



# warrior spirit

Sun Devil Battalion

## ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

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**Civilian Education:** USMA, West Point, NY. Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL.

**Degree Received:** B.S. in Civil Engineering, 1992. Master of Military Operational Art, 2004.

#### Chronological Record of Duty Assignments

**Aug 11-Jun 12:** G35 Planner/ Deputy G35, Combined Forces Land Component Command/ U.S. Army Forces Central Command, Deputy G35 (Future Operations), Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

**Aug 09-Aug 11:** Joint Unmanned Aircraft Systems Center of Excellence Training Branch Lead responsible for the integration of the development and implementation of UAS tactics, techniques and procedures across the Joint Force. As a highlight developed the architecture and framework for the Department of Defense's JUAS Training Strategy 2012.

**Jul 07-Aug 09:** Senior Aviation Operations trainer at the Joint Multi-National Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany responsible for the training of Brigade, and Battalion level operations officers. Also, as the Aviation Operations Trainer ensured the certification and validation of ten (10) units supporting the full spectrum of Army Aviation operations to include the continued support to KOSOVO, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

**Dec 05-Mar 07:** Army Maneuver Brigade Aviation Officer in charge of the integration of all aviation assets (U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Marine Corps) into the Brigades scheme of maneuver. In addition, as the Senior Aviator, responsible for the day-to-day operations of a joint use airfield, and nine (9) certified helicopter landing zones providing passenger, and equipment support to the war-fighter.

**Nov 04-Dec 05:** Battalion level U.S. Army Aviation executive officer, and operations officer providing over sight of a 350 personnel organization supporting the U.S. European Command with General Aviation Support.

**May 03-Jul 04:** The Aide-de-Camp for the Commanding General of the U.S. Aviation and Missile Command serving as the Senior Advisor to the Commander. In addition, served as the commands liaison between senior federal and state officials to include the Army Staff, and various joint organizations.

**May 02 – May 03:** The interim brigade combat teams first Combat Service Support Company Commander.

**Nov 01 – May 02:** United States Army Senior Logistics Trainer to units within the Northwest United States.



LTC Roberts during 2012 Dining



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## RANGER CHALLENGE

On October 20th, 2012 twenty two Cadets from ASU Army ROTC traveled to Camp Williams, UT to compete against twenty one other schools in the 13th Annual 5th Brigade Ranger Challenge. Ranger Challenge is a competition held across the country by all eight ROTC Brigades to test Cadets' proficiency in military skills such as road marching, land navigation, tactical combat casualty care, MEDEVAC procedures, marksmanship, weapons assembly and dis-assembly, and problem solving. It is a recognized varsity sport at many universities around the country and is designed to mirror the US Army's Annual Best Ranger. Competition.



Cadets crossing rope bridge they built.



A team posing before competition.



A Cadet crossing a rope.



B team posing before competition.

At this year's 5th Brigade competition, ASU Cadets traveled an estimated 18-24 miles across the hilly terrain of northern Utah during the grueling eleven hour competition. They completed ten events en route to a strong finish but it was BYU Provo, the school that hosted the event, which finished first to take home the gold for the competition. They will be representing 5th Brigade at this year's Sandhurst Competition at West Point in New York, competing against the service academies and eight academies from NATO and other allied nations on the international stage. Meanwhile, ASU's Ranger Challenge Team has already begun preparing for next year's competition, which is set to take place here in the Valley of the Sun.



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## DESERT RANGERS

Want extra preparation for LDAC? Are labs confusing? Want to fly in a black hawk? Want to be part of a group of individuals identified as the elite of the battalion? Come join our Wednesday evening training class worth up to 2 credit hours. Desert Rangers is a classroom and hands on training environment designed to instill thorough knowledge of topics including: land nav, OPORDS and STX training, first aid, weapons familiarization, patrolling, IMTs (individual movement techniques), and radio procedures ( call for fire, UXO, 9 lines etc). First semester focuses on IMTs, and come second semester be prepared for a full blown mission. Previous years involved conducting a raid. If your confused about what you just read than DRS is the place you need to be. All IDAC bound cadets highly encouraged to join.

## SCUBA

The Sun Devil Battalion started a new extra-curricular SCUBA Club this semester. In SCUBA club or "Devil Divers" we teach Cadets how to SCUBA dive and get the cadets certified to do so. We also plan dive trips to California and the Bahamas to complete their certifications and gain additional skill ratings. Our first class is near completion with only the training, written test, and check out dives remaining. The club allows cadets to interact in a non-military capacity.



Cadet Kardong practicing being neutrally buoyant .



Cadets practicing SCUBA skills at the bottom of Mona Plummer Pool.



Cadets posing for a picture.





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## COLOR GUARD

What is color guard? Color Guard is a group of highly motivated cadets in the battalion that handle presenting of the colors for formal events, as well as anything related to drill and ceremony. Color Guard has participated in some very special events this year, such as doing our first ever saber arch for 1LT. Smith's wedding on October, 21 2012. Cadets Hofer, Coons, Caldwell, Picciano, Rolan, and Cordincillo were invited to the reception as guests.

Color guard also participated in General's Millers retirement ceremony; Cadets Coons, Caldwell, Glauner and Fries all received letters of appreciation and challenge coins from the three star general.



Fall 2012 Dining In



ASU football game



Designated drivers being acknowledged.



Cadet Posadas sounding the horn for dinner.



MS IVs gathering before dinner.

## DINING IN

October 4, 2012 the Sun Devil Battalion Dining-in. Three nurses, two cadre, one mission. The Sun Devil Battalion will conduct the first annual dining in on the vicinity of the Stone House Pavilion at the Phoenix Zoo, no later than 1800 in order to build cohesion and conduct shenanigans. That is precisely what happened. The Hansz, Graham, and Lamb trifecta (held together by the guidance of MAJ Bravo and CPT Mammoser) dove head first into invitations, last minute R.S.V.P.s, golden toilets, and most importantly, cutlery. The success of the night was due to the work of the whimsical performance of Mr. Vice, carried out by our very own cadet Chad Richman. Festivities of the evening consisted of; the ceremonial flush by the Master of the Grog, cadet Max Hoemke, underclassmen mimicking upperclassmen (Roger, got it), Gangnam style, and the serenading of MAJ Bravo (she has not lost that loving feeling).



SFC (P) Gryzwa receiving his award from Gen. Freakley.

The evening took on a more serious tone during the recognition of SFC (P) Joshua Gryzwa and the words of Lieutenant General (Retired) Benjamin Freakley. We had the privilege of hearing his advice on being a leader and the standards one is held to; standards of integrity, character, and the quality of leading by example. One characteristic that stood out in him was pride in the development of young leaders.

Leadership is made successful through the teamwork of all those involved, a concept learned throughout the planning of this event. Hidden talents among fellow cadets regarding event planning were discovered in the final stages of planning, and will certainly be utilized throughout the entire planning and coordination of the dining out ceremony to be held in May. The Army is a well-rounded environment only if the strengths of others are appropriately recognized and applied.



Cadet Galvan & Cadet Lang performing part of the MS IV



Cadet Stone acting like Cadet Laswell.



Cadet Richman performing part of MS IV skit..



## GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY FIELD DAY



GCU students attempting to perform a pull-up with assistance from a GCU Cadet.

Grand Canyon University is the home for most of our nursing and other health care related field cadets. On November 2, 2012 a recruiting event for ROTC was held on the GCU campus which also included the National Guard and Reserve recruiters. GCU cadets set up a booth and provided information on the program in order to educate and recruit new cadets. A rock wall, and other various activities were also set up to make the experience more enjoyable.



Cadet Lamb (Nursing CDT) waiting to provide students with information.



Cadet Lamb and Cadet Clinton providing information to on looking GCU students.



ROTC booth set up on GCU campus.





## ASU CADET CORNER

How has receiving a scholarship affected your future?



"I'd most likely be enlisted if it wasn't for the scholarship; it gave me the opportunity to get my education and still serve my time"

- CDT Guggemos

As a 10 year prior service member, what's your opinion on how well ROTC prepares future officers for life in the real Army?

"This battalion holds a lot of experienced NCOS and officers who set the right standard. They provide good knowledge on what to expect as a new lieutenant, as well as proper guidance."

-CDT O'Niel



Non- Scholarship cadets have to balance not only school and ROTC, but ways in which they can afford it. What has your experience been like?



"It becomes difficult when time constraints occur. I work full time, and because of that my list of priorities are as such: work, ROTC, then school."

-CDT Sims



**TIPS FROM YOUR MSIVS**

**“ TAKE CARE OF YOUR PEOPLE.”**

**- MINER**

**“ MAKE MISTAKES, COME UP SHORT, FAIL...NOW IS THE TIME TO LEARN.”**

**- RICHMAN**

**“IF YOU’RE NOT GETTING BETTER, YOU’RE GETTING WORSE.”**

**- MULLER**

**“ HOW YOU DO ANYTHING IS HOW YOU DO EVERYTHING.”**

**- GREGGORY**

**“ THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS ALWAYS FINISHING WHAT YOU START.”**

**- VINT**

**“ WHEN YOU GO TO LDAC, DON’T BE ONE OF THOSE POOPY FACED KIDS WHO HATES THEIR LIFE AND CAN’T WAIT TO LEAVE. IF YOU’RE THERE YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE MOTIVATED AND MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO ENJOY YOURSELF. I PROMISE IT ISN’T THAT BAD BUT IF YOU’RE LACKING MOTIVATION, IT WILL BE BAD NO MATTER WHAT.”**

**- NORTON**

**“ AS A LEADER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ONE IS WORKING TO BETTER THEIR SOLDIERS AT ALL TIMES. DO NOT WORK FOR YOUR EVALUATION. IF YOU’RE FULLFILLING YOUR DUTIES, THE E’S WILL COME.”**

**- THOMASSON**

**“ ALWAYS READ BEFORE YOU SIGN, AND UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SIGN...NEVER BE AFRAID TO ASK QUESTIONS.”**

**- GARCIA**