

Sun Devil Battalion Newsletter

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Twice a year, the Arizona State University Army ROTC program commissions a number of young men and women into the Army as officers. There are so many factors that play a role in this program and slipping up on one of them could mean the difference. It involves early mornings to run further than any person would ever truly desire, and long days to make sure that plans are going off without a hitch to the very last detail. For all of us, it is a job. For some of us, it is a second or third job on top of the already mounted stress of also being a full time student. These factors are fierce and unavoidable, but it is part of the choice we all make. Some make this decision as freshman and some make it as juniors but all of us, at one point or another, take an oath. The oath is a promise to the Army, our nation, and every citizen of the United States that we will uphold our beliefs and fight for our freedoms. Taking that oath was a decision made by cadets looking to make an impact as future 2nd Lieutenants in the United States Army. As always, the future arrived quite promptly. You begin college thinking that four years is a long time and then graduation comes before you know it. Our classes have been thorough and our experiences have been committed to memory but now we wonder if it will be enough.



Ahead of us are challenges that we can't begin to fathom and obstacles that we have never had to cross before. It's a tough reality but it's exactly the one that we were trained for. We are taught to find the answers despite our levels of fear, hesitation, or even unpreparedness. Being a leader in the Army does not mean having the answers every time or never making mistakes. It's about choosing to fight the fight despite an unknown outcome. It's about creating a family and always taking care of one another. The Sun Devil Battalion creates leaders of character and it's with this character that the 2014 class will lead the next generation of the United States Army.

- CDT Kelli Joubert
Commissioning class of 2014



Loyalty. Duty. Respect. Selfless Service. Honor. Integrity. Personal Courage.

MEET THE SUN DEVIL BATTALION CADRE

Command and Operations

Professor of Military Science (PMS)
LTC Daniel Roberts

Executive Officer (XO)
MAJ Michelle Bravo

Senior Military Instructor (SMI)
SFC Christopher Rhodes

Operations Officer (S-3)
CPT Robert Fix

Operations Officer (S-3)
SFC Steven Miller

GCU Operations Officer
Mr. Craig Best

Bravo Company TAC
CPT Eric Garcia

Recruiting

Lead Recruiting Operations Officer
Mr. Nathaniel Carsey

ASST. Recruiter
Amanda Arboleda

National Guard Liaison Officer
CPT Gordon Smith

GCU Recruiting Officer
Mr. Christopher Triem

Instructors

MIS 101/102
CPT Robert Monk
SFC Jonathan Houle
MSG John Lancaster (GCU)

MIS 201/202
Mr. Sam Ku
Mr. Jake Gillman
CPT Christopher Serna (GCU)

MIS 301/ 302
Mr. Alex Bowman

MIS 410/412
COL Bruce Pagel

Civilian Support Staff

Business Operations Specialist
Lisa Robbins

Communications Program Coordinator
Amanda Arboleda

Human Resources Assistant
DeAnn Johnson

Human Resources Assistant
Myles Stover

Human Resources Assistant
Angela Ellis

Supply
Garrit Ringenoldus

Student Worker
Claudia Nunez-Eddy



FALL 2014 SUN DEVIL BATTALION CADET STAFF

Choosing the battalion cadet staff: Every year, the senior class and the Professor of Military Science must decide who will take over the responsibility of heading the battalion. The decision is placed on the junior class to decide who should be put up for consideration. The process is intimate and involves a face to face interview with the existing command team. Questions are formulated to determine who is not only a perfect replacement, but also to determine who will work well together. The goal is to have a team with seamless transition, while also allowing them the ability to instill the changes they believe will take the Sun Devil battalion to the next level.

THE BATTALION COMMANDER:

The Battalion Commander is directly responsible to the Professor of Military Science for all areas concerning the cadets and their training. He is the head of the cadet battalion staff and oversees all cadets as well as their safety, discipline, and morale. He supervises the planning and executing of all battalion operations. Acting as the Sun Devil Cadet Battalion Commander for the Fall 2014 semester is CDT LTC Justin Wengraf.

He is a Political Science major with a class load of 16 credit hours. CDT Wengraf hopes to branch Aviation when he commissions. His goal for the battalion is to “continue to watch it grow and thrive as one of the largest and most successful ROTC Programs in the nation”. CDT Wengraf also “hopes to maintain our traditionally high standard of leadership and excellence”.



THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

The cadet Executive Officer acts as the lead staff officer. She is second to the Battalion Commander and is responsible for ensuring that the staff is carrying out their duties in accordance to the Cadet Battalion Commander’s guidance. The Sun devil Battalion Cadet Executive Officer for Fall 2014 is CDT MAJ Jennifer Del Rivero.

Cadet Del Rivero has set the standard for her class and exceeds expectations on a daily basis. With a major in Linguistics with an emphasis in Hispanic languages and a twenty- one credit class load she still finds the time

to excel as a cadet in the Sun Devil BN. CDT Del Rivero hopes to branch Military Police. Her goal is “to improve communication, unity, and cohesion within the battalion.” Furthermore, CDT Del Rivero is fluent in three languages: English, Spanish, and American Sign Language.

She actually used to be a non-certified interpreter for the Deaf Community.

“...improve communication, unity, and cohesion with the battalion.”

-CDT MAJ Del Rivero



THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR:

The cadet Battalion Command Sergeant Major is responsible for keeping the cadet Battalion Commander informed on all aspects concerning the underclassmen cadets. It is his duty to ensure that the standards for the battalions training, conduct, appearance and performance are enforced at all levels consistently. The Sun devil Battalion cadet Command Sergeant Major for Fall 2014 is CDT CSM Mathew Torres. CDT Torres is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies and has a sixteen credit class load. He hopes to branch Adjutant General and has one main goal for the battalion overall: “Improve discipline!”. An interesting fact about CDT Torres is that he plays the trumpet.

THE OPERATIONS OFFICER:

The cadet Battalion S3 serves as premier staff officer for all matters concerning training, plans and operations. She works directly with the battalion S3 to produce warning orders, operations orders, and fragmentary orders that are distributed to the entire chain of command. The S3 ensures that all operations are centered on setting conditions that allow for all cadets to improve their individual proficiency level of whatever task is being performed. The S3 for the



Sun Devil Battalion this Fall 2014 is CDT Major Madison Hernandez.

She is a Nutrition Major with a class load of 18 credit hours. She hopes to branch Medical Services. This position is the third highest in the Battalion's chain of command. CDT Hernandez hopes to influence our battalion and eventually have 70 percent of all cadets max their APFT. Many cadets still refer to CDT Hernandez as CDT Love because it is her maiden name and she was recently married.

THE SAFETY OFFICER:

The cadet Battalion S2 is responsible for assisting in the process of putting together the Composite Risk Management for our training. This form includes the analysis of environmental conditions and how they could or could not affect both training and the individuals conducting the training. He works directly with the other staff officers to ensure that every cadet is prepared for the conditions so that they can be successful. The S2 for the Sun Devil Battalion for Fall 2014 is CDT Captain Jong Lee.

CDT Lee is an absolute asset to the Battalion staff. He is majoring in Criminal Justice and taking thirteen credits toward his degree this semester. CDT Lee is hoping to branch Medical Services. His main goal for the battalion is to "keep everyone safe from injuries and encourage every cadet to make sound decisions on a daily basis". CDT Lee is South Korean and also teaches Korean.



THE PERSONNEL OFFICER:



The cadet Battalion S1 is responsible for accountability, monitoring and informing the Battalion Commander on a variety of the cadet's personal matters. This is ranging anywhere from medical issues to awards that need to be handed out. He is immediately responsible for keeping track of what is going on with cadets in the battalion. The S1 for the Sun devil Battalion for Fall 2014 is CDT Captain Tom Picciano.

He is and Engineering major with a focus in robotics and will be carrying a total of seventeen credits next semester. CDT Picciano hopes to branch into the Corps of Engineers. He hopes to further improve the battalion by "ensuring every cadet is accounted for 24/7 as well as improve rosters for future leadership". An unknown fact about CDT Picciano is that he is half Australian.

THE SUPPLY OFFICER:

The cadet Battalion S4 is responsible for all logistical operations in the area of supply services. He is directly in charge of the requisitioning, acquisition and storage of all supplies and equipment as well as ensuring the maintenance of all material records. The S4 for the Sun Devil Battalion for Fall 2014 is CDT Captain TJ Caldwell.

Cadet Caldwell is an engineering Management major with a class load of nineteen credits. Even with a heavy class load, CDT Caldwell works hard and is dedicated to making our Battalions supply process a smooth one. He hopes to create an S4 shop that can run smoothly in order to encourage success for all cadets within the battalion.

**THE ACTIVITIES OFFICERS:**

The cadet Battalion S5 is responsible for all public affairs matters and activities outside of training. They are in charge of coordinating with the cadre staff as well as the cadet staff to organize events in the community around our mandatory training. They strive to keep our battalion involved in the community as well as create better leaders for the future. For Fall 2014, the Sun Devil Battalion will have two cadets in this position. Cadet Captain Tiffany Fox will hold the position at GCU while Cadet Captain Chelsea Bejines holds the position at ASU.

CDT Fox (left) is a Nursing Major who hopes to branch into the Nurse Corps. She hopes for the Battalion to inspire patriotism within the community and will encourage every cadet to perform to the highest standard. CDT Bejines (right) is an Exercise and Wellness Major who hopes to branch Aviation. She hopes to further publicize the battalion so that we may create more future leaders.

**THE SIGNAL OFFICER:**

The cadet Battalion S6 is responsible for the accountability and maintenance of our communications equipment as well as managing our website. He directly handles the withdrawal of our radios to ensure that they are kept track of. Our equipment is essential to the success of our training so its upkeep is paramount. The S6 for

the Sun Devil Battalion for Fall 2014 is Cadet Captain Christopher Cancilla.

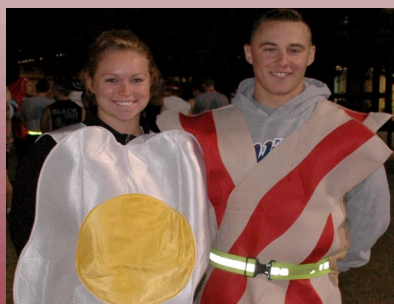
CDT Captain Cancilla is majoring in Secondary Education History and holds a class load of sixteen credits. He hopes to branch Signal. His main goal for the battalion is to "drastically improve familiarization and effectiveness of radio communication".

THE LDP OFFICER:

The Leadership Development Program officer is responsible for rotating the cadet MS III's through their leadership positions. They ensure that the cadets are being properly evaluated and mentored in all leadership dimensions. The LDP officer for the Sun Devil Battalion for Fall 2014 is CDT Captain Jacob Coons. Majoring in Engineering Management and carrying eighteen credits, cadet Coons surrounds his ROTC focus around our MS III's. He hopes to branch Field Artillery and would like all cadets in the battalion to be held to the highest standard in order to achieve optimum success.



THE 2014 CLASS



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	² MS1 Warrior Skills Challenge	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	¹² Senior Dinner	¹³ ASU Commissioning	¹⁴ ASU Commencement	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	²¹ ASU First day of Class	22	23
24/31	²⁵ GCU First day of class	26	27	28	29	30

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Brief Overview:

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at Arizona State University has a proud history, dating back to 1935 as one of the oldest ROTC programs in the country. The Battalion includes its cross-enrolled institution, Grand Canyon University (GCU) in central Phoenix. Year after year, the Sun Devil Battalion has been responsible for commissioning waves of new 2nd Lieutenants in to the United States Army. With over 250 cadets, the Sun Devil Battalion is one of the leading commissioning sources for Army officers. The recent accomplishments of students from both schools within the Battalion have been significant.



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.

