Door saw most of its volunteers from the MS 1 and 3 classes while the South Mountain Drill meet was mainly staffed by MS 1s and 2s. This kind of voluntary involvement is noticed and appreciated as it is pivotal to community relations and the Sun Devil Battalion image.

The Battalion has been very flexible with the change in leadership that preceded the JLTX and Dinning Out. The MS 1s, 2s, and 3s should value the experiences gained during JLTX, the lessons learned will help cadets excel in summer training. The Dinning Out was a highly attended and successful event.

Finally, prepare for finals while maintaining good mental, physical, and emotional health. Feel the HEAT!

-c/LTC Peterson

## Joint Leadership Training Exercise



Arizona State University, University of Arizona, University of New Mexico, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Northern Arizona University, and Grand Canyon University MSIII cadets all came together at Camp Navajo, Flagstaff, in order to conduct leadership and tactics training. The training was a valuable experience that helped prepare the cadets for CLC this summer.



## CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS



The Sun Devil Battalion would like to say congratulations and good luck to all of the seniors who will be graduating this May. You all have made major contributions to the program and will continue to excel in your future endeavors. Always remember: FEEL THE HEAT!



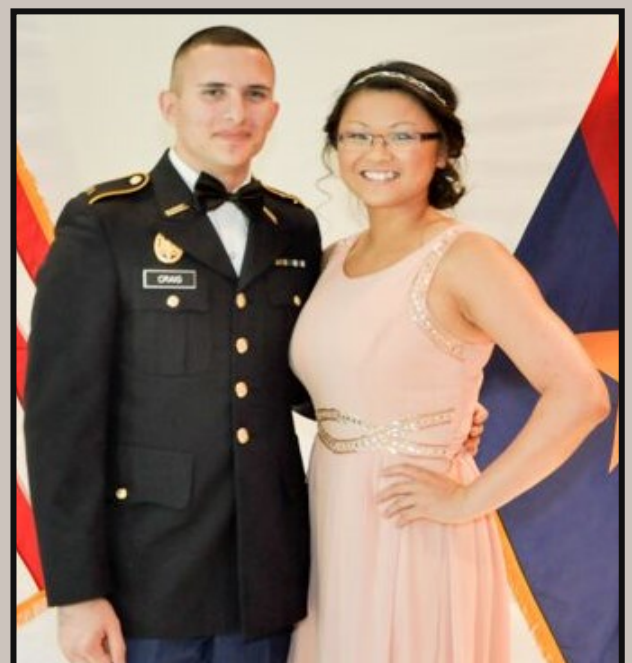
# ASU Army ROTC Dining Out



The Sun Devil Battalion hosted the Annual Dining Out Military Ball on April 15, 2016. The dining out event allows each Cadre member and Cadet to have a guest accompany them during the night's festivities. The night included ASU and GCU cadets receiving awards for their accomplishments during the year, and a guest of honor. This year the guest of honor was BG John E. Hoefert, Land Component Commander of the AZNG. BG Hoefert presented the audience with an outstanding speech about leadership, and what it means to be an officer in the United States Army. The night was a huge success and the Battalion looks forward to next year!



CDT Diaz and his date Anna Sell



CDT Craig and his date Amanda Wong

## 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.



**Have a great summer,  
Sun Devil Battalion!**

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