New Cadre

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. May
Professor of Military Science

Master Sergeant Timmy W. Files
Senior Military Instructor

Sergeant First Class Jason Person
Training NCO/Instructor

Mr. Brian Jones
Human Resources Technician

Visit https://goo.gl/JxiXkF for full Bio's

2015-16 Football Schedule:

9/3 Oklahoma State (home)
9/12 Monmouth (home)
9/19 Syracuse
9/26 Michigan State
10/3 Northern Illinois (home)
10/10 Western Michigan
10/17 Buffalo (home)
10/24 Ball State
10/31 Akron
11/10 Toledo (home)
11/18 Kent State
11/27 Eastern Michigan (home)
Greetings Alumni and Friends of the Chippewa Battalion:

I am honored to be selected by the Army to lead this great program and for the opportunity to develop the future leaders of our Army. My family and I have been both surprised and grateful for the warm welcome we have received by supporters of the battalion as we await the arrival of our car and household goods from Italy. The affectionate reception we received demonstrates the high regard the community holds for the Chippewa Battalion due in large part to the support you provide. I am thankful for your involvement in our program.

Our program stands on a strong foundation. It is anchored by a talented set of Cadre who care about our cadets and their development. It is my pleasure to welcome Master Sergeant Tim Files as our new Senior Military Instructor, Sergeant First Class Jason Person as our MS III Instructor at Central Michigan, Sergeant First Class John Claybaugh as our MS I Instructor at Ferris State, and Mr. Brian Jones as our Human Resources Administrator. These talented individuals bring a wealth of experience which they are eager to share with our cadets. I also want to thank Staff Sergeant Andrew Rasmussen for his 3 years of service to our program and wish him luck in his next assignment. Thank to Mary Brewer for her 20 years of service to our program and wish her luck as she transitions to retirement.

I too am a product of ROTC, where I was Cadet Battalion Commander of the Wright State University Raider Battalion. ROTC allowed me to transition from a Combat Engineer in the National Guard to a Military Intelligence Officer on Active Duty. My stateside assignments have been with the 10th Mountain and 1st Infantry Divisions. Overseas, I have had the honor to serve with the Big Red One, the 5th Victory Corps, and US Army Europe in Germany and with SETAF (Southern European Task Force) in Italy. My deployments have taken me to Iraq and Afghanistan. I am accompanied by my wife-Eva, our son- Niklas, our daughter- Emma, and our faithful terrier- Miley.

We are excited about joining the Chippewa Team and look forward to meeting you at football games, military balls, commissioning and awards ceremonies, or just when you stop by our offices at Finch Hall Room 111 to say hello. Together we will work hard to maintain the reputation of excellence that our battalion holds.

ROTC Alumni Association President’s Address from Ted Hummel ‘58

Greetings to ROTC Alumni and Friends of the CMU/ROTC Program.

Over the past year I attended awards and commissioning ceremonies for our Cadets. These events are truly inspiring. The enthusiasm, achievements, and attitude of our Cadets are remarkable. When I leave one of these events I am really proud of the Cadets, the ROTC leadership and our University. Please contact the Military Science Department if you are in the area and wish to attend such events (989) 774-3049.

The annual Military Ball was held on 25 April on campus. This was a great event coordinated and conducted by the Cadets. Many alumni and faculty were there to join the Cadets in a formal social event. The highlight of the evening was the induction into the ROTC Hall of Fame of the following alumni: Ronald Sharp, Al Tennant and Robert Ware. If you are aware of an CMU ROTC graduate that you would like to nominate to the Hall of Fame please contact the ROTC office for the procedure and suspense.

On 27 May we said farewell to LTC Thayer and MSG Dorman. Hosted by Dr. Gates and the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, the event was highlighted by the warm remarks given to LTC Thayer and MSG Dorman. In turn they thanked Dr. Gates, CMU and many individuals for the opportunity to serve here, especially to the Cadets they taught over the past few years. Both have left a tremendous leadership impact on the ROTC program. LTC Thayer is now in Honduras and MSG Dorman is attending the US Army Sergeants Major Academy.

We welcome new ROTC leadership, PMS, LTC Robert May who was recently the Deputy Inspector General Vicenza, Italy, United States Army Africa.

I hope to see many of you at a football game, especially at homecoming on 3 October. Be sure to stop at the ROTC office and greet the personnel there. If you meet any Cadet, introduce yourself and share some stories.
Congratulations Second Lieutenants

*Denotes Distinguished Military Graduate

December 2014 (CMU)
Alex Biller
Engineer (National Guard) from Grand Rapids, MI

Sarah Felton
Ordnance (National Guard) from Highland Park, MI

William Cynecki
Military Intelligence (Army Reserve) from Midland, MI

Bart Nolde
Ordnance (National Guard) from Oxford, MI

*Daniel McCarthy
Armor (Active Duty) from Livonia, MI

Sean Kirley
Medical Services (Active Duty) from Genesee, MI

May 2015 (CMU)
Kim Wonkwang
Signal (Active Duty) from Iselin, NJ

Zachary Spreitzer
Military Police (Active Duty) from Plymouth, MI

*Andrew Stow
Military Intelligence (Active Duty) from DeWitt, MI

Sven Alm
Infantry (National Guard) from Ada, MI

Mark Calder
Signal (Army Reserve) from Shelby Township, MI

Tyler Womack
Medical Services (Army Reserve) from Southfield, MI

December 2014 (FSU)
Jacob Prahl
Ordnance (National Guard) from Cedar Springs, MI

Zach Prahl
Ordnance (Active Duty) from Greenville, MI

Nicholas Najjar
Transportation (Army Reserve) from Naples, FL

Nicholas Patterson
Military Police (National Guard) from Lansing, MI

(no picture)

September 2015 (CMU)
Joseph Kruse
Signal (National Guard) from Ann Arbor, MI

May 2015 (FSU)
Logan Bontrager
Ordnance (National Guard) from Greenville, MI

*Joshua Camiller
Infantry (Active Duty) from Jenison, MI

Charles Fias
Infantry (Active Duty) from Freemont, MI

Scott Jakubielski
Infantry (National Guard) from Baldwin, MI

Abram McIntire
Ordnance (Active Duty) from Lowell, MI
Leadership Development Exercise (LDX) by Cadet William Cynecki

While most college kids were relaxing during their fall weekend, the Chippewa Battalion conducted a nitty-gritty LDX at Camp Grayling located in northern Michigan. Upon their arrival to the largest National Guard base in the country, Cadets were broken into three training iterations: a virtual land navigation course, a dismounted squad-training simulator and an engagement skills trainer (EST). The dismounted squad-training simulator was a favorite among Cadets. According to intelligent.net, this advanced virtual training system uses a combination of sensors on the soldier’s body and a realistic weapon to convert movements into a virtual-reality training scenario. It allowed squads of 9 Cadets to work together through a world that can be converted into any terrain, weather, or combat scenario. The Cadets were able to apply the knowledge gained from these technologically advanced systems the following morning during force-on-force exercises. MSIII Cadets had the opportunity to lead squad-sized elements in the following force-on-force scenarios: ambush, recon and react-to-contact. The Cadets fired paintball guns during these lanes, which added a touch of “hooah” to the 2014 Fall LDX.

Norwegian Foot March, University of Southern Indiana by MAJ Jason Cornett

November 2, 2014

Nearly 700 Cadets and Soldiers representing 29 states and the District of Columbia traveled to the University of Southern Indiana on Saturday, November 1 to participate in the 13th Annual Norwegian Foot March. With a start and end point at USI, the 18.6-mile course required individuals to march on a trail that covers a variety of terrain while dressed in military attire and carrying a 25-pound rucksack and frame. Participation in this year’s event surpasses last year’s by 25 percent, making this the largest Norwegian Foot March since the events inception.

The overall winner was Cadet David Dantuma, a Ferris State University student, a partnership school with CMU ROTC, with a winning time of 2:50:31.

German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge March 27-28, 2015

A total of 328 participants competed this year, including Soldiers from the Indiana Army National Guard, an Active Duty Unit from Fort Campbell, KY and five ROTC Cadets from Central Michigan University and Ferris State University. The five Cadets earned two Gold Badges and three Bronze Badges in the competition. The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge is one of the few foreign awards that is authorized to be worn on United States military uniforms. One requirement to host the testing for this badge is that a German liaison be present during the event. The participants competed for either a gold, silver or bronze badge in the following events; First Aid 30 Question Exam, a basic fitness test that included flex-arm-hang, a 1,000-meter run and a 11 by 10 meter sprints, donning of chemical protection equipment, a 100-meter swim in combat uniform followed by taking off of the uniform while treading water, a 9-millimeter pistol qualification, and a ruck march of 6 to 12 kilometers (depending on which medal they were competing for) carrying a rucksack weighing 33 pounds.
Military Ball, April 25, 2015
Central Michigan University
Bovee Center

Alumni, Cadets, Cadre, CMU Administration and many special guests enjoyed the Military Ball. Many alumni traveled long distances to attend the Ball. LTC (Ret) Al Westrick drove from Maryland and stopped by Onondaga, MI to bring his classmate COL (Ret) John Ghere. CPT (Ret) Bill Talcott from Arizona, and others from varies areas of Michigan, including BG (Ret) John and Mrs. Carole Kulhavi, COL (Ret) George Clayton, COL (Ret) Ted & Mrs. Hummel, and many more.

Save the date:
Military Ball 2016
Date: Friday, 22 April 2016
Location: CMU Campus
Cadet’s Summer 2015 Training Experiences

Cadet Jacob Olechnowicz, Air Assault School, Class 301-15
Warrior Training Center, Fort Benning, Georgia, 20 June- 3 July
Attending Air Assault School at Fort Benning was an incredible opportunity and a true challenge! I was tested both mentally and physically during the intensive ten day course. 272 soldiers reported on in-processing day and 237 earned their air assault wings ten long days later.

The Air Assault course began with “zero day,” and was arguably the most physically demanding day. Zero day activities included hours of PT, a timed two-mile run and finished with an obstacle course. The following days brought more classroom instruction. First was aircraft orientation, next sling load operations, and finally repelling.

Students had both a written and hands-on examination after each block of instruction. Students also completed a 6 mile ruck march at the half way point of the course, as well as a 12 mile ruck march as a final test on graduation day. A strict inspection of the packing list was also conducted after each ruck march.

The most exciting training for me was during the repelling instruction, which finished with each Air Assault student successfully repelling 90 feet out of a UH-60 Blackhawk. The Air Assault course is both a demanding and rewarding training experience and I would encourage other cadets to rise to the challenge if given the opportunity!

Cadet Casey Blades, Tanzania, 9 June—9 July
I went on a mil to mil CULP trip to Tanzania this summer. The first week our team stayed in Dar es Salaam on the coast of the Indian Ocean as we did local tours and began meeting locals to learn more about Tanzanian culture. We went to nearby markets and the National Museum which was built in 1940 to see artifacts from various tribes as well as colonial artwork. We also spent a night conversing with a wealthy native Massai warrior to learn more about one of the world's last true nomadic tribes and understand their way of life and how changing times influenced growth and preservation of their ancient heritage.

The second two weeks in country our team spent at the Tanzania Military Academy in the Monduli District which lies in Arusha. We lived as the Tanzanian officer cadets did and participated in all training and instruction as they did for the duration of our stay. Training included tactical defense and withdrawal and additionally much physical training plus drill and ceremony. Also, we became hands on with AK-47’s and RPK’s at the rifle range and on our last day at the academy we endured an eight hour ruck much with full battle rattle up a very steep mountain into the northern part of Monduli. On the weekend between weeks at the academy the team went on private safaris into Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater which is the world’s largest inactive, intact, and unfilled volcanic caldera to see Tanzania’s big five game animals.

Cadet Michon Girardot, Republic of Georgia, 10 May—17 June
I was given the opportunity to visit the Republic of Georgia through the CULP program. Whilst there, I experienced the rigorous Georgian Mountain Training School in the village of Sachkhere. I not only learned about navigating and maneuvering through the harsh terrain of the Caucasus Mountains, but I was able to learn firsthand about the rich culture and extensive history of the Georgian people. Throughout the trip, I met ROTC cadets from all over the US as well as cadets from the Georgian military academies. We built lasting friendships and memories that transcended language and cultural barriers. Through it all, I will never forget the incomparable hospitality and resilience of the Georgian people, and I look forward to continuing my study into their culture.
Cadet Joseph Westman, Bulgaria. 10 May—10 June
I have had the privilege to be a representative of the United States Army Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency program in Bulgaria. My mission consisted of teaching conversational English at Shumen University to both officers of the Bulgarian Army, Navy, and Air Force and to civilians. My primary task was to facilitate conversations that consisted of a wide variety of topics such as sports, religion, and politics so that they would feel more comfortable and gain a better understanding of the English language. Apart from teaching English, our group had the great opportunity to immerse ourselves in the country’s culture. We did this by visiting numerous museums, monuments, fortresses, and other historical sites throughout the country. Overall, the CULP mission to Bulgaria was a great success. I learned a great deal in terms of their culture and in the meantime I was able to share my culture.

Cadet Jacob Olechnowicz, Cadet Summer Internship, 26 July-14 August
My internship at the Joint Manufacturing Technology Center of the Rock Island Illinois Arsenal was an eye-opening and truly valuable internship. Being that I am a business management major, this was also my first “real-world” business experience. For the duration of my stay in Rock Island, I was placed in the LEAN department of the arsenal.
LEAN is not an acronym for anything, rather is it a process; a proven business theory designed to change a workplace culture and increase efficiency. This is facilitated via middle management and I was placed with a team who was implementing LEAN practices on the production floor. These managers communicated with the factory workers on making the necessary changes and then reported to upper management about progress on efficiency; much like the Army chain of command. The managerial skills I learned while working in the LEAN department will be an asset to me both as a future Army Officer, and out in the civilian world as well.
I would urge cadets to go, see, and experience the arsenal for themselves! My intern experience at the Rock Island Arsenal was simply a fantastic one!

Mary Brewer retired—August 2015!
Congratulations Mary and thank you for 20 year of service at CMU ROTC and your 26 years for Department of the Army. You have touched the lives of approximately 360 Cadets and many Cadre. Those who commissioned while you were at CMU had the best human resource tech to guide them through the ROTC program. Bless you Mary and may you enjoy all your retired days! You will be missed!

Edwin “Rick” Anderson, ROTC 1955 Alumni sadly passed away on July 21, 2015 at his home in Clinton Township. He was a native of East Tawas. He was a proud member of the Michigan 22 and Beyond. The members of the Michigan 22 and Beyond will remember him fondly and will keep his spirit alive in their group.
2015 Hall of Fame Inductees

Ronald L. Sharp
A graduate from CMU in June, 1965 with a B.S. degree in chemistry and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Chemical Corps through CMU ROTC. He returned to CMU and received a master's degree in chemistry in 1970. COL Sharp served on active duty from 1966 through 1968 at the Watertown Arsenal and the Army Materials and Mechanics Research Center in Boston, MA. Following his release from activity duty, he continued to serve in the United States Army Reserve. COL Sharp served as a Battalion Motor Officer, Reconnaissance Survey Officer, Intelligence Officer, Operations Officer and Headquarters Battery Commander in the 4th Battalion 38th Field Artillery. He served as a Battalion Executive Officer, Battalion Commander, Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, and Brigade Commander in the 70th Division (Training).

His decorations, service medals, and badges include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Army Commendation Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with five oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Armed forces Reserve Medal and hour glass, and an Army Service Ribbon.

In 1971 he joined the faculty at Delta College where is currently a professor of chemistry. COL Sharp and his wife Priscilla (Pixie) live in Bay City, Michigan.

Albert G. Tennant (Al could not attend due to health issues)
A graduate of the first CMU ROTC graduating class. Commissioned into Field Artillery, served ten years in the 765th and 771st Field Artillery Battalions in various assignments, Executive Officer, Artillery Maneuvers Umpire, Supply Officer and Safety Officer. Al was one of the first to ever see and hear the 280mm cannon fired at the first firing at Ft. Sill OK in the 1950’s.

Al continued his education earning a Master's Degree from Michigan State in 1960, and a year of graduate school at the University of Michigan. He has been a coach, high school, elementary, and special education teacher. He was also one of the first school psychologist and intermediate school district director for special education in Michigan. During his 35 years of education Al had several opportunities to become a school superintendent, but he decided the job of special education director was where he could serve many people. Al received many honors and awards including President Ford's appointed as a Michigan education representative to a conference on the Employment of the Handicapped that was held in Washington D.C. He was a founding member of the National Association of School Psychologist.

He was a volunteer on mental health, sheltered workshops, juvenile court issues, and chaired multiple parent teacher and school activities.

Al is married to Virginia (Borkowski) and they live in Holland, Michigan. They have one son Robert.

Robert A. Ware
A commissioned officer in Field Artillery Corps in 1983. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Airborne and Air Assault schools.

Major Ware served as Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, Artillery Battalion in Bamberg Germany, Commander of HHSB Battery, Assistant Operations Officer, Field Artillery Team Chief with Readiness Group Sheridan. In 1993 he left active duty and became a full time Officer with the Illinois National Guard where he was Executive Officer for the 105mm Towed Howitzer Battalion in Chicago. Executive Officer and instructor for the ROTC program at Southern Illinois University where he also earned his Masters of Science in Education.

Major Ware retired from military service in 2003 and returned to Marne, Michigan where he has been with ROTC at Western Michigan University as Scholarship and Enrollment Officer. He became a JROTC instructor for Grand Rapids Public Schools. His assignment was Senior Army Instructor of Ottawa Hills High School. His current assignment is as the Senior Army Instructor at Union High School.

His awards and decorations include the Army Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

MAJ Ware met his wife Cheryl at CMU and they married in 1982. They have two children Kelsey and Caitlin.
SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FOR ROTC HALL OF FAME
Deadline is November 2, 2015 for the April 2016 Induction

1. Letter of nomination, stating achievements and contributions.

2. Supporting documentation to verify nominee’s eligibility (DD 214; Military/Civilian Resume; Officer Record Brief; and other pertinent information).

3. Current address, phone number and email address of yourself and the nominee.

The ROTC Alumni Board is responsible for making the selection of the Hall of Fame members. Individuals must have made a significant contribution to ROTC achievement, tradition, or history. Normally, no person shall be eligible until after a period of 10 years subsequent to death, retirement, or departure from the Chippewa Battalion, which ever occurs earlier.

Mail your nomination to:
Central Michigan University
Military Science Department, Finch 111
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

ROTC Alumni Association Board  2015-16

COL (Ret) Theodore Hummel, President ‘58. Retired from active duty in June 1988. Subsequently he was a commercial Real Estate broker. Inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009

Donald P. Case, Vice President ‘60. Don served as the President of the ROTC AA from 2002 to 2005. ROTC Hall of Fame, 2006.

John Fisher ‘70. John served as president of ROTC AA 2005-09. Retired Associate Vice President for Residences and Auxiliary Services at CMU in September of 2015. CONGRATULATIONS JOHN.


Honorable Fred M. Mester ‘59. Retired as Chief Judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court in MI. ROTC Hall of Fame, 2001.

Norbert Miller ‘67. Retired from Montabella Community School.


LTC (Ret) Kenneth G. Scott, Secretary ‘60. Inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2000.


LTC Robert May PMS/Chair of MSL Department and Ex Officio member of the ROTC Alumni Association Board.
Mr. Terence Moore
“The Value of ROTC in the Civilian World”
January 21, 2015

Mr. Moore was commissioned through CMU ROTC in 1965 with the Chemical Warfare Corps, Paratrooper. After his service he completed a Master’s Degree in Business from CMU, and another Master’s degree in Hospital Administration from Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis Missouri in 1970. Mr. Moore has been the President of Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance, Executive in Residence at Saginaw Valley State University in the Office of Vice President of Academic Affairs and taught graduate classes there as well, and served as President of MidMichigan Health and President of MidMichigan Medical Center.

Mr. Moore’s informative talk was enjoyed by the Cadets, Cadre and special guest President & Mrs. George Ross.

The COL William B. Nolde Lecture Series began in 1998. In honor of COL Nolde, a Military Science professor at CMU and the last official casualty of the Vietnam War, the series goal is to promote an understanding of the role the U.S. Armed Forces plays in American society and history. It is also designed to help students understand the importance of leadership roles in both society and the military.

At my last duty station in Vicenza, Italy the Nolde Barracks were located between my office and the gym. I would frequently read the dedication plaque on my way to PT. I didn’t realize his connection to CMU until my arrival in Mount Pleasant. Message from LTC Robert May

Plaque reads: NOLDE BARRACKS

Plaque reads: DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF LTC WILLIAM NOLDE FORMER CDR 2B 30TH ARTY LAST AMERICAN SOLDIER KILLED IN RVN

Photo taken by: CPT John F. Bradley
Alumni & Donors:

Donations positively impact the ROTC Battalion and the activities that Cadets participate in. We greatly appreciate any amount donated to the program, it is put to good use. Please consider making a contribution to one of the following areas, your gift will impact all areas of Cadet morale, recruiting, retention, and team building.

- **ROTC Development Fund**
- **GEN John Kulhavi Scholarship**
- **COL William B. Nolde Scholarship**
- **Michigan 22 and Beyond Fund**
- **William R. Talcott Award**
- **Field Leader’s Reaction Course**

These accounts actively support the future Officers in the United States Army. Cadets time at camps, field trainings, and other required events make it difficult to have a job, therefore your donations help supplement their income to focus on Academics and ROTC. You may contribute to one of the existing accounts at any time or you can create your own charitable endowment fund.

Your gift may qualify you for a federal charitable tax deduction as a gift to Central Michigan University. This qualifies as a charitable contribution to higher education for which the federal government permits a deduction for individuals who itemize on tax returns.

There are options of ensuring continued support for the CMU Army ROTC program through a gift designated within your estate. Legacy gifts can be made now or deferred to a later time. Some types of planned gifts enable you to support CMU and receive tax benefits up front, while allowing you to sustain your current lifestyle by making use of bequests through a will, retirement plan assets, and charitable trusts.

For information regarding legacy gifts and the many benefits such planning has for your estate, please contact: **Lesa Smith, at smith1ls@cmich.edu or 989-774-3354.**
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