



Army's Newest Second Lieutenants Paul Timm, Alexander Olson & John Franklin with the Golden Gopher Battalion Cadre during the Fall 2022 Commissioning Ceremony

## The U.S. Army's Newest Lieutenants By: Ms. Maggie Marchesani

Minneapolis, MN - December 2022 was a pivotal month for three Cadets of the Golden Gopher Battalion. It marked the end of their college education and training as Cadets, and the beginning of their Army careers as officers and leaders. 2LT John Franklin began his military career in 2017 when he enlisted in the WIARNG as an Infantryman. He completed his Bachelor's in Computer Engineering. He commissioned into the Minnesota National Guard as a Signal Corps officer. 2LT Alexander Olson completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Minnesota in Civil Engineering. He will start his Army career as an Active Duty officer with the Corps of Engineers. Finally, 2LT Paul Timm joined the Gopher Battalion after also enlisting as an 11B (Infantryman) with the

WIARNG. He completed his B.A. in Russian and commissioned as an Infantry officer into the National Guard. The fall commissioning ceremony was held on December 22, 2022. Family, friends, fellow Cadets, and Cadre gathered to honor and celebrate the achievements of the new LTs. The ceremony included a commissioning address provided by BG (R) Christie Nixon, the oath of office, and the rendering of the first salute. Though it is just the beginning of their careers as young officers, this commissioning ceremony represented years of hard work, dedication to academics and military training, and their first major milestone as United States Army Officers. Congratulation to the new Second Lieutenant and good luck in all your future endeavors!

## Golden Gopher



## Battalion

## AUSA Annual Meeting & ROTC Luncheon By: 2LT Allen Villaluz



Washington, D.C. - In conjunction with the Army Ten Miler, Professor of Military Science LTC John Nguyen, 2LT Allen Villaluz, and Cadet Garrett Lyons had the opportunity to attend the AUSA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. They also attended the ROTC Luncheon and Awards presentation, where Cadet Garrett Lyons accepted two outstanding awards on behalf of the Gopher Battalion: The *Largest ROTC Company* in

the Association and the *Most Active AUSA Participation* within an ROTC Battalion. One of our Alums, 1LT Christopher D. Holbrook, was posthumously inducted into the Cadet Command Hall of Fame and was featured alongside fellow hall-marked service members during the luncheon. 2LT Villaluz and Cadet Lyons also had the privilege to attend the AUSA Exposition, which featured numerous exhibits showcasing the Army's latest and most remarkable technologies, small arm weapon systems, prototype land and aviation vehicles, drones, and even a quantum computer. This event allowed us to meet and be mentored by army leaders across all ranks, communicate with foreign militaries and corporations, and receive hands-on training with future army equipment.

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# Professor of Military Science By: Lieutenant Colonel John Nguyen

And just like that, 2022 is complete! Over the course of the Fall Semester, the Cadets of the Gopher Battalion have made significant strides in establishing a culture of winning through competition and a desire to excel, endure, and push harder. While lip service alone does not improve culture by itself, the Cadets have demonstrated that excellence” can be a sport. Some highlights this semester include the Army Ten-Miler, a Battalion FTX, numerous well-executed leadership labs, and a 1st place trophy at the Task Force Ranger Challenge competition that broke an 11-year dry spell. On top of the commitment to the program, many Cadets also have extended acts of kindness through volunteerism to Veterans falling on hard times. These acts of service are what this profession is about taking care of people. Whether providing a last-minute color guard for the Minnesota Vikings or rappelling the game ball into Williams Arena, the message is clear, the Gopher Battalion continues to demonstrate its value through engagement. In addition to serving the community, our MSIVs have spent considerable time reflecting on the efficacy of the existing physical training plan to determine that change was needed based on the proficiency of their fellow. The six-event Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) isn’t difficult to pass but requires dedication to master the fundamentals for each exercise. In order to set conditions for next semester, the MSIVs participated in a 10-week training plan developed by CPT McNew highlighting movement techniques, grading, nutrition, and all holistic fitness. The upperclassmen routinely display

proficiency in these tasks but being able to instruct their MSIs and MSIIIs is a necessary continuity measure to ensure MSIVs are leaving the program this summer in the hands of trained and certified leaders. Continuity, training management, and standards are becoming important concepts as the MSIVs prepare to enter the Army as 2LTs and tackle our profession head-on upon graduation. Looking forward, I am excited to see what the Class of 2023 will develop to engage and train tomorrow’s leaders. From a program perspective, we will navigate several changes as well. Three noteworthy initiatives and changes are centered around recognizing excellence. First, our “scholar and leader” efforts include establishing a Leader Development Series for Cadets, led by Cadets. Cadet leadership forums will take place monthly, offering a venue for younger Cadets to learn from their upperclassmen and pass knowledge in an oral tradition that increases interclass connectivity. Second, As the ACFT becomes the commissioning standard, we will lean forward on education. Educating our newer Cadets on healthy sleep, nutrition, and physical training habits to ensure a comprehensive approach to the Army’s Holistic Health Fitness (H2F) program. This includes the training and evaluation of current and future ACFT graders in the program and recognizing top performers through competition and hard PT! Third, Starting in the spring, under the direction of MSG Hale, we will publish an objectives-based Order of Merit list “The Commandant’s list.” This list will identify the Top 24% of Cadets within the

Battalion and ensure we properly recognize the excellence of our Cadets as Scholars, Athletes, and Leaders within the program. In tandem with recognizing excellence, we will host a comprehensive Cadet of the Year competition that focuses on knowledge, physical acumen, and military bearing across all the classes. These changes all encompass the idea of “Whakapapa” discussed in our last newsletter which is becoming a good ancestor and leaving the jersey in a better place. While many of these initiatives can be seen as “more of the same” to the Cadets every year is a new experience with growing responsibilities. I would be remiss if I did not mention three former Cadets that will embark on their military careers sooner than the other MSIVs. A huge congratulations go out to newly minted Second Lieutenants John Franklin, Paul Timm, and Alexander Olson. This has been a great semester of learning, and I am ecstatic that I can fondly reflect on the many Cadet accomplishments I have witnessed; I am thankful for the Cadre, Staff, and Alumni who root on a daily basis. Finally, I am proud that this Gopher Battalion will doubly serve as an epilogue to LTs Franklin, Timm, and Olson Cadet achievements while we remain a supporting cast in the prologue of their undoubtedly successful careers. To our new 2LTs, I say “Whakapapa,” and I am glad they have answered the calling of service to the nation. But moreover, to everyone rooting for these Cadets, I wish you happy holidays, a peaceful respite, and the seeds of a successful new year. "Gopher Strong! Dig Deep!"



# Commandants of Cadets By: Master Sergeant Andrew Hale

Leaders and Friends, I cannot begin to express how proud I am of these leaders! Day in and day out, our Cadets have tackled the challenges of being a Scholar, Athlete, and Leader while fully engrossed in their studies here at the University. As I reflect on the last 19 years of my career I can fondly recall the comradery, initiative and enthusiasm that was ever present in the best Lieutenants I have served with. The Gopher Battalion will undoubtedly produce the type of leaders we can all be proud of. If I could pinpoint the common feature each of those young leaders had, it was the commitment to standards – and an energy that pulled Soldiers into their orbit. With that in mind, I am pleased to help the MSIVs forge the next crop of leaders this great Battalion will produce. Starting in the Spring, the PMS has charged me with refining how we recognize excellence. Excellence in the Gopher Battalion starts with individual competence, much of which is assessed at Cadet Summer Training!

However, true excellence displays itself when young men and women embody the idea of “wanting to do more.” Moving forward, excelling in our tasks and sharing our knowledge with junior Cadets will be in the DNA of this organization and it will permeate in how we tackle adversity and learn. Meeting and exceeding standards is a common feature I have observed in the best officers I have served with. The excitement voiced by the MSIVs wanting to reinvigorate how we train the future leaders of this battalion is an energy I wish I could bottle up. As the PMS has stated before, we must always look to plant the seeds of the future, Whakapapa – be a good ancestor. I can’t wait to report back to you at the end of the year on how it turns out! From my experience as an enlisted Soldier, our junior officers are the ones who give us energy and hope to go headstrong into insurmountable odds. Great work so far Team....there’s still much to be done! Gopher Strong, Dig Deep!

## Cadet Leadership Spotlight

By Cadet Isaiah Wildenberg

Leadership is service. It is the unfortunate truth that tyrants and abusers often crawl their way into leadership positions; **their position, however, far from makes them true leaders.** The highest esteemed and most respected leaders of our Army history understand what it means to be a ‘servant leader.’ A servant leader does not use their position or rank to emplace themselves above their subordinates, rather, they see it as a sacred responsibility to do everything in their power, no matter the inconvenience, to ensure those placed under them stay safe, work hard, and reach their fullest potential. I admittedly joined the Army with selfish intentions. I believed the tests and trials I would face in my career would make me stronger, faster, and smarter. However, as I got my first taste of the Army at Basic Combat Training in Fort Sill, OK, it rapidly dawned upon me that I could not serve in the Army just to serve myself. The mission and ethos of the Army is to serve and protect the American people, but even beyond that, every soldier knows that a sense of kinship and loyalty develops between soldiers. That sense of service I discovered in Oklahoma, to my fellow soldiers, is now the only force that propels my Army career. ROTC is a pathway for me to do what I value most, to serve the soldiers of the US Army, to be an officer who gives more than they take, to be a leader.

## Cadet Battalion Commander By: Cadet Sarah Bissen



The Gopher Battalion Army ROTC is in the home stretch to end a very busy semester. Within the first month, Cadets hit the ground running and completed a Fall Field Training Exercise, Army Combat Fitness Test, and Combat Water Survival Test. The MS I's were exposed to life as a Cadet and introduced to basic soldiering skills. The MS II's were able to build upon their knowledge in previous years and learn even more of what the program has to offer. MS III's experienced their first semester in leadership roles and began preparing for Advanced Camp by learning operation orders and leading infantry platoon tactics. MS IV's in staff positions spent the semester planning numerous events and are now anxiously waiting for their branching results! Some semester highlights include Black Hawk and Chinook rides, Rappelling,

completing an Obstacle Course, and competing in the classic Halloween dodgeball tournament. It was great to see Cadets dress up and have a bit of competitive fun. It was also great to see the members of our Battalions Army Ten-Miler and Ranger Challenge teams go and compete at their races and competitions. As the semester comes to a close and the transition of Cadet leadership takes place, there comes an exciting opportunity for growth within the Battalion. It was an honor to serve as the Gopher Battalion commander and to work with such a hardworking staff and great cadre. It is exciting to see the amount of growth amongst all MS levels within just a couple of months. With more opportunities for Cadets to be put in leadership positions next semester, there is a sense of eagerness to see the development of the Army's future leaders. This semester we have all been pushed out of our comfort zones and have had to learn to adapt to changes. Although it may be frustrating and un-

comfortable at times, there is no growth without discomfort. MSI's and MSII's will continue to learn more about the Army and perfect their basic soldering skills. MSIII's have one more semester before heading off to Advanced Camp, where their leadership skills will be put to the test. MS IV's are nearing the end of their time in ROTC and will have just one more semester before commissioning as Second Lieutenants in the Army. Although this may seem frightening, we need to continue to push ourselves. Learning to push ourselves beyond our limits and seeking out opportunities, even if we don't think we are capable, is essential to developing ourselves as leaders. With the semester coming to an end, we all must take the time to reflect on our performance as students, Cadets, and leaders, and find ways to make the most of our time at Gopher Battalion. We should all take the upcoming well-deserved winter break to relax, recharge and get ready for another great semester within the Gopher Battalion. Dig Deep!

## Cadet Command Sergeant Major By: Cadet Kya Rybachek



The Golden Gopher Battalion is an incredible organization like none-other. Cadets are constantly striving for success and fostering the development of those around them. From the first day of Physical Training where roughly 140 Cadets from 12 different schools arrived at 6:30 AM, and only had nine days to prepare for their first field training exercise of the semester. Once Cadets arrived at Camp Ripley they went through four days full of training opportunities consisting of day and night land navigation, rappelling, the obstacle course, rifle zero and qualification, a ruck march, and Field Leadership Reaction Course. It was incredibly cool to see experienced Cadets take the freshman and new Cadets under their wings and share tips/tricks to succeed in our fast paced environment. Other events throughout the semester consisted of a 6, 8, and 12-

mile ruck marches throughout the adversities of MN weather. Cadets who have never done combat survival water training had an opportunity to test their skills early in the semester. Multiple labs and physical training exercises were conducted throughout the semester. The battalion initiated the start of the gauntlet exercise as a fitness level indicator. One way Cadets showed their commitment and buy-in to the program was through joining specialty teams. We have three specialty teams running in the fall (Army Ten-Miler, Color Guard, and Ranger Challenge). The Army Ten-Miler team trained five to six days a week leading up to their competition in Washington D.C. Out of the 55 teams competing, the Gopher battalion placed sixth! Our color guard team cleaned up their drill and ceremony skills Tuesday nights throughout the semester. You may have spotted them at the Gopher games, homecoming parade, or various events throughout the community. Lastly, our Ranger Challenge team had the most successful season in over a decade. The took first place at the regional com-

petition qualifying them for the brigade challenge for the first time since Cadet member Captain Hultman was a Cadet. These Cadets trained early mornings and late Wednesday nights in order to prepare for this event. One of the ways our Cadets achieve success is by adapting. They showed they were able to adapt many times throughout the semester with one of the biggest being our Mega Lead Lab. This lab was planned out for weeks by the senior class. A couple days before we were set to hit the ground at Arden Hills Army Training Center and mother nature decided to hit. Minnesota weather prevented the gopher battalion from being able to conduct the lab outside. The senior class immediately began working on a new plan to ensure that the battalion was able to have a successful training event. They organized it so that Cadets were able to conduct the lab inside our armory, garage, and field house. There was concern about the training value of being indoors, but this was quickly squashed as the battalion showed that they could develop and achieve in any environment.

# Ranger Challenge Team

By: Cadet Ben Vansbinsbergen



**Camp Ripley, MN**— Ranger Challenge is a soldiering skills competition that happens in the fall semester of every school year. It tests Cadets’ ability to work on a team to overcome obstacles, complete events, and persevere through extremely strenuous physical challenges. Each year, the best Cadets from each Battalion around the US head to a weekend long competition where they are tested on skills such as knot tying, marksmanship, tactical combat casualty care, call for fire, written knowledge exam, hand grenade assault course, obstacle course, weapons familiarization, written land navigation test, a physical fitness challenge and a 10k ruck march. Cadets compete in 9-man and 5-man teams that are pitted against other teams within our Task Force. This year, our Battalion was able to send three extremely skilled teams; one 9-man team and two 5-man teams. We had the opportunity to bring many Cadets who have already experienced this team,

and now were able to refine and perfect their physical and mental capabilities for the Task Force Ranger Challenge. In order to better prepare the team for competition, Cadets began to work out before the rest of the battalion started for the year, sacrificing their summer break to improve their physical strength and endurance. Once the semester began they would do additional physical training by coming in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for workouts. This is something other Cadets do not do. In addition to coming to PT every morning of the week, Cadets also take their Wednesday evenings to head over to Arden Hills Army Training Site to conduct weapons familiarization where they clear, disassemble, assemble and conduct a function check various weapons systems including a crew-served machine gun. All of this training culminates at the Ranger Challenge competition, which takes place at Camp Ripley, where Cadets endure a full day of rucking,

skill lanes, physical challenges and a 10k race with a full packing list to see who will advance onward to the Brigade Ranger Challenge. After months of hard work, it finally paid off. Our nine man team and our 5-man black team won the Task Force Ranger Challenge. This was the first time achieving this accomplishment in over 11 years. They brought home two trophies and two traveling trophies to showcase for the Gopher Battalion. The two teams then began to prepare for the Brigade competition, spending their mornings and evenings during the week, as well as their weekends during the two weeks leading up to competition. Due to unfortunate circumstances, the team was unable to attend the Brigade competition. Nonetheless, their hard work, dedication, and expertise were all seen in their successes. They have set a new standard for years to come, and will continue to train throughout the year in the new Battalion Ranger Detachment.

# Army Ten-Miler

By: Cadet Makena Larson



**Washington, D.C.**—This past October, eleven Cadets from the gopher battalion traveled to Washington D.C. and participated in the 38th annual Army Ten Miler Race. The race consists of running ten miles along a beautiful route that begins

at the Pentagon and loops around famous monuments in D.C. and finishes back at the Pentagon. In preparation for the race, Cadets trained for five weeks leading up to the event. Training consisted of endurance runs, time trials, and speed workouts. The Army Ten Miler race is not only a phenomenal race to run in, but a great opportunity for Cadets to improve upon their fitness and to commit to a team within ROTC. This year the gopher battalion had great runners that were hard-working and motivated to do well. That hard work and motivation paid off on race day, the UMN team placed 6th overall in the military academy and ROTC team category along with numerous personal

bests amongst the team. Overall, Army Ten-Miler is a great team to be a part of and an amazing experience that you will not forget.



# Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX)

By: Cadet Benjamin Shreve



**Camp Ripley, MN**—This September Gopher Battalion completed their Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Camp Ripley. During these 4 days Cadets were challenged mentally and physically in ways that will prepare them both for Advanced Camp at Fort

Knox and their future career in the Army. Cadets proved themselves in Land Navigation, Basic Rifle Marksmanship, the Obstacle Course, Medical Training, a 6-Mile Ruck March, and Field Leadership Reaction Course.

## Land Navigation

Land Navigation contained four separate parts. During the first night, the MSI&IIs participated in a class going over the basics of land navigation including helpful tips from experienced MSIVs. At the same time the MSIIIs demonstrated their knowledge by taking a written test on land navigation.

On the second day, the Cadets showed that they not only can find points on paper, but also take those skills and training to the real world by walking through the woods of Camp Ripley and finding points during both daytime and nighttime conditions.



## Obstacle Course

The Obstacle Course tested the Cadets physical abilities and their confidence within themselves. While at this event, MSI&IIs moved between obstacles in their squads with an MSIV guiding them along. Some of the obstacles were necessary to work as a team to overcome while others were individual, but



sometimes it was needed to encourage teammates to motivate them to overcome the obstacles. Some of the key skills needed to negotiate the obstacle are being able to climb a rope, balance, and upper body strength.

## Basic Rifle Marksmanship

Basic Rifle Marksmanship tested the MSIIIs on their ability to operate a M4 rifle given the Army's new qualification system. There are 6 tables that

must be completed in the process including drills, the engagement skills trainer, zeroing the iron sights, and the actual qualification system.



## Field Leader Reaction



The Field Leader Reaction Course (FLRC) gave MSIIIs a chance to lead a squad. The premise of FLRC is that there is a variety of challenges that a squad must accomplish within a time constraint. An example of this is moving a number of boards from one

space to another while only being able to be in a couple of authorized spots. These challenges make the leader both think quickly and listen to those teammates around them since everybody has a different idea on ways to complete the obstacle.

### Alumni Corner By: Matthew Udermann



**Minneapolis, MN** - It's hard to believe that it's been almost 10 years since I commissioned from the University of Minnesota ROTC program in 2013. I will always look back fondly at my time spent at the University of Minnesota ROTC program and remember all the great friends and leaders that set the foundation for my military career and personal life. My army career began as an UH-60M aviator, serving with the 1st Infantry Division at Ft. Riley, KS and Afghanistan. After a few years, I was looking at different opportunities the Army had and found the Civil Affairs Branch as an option. I applied and completed the Civil Affairs Qualification Course at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and have since been serving as a Civil Affairs Officer at the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (SO) (A) with a focus on the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility. In this

capacity I have served as the Civil Military Support Element Team Leader in El Salvador, and I am currently serving as the Civil Affairs Planner in the U.S. Embassy in Panama. Lots of unique training and interesting missions to keep busy with. I met my wife Sonja while attending school and we now have four children so there are minimal dull moments in my life. I have been fortunate to work with some of the most professional Soldiers and Leaders the Army has to offer and that has made the last 10 years fly by. The Army is what you make it, and you must be willing to take risks and find opportunities while having a positive attitude. Take care of yourself and follow your dreams. The UofM ROTC has a long history of training the future Officers of our Army and I have no doubt that this program will continue to do so. Gopher Strong!



### MACV Community Event By: Alexander Olson

**Bloomington, MN** - On November 5th, Cadets from the running teams volunteered with Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV). MACV's mission is to end veteran homelessness in Minnesota and provide other types of support that veterans may need. Our Cadets helped set up a shopping area for veterans where they will be able to pick out items they need such as beds, dressers, and tables among other items. The houses that the Cadets helped clean up will be used to house veterans when they need help.



## Army ROTC Open House By: 2LT Grant Collinge



**Minneapolis, MN** - On November 16th, 2022, the Golden Gopher Battalion hosted an Open House for high school and college students of the Minneapolis metropolitan area who are interested in learning more about what Army ROTC has to offer. Following a presentation by 2LT Collinge & 2LT Villaluz on the basics of ROTC, attendees of the open house enjoyed pizza and refreshments, tested their strength with the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) equipment, shot on the smokeless range, and battled with the inflatable pugil sticks. Visitors also had the

opportunity to watch Golden Gopher Cadets in action conducting their 5th Lead Lab of the semester learning MEDEVAC 9-Line reports, specialty teams, SALUTE reports and much more. Additionally, on December 10th, 2022, UMN AROTC and NROTC held a joint recruiting event before the Army Navy game. It provided high school and college students another opportunity to learn more about ROTC and converse with Cadets of each program. The events were greatly successful in generating great interest and putting a spotlight on our Cadets.

## Army vs Navy Watch Party By: 2LT Allen Villaluz

**Minneapolis, MN** - On December 10th, the Association of the United States Army held a viewing party for the 123rd annual Army-Navy game at the James Ballentine VFW in Uptown Minneapolis. Following the Joint Recruiting Event at the UMN armory, Cadets and midshipmen alike attended the event to watch their branches battle on the gridiron. After being down for a majority of the game, Army was able to send the game to overtime and secure their victory with a touchdown and field goal. With this Army victory, the all-time record between the rivals stands at 62 Navy - 54 Army - 7 draws.



Cadre & Staff of the University of Minnesota - Golden Gopher Battalion

## Sights from Fall 2022



Cadet King receiving the 2nd Place Team Award during the Annual Military Trivia Contest hosted by the Vessey AUSA Chapter



2LT Collinge showing his excitement for the upcoming Army vs Navy football game



Cadets conducting Land Navigation during a Lead Lab



Cadets receiving instruction from the Basic Rifle Marksmanship Committee in preparation for the Zeroing Range



Gopher Battalion welcomes our newest Cadets



Cadets Fox negotiates *The Weaver* at Camp Ripley's obstacle course



## Sights from Fall 2022



Cadet Brown demonstrating how to complete the rope swing obstacle



Cadets preparing their Swiss Seats before scaling the rappel tower



CPT Hultmann giving a briefing to the Gopher Battalion prior to boarding the Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters



Cadets returning to the barracks following their 6-mile ruck march



SFC Baldrige assisting Cadets prior to scaling the rappel tower



Gopher Battalion's 1st Platoon performing a ruck march

## Sights from Fall 2022



Ranger Challenge's Cadet Smit on his ruck march time trial



Cadet Begger assisting his squad during the Field Leader Reaction Course



Cadets enjoying their meal following a long day of training



Members of the Army Ten-Miler team during the pre-race Expo



Cadet McCormick excited to begin the FLRC course



Cadet Siv performing the standing power throw during the ACFT

## Sights from Fall 2022



Cadet Vansbinbergen performing hand release pushups while being graded by Cadet Kreiling



Cadet's costumes being voted on at the Halloween Dodgeball Physical Training Day



Cadet Cleary holding a security posture while rehearsing a road crossing



Cadets returning from their 12-mile ruck time trial



Cadet Riesing & Guerra working as a team during a Lead Lab at Arden Hills Army Training Center (AHATS)



Cadets Porter, Conn, & Geiger learning how to draw range cards

## Sights from Fall 2022



SFC Cramer explaining the benefits of the ROTC program to an incoming Cadet and family member



Cadet Wimmer during rappelling training at Camp Ripley, MN



Cadets simulating security during the second day of Mega Lead Lab



Cadet Mendoza prepared to fly in a Blackhawk Army Helicopter



Led by 2LT Collinge, the Gopher Battalion held a joint open house, along side the Navy ROTC program



2022 Golden Gopher Battalion Ranger Challenge Team

## Spring Semester '23 Upcoming Events



### Join the Golden Gopher Battalion in our Annual 5K Trail Run & Norwegian Foot March 30K Challenge

Saturday, April 15th, 2023

Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS)  
4761 Hamline Avenue S.  
Arden Hills, MN 55412

**Visit the event page to Register**

[UMNNorwegianFootMarch.com](http://UMNNorwegianFootMarch.com)



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## Army ROTC Open House

Please join us 1 March 2023  
From 4:30PM - 6:30 PM

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### SPRING SEMESTER '23 EVENT CALENDAR

Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 January 23
First Day of Class	17 January 23
Teambuilding Lead Lad	18 January 23
Lead Lab 1: CBRN and Call for Fire	25 January 23
Lead Lab 2: TC3	8 February 23
Cadet of the Month	22 February 23
Lead Lab 3	23 February 23
Northern Warfare Challenge	24-26 February 23
MSIVs Staff Ride	24 February 23
MSIII Lead Lab: PB Ops / Open House	1 March 23
UMN Spring Break	6-10 March 23
6 Mile Ruck	18 March 23
Joint Service Review	TBD March 23
Bataan Memorial Death March/Marathon	17-20 March 23
Mega Lead Lab	24-26 March 23
GAFPB	24-26 March 23
Lead Lab 4: CFTX ROC Prep & Admin	29 March 23
Cadet of the Month	29 March 23
8 Mile Ruck	7 April 23
KU Buddy Ranger	7-9 April 23
Norwegian Foot March	15 April 23
Cadet of the Semester	19 April 23
CFTX	22-25 April 23
Cadet of the Year	26 April 23
Spring Commissioning & Dining Out	11 May 23

# Army ROTC Open House

Please join us 1 March from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
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## AUSA— Voice of the Army

Consider joining the Golden Gopher Sub-chapter of AUSA. Since 1957, the Association of the U.S. Army has worked to support all aspects of national security while advancing the interests of America's Army and the men and women who serve. AUSA is a private, non-profit educational organization that supports America's Army—Active, National Guard, Reserve, Civilians,

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