

# CLEVELAND ROTC Wolfpack Newsletter!



Issue 3 ♦ 2017

**For the strength of the pack is the wolf,  
and the strength of the wolf is the pack  
-Law for the Wolves Rudyard Kipling**



## PMS ♦ Pithy Points & Perspective!

by LTC Matthew Johnson, Professor Military Science

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It has been a busy year since our last newsletter. A lot to say, but I will try to be pithy. First, we said goodbye to several of our cadre members. Our Senior Military Science Instructor- MSG Travis Leonhardt who was selected for the Sergeant Majors Academy; & LTC James Sanders, our Assistant Professor of Military Science reported to the Pentagon for duties in the Logistics office, all left in July. We wish them & their families the best of luck & thank them for their impact on the Wolfpack. In July, Command Sergeant Major Frederick Carmicle also left not just the Wolfpack but also the Army as he retired after 27 years of exceptional service. His impact reaches way beyond the Wolfpack & his legacy resides in the Soldiers & families he led & served with for 27 years. Impressive career & we thank him & his family for all they did for us

individually & for the profession at large.

As the Army continues to march, the drum didn't miss a beat & assigned several new officers to the program. We welcomed these new APMSs:

- LTC Eric Krantz, a Military Police officer & JCU ROTC grad from 1996, with his wife Nancy & their two children
- MAJ Andrew Bischoff, an Engineer officer & Clarkson University graduate, & his wife Kim
- MAJ Tim Jenkins, a Military Intelligence officer & Marshall graduate, with his wife Rania, & their four children

*We are also fortunate enough to have dedicated volunteers committed to helping the program:*

- MAJ Matt McGraw returns to assist in tactics & operations as a TPU officer
- SFC Jason Riddle is teaching the MS I class
- SFC Gary Sellars is teaching the MS II class

We are fortunate to have these great leaders & their diverse experiences. I look forward to their contributions to the Wolfpack!

I will let the newsletter speak for itself, but know that our Cadets had great experiences over the summer & are ready to engage this year. As I start my fourth & final year in the Wolfpack, every year I am amazed at both the ability & continued growth of the Wolfpack, both individually & as a team. The year has already started with our Cadets executing tasks often performed in spring semester. I look forward to learning personally from both Cadet & Cadre alike throughout the year.



<b>LTC SANDERS</b> Washington DC Pentagon	<b>MSG LEONHARDT</b> SGM Academy, Texas	<b>SGM CARMICLE</b> Retired after 27 years!	<b>LTC JOHNSON</b> PMS - JCU ROTC University Heights, Ohio
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*LTC Matt Johnson*

# CLEVELAND ROTC

## Activities

Overview



### Spring - Summer 2017

**All American Bowl** Cadet Lynch and others attended this recruiting event in San Antonio, Texas.

**Commissioning of 2LT Dominic Apolito!** Event in the Rodman Hall Chapel

**George C. Marshall Conference**, a leadership and awards seminar held in Fort Leavenworth, KS and attended by Cadet David Laubert.

**Blood Drive** One of several Blood Drives during the year - organized by Cadets

**BRM & PR Field Training Exercise** Rifle marksmanship and tactical exercises

**Hymers Challenge** The tradition continues with CDTs Schmitz, Pacalo & Brubaker taking top three spots in this physically and mentally challenging event!

**Hoops for Troops!** A "fun & fund" raiser, a basketball tourney open to all students

**GAFB** Annual event held at Indiana University. The *German Armed Forces Badge* is one of few, approved foreign awards; as such, it highly sought after. Cadet gold winners were: Schleitwiler, Schmidt & Brubaker. Silver winners were Cadets Strbik, Chimenti & Zidek

**JFTX** Joint Field Training Exercise with Kent State & Akron Universities' programs

**Blood Drive** Several blood drives during the year, supported by the Cadets

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Man Memorial March** Held in Gatlinburg, TN in honor of Gold Star Families. It consists of several individual and team march/run categories. This year, the half heavy marathon team won 1st place with a time of 2 hours and 35 minutes. The PMS won the half marathon run!! Team members include: CDTs Haas, Laubert, Pacalo, Schmitz, & Vidika.

**Dining Out** Annual Military Ball & Awards dinner held at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven. Cadets, Cadre, Friends of the Program and families all had a wonderful evening. Our guest speaker was LTC David Diamond ('96 Wolfpack, CWRU) who spoke to the Cadets about personal responsibility in leadership. LTC Diamond was awarded the Soldier's Medal (by Senator John McCain) in 2016 for his heroic actions at the Boston Marathon bombings. The Soldier's Medal is the highest peacetime award for bravery, heroism or meritorious service.

**Baldwin Wallace and Memorial Day** Color Guard, Speeches & Parades

**Commissioning Ceremony** of 10 new 2LTs! 2 more to be commissioned before year end 2017. Guest speaker was COL Peter Haas, Course Director, U.S. Army War College & dad of 2LT David Haas. Distinguished Military Graduates were 2LTs: Haas & Teleha.

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### Summer at Fort Knox

#### Cadre Support

LTC Johnson TF Training  
05 Jul – 15 Aug

#### Advanced Camp

CDT Black  
CDT Joo  
CDT Mills  
CDT Pacalo  
CDT Pecze  
CDT Reilly  
CDT Schmitz  
CDT Vidika  
CDT Woodard

#### Basic Camp

CDT Wertz  
CDT Hu  
CDT Thomsen  
CDT Nelson



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### Around the country and around the world....

Joint Base Lewis McCord, **Washington State**, CTLT  
**CDT Woodard**

Ft Carson, **Colorado** CTLT: 2IBCT  
**CDT Pecze**

Ft Wainwright, **Alaska** NSTP: Intership  
**CDT Joo**

Ft Benning, **Georgia** CTLT: ABN  
**CDT Schmitz**

Ft Bragg, **North Carolina** CTLT (82<sup>nd</sup> CAB)  
**CDT Pacalo**

Grafenwoehr, **Germany**  
**CDT Vidika**

Shanghai, **China** - Project GO  
**CDT Strbik**

**China** - Studying abroad  
**CDT Brendan Reilly**



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GEN Abrams & 2LT Laubert at George C Marshall



2LT Hass & CDT Schmitz, Hoops for Troops



Joint FTX

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- **Memorial Day**, events in University Heights (UH) & BW. SGM Carmicle gave an inspirational and heartfelt speech at UH's annual event. He & his family led the parade on the Euclid Beach Rocket Car!



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2LT Hass & CDT Schmitz, Hoops for Troops



SGM Carmicle, Memorial Day

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LTC David Diamond, Guest Speaker



Dining Out!

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Farewell to Cadre members at Dining Out, with hand-carved Shillelaghs



Former Cadet Lynch & dates!



MMMM - Winning!!



FTX!



# Cadet Corner

## Testimonials from our Current Cadet Crew!

*These comments are from our Wolfpack members regarding the recent and past terms. We use "MS" to refer to "Military Science." For example, an MSI is a first year Cadet while MSIII*

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### Freshmen (MS I)

**CDT Leary** - Since this is my first semester in ROTC, I have to admit that I don't quite know what to expect. What I'm most looking forward to, though, is the progress I hope to make. I know that I have a long way to go, especially in physical fitness, but I've already improved a lot since the beginning of the year, and I'm even starting to enjoy the early morning workouts. The cadre and my fellow cadets have all been extremely supportive so far, and I hope to build strong relationships with all of them. I have already begun to develop friendships with other MS-1s, and will continue to do so throughout the year. It's been good to have other first years to turn to in the beginning, since we're all in the same boat as we start to get on our feet. I'm committed to completing all four years in the ROTC program and commissioning after graduation, and more than anything I look forward to moving toward that goal this year!

**CDT Reyes** - There are a multitude of things that I would like to get involved in within ROTC. One of the things I want to do is team bonding, I hope to accomplish with the other cadets in the program. Outside of PT and lab I'd like to know more about the other cadets as a person. I hope to move up in the charts as it comes to getting a perfect score on the PT test. I want to learn more about what it means to become a leader, and what I can do to help others that are struggling and need some assistance. My personal goal throughout the year is to get a little better each day; with anything from reading maps or studying more for a class.

### Sophomores (MS II)

**CDT Selep** - My summer ROTC experience was basic combat training (BCT). It was a great experience looking back to get more training on basic soldier skills. The most important thing I got out of BCT was rifle marksmanship training and bettering my PT.

I look forward to my MSII year and hope to contract this semester as a cadet. I am excited to pass what I have learned so far down to the new MSIs so they can be knowledgeable





## Testimonials from our Current Cadet Crew! (cont'd)

cadets in our program and stick with ROTC.

**CDT Boling** - Going into this year I am looking forward to the opportunities that arise within ROTC volunteering and helping our community. I look forward to working with the new cadets and learning from the older. This year I am also looking forward to getting my contracting process started.

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### Juniors (MS III)

**CDT Donner** - This year I am looking forward to testing my skills in a small group environment as a Squad Leader. After meeting my squad for the semester it seems like it will be a great learning experience for both myself and for those in my squad. I also look forward to leading the Ranger Challenge team to the competition in Fort Knox, we have a promising team and a few returning members.

**CDT Burton** - This summer I attended Cadet Field Training at West Point in New York. Cadet Field Training, or CFT, is the mandatory training that West Point cadets attend between their freshman and sophomore year and it teaches them how to be a team leader. The training lasted a month and took place at Camp Buckner, the summer training site on West Point's campus. Along with training the cadets to be team leaders, CFT also exposed the cadets to the different branches of the army. For example, we took three days to learn about Field Artillery, one day to do an overview of engineering and so on. The culminating event was the five-day field training exercise that we went on to develop our ability to work under pressure. Overall, I felt that CFT was an enjoyable and informative summer training and I would recommend, that if other cadets have the opportunity, to go.



*Cadets participated in a Color-Run fundraiser for Rainbow Babies & Childrens Hospital. Left to right Lucille Zaharko, Anna Thomsen, Zachary Donner, Alyssa Kiser*

This year in ROTC, I look forward to developing my leadership skills and preparing myself for camp this summer.





**Testimonials from our Current Cadet Crew! (cont'd)**

**Seniors (MS IV)**

**CDT Mills** - Over the summer I learned a lot about how to interact with people with varying knowledge bases. I went to advanced camp first and then became a basic camp MSIII trainer, afterwards. Through both experiences I realized I had a great deal more knowledge than I thought I did and I was able to use my knowledge to help the other cadets. I became more confident in what I knew and what I was capable of. Being first regiment in advanced camp was a challenge, but it helped me grow as a person and as a future officer. I was able to create a mini land navigation course to help a handful of cadets in advanced camp and I was able to teach the underclassmen the army culture and the standards that we hold, as an MSIII trainer. I think this summer gave me a bigger idea of what I can do and I can bring those experiences back with me in order to mentor and train the underclassmen here.

This year I am looking forward to preparing the MSIIIs for camp this year. Camp can always change, but we can give them all the tools we can for them to succeed. I look forward to working with the other MSIVs and learning all the staff positions in order to have a successful year.

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**CDT Vidika** - The summer was full of challenges and new experiences for me. I completed advanced camp and had the opportunity to shadow an officer in Germany through the CTLT program. Each experience gave me new tools that I will take with me throughout my Army career. The highlight of the summer for me was parachuting out of a CH-47 helicopter four times. I could not have asked for a better summer.

I look forward to sharing whatever knowledge I can with the younger cadets and assisting them in achieving the goals they have set for themselves.





# Pershing Rifles

**Mission First, People Always**

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**A Note from PR President CDT Michael Schmitz:**

Pershing Rifles Company M-1 transitioned command to CDT Michael Schmitz '18 this year and expanded its capabilities and influence in the Wolfpack Battalion and throughout the John Carroll campus.

Our Pershing Rifles company recently welcomed 6 new members from the Wolfpack Battalion. Their 3 months of training culminated in a Field Training Exercise in early March, where they completed continuous day and night operations to better ready themselves as future leaders in the profession of arms.

In addition to training, the company performed numerous color guards throughout the Spring semester, to include JCU and CSU lacrosse games and wrestling matches. The Company is also responsible for presenting the colors at the Battalion Dining Out Ceremony.

Today, the Company is certifying underclassmen cadets within the Wolfpack Battalion on basic color guard skills in order to send forth more knowledgeable and capable members of the Wolfpack. This will allow the Battalion to participate in many upcoming events on the John Carroll campus and Veteran's Day weekend, to include the Veteran's Day Parade held in downtown Cleveland. Company M-1 will be seeking to expand its numbers during the candidate process, which begins in December, 2017.

Current members include **president Michael Schmitz** and the following Cadets:

Justin Binkiewicz  
Collin Brubaker  
Riley Burton

Erica Curtin  
Zachary Donner  
Thomas Strbik

Gabe Pecze  
Samuel Joo  
Kevin Schleitwiler

Tucker Schmidt  
John Selep  
William Zidek



# NEW CADRE!



LTC Eric Krantz



MAJ Andrew Bischoff



MAJ Timothy Jenkins



MAJ Matthew McGraw



SFC Jason Riddle



SFC Gary Sellars

**Our new Cadre come from a variety of areas of the U.S. Army. Former assignments include NATO, Afghanistan, the private sector and recruiting. Their cadre assignments include teaching Military Science classes levels 1-4, labs, conducting training, programming and leading PT.**

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**LTC Eric Krantz was commissioned as a 2LT in 1996 from JCU's Wolfpack!** He holds BS/BA degrees. In 2001 he received an MA in Organizational Security. He commanded at the company and battalion level and has accumulated a lifetime of global experience. He's served in every component including 1st Army, Human Resources Command and the Pentagon G3/5/7.

In his spare time, he is an entrepreneur growing a real estate investment company and a leadership training consulting firm. He enjoys the outdoors, coaching youth sports and occasionally works as a PADI Divemaster with over 1,000 volunteer hours.

While LTC Krantz has had deployments to Bosnia, Korea, Iraq and Kosovo, he now resides in Hudson. LTC's wife Nancy is (JCU/ROTC '99 & CSU '02 JD) is a combat veteran! The Krantz' along with their 2 children are excited to rejoin the Wolfpack!



**MAJ Andrew Bischoff** was commissioned as a 2LT in the Corps of Engineers. He has an undergraduate degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering and a master's degree in Civil Engineering. He is a certified Project Management Professional. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic Course, Engineer Captains Career Course and the Department of Defense Public Affairs Officer Qualification Course.

Major Bischoff deployed to Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan in addition to having roles domestically. His awards include the Army Commendation & Army Achievement Medals, the NATO Medal, the Parachutists Badge and the Ranger Tab.

He resides in Chesterland and is married to Kimberly and they are expecting their first child!

**MAJ Timothy Jenkins** was commissioned as a 2LT in 2003 to the Chemical Corps. In 2006, he transferred to Military Intelligence Corps.

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# NEW CADRE!



MAJ Jenkins deployed to Kuwait and Turkey where he served as Intelligence Planner for the Allied Land Command of NATO. His awards include the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

MAJ Jenkins served as the Military Intelligence Trainer for the Field Artillery Battalion at the National Training Center. He also was a Military Intelligence Adviser for the Iraqi Military/Border Patrol on a Military Transition Team in Iraq. He participated in the Earnest Leader Exercise as a Brigade Intelligence Officer Adviser to the Saudi forces in Saudi Arabia.

MAJ Jenkins is married to Rania and they live in Avon with their 4 children.



**MAJ Matt McGraw:** MAJ Matt McGraw is an Army Reserve Officer **and both former and current Wolfpack Cadre member!** He commissioned via the ROTC program at the University of Toledo and was assessed into the Army Aviation branch. While on Active Duty, he served in Korea and Iraq.

He is a rated a Senior Aviator in the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior Helicopter, and has logged in excess of 1,000 combat flight hours while serving multiple tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His awards and decorations include the Army Air Medal.

In addition, he served as an ROTC instructor right here at JCU several years ago. He said, *"I found tremendous pride and fulfillment in working with our Cadets who all worked hard to progress their skills in order to raise their right hand and serve something bigger than themselves..."*



**A picture from '11: Air Movement training program, Notre Dame College to Camp Ravenna. Participated in by MAJ McGraw**

In his civilian career, MAJ McGraw is the Senior Director of Sales Operations and Effectiveness for Moen Inc. **He holds an MBA from JCU's Boler School of Business.**

He resides in Avon, OH with his wife Katherine and their three sons. In his free time he enjoys all things involved with raising three strapping boys!

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- **Give us your content for this newsletter!** Let us hear from you, alumni & friends!
- Send us pictures! If you like, take a picture with "Flat Stanley" ([click here](#) to access)
- Please contact us with question; comments or information on the program

# Alumni Update

We'd like to hear from you! Please share your photos and/or updates. **Thanks to all and Lead the Pack!**

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**ALUMNI VISIT!!**  
**Lin St. Clair &**  
**MAJ Dan Kull '03**  
 February 21, 2017



**From Hong Kong, Stefano Deleidi (JCU '87) in his WWII era restored Jeep**



**LTC Diamond '96 Wolfpack**  
**Our Guest speaker at Dining Out!**



**In Kuwait with 1LT Lutter and 2LT Mauer**



**2LT Jacob Mauer presents Cadre members with a flag that flew over Camp Moorehead, Afghanistan on July 4th**

