



Maverick Battalion

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MAVERICK BATTALION



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Winter Newsletter



Winter in Review

As the winter break allowed Maverick BN Cadets to recharge, all of Maverick BN was ready to hit the ground running upon return to campus. Luckily, with easing regulations, training for this semester is in person. To prepare the MSII's for Cadet summer training (CST), much time will be invested in core soldier competencies that will ensure a strong performance upon arrival to Fort Knox. Before the winter break, Maverick BN pinned four freshly minted Second Lieutenants and transitioned them on to utilize their training for bigger and better things. Upon return to campus, current Maverick BN Cadets held a Change of Command Ceremony and then transitioned to training for the remainder of the semester.

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MSII's learn new fundamentals that will assist them on the M4 qualification.

December 2020 Commissioning

In December, Maverick Battalion pinned the Army's newest Second Lieutenants (2LT) in our December 2020 Commissioning Ceremony.

Congratulations to 2LT Mettler, 2LT Piotter, 2LT Rauenhorst, and 2LT Theriault. This event marked the culmination of all the hard work that these Cadets accomplished with their time with Maverick BN and transitioned them to service as a Second lieutenant. 2LT Mettler graduated Minnesota Sate University, Mankato (MNSU) with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) of Business and branched as an Active Duty Armor officer. 2LT Mettler said in a comment, "... I've learned that you should always give yourself the space and grace to change your mind and take steps in the direction you want to go".

2LT Piotter Graduated MNSU with B.A. in Corporate Finance with an outstanding 3.92 GPA. 2LT Piotter branched Field Artillery within the Minnesota Army National Guard and holds the position as a Fire Direction Officer within 1-151 Field Artillery. 2LT Raunehorst graduated MNSU with a Bachelors of Science (B.S.) of Exercise Science and branched Active Duty Ordinance with a slot for *Explosive Ordnance Disposal* qualification. 2LT Theriault was Maverick BN's final pinning as he graduated MNSU with a B.S. in Law Enforcement and branched within the Minnesota National Guard as a Military Police Officer.



2LT Mettler



2LT Piotter



2LT Theriault



2LT Rauenhorst

Welcome Back

To welcome back Maverick BN for the spring 2021 semester, three Leadership Labs were executed to refine skills taught in the fall. The three Leadership Labs executed were a Change of Command Ceremony, Land Navigation, and Basic Rifle Marksmanship.

During the Ceremony Leadership Lab, CDTs saw CDT Mortensen, the former Cadet/Command Sergeant Major be relieved by Cadet Cline as the acting Cadet Command Sergeant Major. We also saw Cadet Grimsrud relieve our former Cadet Battalion Commander, Cadet Peterson, as the acting Maverick Cadet Battalion Commander. With new Cadet leadership underway, it was fitting to congratulate and commemorate CDT Peterson's accomplishments in the previous semester.

In the ceremony, awards were given, such as the Ranger Challenge Ribbon and other awards given from events from throughout the semester. These awards were a great way to look back on Maverick Battalion's successes and an even better way to look forward and set goals for this coming Spring 2021 semester. Seeing how these interactions occur will help underclassmen better understand how to perform them later when CDTs find themselves in these ceremonies.

In the Land Navigation Leadership Lab, Maverick BN received training from the MS IV's and Cadre.

The first training delivered was the Equal Opportunity (EO) and Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) brief delivered by Cadre. EO and SHARP training is vital to prepare future leaders to understand better that every soldier is different and where there is an act (or acts) committed upon another that is unwarranted, it will be dealt with swiftly and correctly. The second part of Leadership Lab focused on refining route planning skills. The ability of a leader to plan a route, secondary route and third routes is important so CDTs can adapt and change to a situation that we may meet in the field. Maverick BN MSIII, CDT Marcy said "This Leadership Lab was a great way to really take a look at what I need to work on with route planning and map reading. Being able to identify these deficiencies before CST is paramount. We all want to be successful at CST but that can only be achieved with hard work and practice on things that seem mundane and small. These "smaller" skills that we practice are anything but small. They are also perishable, requiring multiple rehearsals before using them in the field."



Professor of Military Science LTC March passing the Guidon to CDT Grimsrud



MSIV's mentoring underclassmen on route planning



Welcome Back (Continued)

The latest Leadership Lab was focused on Basic Rifle Marksmanship (BRM). BRM is one of the baseline disciplines a soldier in the United States Army will learn. In teaching of BRM, training delivered was focused on preparation for the newly introduced M4 qualification. This new rifle qualification has six tables and requires the Soldier to know and understand everything about their weapon system from the cooling system that the M4, completed capabilities of the weapon, the types of rounds used in the M4, and many other maintenance-related items. This knowledge is an expansive list but will prepare soldiers to better understand the weapon and better employ them during our qualification or on the battlefield. CDT Marcy said in a statement, "As a future leader, we can use these skills to develop our Soldiers and grow a greater understanding of the expectations and regulations to be used while on a range or while handling a weapon. Seeing as how the Army is really hitting this training hard it must be of the most importance. Recognizing what the Army identifies as important training is a crucial task as a leader to ensure future unit readiness".



MSII's practice body positioning on barriers.



MSIII's practice magazine changes.

Upcoming Events:

- **06 FEB - Klondike Derby**
- **26 FEB—Dining In**
- **26-28 MAR - GAFPB**

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