

# Cleveland's Army ROTC Newsletter

January 2019



## A note from our PMS, LTC Brian Ferguson

### To Alumni, parents, friends, Cadets of ROTC,

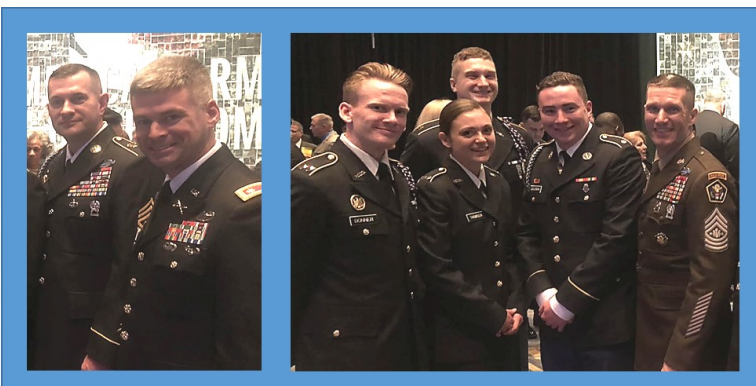
Another semester in Cleveland's ROTC Battalion is underway! While we have been known for a long time locally as the Wolfpack and by Cadet Command as John Carroll University Army ROTC, we are formally adopting and branding ourselves as **Cleveland's Army ROTC**. Our Cadets come together from multiple campuses in the area and so our moniker should reflect that as well. Our core remains strong even as we expand to the east and to the west seeking quality student-Cadets that will make great Lieutenants in our Army. Our entire team, from new Cadet to professor of

**Pershing Rifles.** This past December, we opened a dedicated space in the ROTC building just for Pershing Rifles. Pershing Rifles Company M has been on this campus for years and it was time that we recognized that portion of our alumni that took on the additional challenge as Riflemen. In the basement of the ROTC building entering the "Pershing Rifle-blue" door frame you will find an amazing collection of artifacts and memorabilia. For those PR members who have graduated, stop by and visit; you don't have to wait for the reunion weekends. The PR room is open anytime ROTC is open. If you have memorabilia to add to the collection, please bring it by or contact [jhendlin@jcu.edu](mailto:jhendlin@jcu.edu). Also, you should know that this is just the first phase. In the coming semester, we will begin to catalog and digitize the historical photographs and documents to preserve this treasure for future generations.

**Mark your calendars.** Commissioning for those graduating in the spring will be at 10 a.m. on May 18, 2018. Unlike last year, we will hold this year's ceremony in the Dolan Science Center auditorium. Reception will follow in the Muldoon Atrium. That will be a busy day on the John Carroll campus as the graduate school programs will conduct commencement exercises the same day at 1 p.m. Come out and support our Lieutenants that morning. They will have worked hard to earn their bars. This year's cohort, will see Lieutenants joining the Active Duty Army and the Army Reserve. At the time of this writing, they don't all know where they will be assigned yet, but they are branched to Armor, Infantry, Aviation, Engineers, Ordnance-Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Military Intelligence, Medical Service and the Ordnance Corps. I will have to do a better job on recruiting in next year's class for someone to join the Field Artillery.

**Farewell.** In the last newsletter, there were two professors of military science listed. This month marks the official transition point of my predecessor to being called, Mr. Matthew Johnson, LTC, US Army (Retired). The six months we worked together were beneficial for both of us. It's not often that such an overlap would exist, however he more than lived up to his title of *ROTC Consultant*. I think I speak for all when I say thank you and best wishes as you head to Idaho and a new adventure.

**How to find us.** If you haven't started following us on Facebook or Instagram see the info on this newsletter. We're posting to both accounts almost every day. We've been updating our presence on the JCU-hosted website too.



military science, is committed to attracting Cadets to this program. We rely on you to help us, so as always, thank you for your unfailing support.

The battalion has accomplished a tremendous amount in the last semester. We've put muddy boots in the woods conducting tactics lanes, hundreds of miles on stadium tracks around the area for PT, and safely navigated the miles of roads to ensure leadership labs, classes, and other ROTC events happen. We have traveled to Gettysburg, Fort Knox, Camp James A. Garfield (formerly Ravenna Arsenal), all around the Cleveland Metro, Toledo, and beyond. The coming semester we will do even more. Cadets are poised to put real lead down range, conduct air assault operations, and most importantly gain the confidence necessary to lead troops.

## Visit our new Pershing Rifle room!



SAVE THE DATE....

## ARMY NIGHT AT CLEVELAND INDIANS!

**21 September 2019**

**Cleveland v Philadelphia**

Join us for **fireworks**, \$2 beers \$1 dog night!

Our **color guard** will do the honors & there will be an on-field parade with all soldiers and uniform personnel.

The **Black Daggers**, the Army's Special Ops. Parachute team, show-off their skills!

**Indians President of Operations**, Brian Barren will discuss leadership.

We have arranged for **very special pricing**. Tickets for this are only available through our ROTC.

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## Alumni Updates!



Location Afghanistan!

**1LT Michael Telaha** reports that he went through the Counter Intelligence course at Ft. Huachuca and became a platoon leader as soon as he arrived there! He spent a great deal of time at Bagram coordinating for his teams all across the country.

*"It's been a cool experience!"*



## Reflections from Class of '61

I fulfilled my two year ROTC obligation at John Carroll University, graduating in '61. I was a member of the Pershing Rifles and traveled with the drill team in freshman and sophomore years. A wonderful experience!

I had a friend whose brother went through Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He was "cool" and this sounded like a good opportunity....I totally enjoyed the school in Newport and naval subject matter. Can't remember doing a pushup, but had a commission in four months!

Only mentioning all this because I felt my two years in ROTC and with the PRs not only put me in the right frame of mind, it also prepared me for what was to come. Besides, I was heading to California about the same time many of my JCU classmates were heading to Vietnam.

Times have certainly changed since the 1960's . . .

**Value your ROTC training. It will certainly help you...no mater what you do or go on to become.**

**George Arthur, BS Economics '61**

## Recent & Upcoming Events!



LTC Brian Ferguson & COL Eric Lopez



## RECENT EVENTS...

### OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:

- *Hitting the road!!* - **Gettysburg / Army 10-miler & AUSA Conference!**
- *Fall FTX & Dining In!* - This year our annual Dining-In was at Case Western Reserve University with skits by each MS class.
- *Veterans Day Events & Color Guards:*
  - *City of Cleveland Veterans Day Parade:* The Wolfpack provided a Color Guard
  - *"Run for the Girls"* The Wolfpack provided an *all-female color guard!*
  - *Lebanese Forces National Conference:* In addition to providing the Color Guard, Cadets & Cadre met the Prime Minister of Lebanon who was the Guest of Honor!
  - Villa St. Angela / Joseph Veterans Day Event: *LTC Ferguson was the Keynote speaker* on at this high school's Veterans Day program. ceremony.
- *APFT:* Fall APFTs were conducted & the Battalion APFT *average increased* - despite freezing temperatures during the testing!

### DECEMBER AND JANUARY:

- *Best Cadet:* **CDT Edwin Estrada** (MS2) won the Best Cadet Competition. Cadets were evaluated on physical fitness and tactics.
- *Pershing Rifles:* Please feel free visit the recently completed **Pershing Rifles room** in the ROTC Building. PR has continuously been active on the JCU campus since 1950. Their artifacts however were not permanently displayed. The room will be a show piece for future reunions.
- *Social Media!* **We post to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.** The SMI has built a YouTube page with basic Cadet task video's (how to's) and will roll out a Snapchat page that will have weekly Cadet focal areas in our target demographics.
- *Lopez on Leadership:* **COL Eric Lopez** visits campus and meets with Cadre and Cadets. He is the Commander of the U.S. Army 3rd Recruiting Brigade in Fort Knox. COL Lopez hosts the popular Youtube Channel: Lopez on Leadership - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEkILA0a1LDP3cVAJXiCMTA/videos>

