Three Rivers
Army ROTC

Spring 2018 Newsletter
CADET SPOTLIGHT
MSII CLASS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulation to Cadet Jacob Janicki for receiving a 2.5 year scholarship. Jacob is an MSII studying Business management at The California University of Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to MSII Cadet Wendi Walsh for receiving a 2.5 full-tuition scholarship at Seton Hill University.

Congratulations to MSII Cadet Isabella Silagyi who received a 2.5 year scholarship. Cadet Silagyi is a Sophomore Nursing Student at the University of Pittsburgh.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Cadets Alexandar Tolbert and Gregory Krinock from Washington & Jefferson College (W&J) for accepting their top choice active duty assignments in the U.S. Army within the Infantry and Aviation Branch, respectively, after graduation. The two were recognized by their school for their outstanding accomplishments academically and within the Army ROTC. Upon graduation, Alexandar will be attending Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course (IBOLC) from June to October at Fort Benning and will attend Army Ranger School immediately after; Gregory will be attending flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama to become an Aviation officer. Three Rivers Battalion is extremely proud of your successes and wish you both the best as you move onto your careers in the U.S. Army Infantry and Aviation branches.

Three Rivers Battalion would like to congratulate Cadets (from left to right) Madeline Wacker, Alex Russell, Kristian Hill, and Justin Lee on receiving their Bachelor of Science in Nursing. A special congratulations to Justin Lee for receiving the Nursing Student Association Leadership Award at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Graduation and Pinning Ceremony. This award is presented to a graduating senior who has held a position on the Nursing Student Association (NSA) Board of Directors and has exemplified leadership throughout their undergraduate studies and extracurricular activities.

“Arsenal of Democracy”
On the first weekend of April, Three Rivers Battalion headed out to Camp Ravenna, Ohio, to conduct the annual Joint Field Training Exercise with neighboring ROTC programs at Slippery Rock, Edinboro, Gannon, and the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The training focused on preparing MS III cadets for success at Advanced Camp this summer. Upon arrival Thursday morning, MS III cadets were divided into non-organic platoons made up of students from the different schools. This shake-up made for an environment similar to Advanced Camp and challenged cadets to work in a new setting and develop their interpersonal communication skills.

Although very close to graduation and commissioning, MS IV cadets were also kept busy throughout the weekend guiding the training process and learning the functions of the Tactical Operations Center (TOC). Situated apart from the field, MS IV cadets ran 24 hour operations at the TOC maintaining radio communications, conducting live battle tracking, and planning for future operations. Whether training the field or the TOC, everyone was forced to endure bitterly cold temperatures with the occasional dusting of snow over the course of the weekend. In spite of such adverse conditions, all cadets pushed through, enduring the hardship together and making for a successful Joint Field Training Exercise.
Three Rivers Battalion Military Ball:
A celebration of the Academic year, graduating seniors, and change of command.

Article by: Elliot Morse - University of Pittsburgh (MSIII)

Conducted as a military tradition, and as a night where friends and family in arms come together to celebrate the year’s achievements, the annual ball festivities made a night to be remembered. The evening began as the usual toasts were raised and the honored guests were introduced. As the night progressed, a wave of nostalgia overtook those in attendance as the seniors entered under an arch of sabers, and their branches, careers and ultimately their futures were announced as they entered the dining hall.

Pictured are Sergeant First Class James Henderson, Cadet Zachary Horn, and Cadet Megan Cooper

Mentors, family, underclassman, and incoming successors watched in admiration as they were recognized for this year’s achievements, and they were celebrated for having completed another challenging but groundbreaking year. Following suit, those Cadets earning high distinction in their individual classes were summoned to the floor and rewarded too for their individual achievement. As the awardees retired to their seats, a silence filled the air as Col. Duane Miller, dressed in a stoic white uniform, approached the podium. Speaking with poise and with a firm directive, the Three Rivers Battalion was honored to hear his stories of leadership. He spoke of the importance of resiliency in the face of overwhelming odds, as well as the invaluable nature of standing your ground on the path to success.

Colonel Duane Miller

It was a fitting transition into the change of command ceremony that followed, where old leaders welcomed in their successors, and passed along their faith that the battalion would be in good hands. As the evening began to wind down, a final celebration of the army with its song christened the evening, and the colors were retired. With friends and family coming together for the last time and hearing the convocation, many were overwhelmed as it would be the last time being together for some in the graduating classes. The TRB Military Ball 2018 was indeed a night that will never be forgotten.

Capri Gaines escorted by her brother Reggie Sutton

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Congratulations!

To the Comissionnees of Spring 2018
Commissioning Ceremony 2018

by: Mashawna Hargett

The 2018 Three Rivers Battalion Commissioning Ceremony was a very special one as we got to watch the graduating class of 2018 receive their 2LT Ranks as a symbolic representation of one door closing and another one opening. These new commissionees are about to embark on a new journey as their time with the University of Pittsburgh and outlying schools has come to an end and they begin settling into their new roles as officers in the United States Army. LTG Cheek gave an empowering speech at the ceremony leaving the commissionees with three important requests as they move forward: to be the leader their Soldiers deserve; to strive to be a commander; and to work to make three corrections a day to better the army as a whole. With that in mind, these young officers have the ambition and diligence to do great things going forward in their military careers. Three Rivers Battalion has been honored to have mentored them and we wish them the best of luck as they step into their new roles.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018 COMMISSIONEES!

University of Pittsburgh
2LT Christian Bean, Adjutant General, National Guard
2LT Katee Coleman, Signal Corps, National Guard
2LT Marcello Defay, Ordnance, National Guard
2LT Capri Gaines, Military Intelligence, USAR
2LT Sidney Harrison, Medical Service Corps, USAR
2LT Kristian Hill, Nursing Corps, Active Duty
2LT Leo Hill, Medical Service Corps, National Guard
2LT Zachary Horn, Corps of Engineers, Active Duty
2LT Edward Jung, Field Artillery, National Guard
2LT Justin Lee, Nursing Corps, National Guard
2LT Alexandra Russell, Nursing Corps, National Guard
2LT Grant Traeger, Medical Service, National Guard
2LT Jonah Warshawsky, Signal Corps, Active Duty
2LT Madeline Wacker, Nursing Corps, National Guard
2LT Pablo Platero, Infantry, Active Duty

Chatham University
2LT Megan Cooper, Military Intelligence, National Guard

Duquesne University
2LT Nathaniel Bair, Infantry, Active Duty
2LT Michael Caruso, Ordnance, National Guard
2LT Bailey Fertig, Military Police, National Guard
2LT Emily Gallagher, Medical Service, Ed Delay

California University of Pennsylvania
2LT Sean Cushman, Cyper Corps, Active Duty
2LT Richard Myers, Field Artillery, National Guard

Franciscan University of Steubenville
2LT William Blackley, Military Intelligence, Active Duty
2LT Mara Grabski, Nursing Corps, Active Duty
2LT James Hildebrand, Cyber Corps, Active Duty

Washington and Jefferson College
2LT Alexandar Tolbert, Infantry, Active Duty
2LT Gregory Krinock, Aviation Branch, Active Duty

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“Embracing Dual Professionalism”

1LT Mazarella commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Three Rivers Battalion April 2016 and earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Pittsburgh. Since his commissioning, he has been stationed at the Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. BAMC is a 425 bed, Joint Services Level 1 Trauma Regional Medical Center and the largest hospital in the Department of Defense.

1LT Mazarella graduated the AMEDD Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) as a Lynch Leadership Nominee in November 2016, and was first assigned to a 28-bed, turbulent medical-telemetry unit. The majority of patients he served included retirees and active duty trainees of all service branches. He was recently selected as the 2018 ROTC Nursing Summer Training Program (NSTP) Site Coordinator, and will be directly responsible for 30 MSIV nursing cadets from around the country during their 28-day summer internship at BAMC.

During his time at BAMC, 1LT Mazarella has embraced the idea of the “dual professional” of clinician and Army officer. He has shown this by excelling in his clinical skills while taking advantage of Soldiering opportunities at his duty station. 1LT Mazarella achieved the coveted Air Assault badge from the Fort Hood Air Assault School in July 2017 as a first time go in all events while acting as class commander. He took the initiative to coordinate a brigade-level hospital camaraderie event while overseeing 20 enlisted and officer personnel. He also recently earned the Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) in March 2018 at the first-ever BAMC EFMB held in Camp Bullis, TX. The 10-day course started with 84 candidates and graduated 14.

1LT Mazarella felt prepared for the challenges of active duty after his time in the Three Rivers Battalion. He lends his readiness to intense Ranger Challenge training, revitalizing the Three Rivers Battalion Newsletter, and planning the 2016 Commissioning Ceremony. 1LT Mazarella encourages young cadets and Lieutenants to take advantage of every opportunity available at their first duty station, and to focus on doing their job to the best of their ability. “Your superiors will see your work ethic and dedication to the Army, and the opportunities will naturally come.”

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German Armed Forces Badge (GAFB) for Military Proficiency

The GAFB is a decoration of the Bundeswehr, the armed forces of the Federal Republic of Germany. It can be earned by Allies of the German Armed Forces as recognition for an individual’s physical and moral standards. Tested events include first aid, sprints, swimming, marksmanship and finishes off with a ruck march. Several of the TRB Cadets competed in a GAFB competition at Indiana University of Pennsylvania on 21 April 2018 with outstanding results, and we would like to recognize them for their accomplishment:

TRB Medal Winners:

**GOLD**
- Matthew Talericco
- Caitlyn Gibbs
- Jonathan Geisler
- Andrew Marlin
- Cader Coleman
- Alexandria Elisio

**SILVER**
- Mackenzie Michael
- Mashawna Hargett
- Jun Heo
- Elizabeth Williams
- Owen McDade

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**Fall Semester Key Events**

- 23-24 AUG - MSIV STAFFEX
- 25 AUG – Orientation
- 01 SEP – Joint March on @ Heinz Field
- 12 SEP – Army Physical Fitness Test
- 21-23 SEP – Fall FTX @ Camp Dawson
- 05-07 OCT – Army Ten Miler
- 05-07 OCT – Ranger Challenge
- 20 OCT – Squad Tactics Lab
- 22-25 OCT – Combat Water Survival Test
- 12-15 NOV – APFT
- 17 NOV – Commo & First Aid Lab
- 01 DEC – Dining In (T)
- 22 DEC – Fall Commissioning (T)

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI:**

We are looking to nominate new alumni into our new “Hall of Fame” in Bellefield Hall. If you are an alumni of the Three Rivers Battalion and would like to nominate a former cadet who has distinguished themselves in their career, military or civilian, please contact us at:

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