

# TERRAPIN BATTALION TIMES

## Monthly Newsletter



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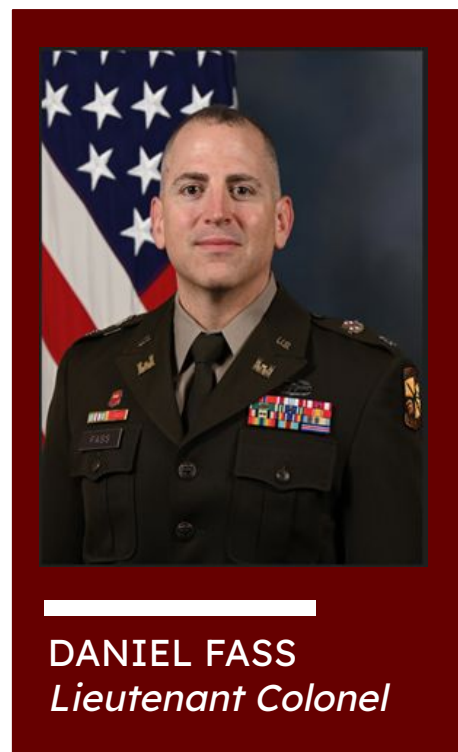
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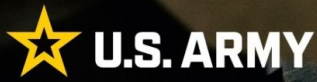
Terps,

You continue to impress the Cadre with your dedicated service. Spring break is over, and everyone is working hard to prepare for summer internships, advance camp, and commissioning. Additionally, UMD secured 20 Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) positions over the summer with various units to better prepare our future leaders as 2LTs. Continue your rigorous physical training regimen and study to achieve academic success. Don't give up, and thank you for everything you do.

LTC Daniel Fass



# BE ALL YOU CAN BE.



## ARMY “BE ALL YOU CAN BE”

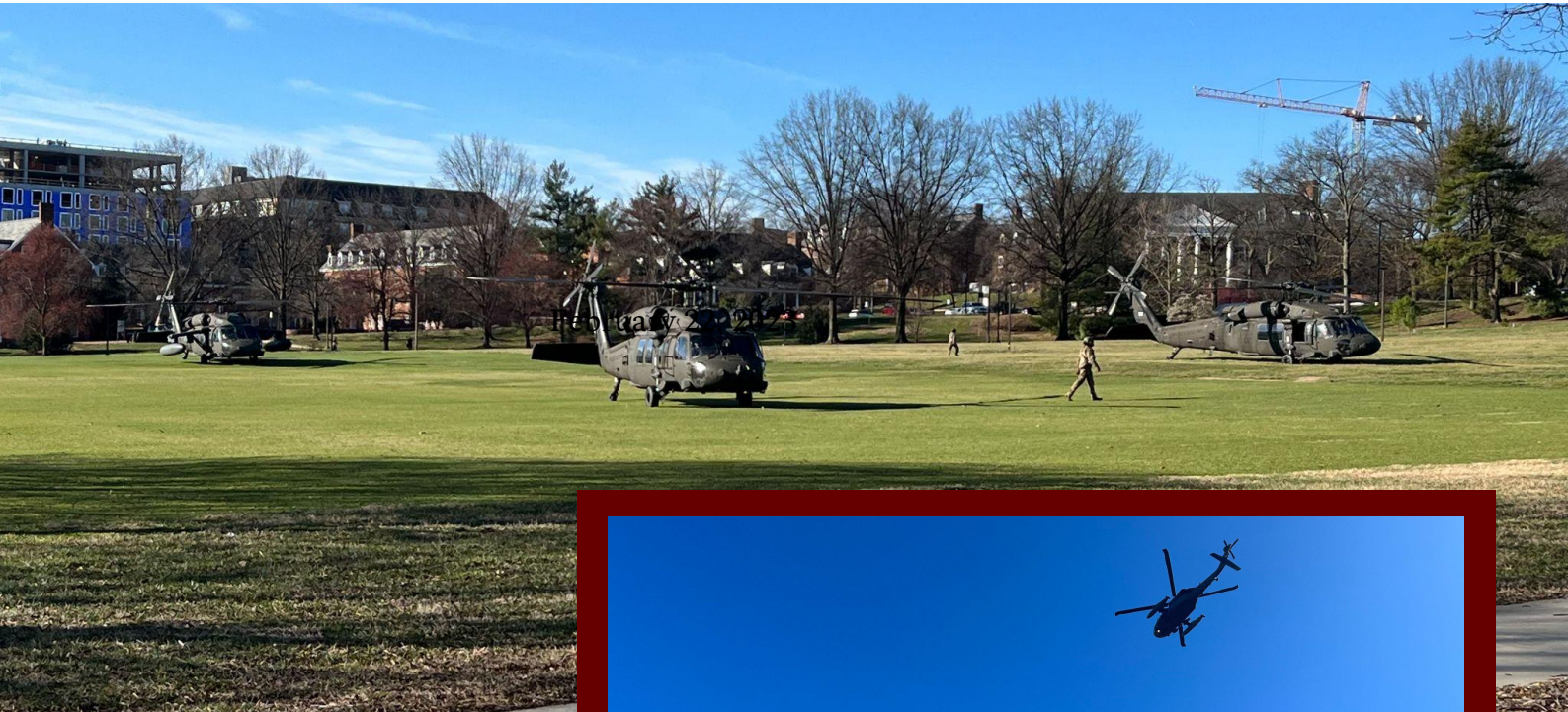
The U.S. Army has launched a new brand that redefines what it means to “Be All You Can Be” for a new generation. The brand showcases the countless opportunities the Army provides for individuals to explore their passions, build community and become the best versions of themselves. Whether you want to fight and win the nation’s wars or pursue a career in science and technology, the Army can help you push your limits and make your history. To Be All You

Can Be in the Army means to challenge yourself and achieve excellence in whatever you do. It means to find your purpose, passion, community and connection in serving your nation.

A second phase of the campaign will be unveiled later this year, allowing “Be All You Can Be” to reveal a deeper, more personal look at the hopes, fears and dreams of today’s youth.

*“At a time when political, economic and social factors are changing how young Americans view the world, the new Army brand illustrates how service in the Army is grounded in passion and purpose. Serving our nation is a calling, and one that is fundamentally hopeful. We want a new generation of Americans to see the Army as a pathway to the lives and careers they want to achieve.”*

*- Christine Wormuth  
Secretary of the Army*



## BLACKHAWKS ON CAMPUS

On February 24, 2023, a thrilling sight greeted the students and faculty of the University of Maryland: three Blackhawk helicopters landing on Chapel Fields. The Black Hawks, belonging to the 12th Aviation Battalion based out of Fort Belvoir, VA, transported Terrapin Battalion Cadets to their Land Navigation FTX at Quantico Marine Corps Base where they practiced their map reading and orienteering skills. The program thanks the 12th Aviation Battalion for their support and cooperation in making this unique opportunity possible.





## LAND NAV. FTX

From February 23 to 25, Terrapin Battalion Cadets faced a challenging Land Navigation FTX at Quantico Marine Corps Base. The Cadets had to navigate through complex terrain using maps, compasses and protractors. They had to find various points in both daylight and night conditions while avoiding obstacles and hazards. The FTX was designed to test the Cadets' land navigation skills and prepare them for the land navigation course at Cadet Summer Training (CST) at Fort Knox this summer. This particular course is the most difficult land navigation course Terrapin Battalion Cadets face prior to CST. Cadets also got hands-on practice with M4A1s, M249s, M240Bs, and SINGCARS Radios.







## ENGAGEMENT SKILLS TRAINER

During the week of March 6, Terrapin Battalion Cadets sharpened their marksmanship skills using the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST). EST is a virtual simulation system that provides realistic and safe training on various weapons and scenarios. The Cadets learned how to handle, aim and fire the M4 carbine.

The EST training was part of the Cadets' preparation for the Weapons Qualification course at Cadet Summer Training (CST) this summer. The Cadets improved their confidence, accuracy and proficiency with the weapons and gained valuable experience to bring with them to CST this summer.

*“EST was a great way to become more familiar with shooting the M4 carbine. It really helped me get comfortable with reloading quickly as well as transitioning to different positions. I am confident these skills will translate directly to weapons qualification at camp and I will be successful.”*

*- Cadet Greta Fream*

*“EST was a great training opportunity that helped me better my marksmanship and familiarize myself with the qualification course. Hands on experience allowed for practice with sight picture, trigger squeeze and breathing regulation that I can translate to camp. “*

*- Cadet Yulianna Portillo*





## LT. RICHARD W. COLLINS III SCHOLARSHIP

The Lt. Richard W. Collins III Scholarship was awarded to Cadet Skyeler Antonino. He was selected for this honor due to his strong commitment to service, exemplary leadership skills, and his high level of achievement as the previous Army ROTC Cadet Operations Sergeant Major and a student of the University of Maryland.

The scholarship promotes the values and strong character that Lt. Collins demonstrated throughout his life. His legacy serves as an inspiration to not only our ROTC scholarship recipients, but to all everyone at the University of Maryland.

Lt. Richard W. Collins III, 23, was an ROTC candidate at Bowie State University, set to graduate and begin his commission in the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant, when he was killed on the University of Maryland campus. The tragedy of his death on May 20, 2017—just days before he would have graduated from BSU with a degree in business administration—was felt by the entire Maryland community. The university honors and celebrates Lt. Collins’s life and legacy through this scholarship and the creation of the Social Justice Alliance, in partnership with Bowie State University.



c/CPT SKYELER ANTONINO

*“I am honored to be the recipient of the Lt. Richard W. Collins III Endowed Scholarship. As a senior at the University of Maryland, I have made it a goal to build cultural awareness on campus and in the various organizations that I am a part of. I am currently finishing my degree in Arabic studies and preparing to commission as a Second Lieutenant through Army ROTC.”*



## PROJECT GO AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Cadet Liah Lawrence will be returning to George Mason University for a second year to study the Korean Language. The program will take place at the University's Fairfax campus. Students live on campus and participate in immersive Korean language courses, cultural activities, and local visits within the Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. area. The program runs for seven weeks and students will have regular class meetings and cultural events beyond campus.

Cadet Lawrence was inspired to attend this program because she is half Korean on her mother's side.

She wanted to learn more about the Korean heritage and culture as well as the critical language. Cadet Lawrence enjoyed the first year at the program is excited to attend the program again.

Cadet Lawrence hopes to be stationed in Korea. Therefore, learning Korean will help her become more autonomous in the area and effectively communicate with locals, officials, and soldiers.

Cadet Lawrence studies Nursing and is part of the ROTC Intramural Soccer Team and a member of the Pre-Nursing Society.



CADET LIAH LAWRENCE

*"I am looking forward to all of the activities and field trips they have planned for us this year. They had a lot of fun activities such as scavenger hunts in a Korean grocery store, going to a Korean Spa, leaning Korean traditional instruments and singing, having Korean cooking competitions, etc. We were all excited for those activities each weekend and I know it will be just as fun and engaging as this year as they were last summer."*





## PROJECT GO AT COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The 12 credit “dusk-to-dawn” hybrid language program provides Cadets with Russian language and culture training at the beginner and intermediate levels. Students begin this program in Bloomsburg, PA at the Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania for five weeks and, then, travel to Riga, Latvia for additional three weeks. The program includes a rigorous academic component, rich cultural immersion, and language skills assessment upon program completion.

Cadet Zachary Doser will have an opportunity to not only take general Russian language classes, but also take a week-long specialized course in either Russian for Military,

Russian for Business, or Russian for Politics modules.

Cadet Doser applied for the hybrid program because he wanted to learn Russian in an immersive program where he would be forced to learn the language in a Russian-speaking country. He believes that it is important to know the languages of near-peer adversaries—a leading factor in his decision to attend.

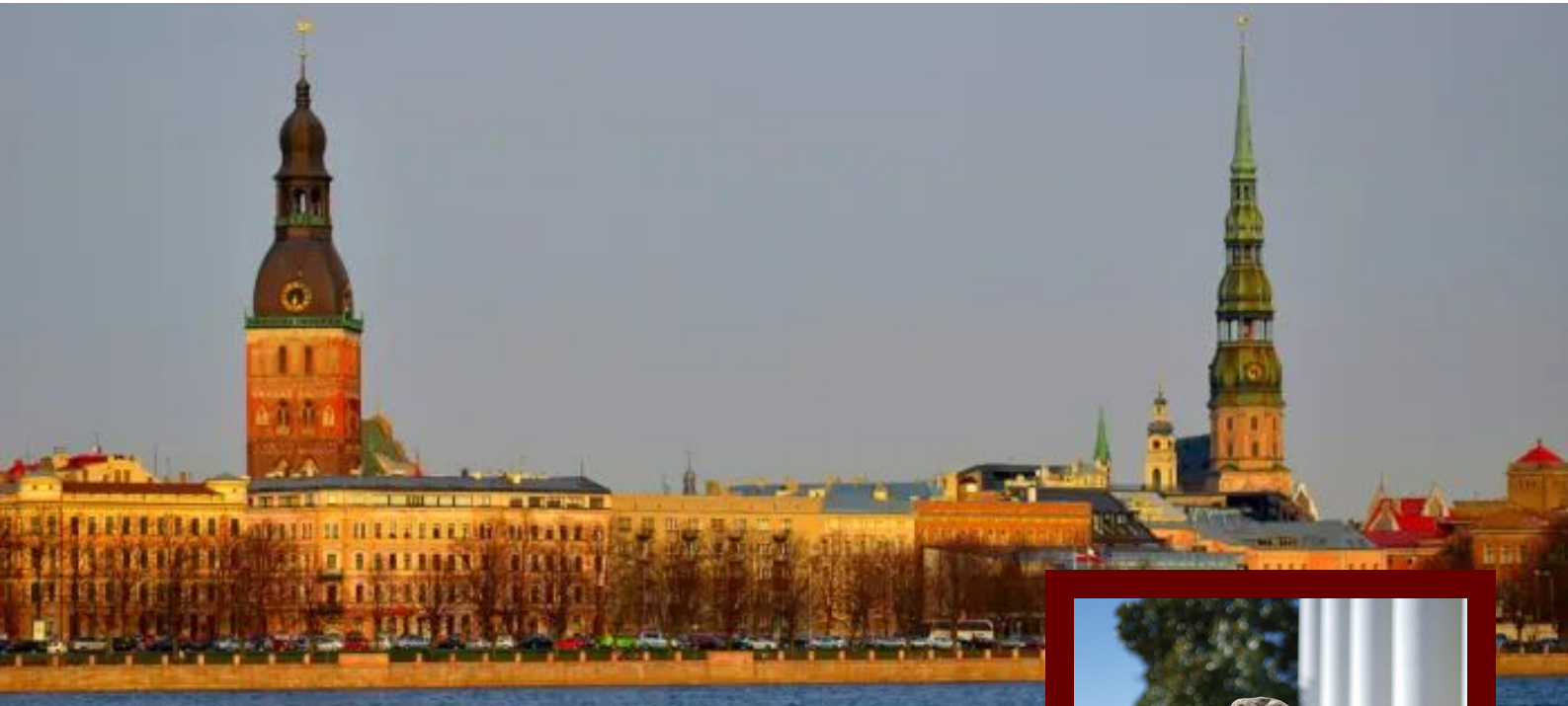
Cadet Doser is majoring in Government and Politics: International Relations. Within ROTC, he participates in Drill Team and Color Guard. Outside of ROTC, he’s involved with the soccer support club, The Crew.



CADET ZACHARY DOSER

*“It is important to know the language of near-peer adversaries and thus I chose to learn Russian.”*

*I am looking forward to going and interacting with Latvian culture and speaking in a language other than English with those that live in Riga.”*



## PROJECT GO AT COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Cadet Tiana Greer will participate in the same program as Cadet Doser. She will spend five weeks learning at the Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania and then travel to Riga, Latvia to learn more hosted by Russian Language Academy BORN.

She chose to participate in Project Go because she has always wanted to study Russian. A peer in the program, Cadet Ellison and Cadet Greer’s mother, who also studied Russian as a student, both had a large influence on her decision to attend this program. She is particularly excited about going to another country to

experience the culture and put her new language skills to use.

Throughout her studies, she is hopeful to learn new values and cultural understanding of the region. She believes that an open mindedness is an important trait that will benefit her as an Officer.

Cadet Greer is currently majoring in Physics and has picked up a keen interest in accounting through her studies. She is an active member in color guard where she enjoys learning the traditions, ceremonies, and the ability to practice with the rifles and flags.



CADET TIANA GREER

*“I think participating in this program will help me learn the Russian language and the cultures of the countries speaking that language. By experiencing the culture and learning the language, it will help me understand different cultural values in and how people in different countries may think. which will help me as an Officer. I being open-minded is an important trait to have as a leader and I hope to improve that skill by learning this language and experiencing the culture.”*



## CADET OF THE MONTH

Within ROTC, Cadet Farnham has served as a Squad Leader, Platoon Leader, and Company Commander. She has been a member of the Color Guard and Drill Team for four semesters. She hopes to branch into the Nurse Corps

when she commissions, Spring 2025. Outside of ROTC, Cadet Farnham studies Nursing, plays intramural soccer and basketball, as well as participates in one of the choirs on Campus.



CADET EMILY FARNHAM

*“ROTC has given me lifelong friends that have helped me navigate college. It has also made me more confident in myself and my leadership abilities, as well as provided lots of opportunities that I wouldn’t have found anywhere else!”*

## UPCOMING TRAINING

At the midpoint of the semester, the Battalion is fast approaching our annual JFTX, which will be conducted from April 13-16 at Quantico Marine Corps Base with other Cadets from the University of Delaware and Bowie State University. Following that, Cadets will have another

opportunity to practice with the EST during the week of April 24th. It will be a quick turn-around to the Range FTX on April 28th, where Cadets will have the opportunity to practice the Table VI qualifications in real-time. Keep up the motivation and morale as we move forward Terps!