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From the Rutgers University Staff

For the Fall of 2022, there has been some change regarding the COVID-19 policy and the restrictions in place. Beginning the semester, all students were required to wear face coverings while inside of any academic building in addition to COVID-19 vaccines and boosters required for all Rutgers students and employees eligible to receive them. However On October 1st, important updates took effect with facial coverings only being required in a clinical setting although welcomed to anyone.
Greeting Scarlet Knight Family! As we enter the Spring 2023 Term, the Cadre and I are excited about the upcoming in-person events and changes to our battle rhythm. We have revamped our physical fitness (PT) program, we are now doing PT from 0630 to 0730. Also, for inclement weather, we reserved the College Ave gym during PT hours.

My staff and I are acutely aware of the important role that family, friends, and loved ones play in keeping our Cadets grounded. You are the reason why these Cadets have volunteered. You are the reason many of our cadets made the decision to join the ranks in defending our great nation against all its enemies, at home and abroad. Cadets, you are our future beacons of freedom. One day, you will ensure our freedoms and protect our way of life. I am so proud of our Cadets, during these unprecedented times. They have shown resiliency, tenacity, and our American GRIT. Our Cadets have stepped-up and shown that they are men and women of high character, and prepared themselves to lead our nation’s sons and daughters against any future threats or challenges.

Rutgers Army ROTC Scarlet Knight Battalion end of semester review:
- 28 Contracted Cadets
- 2 Commissioning Ceremony (Cadet Brown September 22, and Edmonds January 23)
- 12 High School Visits/Briefs
- 7 Football Games (including color guard at the Meadowlands Sports Complex in the Football game between the NY Jets and NE Patriots)
- Johnson and Johnson corporate event
- AUSA networking event
- 1 Basketball Game
- 1 Wrestling match
- Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Ceremonies and Parade
- Scarlet Knight Battalion Dining Out with Major General (Ret.) Beale as guest speaker former Adjutant General and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

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Cadets were awarded the following branches and components:
- 3x-IN and 5x-Detail IN, 5x-TC, 4x-MI, 3x-SC, 2x-EN, 1x-AR, 1x-CY, 1x-MP, 1x-AG, and 1x-CM detailed; 5x branch detail and 3x ADSO. In all 15 Cadets will be going Active Duty, nine going National Guard, and two going Reserve for a total of 26 Cadets on track to commission in year group 23; four out of the 26 will commission in the summer, three will need summer classes, and one will be an EoCC and potentially branching FA and Active Duty.

Our MS III class commissioning cohort 24 is on pace to be the largest commissioning class since the Vietnam era, we anticipate commissioning 40+ cadets. Our Program continues to grow in both enrollment and diversity. Go Knights!!!!!

-Javier A. Cortéz, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Professor of Military Science

Producing Professional Leaders and Humble Winners with GRIT since 1916. Go Knights!!
For the Scarlet Knight Battalion, the Fall 2022 semester has been very fortunate to remain fully in person as the COVID-19 pandemic has seemingly come to an end. We were able to conduct all of our training in person to include PT (Physical Training), Cadet classes, Leadership Labs, and the Fall FTX (Field Training Exercise). The Battalion was also able to conduct other events such as the "Defend the Endzone", Color Guard, and Seat detail for every Rutgers football home game, Color Guard detail for the New York Jets home game against the New England Patriots, Food drive for the homeless, ROTC Turkey Bowl, and school events such as the Annual Homecoming Bed Races. Some of the highlights from this semester include our Ranger Challenge competition, FTX, 9/11 Memorial Run, SHARP Run, Halloween Run, ACFT, and FTX.
Throughout the semester, Scarlet Knight Battalion was able to conduct a vast amount of high value training for all cadets. MSI’s and MSII’s went over the basic ideas of military formality and discipline. The MSIII’s were able to learn and practice strategic coordination to prepare them in attending Advanced Camp this upcoming summer at Fort Knox, leaning on the MSIV’s to plan, prepare, and teach MSI’s, MSII’s, and MSIII’s in field training and classroom settings. MSIV's have taken on a great amount of responsibility led by Cadet Battalion Commander Hamza Sasa and have succeeded in their efforts. Furthermore, Cadre have done an incredible job teaching, coaching, and mentoring not only the underclassmen, but helping the MSIV's develop their skills as leaders and future Second Lieutenants.
CADET ACTIVITIES

The Cadets in the Scarlet Knight Battalion have proved their commitment and grit this semester by finding ways to develop, train, and lead this semester.

On September 9th, the Rutgers Scarlet Knight Battalion held their annual 9/11 Memorial 5k, running 3.2 miles in remembrance of all the lives lost on that day, and the days to follow. Following the run, LTC Cortez and MSIV cadets covered the timeline and sequence of events on 9/11. Then Cadets and Cadre had an opportunity to share personal stories with the group.

On September 30th the Scarlet Knight Battalion was able to hold its first ever patching ceremony, in which 2LT McNulty went over the history of Rutgers Army ROTC and the symbolism of the patch. All contracted cadets received the first ever approved Rutgers Army ROTC unit patch to be worn on their right arm with pride. In the picture LTC Cortez, is patching the new Rutgers University Army ROTC Patch to MS I Cadet Ormaza.

On October 25th, Rutgers University mascot Sir Henry, visited Scarlet Knight Battalion and participated in PT, to build morale and show appreciation for the Army ROTC program leading up to the Military Appreciation game against the Michigan Wolverines.

On November 22nd Scarlet Knight Battalion competed against Rutgers Air Force and Navy ROTC programs as well as the Veterans House in the annual Turkey Bowl flag football tournament. The Scarlet Knight Battalion cadets took home the trophy for the second straight year, not allowing a single point, beating Air Force ROTC in the semifinals 20-0 and beating Navy ROTC in the championship 28-0.
Throughout the semester, LTC Cortez had the privilege of contracting 28 Cadets. In each ceremony, the Cadet(s) commit to complete the Basic and Advanced courses of ROTC. Upon completion, each contracted Cadet will enter the Army as a commissioned Second Lieutenant upon graduation.

The Contracted Cadets for the Fall 2022 were: Brandon Missouri, Morgan Tompkins, Samuel Epstein, Justin Collantes, Israel Ormaza, Joshua Kim, Kenneth Hiraldo, Waihan Li, David Shin, Lara Pavlovic, Chelsea Juarez, Ayssa Hill, Emilie Ochoa, Jimmy Padilla, Josheph Fasano, Joseph Donofrio, Angelina Lopresti, James Kelly, Domenic Mateja, Juan LopezCastellano, Krishna Shinde, Lennian Gonzalez, Brian Kilcommons, Raylin Ventura, and Matthew Kane.
WELCOME OUR NEWEST CADRE

**Name:** CPT Richard Trotter  
**Title:** S3, MSIII Instructor  
**Component:** Active Duty

CPT Trotter joined the Scarlet Knight team in July of 2022 as the battalion S3 and MSIII Instructor. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.A. in Mandarin Chinese and commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 2014. As an Infantry officer, he has served as a rifle platoon leader, mortar platoon leader, and staff officer with the 1-36 Infantry Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division. As a Signal officer, he has served as the Alpha Company commander in the 112th Signal Battalion (Special Operations) (Airborne), 528th Sustainment Brigade, 1st Special Forces Command. He has deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Resolute Support.

**Name:** MSG Anthony Haas  
**Title:** SMSI, MSIV Instructor  
**Component:** Active Duty

MSG Anthony Haas joined the Scarlet Knight Battalion in August of 2022 as the Senior Military Science Instructor from the US Army Sergeant Majors' Academy. His previous assignments include mortar gunner and squad leader in the First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas; Advanced Leader Course instructor and Senior Drill Sergeant at Fort Benning Georgia; Mortar Platoon Sergeant and 2-27 IN HHC 1SG at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and 1SG in the 3d Cavalry Regiment and the 3rd Security Force Assistance Brigade at Fort Hood, TX. He has deployed three times to Iraq and once to Syria for a total of 48 months. He has been married to his wife, Lisa, since 2002 with whom he has two daughters—Emma, 18 and Chloe, 13.
Name: CPT Ernest Curry  
Title: National Guard Liaison, MSI Instructor  
Component: New Jersey Army National Guard

CPT Ernest Curry enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in 2011. He completed his Boot Camp in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He then went directly to Officer Candidate School, which he commissioned as a Adjutant General (AG) in 2013. CPT initially served as a Battalion S1 for the Brigade Support Battalion. In 2014 he deployed with a Military Engagement Team to Jordan, Kuwait and Kazakhstan as the S1. He returned from deployment to work as the 250th BSB Headquarters Company Commander. In 2019 he left the BSB and went to become the Major Subordinate Command (MSC) S1 for the Regional Support Group (RSG). After two years with the RSG, he spent five months with the Medical Command as the Training Officer.

CADET STORYBOARD

Who: MSIVs, PMS, SMSI,  
What: Staff Ride  
When: 15 October 2022  
Where: Princeton  
Summary: On 15 October, the MSIV class, PMS, and SMSI conducted the annual staff ride at Princeton University in regards with the Battle of Princeton during the Revolutionary War. All the MSIV Cadets went to this Staff ride to learn military tactics and the evolution of tactics which have originated from the past. Also understanding the history of the Revolutionary War, how it was fought, and how it was won through the leadership of George Washington.
Queens Guard

History
Founded in 1957 as an extracurricular activity in conjunction with Air Force ROTC, team assumed the name of Rutgers University Queens Guard in honor of University's American Revolutionary War heritage, as Queens College from 1766 to 1825, and Rutgers College thereafter.

The Queens Guard participated in the inaugural parades for both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Team traveled overseas in 1968 to perform at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland, representing the first of 16 international exhibitions over 20 years throughout Scotland, England, Wales, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, and Germany.

Who We Are
The Queen's Guard is the official ceremonial color guard representing the Rutgers University Army ROTC Scarlet Knight Battalion. Redefining drill and ceremony since 1957, the Queens Guard proudly supports ceremonial occasions around campus and the Tri-State area.

Our Team
Team Captain: CDT Gregory Mowle, MSIV
Co-Captain: CDT Maddison Van Der Mark MSIII
MSIVs: Gregory Mowle, Lucia Miano, Scott Banes (3)
MSIIIs: Maddison Van Der Mark, Juan Lopez, Bryan Pena, Emillie Ochoa, Wai Hai Li (5)
MSI: Jeff Jiang, Morgan Tompkins

Previous Events
- Rutgers Football/Basketball Games
- Rutgers Wrestling Matches
- NFL Jets Game at MetLife Stadium
- Corporate Functions
- Parades
- Commissioning Ceremonies
- JROTC Inspection Graders

Benefits
- Networking with Organizations
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Leadership Opportunities
- Community Involvement
- 5 OML Points per year

Future Plans
- Present Colors during NJ Devils NHL game at Prudential Center (19 FEB)
- Reintroduce Exhibition Drill
- Partner w/AFROTC to establish Pershing Rifles Honor Society
- Outreach to new organizations for Color Guard opportunities
A Message from the Outgoing Cadet Battalion Commander

By CDT Hamza Sasa

I can’t say the Fall 2022 semester was a challenging one, especially with the amazing administration I was appointed. Of course there were bumps in the road, but with the intellect and competency of this semester’s administration, we were able to overcome them with incredible efficiency and communication. I am proud to have been the Battalion Commander of this amazing ROTC Unit, and I have no doubt that we will make even larger strides in the upcoming semester. I am saddened to no longer be the bearer of the reigns of the Scarlet Knight Battalion, but am confident, and more importantly, proud of the next semester’s leadership to be the ones to finish this year strong. Good luck to them, although not needed, and I’m excited to watch you all learn and become better leaders through their effort. Go Scarlet Knights!

SPECIAL NEWS
Congratulations to CDT Daniel Lee and his wife Allison on having a newborn baby girl, Victoria. On 07 October 2022, CDT Lee and his wife welcomed the newest member of Scarlet Knight Battalion into this world. CDT Lee is an MSIV and is set to commission as Active Duty Transportation Officer this spring! Best wishes to you and your family!!!