Military Science Senior Class
Fall 2013 Cadet Battalion Commander Nathan Denig and Cadet Command Sergeant Major Kirsten Jex

2014 Football Schedule
Aug 28    Chattanooga
Sept 6    Purdue
Sept 13   Syracuse
Sep 20    Kansas
Sep 27    Toledo
Oct 4     Ohio
          (Homecoming)
Oct 11    N. Illinois
Oct 18    Ball State
Oct 25    Buffalo
Nov 01    Eastern Michigan
Nov 15    Miami
Nov 22    Western Michigan
Dec 6     MAC Championship

CMU ROTC current enrollment: 105
FSU ROTC current enrollment: 54

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Dear ROTC Alumni, Friends, and Supporters;

The Army is changing the way we build leaders, the way we train, the way we fight, and the way we are manned. Currently, the Army will reduce its size from approximately 500,000 Soldiers to 425,000 by fiscal year 2017.

Over the past 10 years, in order to meet the needs of our Army at war, the Chippewa Battalion has annually developed on average 18 outstanding, adaptive, agile, physically fit, critical thinking Lieutenants that have done a marvelous job leading America's Sons and Daughters in Combat. I'm proud of our Army, and I'm proud to be part of the Chippewa Battalion and our contributions to our Army's accomplishments. Prior to 9/11, our commission mission was 12 Lieutenants a year. For the past 6 years, we've had commission missions as low as 18 and as high as 23. Starting in 2016, our commission mission will lower with a requirement to produce 15 Lieutenants annually. We can exceed that number, as other units in the Brigade don't. Fall 2015, we'll commission 27 new 2nd Lieutenants.

We've had many accomplishments over the past year. We took first place in the marksmanship competition at the Brigades' Ranger Challenge Competition, beating 39 other schools.

We could not accomplish this without the outstanding support we receive from you, the Alumni, our University, and our outstanding Cadre and Staff.

When I think of the support we receive from our Alumni, I am thoroughly impressed. You have generously given your time, energy, and financial resources. Whenever I have asked, you have given, and I thank you for that.

The level of University support at CMU is unparalleled in the State, and across the Country. Pro-Military and Pro-Veteran, CMU attracts the best America has to offer. Recently, I approached the University for additional room only scholarship stipend funding. They responded, providing an additional $16,000 for 8 room-only stipends. This in addition to the $58,000 the University has provided annually in the form of Room and Board scholarships for the past 30 years. I would like to thank John Fisher, VP for Student Services for being our advocate, and CFO Barrie Wilkes for continuing to support our Program. Thank you, Gentlemen.

We have a great Team here in our Department, and I'd like to recognize Mrs. Kim Bailey and Mrs. Mary Brewer for all their hard work and dedication to our Chippewa Battalion. Ladies, you keep our organization running smoothly, and without you, all of our jobs would be difficult. Thank you!

As I begin my fourth year here at CMU, Staff and Cadre have departed, and new Staff and Cadre are on board. We bid farewell to people who have left the department and welcome new Cadre.

Larry Wilcox, our Supply Tech for the past 9 years, retired this past spring. Larry, the consummate professional, used his extensive experience as a 23 year veteran Air Force senior NCO to improve our organization, not only in supply, but as well as training, operations, and mentorship. Larry earned the Supply Tech of the year award twice while in Cadet Command. Thank you Larry, we all miss you and your wonderful wife Linda.

MSG Darrel Bailey, our Senior NCO for the past 3 years, retired with 27 years of Active Federal Service which included 4 tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. MSG Bailey, thank you for your service, and we wish you, your wife Kim, and the rest of your Family health, wealth and happiness as you begin a new chapter in your lives.

SFC Joe Harvey, our Training NCO, has departed to Fort Benning, to work in the Inspector General’s Office. SFC Harvey exponentially improved the Cadets training experience here at CMU, working with Cadets every weekend during the academic year, training them, and taking them to the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge Competition, Norwegian Ruck March, and Marksmanship Competitions as well as the Ranger Challenge Competition, where we took First Place in Marksmanship in 2014, and second place in 2013. Thank you SFC Harvey, and we wish you, Janine and your dog Winston success and happiness in your new assignment.

We welcome our new Senior NCO MSG Matthew Dorman, his wife Nicole, and their Son Jarred from Sunbury, Pennsylvania, and I’d also like to congratulate MSG Dorman on making the Command Sergeants Major list. Welcome to our new Battalion XO, MAJ Jake Cornett and his wife Stephanie from Elkhart, IN and welcome our new FSU APMS MAJ Ryan Senn, his wife Sara, and daughter Sloane from Traverse City, and also welcome Mr. Yosef Tanenbaum our new Supply Tech, from Los Angeles, CA.

I've said it before; I won the lottery joining the Chippewa Battalion and the CMU Team, FIRE UP CHIPS! Thank you!

Sincerely, LTC Greg Thayer
DECEMBER 2013 (CMU)
Gillen M. Papenfuse  
Branched: Ordnance (National Guard)  
Hometown: Saginaw, MI

Weston T. Waldron  
Branched: Ordnance (Active Duty)  
Hometown: Carson City, MI

MAY 2014 (CMU)
Derek Mark Booker  
Branched: Engineer (Active Duty)  
Hometown: Clarkston, MI

Kirsten Michelle Jex  
Branched: Ordnance (Active Duty)  
Hometown: Port Huron, MI

Megan Rose McBride  
Branched: Ordnance (National Guard)  
Hometown: Beal City, MI

Jared Ryan Price  
Branched: Field Artillery (National Guard)  
Hometown: Brighton, MI

Ross James Teeple  
Branched: Engineer (National Guard)  
Hometown: Grayling, MI

NATHAN DENIG  
Branched: Chemical (Active Duty)  
Hometown: Manitou Beach, MI

AARON ELLISON  
Branched: Chemical (Active Duty)  
Hometown: Cadillac, MI

NICHOLAS PALKA  
Branched: Aviation (Active Duty)  
Hometown: Washington, MI

NICOLE RIECK  
Branched: Adjutant General (National Guard)  
Hometown: Clinton Township, MI

MAY 2014 Ferris State University

Trevor John Crittendon  
Branched: Military Police (National Guard)  
Hometown: Comstock Park, MI

Daniel Debano  
Branched: Engineer (National Guard)  
Hometown: Kaleva, MI

Kyle Allen Dolson  
Branched: Infantry (National Guard)  
Hometown: Zeeland, MI

John Geselman  
Educational Delay Program to enter Medical School

Clay Hoggard  
Branched: Military Police (National Guard)  
Hometown:

Stephanie Nicole Shivley  
Branched: Field Artillery (Active Duty)  
Hometown: Lansing, MI

Michael Shoop  
Branched: Ordnance (National Guard)  
Hometown: Muskegon, MI

Ethan Andrew Watkins  
Branched: Military Intelligence (National Guard)  
Hometown: Midland, MI

CONGRATULATIONS NEW ALUMNI
Dr. Gates, 2LTs Mcbride, Booker, Price, Jex, and LTC Thayer

SEPTEMBER 2014 (CMU)

2LTs Geselman, Debano, Shivley, Shoop, Watkins, Dolson and Crittendon

2LTs Rieck, Palka, Denig, Ellison
Cadet Events

Ranger Challenge November 15-17 2013 by Cadet Sven Alm

It was a cold and windy November morning when the Ranger challenge team left for Fort Knox, KY for the Bold Warrior Challenge led by their fearless leader CDT Daniel Joseph McCarthy. The three months leading up to the competition the team had started with a group of individuals and transformed into well oiled machine. During the BWC the team road marched over 18 miles, completed the one Rope Bridge, fitness course, M16 weapons assembly, HMMWV pull, and M16 rifle shoot. The CMU ranger challenge team took 1st place in marksmanship, best alternate team, and 6th place overall out of 38 teams.

Fall FTX  September 27-28 2013 by Cadet Joseph Kruse

Central Michigan Army ROTC Cadets went to Camp Grayling for a two day Field Training Exercise. Half of the Cadets had the opportunity to fly from CMU campus on Blackhawks. On day one at Camp Grayling we conducted day and night land navigation courses. Cadets used a map and compass to find numerous points located in the woods. On the following day we conducted Platoon operations with paintball guns. Platoons were paired up against each other to simulate an enemy force. These paintball markers give a semi accurate representation of the chaos of combat along with the importance of cover and teamwork. These field training exercises allow Cadets to take what they have learned in the classroom and apply it in the field.

Broadening Experience October 18-22, 2013 by Cadet Kirsten Jex

For a number of years the senior Military Science class takes a trip to Gettysburg, PA and Washington, D.C. I was fortunate enough to take part in the Broadening Experience this fall, and I am thankful to have had the opportunity. Spending quality time with my fellow Cadets was great, but being able to walk the Battlefield of Gettysburg and the National Mall with them was remarkable. Our tour of Gettysburg was focused on the involvement of Michigan units in the battle and began with a short video summarizing the battle. Cadet Andrew Stow put his knowledge of American history to work and acted as our tour guide through the battlefield. The next day, we were able to visit the National Archives, the Smithsonian Institute, and Arlington National Cemetery, as well as the monuments found all over our Nation’s capital. We took a bus tour of Arlington and watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On our last afternoon in Washington, D.C., we attended the AUSA convention where we were able to meet people from all different military backgrounds. The experience was extremely valuable for soon-to-be Lieutenants like me, and a huge thank you to alum, Mr. Terry Moore, for making the trip possible.
Norwegian Foot March, November 2, 2013 by Cadet Evan Wachowski

The Norwegian Foot March took place at the University of Southern Indiana. The Norwegian Foot March is something that Norwegian Soldiers do at their version of basic training. Participants varied from Cadets from other ROTC programs, to Soldiers from Active, Reserve, and National Guard units. The march consisted of each individual having a ruck weighing at least 25 pounds marching 18.6 miles (on roads) with four and a half hours to finish the event. The competition started off overcast and then began to rain for the first couple of miles, which then gave way to sunny and clear skies. The Norwegian Ruck March is an amazing experience and is a valuable physical competition.

The Rivalry Run, November 16, 2013 by Cadet Zachary L. Spreitzer

At 1400 on a brisk November afternoon, 13 Cadets from the Chippewa Battalion set off to complete the symbolic 60 mile leg of the annual rivalry run with the Bronco Battalion of Western Michigan University. Due to safety concerns, both battalions conducted the run on their campus, having Cadets run a combined 60 miles. Cadets at Central ran either 3 or 6 miles in a two column formation carrying the Central Michigan University flag and a football to symbolize the game ball, calling cadences and pushing through pain to complete their portion of the run. The Rivalry Run is a tradition, and a chance for Cadets to show their dedication to the battalion, as well as their physical endurance.

Combined Field Training Exercise (CFTX), March 28-30, 2014 by Cadet Jacob Olechnowicz

Fort Custer proved to be the perfect place for Cadets from Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, and University of Michigan to prepare for LDAC this summer. Balmy temperatures kept Cadets eager to move. Fireguards and rifle counts instilled accountability. Indirect fire, media, civilians, and rifle-fire in the field provided Cadets the opportunity to apply the training they have received in the classroom. Squad and platoon level operations presented MS 3s with LDAC-like leadership environments and responsibilities. While underclassmen were better able to understand land navigation toward an objective, weapons squads, and security. Furthermore, the CFTX allowed every Cadet to work with others outside their own University, fostering further trust among Cadets and their respective battalions.

German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFPB), March 20-22, 2014 by Cadet Evan Wachowski

German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFPB), is a badge that can be earned by completing several events that are relevant to the German military. The event took place at Indiana University. The events consisted of a physical test, swim while in uniform, CBRN test, first aid test, 9mm pistol shoot, and a ruck march at the end. The participants included Cadets from other ROTC programs and Active duty, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers. An official from the German military must be present at every GAFPB event that is conducted. There are three different badges that can be awarded based on completion of events: gold, silver, and bronze. CMU Cadets earned three gold and one silver!
Mu Sigma by Cadet Andrew Stow

The club Mu Sigma was in a transitional period this year, moving from primarily focusing on tutoring and fundraisers to expanding into the general community here at Central Michigan. Several groups have come to Mu Sigma and requested their assistance in helping them, with one such group asking if Mu Sigma would be interested in reading to children in the community. Several Cadets traveled to the site and read to the students, representing Mu Sigma and ROTC in a positive spotlight as they branched out to assist the general community. Mu Sigma also started to move to private one-on-one tutoring instead of having Cadets sit in Battalion for general tutoring hours. So far, Mu Sigma has receive a greater response to this switch with many more Cadets coming in and requesting to be paired with another Cadet at a convenient time for the both of them.

Queen’s Guard by Cadet Marcus Rice

Queens Guard saw a great improvement from the previous year. Our biggest event from this year was our Military Ball. The cadets who took part in it did a fantastic job. The older Cadets of the club really stepped up and took the younger cadets under their wings and made sure that they knew everything they needed to for the events. For our upcoming school year our new president will be CDT Kenneth Burns.

Cannon Club by Cadet Zachary Spreitzer

On April 4th, newer Cannon Club members were given a demonstration on how to properly load and fire the cannon. On the 11th of April, Cadets from the Cannon Club took a day trip to Camp Grayling to utilize the call for fire simulator and the crew served weapons simulator. Cadets who attended were familiarized with calling for fire and how to load and operate weapons like the M2 machine gun and the mark 19 grenade launcher. In other news, elections for the 14-15 school year were held. CDT Pirrami will be the new president, CDT McAllister will be the new vice president, CDT Delong will be the new secretary, and CDT Wachowski will be the new treasurer.

Marksmanship Club by Cadet Sarah Felton

Our mission as the Marksmanship club is provide Cadets with the basic skills needed to fire the M4 rifle. These skills are improved throughout the year from trips to the range, club meetings, and competition. Cadets are trained to follow safety measures when using a rifle and the proper firing positions they will use in their army career. As a future Officer, it is important to know how to shoot, move, and communicate just as well as your soldiers and our goal is to introduce Cadets to shooting. Our hope is to give Cadets discipline, leadership, and a connection to ROTC through marksmanship club.

Military Ball by Cadet Jared Winton

This year’s Military Ball was held in the Bovee University Center in the Rotunda room on CMU’s campus. The event was coordinated by Cadet Calder and the MSIII class. The Chippewa Battalion inducted three new members into is growing CMU ROTC Hall of Fame. MAJ Michael G. Knapp, COL James E. Prescott, and CPT William R. Talcott were inducted into the Hall of Fame due to their service to the United States and Central Michigan University. The ROTC Hall of Fame has grown by three outstanding people. May the actions and lessons of these men and all that sit on the Hall of Fame carry on in the hearts and minds of the future cadets of the Chippewa Battalion. Fire up Chips!

***Save the date for the 2015 Military Ball– Friday April 24, 2015***
2014 Hall of Fame Inductees

Captain (Ret.) William R. Talcott– Class of 1966

A Distinguished Military Graduate, he completed his Masters Degree in Business Administration at Western Michigan University in 1967. He entered active duty in February 1968 and completed Infantry Officer Basic, Airborne School and Ranger School. In November 1968 Lieutenant Talcott was sent to Vietnam where he served with the 3rd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division for 11 months. He was a Rifle Platoon Leader for 3 months, a Reconnaissance Platoon Leader for 5 months and Assistant S-3 for the 1st Battalion 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment for 3 months. He returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina with the 3rd Brigade. He was promoted to Captain and completed his 3 year tour of duty as an Assistant S-3 with the 3rd Brigade. Captain Talcott’s awards and decorations include: Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars for Valor, one Bronze Star for Service, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star, Ranger Tab and Parachute Badge. He spent the next 40 years in sales and sales management positions in the employee benefits business. He continued to serve Veterans as a member of VFW Post 9400 in Phoenix, Arizona where he has been their Hospital Chairman. In that capacity he has been instrumental in raising many thousands of dollars to assist hospitalized Veterans and to support the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. At the Phoenix VA he serves as master of ceremonies at monthly entertainment events, volunteers over 500 hours per year in Guest Services and serves as a Volunteer Services Representative. He has provided similar service at the Arizona State Veteran Home where he has led development projects. He recently was a guest speaker in the Nolde Lecture Series at Central Michigan University.

Colonel (Ret.) James E. Prescott– Class of 1972

Graduating in May 1972, Colonel Prescott was commissioned in the Adjutant General Corps. He also holds a MS Degree in Education from Duquesne University, and a MA Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College. Assignments during his 30 year career include: Admin Officer and Project Officer, US Army Combat Arms Training Board, Fort Benning, GA; Executive Officer, Chief Personnel Management and Records Divisions, 261st Personnel Services Company, Germany; Adjutant General Advisor, US Army Readiness Group, Oakdale, PA; Chief, Personnel Management Assistance System Team and Field Services Division, 8th Personnel Command, Korea; Deputy J1, US Forces Caribbean, Key West, FL, Commander, Miami Military Entrance Processing Station, Miami, FL; Chief, Protocol Office, US Army War College, Carlisle, PA; Commander, 46th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), Fort Knox, KY; Deputy Commander, 1st Personnel Command, Germany; Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel, USAREUR Forward, Hungary during Operation Joint Endeavor in the Balkans; Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel G1, 5th Signal Command, Germany; and Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel G1, US Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, KY. In 2002, Colonel Prescott became the first Senior Army Instructor for JROTC at Center Line HS, Center Line, MI, serving until 2013. He is married to Leanne M. Prescott (Richeson), CMU Class of 1972, and they have two sons and one daughter.

Major (Ret.) Michael G. Knapp– Class of 1978

Major Michael Knapp was awarded an Army ROTC Scholarship while at CMU and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Military Intelligence Corps in May 1978. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Liberal Arts (History major) while at CMU. He served in positions greater than his rank throughout his military career, first on active duty in Germany and Texas from 1978 to 1983, and then in the Virginia Army National Guard from 1985-1986 and 1988-1995. Major Knapp retired from the Army Reserve in May 2002 after having served as an intelligence officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Army’s National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC), and he continues to serve at NGIC as a civilian intelligence analyst. He was inspired to learn and teach about Islam and the extremists who distort it and continue to threaten us immediately after the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the US, and began lecturing about these subjects in early 2004. Since then, Mr. Knapp has spoken widely and frequently on his own initiative to US Military and Government elements deploying to Iraq, adult and senior citizens in his local community, and ROTC cadets and college students throughout central Virginia and in Michigan, including at CMU. He is married to the former Katharine Pumphrey, and between them they have three daughters and three sons.
Alumni News

MAJ Louck commissioned as an engineer officer in May 2004. Shortly after commissioning, he attended Officer Basic Course at Ft. Leonard Wood MO. Moved to Ft. Polk, LA with the 46th Engineer Battalion, holding positions of Platoon leader in Alpha Company, Company Executive Officer for the Headquarters and Headquarter Company while deployed to Ramadi Iraq, and the battalion motor officer. In 2007, he volunteered to be part of the Military Transition Team out of Ft. Riley, KS. During his deployment from Ft. Riley, he was the 11th Iraqi Army Division Engineer Regimental Advisor in Bagdad, Iraq. Additional duties were Force Generation Action Officer and advising the Iraqi Army Division Press Affairs Officer. After the deployment, he attended the Captain’s Career Course in Fort Leonard Wood, MO and was recognized as a Distinguished Honor Graduate. He was then assigned to Ft. Stewart, GA where he was the Deputy Brigade Engineer for his third deployment to Iraq. Upon returning, he was an assistant S3, 554th Engineer Company Commander, and Rear Detachment Commander for 92nd Engineer Battalion. He is currently assigned to the 18th Airborne Corps deployed in Afghanistan, serving as the Deputy Afghan National Security Forces Development-Engineer IJC CJENG Ops Officer. MAJ Dennis Louck along with his wife Megan and son Landen visited the Battalion on March 28, 2014. (report from July 30, 2014)

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FOR ROTC HALL OF FAME
by: October 23, 2014

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
New Cadre of Chippewa Battalion

MAJ Jake Cornett was commissioned through OCS in 1999. After completing the Field Artillery Basic Course, his first duty assignment was as a Fire Support Officer with 1-7 CAV Fort Hood, Texas. Additional duties while at Fort Hood included HQ Battery Executive Officer and Platoon Leader with 1-21FA (MLRS) In 2003, He was assigned to the 1st Armored Division Headquarters were he served as the Division Battle Captain during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF-I). Upon his return from Iraq, he was assigned to 4-27FA where he served as the Fire Support Officer with 1-6IN, 2BDE, in Baumholder, Germany. In 2005, Major Cornett deployed with 4-27FA during (OIF-II) where he served as the Battalion Maintenance Officer. Major Cornett later deployed with 1st BDE, 3rd Infantry Division (OIF-III) where he served as an Operations Advisor for a stability transition team. After completing Intermediate Level Education (ILE), Major Cornett was assigned to the 1st Armored Division Fires Cell Fort Bliss, TX. Major Cornett was responsible for the coordination and execution of logistical and administrative support for the Division Command Post. Prior to his commission, Major Cornett served as a Military Policeman from 1994-1999, serving in 785th MP Battalion Fort Carson, Colorado. His next duty station was in Vicenza, Italy (Caserma Ederle) where he was with the 13th MP Company. Major Cornett’s education includes a BS in General Studies from Excelsior College New York, and a Masters in Business from Webster University, St Louis, MO. Major Cornett is also a graduate of Intermediate Level Education at Fort Leavenworth, KS. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5th OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2nd OLC), Overseas Ribbon with numeral 6, Army Good Conduct Medal, and NCO Professional Development Ribbon. Major Cornett is married to the former Stephanie Jacobi.

MSG Matthew Dorman hails from Sunbury, Pennsylvania and joined the Army on 4 May 1995. He completed BCT at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and AIT at Fort Sill, OK as a 13M, Field Artillery Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) Crewmember. MSG Dorman has served in a variety of duty positions to include MLRS/High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) Section Chief, Small Group Leader PLDC Instructor, Battery Air Movement Officer, Platoon Sergeant, Battalion Intelligence Sergeant, Battalion S-2 Officer, Battalion Operations Sergeant Major, First Sergeant, Security Forces Advisor Team (SFAT) Sergeant Major, Field Artillery Proponent Office Career Management NCO and is currently serving as the Senior Military Science Instructor for Central Michigan University. MSG Dorman’s assignments include Fort Sill (1-77th FA), Korea (C 6-37th FA), Fort Bragg (C 3-27 FAR and XVIII ABN Corps NCOA), Korea (B 1-38th FA), Fort Bragg (A, C, and HHB 3-27 FAR), Fort Sill (1-14 FAR, 2-4 FAR, HQ Detachment 214th Fires Brigade, and HHB 428th Field Artillery Brigade). He has served three deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His military education includes the following NCOES schools: Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, and Senior Leader Course. MSG Dorman is also a graduate of Small Group Instructor Training Course, Total Army Instructor Training Course, Basic Airborne Course, US Air Force AMC Cargo Preparation Course, US Air Force Air Movement Officer Course, Air Movement Operations HAZMAT Course, 82d Airborne Division Jumpmaster Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, First Sergeant Course, and the Senior ROTC Pre Command Course.

MSG Dorman’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1st OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2nd OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4th OLC), Army Achievement Medal (9th OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (5th OLC), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 3, Army service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 3, NATO Medal, Driver’s Badge (Wheel and Track), Egyptian, Jordanian, Chilean and German parachutist badges, and the Master Parachutist Badge. MSG Dorman is also a recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara’s Medal and a member of the Fort Sill Chapter of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

MSG Dorman is currently completing his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He lives in Mount Pleasant, MI with his wife the former Nicole Gemberling.
Ferris State University

FSU commissioned eight officers in the Spring 2014 semester and one officer after successful completion of Cadet Summer Training this summer. Nine cadets attended Cadet Summer Training representing FSU. One of which, Cadet Josh Camiller, who earned The Minuteman Award for being the top performing National Guard Cadet in the regiment. His platoon also earned the Top Platoon Company award. Cadet Brittany Lynn successfully completed Air Borne school at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Nolde Lecture Series Presenters

Captain (Ret.) William R. Talcott September 4, 2013

“You Will Receive More Than a Commission”

CPT Talcott was a Distinguished Military Graduate from Central Michigan University in 1966. He served in the Chemical Corps with a 2 year Infantry assignment. As a 2LT, Talcott completed Infantry Officer Basic, Airborne School, and Ranger School. CPT Talcott served 11 months in Vietnam with the 82nd Airborne Division. Decorations include Combat Infantryman Badge, 2 Bronze Stars for Valor, Bronze Star for Service, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He was honorably discharged in 1971.

Colonel (Ret.) John M. Hinck January 29, 2014

“Being Smart is Your Best Weapon”

COL Hinck was a Distinguished Military Graduate from California State University, Fresno. As an Aviation Officer, COL Hinck was selected to attend the Senior Service College and has served in US, Korea, Germany, Iraq, the Balkans, and Afghanistan. As a Master Army Aviator, COL Hinck is qualified in many helicopters and has commanded both fixed wing planes and unmanned systems. COL Hinck retired from the Army in 2013.

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.
Cadet Jacob Olechnowicz  
Greece June 23-July 23  
Greece Team 3, Mil-to-Mil Training

My recent journey to Greece was a truly eye-opening experience. I was given the tremendous opportunity to not only explore part of Europe, but to be also immersed in the Greek culture for several weeks. In addition, I received a great deal of military training, from carrying out amphibious landings on beaches, to conducting raids and clearing urban environments, my time spent with the Hellenic Military Academy greatly improved my field knowledge. To conclude, this trip was a true privilege, I would encourage other Cadets to accept a CULP mission offer in the years to come.

Cadet James DeLong  
(PACOM - US Pacific Command) Hawaii & Taiwan  
May 27-July 25

I am a junior at CMU, and am majoring in International Relations and minoring in Military Science. I was invited on this career building CULP internship in Hawaii for two months this summer. This opportunity allowed me to work as an XO with 2LT Rolling and 1LT Rush in HSC headquarters company in USARPAC headquarters battalion. I was the Officer in charge for a range day on 17 June as well as the convoy commander. Along with working in Hawaii, I was given the amazing opportunity to travel to Taiwan to help strengthen our international relationship between countries. I am the first Cadet to go there and meet the Deputy General of their Army and the Major General of their signal corps. After I returned from Taiwan, I organized an Organizational Day for HSC and coordinated with the two other companies to successfully run a Battalion Organizational day for 300+ of soldiers and families. I gained a vast array of skills this summer. I learned how to work as an XO and I learned what it means to be professional. I am grateful I was able to spend two months in Hawaii under the Wing of HSC and USARPAC and cannot wait to apply my knowledge gained in my future.

Cadet Ebony Thompson  
Korea May 15- June 10, Mil-to-Mil Training

While in Korea, I was attached to the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Red Cloud in Uijeongbu. During our mission, each Cadet was assigned to an individual Katusa Korean Augmentation of United States Army which dates back to an informal agreement in 1950 between the South Korean President Rhee Syng-man and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Sixty years have passed since the agreement but the KATUSA program still continues due to the commitment for freedom and democracy. We shadowed the Katusa during the work day to observe what their job within the US Army ranks while gaining insight to Korean culture. The trip also contained many tours to museum’s focused on Korean War.
Cadet Evan Wachowski
Thailand
July 14 – August 5

My CULP experience took me to Thailand where my team and I spent three weeks at the Armed Forces Academy Preparatory School (AFAPS) located in Nakhon Nayok. The students at AFAPS are known as pre-cadets and are mostly high-school aged. After they graduate AFAPS they will go on to the academy of their service branch (Army, Navy, Air Force, or Police). Our mission was to help the pre-cadets become more proficient with reading, writing, and speaking the English language. On the weekends, we would go on excursions to different parts of the country with the pre-cadets. On our weekend excursions, we got to see and do some pretty cool things such as interact with the indigenous wildlife, explore the history of Thailand, and see the beautiful scenery scattered all throughout the country. This was by far one of the best experiences of my life and I learned so much by getting to explore a culture in a different country.

Cadet Zachary Spreitzer
Germany
June 23—August 22

My CTLT in Baumholder, Germany with the 515th Transportation Company was an invaluable leadership experience. For four weeks I was able to assume the role of an acting platoon leader and get a small taste of what Second Lieutenants do on a day to day basis. I was able to partake in activities such as planning missions, being a truck commander for a convoy, and giving briefs. I was able to learn a lot from enlisted soldiers, NCOs and officers about what makes a successful platoon leader, and I am ready to apply the knowledge and leadership experience gained at CTLT to the Chippewa Battalion, and ultimately, my first unit.

Cadet Cameron Bender
Western Hemisphere Institute
May 31-June 30

This summer I attended the school WHINSEC located at Fort Benning. WHINSEC stands for WESTERN HEMISPHERE INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION. My task was to help train Colombian Cadets in our military doctrine and show them what it means to be a Soldier. Some of the training we did was Marksmanship, Abrams and Bradly simulators, land navigation and a final FTX. We also had the opportunity to exchange our very different cultures with each other.
Michigan 22 & Beyond

Michigan 22nd and Beyond, the first ROTC students (22) from CMU who attended summer camp at Fort Campbell, KY who became known as the Michigan 22. This group established an Endowment Fund in 2007, it continues to provide valuable resources that enrich the educational experience for many students who follow in the military or civilian footsteps of the Michigan 22 folks.

Three members of the Michigan 22, ROTC Class of 1955 met for lunch on May 21, 2014 in Mt. Pleasant, Al Tennant, Bill Sowle, and Dean Roberts were joined by ROTC staff LTC Greg Thayer, SFC Joe Harvey, SFC Shawn Fries, and Kim Bailey as well as Lesa Smith and Dr. Pamela Gates, from CHSBS. They had a nice chat about the Army in the 1950’s and today. More importantly these fine men wanted to discuss how they could help the Military Science Department.

“It is our intent to see the Michigan 22nd and Beyond Endowment grow, and to support students and their activities within the CMU ROTC Program. We invite all alumni and friends to make a contribution to this Endowment. Let’s keep the Endowment thriving” said Bill Sowle.

Last year’s recipient of the Michigan 22nd Endowment Scholarship was CDT Sven Alm. CDT Alm is completing his senior year, he will graduate with an Accounting Major. He’s currently on the Ranger Challenge Team and worked as the Physical Training planner for the 2013-14 school year. He hopes to one day make donations to this fund, one that made such a difference to him in his senior year.

Please consider making a tax deductible gift donation to make it easier for Cadets in the ROTC program to achieve their dream of becoming a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

L to R: SFC Harvey, LTC Thayer, Al Tennant, Bill Sowle, Dean Roberts, SFC Fries

If you would like more information on how you can donate to the Michigan 22 and Beyond, please contact:
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ROTC Alumni Association President’s Address

Greetings to all ROTC Alumni and Friends of the Chippewa Battalion.

The US Army Leadership continues to come from the CMU ROTC program. I have been fortunate to witness several commissioning and awards ceremonies this past year. Our Cadets attitude, optimism and desire to serve our country are truly inspiring. I am sure they will bring great credit on themselves and our university.

Recent conversations with members of the university staff reflect that donations to the numerous ROTC accounts are important and needed. Please contribute what you can.

The ROTC Military Ball is a great opportunity to meet Cadets, enjoy a social gathering, and welcome new alumni members to the Hall Of Fame. Please join your cadets at the next event.

Respectfully,
Ted Hummel
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 accounts include:

**ROTC Development Fund**— Used for individual scholarships as well as funding for supplies, field exercises, equipment, clubs, and intramurals beyond what Cadet Command and the University can fund.

**GEN John Kulhavi Scholarship**— Awarded to high quality, scholar, athlete, leader Cadets, based on merit and financial need.

**COL William B. Nolde Scholarship**—Awarded to contracted ROTC Cadets with a sophomore or junior status.

**Michigan 22 and Beyond Fund**— Awards scholarships to Cadets with a minimum GPA of 2.5, also used to support program activities.

**William R. Talcott Award**—Awards scholarship to Cadets with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

**Field Leader’s Reaction Course**—Donations would be used to maintain the 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, contact Lesa Smith, at smith1ls@cmich.edu or 989-774-3354.
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