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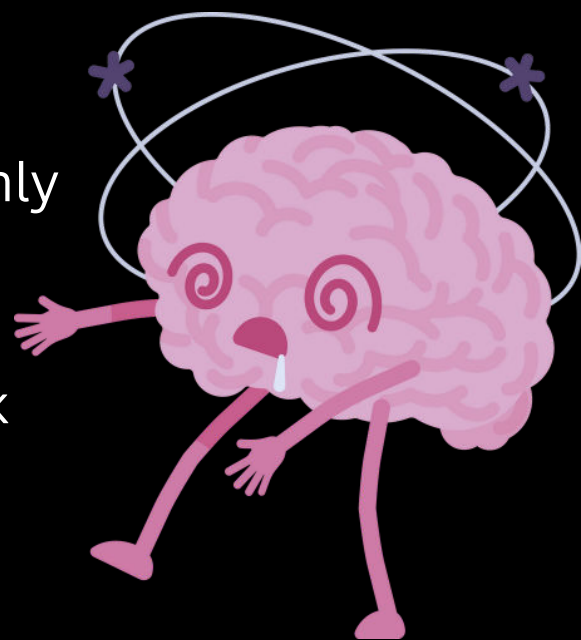


HELLO BULLDOGS!

Welcome to the SPOOK-tacular issue of our Battalion Newsletter! Can't believe that October is already up -- it feels like just yesterday we were beginning the month. Regardless of how fast time has been flying, the ROTC Bulldog Battalion has been hard at work. As busy as ever, October has been full of labs, homecoming, football games, fun PT sessions, and much more! Hope you all enjoy! - CDT Duggan

## SPOOKY FACTS OF THE DAY

- Spiders have clear blood!
- The average human will ingest roughly 40lbs of dust within their lifetime!
- A cockroach can live for over a week without a head!



# MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

*A look at October*



## **“STANDING TALL”**

Starting off October strong, cadet Emma Taylor is seen holding the state flag for the Color Guard team.

Color Guard has been showing up to practically every game that the Truman Bulldogs have had this year. It takes commitment, practice, and extra free-time that these busy truman students do not always have. We appreciate all their hard work, especially this busy month of October.

## **“DID SOMEONE CALL FOR A MEDIC?”**

Seen performing first aid, cadet Hobbs assesses his casualty for fractures and broken bones.

CDT's Duggan and Shirrell lead the cadets through the steps of tactical combat casualty care for a lab this October. Everyone was very receptive of the class and walked away with more knowledge than they came in with!



## **“WHEN THE TEACHERS BECOME THE STUDENTS”**

In light of midterms, the cadre and 500s helped plan a lab that everyone was able to participate in! It was a great opportunity for Battalion bonding and for everyone to attempt the FLRC course as a group.

BBQ was served afterwards and cadets really had a blast! It was a great stress relief and it lead us right into midterm break.





# MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

*A look at October continued*



## **"SURPRISE BATTALION BREAKFAST"**

On top of having a fun platoon competition for PT, cadets were surprised with a breakfast on the Blackstone following PT.

Mr. Hirniak and Mr. Young were whipping up some mean breakfast burritos, and it most definitely started everyone's day off well.

SUSTAIN: More PT breakfast burritos!!



## **"ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER"**

On October 19th, cadets were up bright and early for a 0450 ruck march formation. Despite the early hours of the morning, speakers and good attitudes made the 5 mile ruck quite enjoyable!

Everyone who showed up, in ROTC or not, was able to keep roughly a 17 minute pace! Great job to everyone who participated!



## **"HAPPY HOMECOMING!"**

Safe to say that this year's homecoming was a success. Corn hole, pull ups, free food, and more!

The ROTC booth really gathered attention with the pull up bar and family-like atmosphere. The dogs were also a big added bonus, shout out to Copper Dog and Montana and all their hard work being cute.

The day itself was truly great! Read more on page 5!



# GO! GO! BULLDOG RANGERS!



While everyone else was enjoying midterm break, this Ranger Challenge crew was competing against other schools for the title of 1st place.

Although the Bulldogs didn't perform as well as they'd hoped, it was a great time! With less experienced members of the team, this year was a good opportunity to understand the comp and our strengths and weaknesses as a whole. The team was able to bond really well, help each other through the tough obstacles, and at the end of the day finish as **one**.

We are super proud of all their hard work leading up to Ranger Challenge. The countless mornings waking up and putting in the work. Great job CDT Hobbs for taking charge of this team and really dedicating time to training.

Now we know what we need to work on next time, so we take it in stride and come back stronger next year!

Next up, Northern Warfare!





# HOMECOMING 2023



Some of our senior cadet nurses have been traveling outside of Kirksville for their clinicals. At one of their school rotations, CDT Duggan ran into a student named Owen and noticed he was a die hard Truman State Football fan! He was immediately invited to come out for homecoming, but what we didn't realize was just how special homecoming was to Owen.

Later, CDT Duggan learned from Amy Johnson (school nurse) that the Degarmos have been going through some rough times recently. Owen's mother, Sarah, has been valiantly battling breast cancer for quite some time now. Around a week before homecoming, Sarah unfortunately lost her battle to breast cancer. In an effort to show Owen and his brother, Dade, that they are not alone and have others to reach out to for support, the ROTC Dept. invited them to Truman's Homecoming. With lots of coordination, behind the scenes plans were made so that we were able to host Owen, Dade, and Amy Johnson and her family.

The whole crew was able to spend the day in Kirksville, with the ROTC Department, and the boys were able to fire the cannon at the game! A special thanks to the football team for staying after the game on Saturday to meet Owen and the boys, and to let him break down the huddle by yelling "1-2-3, Go Dawgs!"

All in all, it was a great event and we are grateful for the opportunity to host such great guests. Thanks to everyone who came out, supported, and supplied the needs to make this event as amazing as it was.



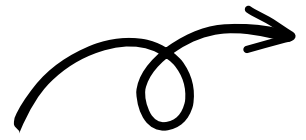
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# LOOKING AHEAD



## IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

01 NOV 23 -- PRE COMBAT INSPECTION & OPORD BRIEF LAB

08 NOV 23 -- ARMY COMBAT FITNESS TEST



11 NOV 23 -- SUPERLAB @ RADAR SITE

20-24 NOV 23 -- THANKSGIVING BREAK

30 NOV 23 -- AWARDS CEREMONY



## NOVEMBER REMINDERS

- Dress blues need to be up to standard for the Awards Ceremony.
- All hands on deck for the basketball game Color Guards coming up, get ready!
- If you need new boots, they're a great Christmas present to ask Santa for! 
- **COMMUNICATE** to others if you are struggling and school is becoming difficult. You are *students first* so that is your priority.
- Make sure you're getting sleep and eating well! 

## PUPPY LOVE

Recently, the battalion gained the cutest new mascot. Ryon Hric (junior) recently bought a new puppy and her name is Montana. She is the cutest, most energetic, chocolate lab that you could ever meet.

She made her big debut at the HOCO tailgate, and hopefully we will be seeing some more of her!



# NOVEMBER

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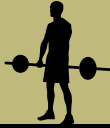








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