

## Spring Newsletter 2014

## FEEL THE HEAT



The MSIV class goes on their staff ride to Hawaii.

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Cadets volunteer with WMO to fundraise and make the tournament a success. PAGE 2 Upcoming events for the Sun Devil Battalion.

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### Aloha!



#### Seniors Go To Hawaii

Every year seniors take a "staff ride" to shadow lieutenants in their respective branches. The purpose is to give the cadets an idea as to what will be expected of them in the verv near future. During their visit to Hawaii in February, the seniors had an amazing opportunity to visit the scene of Pearl Harbor. In this picture the class is showing their

Sun Devil spirit in front of the USS Missouri (known as Mighty Mo). "Mighty Mo" is a battleship, the same type of ship as the USS Arizona. The Arizona was one of the ships located on battleship row in Pearl Harbor during the attack on December 7, 1941. The Missouri was used by the United States Navy from 1944 until 1992 in many wars such as WWII

and the Korean War. Ironically, the Japanese signed their official surrender during WWII on the deck of the Missouri, the same type of ship they destroyed during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Durina the staff ride at Schofield Barracks on Oahu, MSIV cadets experienced daily life as a second lieutenant in branches such as Ordnance, Infantry,

and Quartermaster. Many had the opportunity to participate in jungle warfare training and even ride on Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters. On the final day on the island, cadets were exposed to some Hawaiian culture at the Hale Koa luau filled with fire dancers, a fire roasted pia, and a salute to service members by the host.

#### GCU Cadet of the Month



Cadet Trevor Jorg is an Arizona native from Tucson, home of the rival Wildcats. His main goal from committing to the AROTC program is to achieve an active duty commission as an infantry officer when he graduates. To Trevor, the Army provides him the opportunity to achieve things bigger than himself and change the world around him. ROTC will be the vital environment to hone his confidence and develop him as a leader.



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## The Waste Management Phoenix Open



The Sun Devil Battalion prides itself on community service. LTC Roberts, the Professor of Military Science, constantly reiterates the importance of creating a family. The main way this is achieved within the organization is through service to each other and selfless service to the nation. Cadets have a longstanding tradition of volunteering for the PGA tour at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Everyone from freshman to senior cadets work the cash registers at the merchandise tents, stand at the clubhouse door to politely welcome patrons, drive golfers to and from their vehicles, and even occasionally have the privilege of raising the colors at the veterans tent. The tournament started in the 1930's and after a short hiatus and revival, has been running ever since.



Kevin Stadler receives his trophy from a member of the Thunderbirds after winning the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

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It is held at TPC Scottsdale and draws close to one million visitors over the course of five days. "The Thunderbirds" run the event, and are composed of many military and combat veterans. Cadets connect with the community and are able to share their experiences with civilians and military veterans. The funds raised by the volunteers go towards battalion events, such as the military ball held in May. Overall, the Waste Management Open is only one of many fundraising and community service events the cadets participate in. While volunteering tends to be a sacrifice, cadets agree that it is one of the most rewarding aspects of participating in Army ROTC.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- GCU Commissioning: 24 April
- Dining Out: 26 April
- Women on the Fast Track: 3 April
- ASU Commissioning: 13 May

For information regarding these events or to schedule an event with ASU Army ROTC, please contact the number located on page one.



Cadet Pearson prepares to participate in a sustainment mission.

Using a CH-47 Chinook Helicopter, they will drop supplies to Infantry soldiers conducting Jungle Warfare Training.

