
EIU PANTHER BATTALION R.O.T.C.

Spring 2022

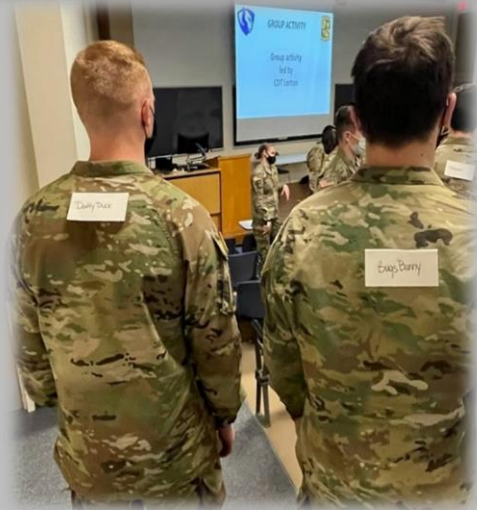


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WELCOME BACK!!!!

Panther Battalion started off the semester strong with intense, chilly PT sessions and a Welcome Back Lab! We welcomed any incoming cadets, recognized achievements from Fall semester, and played an ice-breaker activity.



ACFT...WITH FACULTY!

Some of Eastern's finest faculty joined us for one of our ACFTs! They got to experience what it takes to complete an entire ACFT, while also providing friendly competition for Cadets. We loved being able to host them despite one of them being from the Air Force!



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GETTING STRONGER EVERYDAY...



Our 8-mile ruck! Throughout the semester, Panthers ruck at least every month to work their way up to the 12-mile, which is completed in April.



Tire PT! Incorporating different types of equipment into PT provides comprehensive strength and keeps things interesting.



An action shot from Rifle PT- another way to keep workouts interesting during our winter months spent inside.



Our first Ruck Food Drive! Panthers packed up their rucks with non-perishable food items to be donated to the campus food pantry and rucked 10 miles. We were able to donate 370lbs of food!

MOVING ON UP...



Our MS1/MS2 Instructor, Julian Pacheco, was promoted from SSG to SFC. It was an honor to be able to witness such a well-earned promotion. Congrats, SFC Pacheco!



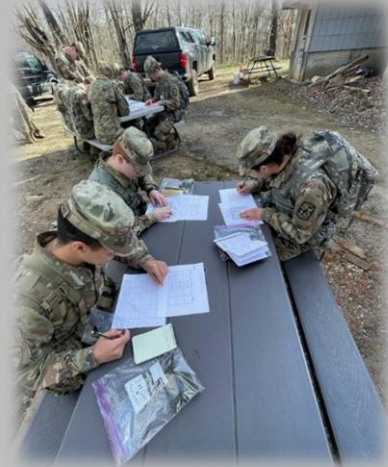
AND MOVING ON OUT.



After serving 20 years, MSG Ludwig retired from the Army. He served as Panther Battalion's MS3 instructor for nearly 4 years and developed our cadets more than we can ever fathom. Thank you for everything, MSG Ludwig!



SUPERLAB



SuperLab is a 2-Day event held every spring. The first day was MS1/MS2 focused, where they lead Squad STX lanes, do day & night land nav, and have some social time!



The second day revolved around the MS3s running platoon missions! MS3s solidify their planning process, OPORD briefs and tactical knowledge prior to FTX and CST. The MS1s/MS2s also got opportunities to be Squad leaders during these platoon missions.



12-MILER



Our 12-mile ruck is one of the culminating events of the spring semester. MS3s must complete the ruck below the 4-hour time standard, wearing full battle-rattle, while carrying a 35lb ruck and a dummy rifle. Our MS3s (and MS2 CDT Linker) did amazingly!



WE RAN FOR FUN...SOMETIMES.



CDT Donovan (MS3) took charge of run club this year and lead several members of Panther Battalion to run many miles all over Charleston. Runs were held nearly everyday of the week for whoever wanted to join in on the fun. Some Cadets even ran a half-marathon together!

TAKING ON THE NORTHERN WARFARE CHALLENGE!



This year was the first year that Panther Battalion competed in the Northern Warfare Challenge at Fort McCoy, WI. The team trained tirelessly in the winter weather preparing for events such as fire starting, first aid, knot tying, and, of course, rucking.



SPRING FTX



Spring Joint FTX was held at Fort Knox, KY in conjunction with 7 other schools. MS3's conducted day & night land nav, and a total of 13 Platoon STX Lane Missions throughout the weekend. This was the culminating training event for our MS3s, who will soon attend CST at Fort Knox this summer!



MILITARY BALL

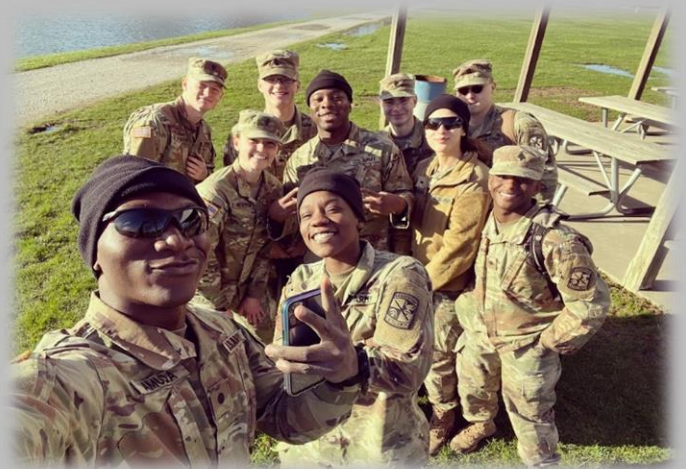


Our 41st Annual Military Ball was held at the Mattoon Country Club as a way to celebrate all of our accomplishments this year. This event has a ceremonial portion, along with a casual portion for cadets to relax and celebrate. Everyone cleaned up very nicely!

SAYING GOODBYE...AND GOODLUCK!!!



Our MS4s have worked hard throughout their time in the program and will soon be 2LTs! They will be missed, but we know they'll make us proud!



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