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Kyonngi University ROTC Cadets Visit UIW

By Mr. J.A Roybal, APMS



Cadets from Kyonngi University and the Rattler Battalion meet for first time.

In January the Corp of Cadets hosted ROTC Cadets from Kyonngi University located in Seoul, South Korea. The purpose of their visit was to observe and participate in select ROTC activities, including classroom instruction and physical fitness training. Both programs also conducted informational briefings about their respective programs to include commissioning requirements and service obligations.

Three cadets from Kyonngi University ROTC, a translator and their Dean of International Affairs traveled to America to visit a couple of ROTC programs in Texas. This special visit by a foreign ROTC Program marked the first time in the history of St. Mary's University ROTC that cadets had the opportunity to interact with cadets from another country on their home campus. Approximately 15 Rattler Battalion cadets participated in the exchange of information and ideas. UIW cadets also introduced the

Kyonngi cadets to an American college student culture, complete with fast food, a tour of the San Antonio Riverwalk and a few games of pool. Cadet Antonio Varela said, "working with Yoo Kim and Choi was interesting because it allowed us to discuss the differences and similarities between US and Korean ROTC programs". Cadets from both programs were able to overcome the language challenges to achieve a successful and productive experience.



Orienteering Meet

By MS IV Cadet Desiree Aguilar

On The 24th of February, St. Mary's University ROTC's Rattler Battalion conducted their annual Orienteering Meet at Camp Bullis, Tx. The event allows the young cadets to test out their land navigation skills, but it also be exposes them to our ROTC program and history with the army. Over 300 JROTC students, from dozens of local high schools throughout San Antonio and surrounding areas participated in the event. The participants maneuvered through difficult terrain and utilized their navigation skills to travel on dirt roads and trails in order to find designated points on a map. All of Rattler Battalion's cadets helped make this event possible. The event was a culmination of weeks worth of planning and coordination among Camp Bullis leadership and ROTC cadets. Several cadets were assigned to man different stations within the meet and helped set up an effective way to process and guide the JROTC cadets through the Orienteering event. Top finishers were recognized in various categories. Many participants were first timers. Ultimately, it is the Rattler Battalion's goal to inspire and motivate local youth.



Land Navigation

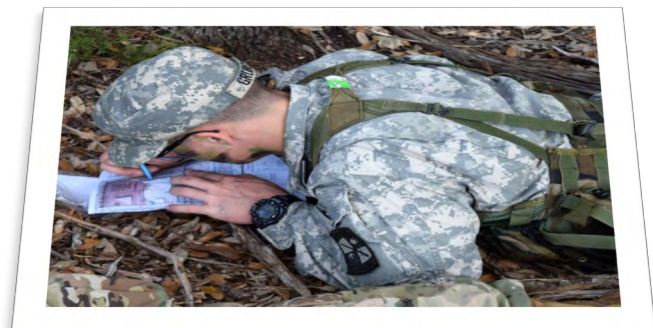


Cadet Harris(R) teaching Cadet Moore (L)how to plot point

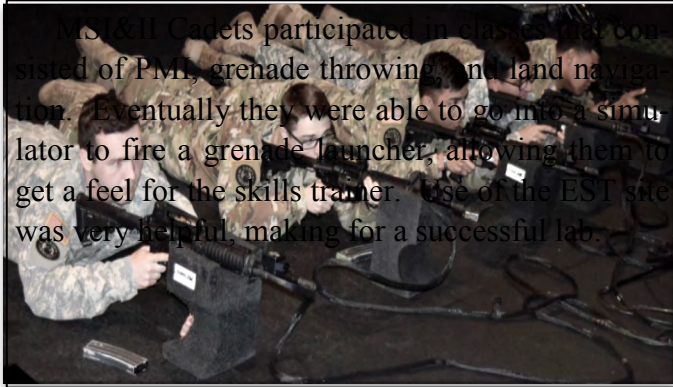
UIW ROTC Trains at Camp Bullis

By Cadet Alexandria Geautreaux

Cadets trained on land navigation along with patrol base operations. During land navigation cadets were given a lane strip with four eight-digit grid coordinates that they must plot on a map of the training area. Once they completed plotting, they then set out to go find their points using a compass and pace count. These are the basic skills of land navigation and being able to find your way to a given location through various types of terrain and vegetation is critical. The cadets used two lanes strips to do on the short-range course the first day, where all the points to be found were within 500 meters of the starting point. Later that evening the cadets were divided into two platoons (groups) and were directed to set up patrol bases to sleep in for the night. The next morning cadets were up before the sun, so they would be able to do a lane of night land navigation on the short-range course. The final lane was on the long-range course where the furthest point was almost 2,000 meters away from the starting point. The training went very well, and the vast majority of the cadets located three or four points. This training event greatly boosted the confidence of our cadets both new and seasoned as it honed in on their land navigation skills. Upon returning to campus following training at Camp Bullis, all the level three cadets took a written exam on land navigation. This training prepares level three cadets for Advanced Camp this summer where they will be graded on these skills.



UIW Cadets Train at Camp Bullis



(From Left to Right Cadet Kidd, Cadet Gregory, Cadet Robular, Cadet Cruz and Cadet Chibole)



(Cadet Carter demonstrating how to use M4)

For this lab we scheduled the Engagement Skills Trainer Range to practice firing both the M4 and M16 in preparation for Advance Camp this summer. Instead of the normal drill of zeroing and qualifying, the focus for MS3's required them to zero and group. The range accommodated 15 firing points at a time. During the downtime, of those who had to wait outside practiced previous training using the 9 line MEDEVAC procedure allowing MS IV's to share their camp experiences.

Bataan Memorial Death March

By MS IV Geoffrey Miller



Cadet Gonzalez finishes Bataan ruck march

The Bataan Memorial Death March is an annual marathon held at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. The race commemorates all the American and Filipino military members that died on the grueling Bataan Death March during World War II. St. Mary's University, University of the Incarnate Word and Trinity University sent cadets from the Rattler Battalion to compete in the 26.2 mile race.

Training started last November for the cadets. Four months of intense cardio training helped the cadets in completing the marathon without injury. The Rattler Battalion sent two official teams to White Sands. The teams competed in both the civilian light and military heavy categories. In the civilian light group, there was no required weight or uniform for the cadets, however in the military heavy category cadets were required to complete the 26.2 miles in their ACU uniform carrying a 35 pound ruck sack.

The Rattler Battalion was very successful with two first and one second place finishers. Cadet Marissa Ibarra won 1st place overall for women, while Cadets Alexis Harris placed 1st and Cadet Aneya Torres 2nd place for their age group. A total, twenty-one cadets participated.



Cadet Gonzalez(L) Cadet Harris (M) and Cadet Adeyemo at a recruiting event.



Cadet Lopez grading at JROTC at Central Catholic HS



CPT Frazier and Cadet Adeyemo at the Alamo Fun Run



Milk & Cookies, held every Thursday in the Student Involvement Office student organizations take turns hosting to share info



Cadet Reyna grading during a drill meet



Cadet Gonzalez and Cadet Carter recruiting at Camp Bullis

Combined Field Training Exercise (CFTX)

By MSIV Cadet Carter

It's that time of year again where fences start to pop up around campus, parking becomes more congested and students start to dream about chicken on a stick. For most students this means that Baby Bake and Oyster Bake are quickly approaching. However, if you are an Army ROTC Cadet, you know that something else is rapidly approaching. While most students participated in various Baby Bake activities, over 200 Cadets from St. Mary's University and UTSA participated in a Combined Field Training Exercise, or CFTX. This training event took place at La Copa Ranch and spans over a of 3 days.

Cadets were tested on day and night land navigation, first aid, M4 marksmanship, fire team maneuvers as well as basic troop leading procedures. Friday was spent refining their day and night land navigation skills followed by little sleep. Cadets spent a majority of Saturday going through platoon level situational training exercises such as attack and defend, reconnaissance, ambush and react to contact. 3 MS III Cadets were placed in rotating positions to assess their leadership abilities. CFTX concluded on Sunday following a 12 mile ruck march in full kit. This training event, allows MS III Cadets to train prior to attending Advanced Camp this summer, where they will be constantly assessed on their leadership abilities.



UIW, STMU ROTC & UTSA ROTC



Cadets resting at CFTX



Cadet calling in SITREP



Iron Rattler Award

Iron Rattler's

Marissa Ibarra

Alexis Harris

Zane Martinez

Jonathan Molnar

Dakota Rodgers

Joshua Tinajero

Alexandria Gautreaux

Ruben Canales

Cassandra Ramirez

Alyssa Gomez

David Reyes

The Iron Rattler Award is an award presented to cadets from each military science level within the St. Mary's University Army ROTC program that have scored a 300 or higher score on their APFT. The award is presented during the Rattler Battalion's annual award ceremony. The U.S. Army's physical fitness test assesses Soldiers' endurance by measuring their physical strengths and cardio-respiratory fitness. Cadets in the St. Mary's University Army ROTC program are required to pass the record APFT each semester in order to maintain good standing status within the program's general fitness

parameters. The physical fitness test consists of three events.



Cadet Ibarra awarded for achieving the highest APFT score

Orlando Calderon Leadership



Cadet Courtney Keif is the recipient of this year's Orlando Calderon Leadership Award. The award is presented annually to the top MS IV cadet. Orlando Calderon was a member of the Corp class of 1969 who died in an auto accident while returning from an event the Marion Guard had competed in Houston, Texas. Cadet Keif was presented with an authentic replica of a heavy U.S. Cavalry Saber and her name will be placed on the display plaque.

Spring 2018 Award ceremony

By MS IV Alison Lu

The Award Ceremony marks the end of the semester by recognizing cadet accomplishments. The Rattler Battalion is comprised of high performing students who consistently demonstrate the willingness to improve themselves and others, while working to achieve their goals. This year's award winners are:

David E. Salazar, Jr. Physical Fitness Award: Cadets Marisa Ibarra and David Reyes

AUSA ROTC Leadership and History Awards: Cameron Martinez

USSA Spirit Award: Tarec Gonzalez

General Society of the War of 1812 Award: Adam Andre

Armed Forces Communication & Electronics ROTC Honor Award: D'Andree Lara

American Veterans of World War II Award: Austin Dyer

Veterans of Foreign Wars Association Award: Jalen Gomez

Reserve Officers' Association ROTC Award: (MS II Bronze Medal – Joshua Tinajero, MS III Silver Medal – Erik Leija and MS IV Gold Medal – Alexandria Gautreaux

Military Order of the World Wars Award: (MS I Bronze Medal – Patrick Gruber, MS II Silver Medal – Hannah Wright, and MS III Gold Medal – Kathleen Pearson

Daughters of the American Revolution: Cecilia Medina

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Award: Eric Wages



Cadet Clark receives his award from Col. (R) P. Hunt

Military Order of the Purple Heart ROTC Leadership Award: Jason Bradley

Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America Award: Paul Escamilla

National Defense Industrial Association Award: Dakota Rodgers

National Sojourners Award: Zane Martinez

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award: Alexis Harris

National Society of the U.S. Daughters of 1812 Award: Hannah Wright

National Defense Transportation Association Award: Courtney Keif

Spring 2018 Award Ceremony

National Society of the U.S. Daughters of 1812 Award:
Hannah Wright

National Defense Transportation Association Award:
Courtney Keif

Military Officers' Association of America Award: Daniel Clark

Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award: MS I – Marisa Ibarra, MS II – Joshua Tinajero, MS III – Jonathan Molnar, and MS IV – Courtney Keif



Cadet Tarec Gonzalez receiving the USAA Sprit award



Cadet Lara being presented her award by LTC Lankford



Cadet Martinez being presented his award by SFC Spencer



Marshall Award and Leadership Seminar

The George C. Marshall award and leadership seminar is a Cadet Command led conference that allows one cadet per SROTC program to attend a series of leadership seminars. This conference is held at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas every spring. At the conference sessions, Cadets are given the opportunity to meet some of the US Army's most influential leaders, which allow participants to gain first-hand knowledge and guidance from some of the most experienced and most senior leaders in the Army. Cadet Carter said the conference was a transitional experience for him because it showed him the huge responsibility and honor it is to be an Army officer. Secondly, it clued him in and the rest of the cadets selected to attend that the culture of the Army is changing to accommodate so many leadership styles to be more effective and have the health of soldiers in their interest. Lastly, it reaffirmed that the United States military is second to none in training and developing leaders around the world and is on the forefront on the art and science of leadership.



Cadet Carter represented StMU at George C. Marshall Leadership Seminar

Oyster Bake

By MS III Alexis Harris



This year we celebrated the 102nd Annual Oyster Bake Fiesta. For 2 days the festivities never ended and people all across the United States came to participate. Over 80,000 people attended this grand scale event allowing the Saint Mary's University and UIW ROTC program to raise funds for its cadets. Cadets from the Rattler Battalion were seen parking and guiding vehicles to their respective areas. They were

also seen selling assorted flavors of Red Bulls. However, the overall highlight of the event was seeing all the food that was prepared like the chicken on a stick and of course all the oysters. The event was amazing, can't wait till next year, so we can do it all over again.



**Fiesta
Oyster Bake**
The Heartbeat of Fiesta

Senior Staff Ride

By MS IV Alyssa Gomez

St. Mary's Rattler battalion ROTC program MS4's went out to Fredericksburg to dive into history at the National Museum of the Pacific War on April 13th. This event was conducted to give MS4's with a holistic view of the battles that took place in WWII, as well as putting the battles they presented to the class in large. Although, not all MS4's were given a battle in the Pacific to present, they had a chance to talk to their peers as well as the mediator to get a better understanding of them. The mediator guided the class around the museum for a total of 3 hours and answered any questions brought forward. Some battles that were highlighted by the MS4's and the mediator were the Battle of Coral Sea, the Battle of Midway, and the Battle of the Bulge; as well as seeing some of the vehicles used in WWII like the Sherman tank, B-29 air-craft, and the midget submarine. After visiting the museum, the MS4's got to enjoy a cultured lunch at an authentic German style restaurant and continue to talk about the individual experiences they had while touring the museum.



German Armed Force Badges

By Kryantirta Nichlany



The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (German: Abzeichen für Leistungen im Truppendienst) is a decoration of the Bundeswehr, the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Germany. The decoration can be awarded to all German Soldiers. Allied Soldiers may also be awarded the badge. Any rank may be awarded and wear the badge. In the United States Military, the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge is one of the few approved foreign awards, and it is one of the most sought-after awards to achieve. Four of St. Mary's signed up to this physical strenuous test to qualify for the badge and 2 cadets earned a golden badge and 2 others received a silver badge.

Gold Badge: Cadet Alexandria Gautreaux
Cadet Jonathan Molnar
Silver Badge: Cadet Kryantirta Nichlany
Cadet Jerry Gruber



Spring Formal 2018

By MS IV Cecilia Medina

On April 27, 2018 the St. Mary's Rattler Battalion celebrated another year of accomplishments at the 2018 Spring Formal. The event is one of the last events that Senior Cadets get to participate in before commissioning as 2LT in the United States Army. The venue was the Holiday Inn from 1700-2300. The entire Corps of Cadets get to attend along with the cadre. The event began with the posting of colors, the national anthem sung by CPT Heather Frazier, and the invocation by Father Tom from The University of the Incarnate Word,. The guest speaker CSM retired, Leota who provided a very motivational speech about leadership. Following the formal portion of the event, the seniors had their time to shine in a "Senior Video", which contain pictures from childhood and adulthood of each of the graduating cadets. Lastly, a Saber Line for the seniors, which is a tradition at St. Mary's University. The eventful night ended with gifts for the cadre followed by a night of dancing. The Spring Formal is a great way for the corps of cadets to reflect, appreciate and celebrate the past years achievements.



Graduating Senior May 2018



2LT Suraj Adeyemo was born in Ondo state Nigeria. He is currently a Doctoral student at University of the Incarnate Word and will be commissioning this May. He joined the Army to serve his country and fight for freedom. He will be commissioning as an active duty Medical Service Corps Officer.



2LT Ashley Arnold was born in Fort Stewart Georgia and joined the Army ROTC program to continue her family tradition of serving the military. She will graduate in May from UIW with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and will Commission as a Military Intelligence Officer in the Army Reserves.



2LT Robert Barassa was born and raised in San Antonio Texas. He was influenced to join ROTC because he wants to serve his country and fight for freedom, and to make his family proud. He will graduate in May from St. Mary's University with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and will commission as an Military Intelligence Officer in the Texas Army National Guard.



2LT Ruben Canales was born in Corpus Christi and raised in Kingsville, TX. His main influence to join the ROTC program was to continue the military lineage that his grandfathers started. He will graduate in May from StMU with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Minor in Military Science. He will Commission as an Active Duty Infantry Officer.



2LT Elaine Candelaria was born in Lompoc, California and joined ROTC because she wanted to serve others and to be a part of something that influences and inspires others. One of her primary inspirations was to follow her father in joining the military, being the first to commission as an Army officer. Cadet Candelaria will graduate this May from UIW with a degree in Community Health Education and a minor in Psychology. She will commission as an active duty signal officer.

Graduating Senior May 2018



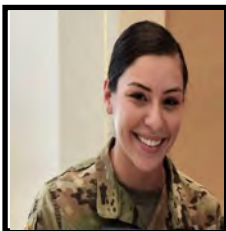
2LT Adriel Carrillo was born in San Antonio Texas and wanted to join the military to follow in his father's footsteps who served in the Army for 15 years. Cadet Carrillo will graduate this May from StMU with a bachelor's degree in biology. He will commission as a Chemical Corps Officer in the U.S. Army Reserves.



2LT Alexandria Gautreaux was born in San Antonio Texas and was influenced to join the military by her father who served in the Army and to be a part of something bigger that would make a difference. Cadet Gautreaux will graduate this May from UIW with a bachelor's degree in Athletic Training and a double minor in Psychology and Applied Leadership. She will commission as an Active Duty Aviation Officer.



2LT Alyssa Gomez was born and raised in San Antonio, TX and joined the ROTC program to help others and be part of something bigger than herself. She will graduate this May from StMU with a bachelor's degree in Criminology and a minor in Military History. She will commission as an Active Duty Adjutant General Corps Officer.



2LT Jalen Gomez was born in Beeville TX and was influenced to join ROTC by her dad who was in the Marine Corps and she enjoyed the military lifestyle and wanted to serve her country. Cadet Gomez will graduate this May from StMU with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Sports Science and a minor in Military Science. She will commission as an Active Duty Military Intelligence Officer with a branch detail in Armor.



2LT Tarec Gonzalez was born in Ft. Stewart in Hinesville, Georgia. It was his father that showed him the opportunities that the military had to offer going in as an officer, and with his families given military service he wanted to continue on the tradition. Gonzalez will graduate this May from UIW with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Applied Leadership. He will commission as an active duty Infantry Officer.



2LT Christopher Haby was born in San Antonio, TX and wanted to join the ROTC program to serve his country as a military Aviator. Cadet Haby will graduate from StMU with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a minor in Public Administration. He will commission as an Active Duty Aviation Officer

Graduating Senior May 2018



2LT Micah Paul Carter was born in Royse City, Texas and wanted to join the military, so he could have cool stories to tell when he was old. And to serve his country. Cadet Carter will graduate this May from StMU with a bachelor's degree in Criminology. He will commission as an Active Duty Infantry Officer .



2LT Courtney Lynn Keif was born in San Antonio, TX and wanted to join the military to gain a sense of duty, honor, and tradition. Cadet Keif will graduate Magna Cum Laude this May from StMU with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice as an honor student. She will commission as an Active Duty Air Defense Artillery Officer.



2LT Christian Lopez was born in Landstuhl Regional Military Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. He joined the ROTC program because it is a family tradition to serve in the military and he wants to serve his country. Cadet Lopez graduates this May with a Bachelors degree in Exercise and Sport Science and minor in Military Science. He'll commission as a n Active Duty Air Defense Artillery Officer.



2LT Alison Lu was born in San Antonio, TX and wanted to join the military to be a part of something greater than herself. Cadet Lu will graduate this May from StMU with a bachelor's degree in Criminology and a minor in Military Science. She will Commission as an Active Duty Adjutant General Corps Officer.



2LT Kryantirta Nichlany was born in Jakarta, Indonesia and was recruited by other cadets during his Sophomore year of college to join the ROTC program. Cadet Nichlany will graduate from UIW with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He will commission as an Active Duty Infantry Officer.



2LT Rachel McNaughton was born at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky and decided to join the military because she felt compelled by a sense of duty and honor to serve her country and carry on the family legacy. Cadet McNaughton will graduate this May from StMU with a bachelor's degree in in English and a minor in Portuguese. She will commission as an active duty Signal Corps officer.



2LT Daniel Oladejo was born in Lagos Nigeria. He wanted to serve his country for a sense of duty, patriotism and to defend our nation. He will graduate this May with his Doctor of Business Administration. He will commission as an Active Duty Signal Officer

Welcome to the Rattler Battalion



Mrs. Lynette Mc Duffie, HR Assistant

Mrs. Lynette McDuffie was born in St. Louis, MO. After enlisting in the U.S. Navy Delayed Entry Program, she reported to Basic Training at Recruit Training Center, Orlando, FL in Aug 1990. Upon graduation, she attended Signalman “A” School also in Orlando, FL. In May 1999, Ms. McDuffie attended Legalman “A” School and became a Navy Paralegal in July 1999. She has served in multiple duty stations to include Pearl Harbor, HI, Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL, and Manama BAHRAIN. She also served onboard four ships to include the USS SAFE-GUARD (ARS 50), USS ACADIA (AD 42), USS CAPE COD (AD 43), and USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6). Ms. McDuffie reached the rank of Chief Petty Officer in 2007 and ultimately retired in from Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command, Norfolk, VA in 2013. After retirement, Ms. McDuffie and her husband moved to San Antonio upon her husband’s in 2016. Prior to her current position, Ms. McDuffie worked for the Department of the Air Force at Defense Language Institute English Language Center as an Administrative Assistant. Ms. McDuffie began her duties at the St. Mary’s University San Antonio as the Human Resource Assistant on 16 Apr 2018. Ms. McDuffie has a BS in Paralegal Studies and currently working on her MA in Human Resources Development.

Interests: Ms. McDuffie resides in San Antonio with husband Anthony and their dog Koko. The family has eight children and 14 grandchildren. Ms. McDuffie loves to read and travel. She also loves to assist young people with career goals.

CPT Tiffany Mc Creery, APMS



CPT Tiffany A. McCreery was born in Omaha, NE and raised in Spokane, WA. She graduated from Gonzaga University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. CPT McCreery earned her commission through the Gonzaga University ROTC program in 2008 as an Army Nurse Corps Officer and Distinguished Military Graduate. She began her career as a staff nurse at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany. From there she joined the 212th Combat Support Hospital in Miesau, Germany as an Intermediate Care Ward nurse and then became the Executive Officer of Bravo Company. She transitioned into the Army Reserve and served as the Deputy S2 for the 196th Medical Support Unit-Europe at Daenner Kaserne, Germany.

She then transferred to the United States Army Reserve Hospital Detachment 2 at Fort Shafter, HI as a staff nurse. Following her time in Hawaii, she moved to the 396th Combat Support Hospital and served as a staff nurse and later as the Head Nurse of an Intermediate Care Ward. Her military education includes the AMEDD Captain’s Career Course and AMEDD Officer Basic Leaders Course.

CPT McCreery’s awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and the Expert Field Medical Badge. CPT McCreery is married to CPT Matthew McCreery of Lake Oswego, OR. They have three beautiful daughters, Lucy (5), Abigail (4), and Lily (1).

Executive Officer/ APMS



CPT Tyler McCall reported to St. Mary's University/UIW ROTC January 2015 when he was reassigned from 1-320th Field Artillery, 2BCT, 101st ABN DIV. A career Field Artilleryman, who received his commission from the Army Officer Candidate School. He is originally from Waco, TX, and his family has enjoyed being back close to home and being back in the wonderful South Texas weather! "San Antonio has been our favorite duty station by far. We've been here two and a half years and we still haven't explored everything this town has to offer. I was blessed with outstanding professionals as peers, and as a team I feel we were able to improve the organization as a whole."

CPT McCall is departing San Antonio to attend the Command General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to learn from my peers, and the opportunity to explore an area of the United States my family and I have not been stationed near before. The snow will definitely be a change, and I'm very excited about the new experiences we will have as a family."

Reflecting on his time as the Assistant Professor of Military Science, CPT McCall appreciated the opportunity to teach the same group of Cadets for two years as they transitioned from MS IIs to MS IIIs. "It was amazing to see the Cadets start to develop their personal leadership style and watch them grow as individuals. I have no doubt this group of MS IIIs will accomplish great things throughout their careers! This group is an extremely talented group of future leaders, and they have an excellent opportunity to propel this program forward for our future Cadets."

"Every challenge you face is an opportunity; it's up to you to decide how to approach that challenge. You dictate the outcome by your attitude and how much effort you put forth to overcome the challenge. If you view it through the right lens; any challenge is an opportunity to better yourself and your skills as a leader. I feel that I've made the best of this opportunity, and I truly appreciate how much I have learned from the Cadets while at St. Mary's University."

Senior Military Instructor

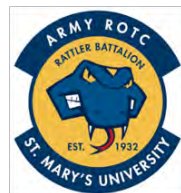


Master Sergeant Carlos Rosales arrived at St. Mary's University/UIW ROTC May 10th, 2017 following his previous assignment at Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA. As a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer, he has served various enlisted advisor positions.

He is departing San Antonio, Texas following his recent selection to attend the United States Sergeant Major Academy, Class 69 at Ft. Bliss, Tx. Upon graduating from the prestigious course, he will promote into the ranks of Sergeant Major.

"This is a bittersweet opportunity the Army has given me, I will forever be grateful to the Cadre and Staff for making my time at St. Mary's ROTC such an easy transition, but most of all I hope I have imparted the proper level of mentorship our Cadets deserve as they will soon become the leaders of this great nation's Army!"

Reflecting back on his time as the Senior Military Instructor, MSG Rosales is amazed to see the leader development and professional growth of each individual Cadet, "whether it was an increase in an APFT score or the planning and execution of a combined field training exercise, our Cadets stand ready to take on the challenge. I feel confident they will excel in their career paths, and our current and future Soldiers will be well taken care of."





Professor of Military Science (PMS)

Lieutenant Colonel John Lankford arrived to St. Mary's University / UIW ROTC April 27th, 2015 after completing his previous assignment at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. A career Army Logistician who received his commission from the Army Officer Candidate School, he has served in a variety of assignments from the tactical to strategic level within the Army.

LTC Lankford hails from Wilmington, North Carolina and has a strong affinity for East Carolina, and Carolina Panthers football. A graduate of the University of Kansas, he also has a strong streak of 'Rock Chalk' in him that is reinforced by his wife Sharron, who is a Kansas native. Although he has only been at St. Mary's University for three years, the community feel on-campus and the culture within the Corps of Cadets have made him a Rattler for life.

"Reflecting on my time here, I will be forever grateful for the people I've met and the Team that I have been blessed to lead," he said. "The work that happens here isn't the result of a single person, it's a combined effort that requires every single person's knowledge, experience, and skill – and we've had some exceptional talent!"

LTC Lankford is departing San Antonio for a NATO assignment with the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps – Turkey. There he will serve as the Chief, Logistics Plans, within the NATO Headquarters. "I'm looking forward to this new opportunity to work with our NATO partners. The unique challenges and opportunity to build partnerships with our allies around the world is demanding, but very exciting."

Reflecting on his time as the Professor of Military Science, LTC Lankford is unsure who has learned more in his tenure here; him, or the Cadets. "More than yesterday, less than tomorrow...that's one of the lessons I have shared with the Cadets. The emphasis of this being to make yourself better every day, in some small way," LTC Lankford said.

"This is the mindset you have to have as an Army Leader; develop yourself to be better, because that's what the Soldiers you lead deserve. As a result, the Cadets here have made me the best Leader that I can be, and I hope that our Team has made the same impact on them."





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