

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

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Ranger Challenge: This unit is opened to all military science students demonstrating a high degree of motivation toward developing self confidence under stress. Cadets participate in activities which develop skills associated with patrolling, orienteering, one rope bridge, physical fitness, and road marching. Our Ranger Challenge team competes at the Ranger Challenge competition held annually. Membership on the ROTC Ranger Challenge is open to students enrolled in the ROTC program.

War Game: Digital Tactical Operations Center Wargame Club (DTC) is a club where any ROTC cadet can apply lessons learned in the classroom to virtual battlefields. DTC is a 6 computer network where cadets take charge of a Battalion right down to a single soldier. It uses Real Time strategy combat games as well as turn based and 1st person shooters. Tournaments are held every semester with the ultimate goal of cadets learning how to manage assets, execute the Military Decision Making Process and Troop Leading Procedures and develop a better appreciation of terrain effect on combat.

Rifle Team: The Military Science Department supervises and coaches the ROTC rifle team. Membership on the ROTC team is open to students enrolled in the ROTC program. The rifle team participates each year in the Second Region (ROTC) Intercollegiate Postal Marksmanship Competition. Membership on the ROTC Rifle Team is open to students enrolled in the ROTC program.

Drill Team: The ROTC department coaches the Drill Team. The Drill Team is an elite, highly trained, and motivated precision drill team. Dedication and hard work are required for membership to perfect the split second timing and cohesive team work necessary to achieve the impressive performance admired by viewers. Membership on the ROTC Drill Team is open to students enrolled in the ROTC program.

Color Guard: The ROTC department coaches the Color Guard. The Color Guard is responsible for conducting color guards for University sports events, local parades, and other community events. Membership on the ROTC Color Guard is open to students enrolled in the ROTC program.

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Field Training Exercise (FTX): The Battalion conducts one FTX each semester. The purpose of this training is to teach cadets the fundamentals of field operations, and teach them skills they will later use at Advance Camp. In addition, FTX's allow the MS IVs how to plan and execute field training. FTXs are normally conducted on Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon at Milan Training Center.

Military Ball: A formal event is held each Spring for the entire Skyhawk Battalion. This social event is designed to allow cadets to experience the type of social gathering and military etiquette they can expect as future commissioned officers. Cadets are encouraged to bring spouses/dates. The Ball is usually held at the University Center and includes dinner and dancing.

Spring Awards Ceremony: The Skyhawk Battalion holds a Awards Ceremony each spring. In the ceremony cadets of all MS classes are presented with awards they have earned throughout the year. Many dignitaries are invited, including the chancellor, certain university officials, members of the ROTC advisory counsel, representatives of veterans societies, parents and relatives.

Staff Ride: The purpose of the Staff Ride is to provide you with an increased appreciation for the heritage and value of positive leadership in our Army throughout history. The Staff Ride requires study of a selected campaign and provides an opportunity to correlate the lessons of this research with a walk-through on the actual battle site. The battalion conducts one staff ride every school year. The Skyhawk Battalion conducts Staff Rides to one of several battlefields: Shiloh, Fort Donelson, Vicksburg , or Franklin.

Physical Training (PT): The Skyhawk Battalion Physical Training Program is conducted every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 0600 to 0700 and from 1600 to 1700 hours. The program consists of push-up/sit-up improvement, long-slow/short-fast runs and intramurals. A diagnostic test is given at the beginning of the semester and at the mid-semester point to identify any weak areas you may have and set goals for that semester. The final APFT is given in the last week of the semester. You will find detailed procedures for the PT program in the Battalion SOP. The PT program is also listed in the university catalogue as PE 185 and can be taken for credit.

CADET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

1. **Airborne School:** UTM receives several slots for cadets to attend Airborne School during the summer. Airborne School is a vigorous, voluntary, three-week course. If you are interested in the program, contact your instructor. You must be in excellent physical condition. Attendance is without pay, but you will be reimbursed for travel expenses.
2. **Air Assault School:** UTM also receives a limited number of slots for Air Assault School. This school is ten days in length and is physically demanding.
3. **Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT):** CTLT is a program which attaches you to an active Army Unit for a period of three weeks. You will become familiar with the duties of junior officers in the unit to which you are attached.