

# NO FEAR BATTALION NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS

### A NOTE FROM THE PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE LTC JOHN FLACH

It's been an extraordinary first year with the No Fear Battalion! I'm immensely impressed by the dedication of our cadets, cadre, and alumni. Together, we've achieved remarkable milestones this year. Our S3 shop organized two remarkable Field Training Exercises (FTXs) complete with UH-60 air movement. The Class of 2024 excelled at camp, with four earning Distinguished Military Graduate titles and 80% securing their top branch choices. We also welcomed Salem College back into the Battalion with our first two cadets from that school in over 20 years. We've worked hard to increase alumni engagement, with efforts like this newsletter. Our alumni have responded by donating, mentoring cadets, and returning to campus to share wisdom. Looking ahead, we aim to boost campus visibility and awareness, continue our facilities improvement initiatives, and offer unique cadet training opportunities by partnering with Army, Community, and Campus enablers. Most importantly, we will continue to emphasize our commitment to establishing a strong sense of family. You're a part of that family, and we hope you'll join us for homecoming or anytime you're in the area.

### BATTALION CREED

"The No Fear Battalion is fueled by a relentless passion for excellence. We stand ready to face challenges head on, proving that fear has no place in our pursuit of greatness. Bound by a shared vision, we dedicate ourselves to the noble cause of protecting and serving the United States, embodying the values of honor, integrity, and selfless service. With indomitable spirits, we march forward, embracing adversity as an opportunity for growth and demonstrating that our resolve knows no bounds. We are No Fear!"

### SALEM COLLEGE

This year, we added two new cadets from Salem College: CDT Clements and CDT Noyola! We are thrilled to have Salem College back in our program.



## PROGRAM SIZE

The No Fear Battalion has 50 cadets this year: 32 cadets from Wake Forest University, 16 cadets from Winston-Salem State University, and 2 cadets from Salem College. This Spring, 11 of our cadets will commission as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army!

# CADET ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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## AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### CADET SUMMER TRAINING

We had 11 cadets graduate from Cadet Summer Training: a 35-day training event designed to develop a cadet's critical thinking and problem-solving skills while enhancing their leadership abilities. CDT BC Nick Dowling received the Bold Leader Spirit Award. CDTs Brooker, Sabatini, and Ruebsteck earned the RECONDO badge. CDTs Dowling, Sabatini, Hennig, and Bartolozzi received the Distinguished Military Graduate Award.

### AIR ASSAULT SCHOOL

Five cadets graduated from Air Assault school this past year: Cadets Donahue, Pearson, Dowling, Costello, and Petschek. Cadets Tim Pearson, Abby Costello, and Tyler Petschek graduated from the Sabalauski Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, KY. Cadet Owen Donahue graduated from Air Assault at the Warrior Training Center at Fort Moore, GA. Cadet Nick Dowling graduated from Air Assault at the United States Military Academy, NY.

### CONTRACTING AND PATCHING CEREMONY

On Thursday, 18 January 2024, we conducted a contracting ceremony for CDTs Catherine Major and Kalina Ross. During which, we presented CDT Ross with a two-year scholarship worth \$45,000. Additionally, we introduced our new unit patch and held a patching ceremony for all contracted cadets, granting them permission to wear the unit patch on their right shoulder.

### CADET TROOP LEADER TRAINING

Two cadets had the opportunity to shadow officers over the summer. CDT Mac Holland went to the Schofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii and learned from officers in the Ordinance branch. CDT Maggie Montle went to Fort Cavazos in Killeen, Texas and learned about the Military Intelligence branch. 4 current Juniors will be going to CTLT this summer with Field Artillery and Infantry.

# BATTALION ACTIVITIES

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## ACTIVITIES/YEAR IN REVIEW

### CLIMB TO REMEMBER

Each year, we host a community event to honor the lives lost during the September 11th terrorist attacks. This year's Climb to Remember, organized by CDT Jack Orr, attracted key members of the Winston-Salem community. Firefighters, police officers, student-athletes, students, and other Winston-Salem community members climbed 2,977 steps at Allegacy Stadium in remembrance of the victims.

### VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

CDT Emma Sabin organized the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Wake Forest University. We were honored to have distinguished guest speaker (Ret) COL Pat Sweeney, the Executive Director of Wake Forest's School of Business' Allegacy Center for Leadership and Character. COL Sweeney is a combat veteran with 29 years of prior service. The ceremony included wreath laying and a playing of "Taps" by CDT Catherine Major. In attendance were members of the Winston-Salem community as well as Wake Forest staff, students, and faculty.

### NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND COLOR GUARD

CDTs Ross, Agee, Maya, Tillman, and Vega proudly represented the No Fear Battalion at the weekend-long NBA All-Star x HBCU showcase in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our cadets collaborated with Coco Jones to present the colors during the National Anthem. Along with this opportunity, the cadets were able to watch the All-Star practice courtside and attend the 3-point and Dunk Contest.



## FTX

No Fear hosted this year's annual JFTX Spring training event at Camp Butner. JFTX exposes MSIII cadets to tactical leadership and basic soldier tasks vital for success at CST. This year, cadets were evaluated on their leadership competencies and decision-making skills in four different types of tactical lanes. MSI and MSII cadets gained exposure to the field environment while also acquiring leadership roles such as RTO and Medic. MSIV cadets had the opportunity to ride in a Black Hawk to Camp Butner on Thursday, April 4th.

# NOTES AND DONATIONS

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## NOTES

### A NOTE FROM THE BATTALION COMMANDER CDT NICK DOWLING

On behalf of the entire MS4 staff, I can confidently say the leadership experience we have gained from serving the battalion has continued to prepare us to succeed as officers. Developing the No Fear Battalion's culture, codifying it, and setting the program and its cadets up for future success were our main goals this year. Through time, we have been able to achieve this and more.

### A NOTE FROM THE FUTURE BATTALION COMMANDER CDT TIM PEARSON

I'm extremely excited to become the battalion commander for the No Fear Battalion this following year. I can't wait for No Fear to continue pursuing excellence both academically and in our army endeavors. Our community within ROTC is tight-knit, and will continue to achieve everything we put our minds to as a team. We have an incredible MS4 staff for next year, and we are all eager to continue developing our program. No Fear!

## INVITATIONS

We would love to have you at our upcoming events.

- Commissioning Ceremony
  - Friday, May 17, 2024 at 3:30 pm in Broyhill Auditorium located inside Farrell Hall at Wake Forest University
- Homecoming
  - September 13-15, 2024 at Wake Forest University



## DONATIONS

Thank you for taking the time to read our first newsletter! If you would like to support our battalion with a monetary donation, please scan the QR code below. We are currently fundraising for our upcoming events in the Fall. Don't forget to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on our accomplishments!



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