UPCOMING EVENTS

Ranger Challenge: This year the Battalion is looking forward to competing in the annual Ranger Challenge Competition on October 11 at Fort Dix, NJ. This competition tests teams abilities from throughout the Northeast in mental and physical capacities through rigorous team events including: building and crossing a one rope bridge, grenade throwing, Commanders Challenge, log carry, weapons qualification, physical fitness, obstacle course, confidence course, 11k ruck, and land navigation. This year the team consists of Alex Heeschen, Chris Murphy, Kaelyn Burbey, Ché Garcia, Trevor Madsen, Colin Montgomery, Ed Simon, Justin Colletti, and Frank McCarthy. We are expecting great results and have been training for the past month to earn a top spot out of forty-two other Northeastern Battalions. -Justin Colletti

Other Upcoming Events:
- Small Unit Fighting Lab 08OCT
- Force on Force Lab 01NOV
- Combat Water Survival Training 05NOV

University of Vermont and Norwich Ranger Challenge teams during joint training at Norwich University.

Special Thanks to all Alumni, family, and friends for attending this year’s Alumni Reception! For more updates on the Green Mountain Battalion and special events please like us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/uvmrotc?ref=aymt_homepage_panel
**Fall LTX 2014:** This year the Leaders Training Exercise was conducted from the 21-22 of September. Instead of individual land navigation, as done in the past, Cadets were sent out into their squads to find their points and at each point there were MSIV instructors who taught a brief fifteen minute class, ranging from weapons familiarization to light and noise discipline when setting up a patrol base. The next day the MSIII’s were detached from the rest of the battalion to further learn about squad level tactics and executed two force on force lanes. The MSI’s and MSII’s spent their day rappelling at the Mountain Warfare school and learning about basic rifle marksmanship (BRM) at the range.

The MSI’s of the Green Mountain Battalion got a great introduction to field training exercises and got a first hand look into many of the technical and physical aspects of the Army and were taught valuable lessons that could not be effectively learned in a traditional classroom setting. Freshman and sophomore Cadets were encouraged to participate and even take leadership roles during land navigation exercises, BRM training, and basic mountaineering lessons. Many MSII’s were even encouraged to instruct the MSI’s in many areas. The juniors were able to expand on their leadership skills as squad leaders, platoon sergeants and platoon leaders.

-Alex Heeschen

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**Leadership Development: UVM ROTC & UVM Men’s Hockey**

The University of Vermont ROTC Program and University of Vermont Men's Hockey Team participated in a Leadership Development Exercise at Camp Johnson, Vermont. The purpose of this exercise was to increase teamwork, leadership development, adaptability, character and accountability and critical thinking and problem solving. Events conducted during the exercise included a leadership reaction course, memory skills game, Army and UVM Hockey History Exam and a Leadership Seminar conducted by the Professor of Military Science and UVM Hockey Coach. The event was a great opportunity for both the ROTC and Varsity Hockey Team to work together to gain confidence in their abilities and develop strong leadership skills and attributes.

-2LT Callie Bullion
The day begins well before the sun for the majority of the school year; 0500 – 0515, depending on how far from the gym you must trek. Finally arriving at the gym, we begin with a formation and physical training (PT) at 0600 which concludes at 0700. If you are fortunate to have an accommodating schedule then a nap will come shortly after, otherwise the race to breakfast and to class begin. From the first class period at 0830 until about 1600 your day is just as every other UVM student – class, office hours, homework, dining halls and group study meetings. Once the formation for Wednesday’s Military Science lab begins then you really get what you signed up for. Depending on the week, it could be land navigation, searching for specific coordinates in the woods of Camp Johnson with just a map and compass, a tactics lab involving leadership training and troop leadership procedures or a regular class, where we learn theories and methods before going out into the field to practice what we learned. The labs are a great break from the academic pressures of your course load, even if it is only for a few hours. You return to campus generally around 2000, exhausted and absolutely thrilled that there is no PT on Thursdays.

- Travis Deforge

Adventures at SUNY Plattsburg

Top Left: Our color guard marching in the Battle of Plattsburgh parade on 13 September 2014. This was the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Plattsburgh during the War of 1812.

Our Cadets posing for a picture after completing our 4th annual 9/11 stair climb. This consists of our Cadets and Cadre member running up 110 flights of stairs in remembrance of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center and all of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

- Steven Rohrig

A Day in the Life of a Cadet

In Loving Memory of Josh Pallotta

An extended family member of the Green Mountain Battalion, Joshua R. Pallotta, son of loving parents, Gregory and Valerie Pallotta, lost his battle with PTSD and TBI due to injuries sustained while deployed in Afghanistan in 2009-2010 and took his own life on September 23, 2014. Josh graduated from Colchester High School and enlisted into the Vermont National Guard with the ALPHA Company, 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry, 86 IBCT (Mountain). Josh received the Army Commendation Medal with a “V” Device for his valorous actions while fighting against enemy forces.

-Sarah Pitman

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