



Underclassmen cadets studying for the Cadet of the Quarter Board.

NCO and Cadet of the Quarter Boards

On 23 and 24 October, the Lancer Battalion Command Group held their first Quarter Boards of the 2018-2019 school year. The boards put the senior cadet leadership face to face with up and coming Lancer cadets. Platoons send 4 candidates to the Cadet of the Quarter Board (typically first year cadets) and 1 NCO candidate (a upperclassman cadet) to the NCO of the Quarter Board. All candidates face a rigorous board process, from a test covering content taught in JROTC classrooms, to interviews with the Battalion CSM and Battalion Commander.

Along every step of the way, candidates were supported by their chain of command.

"Regardless of the outcome, after preparing cadets for the boards I took pride and joy in our combined efforts and overall dedication to the battalion." said C/CPT Nicole Roscoe-Bravo Company Commander, who helped prepare cadets for both boards. Cadets nominated felt a bit of pressure, but were excited to participate regardless. "I felt confident because I took the time to study the weekend before." board participant C/SGT Niko Falaniko said. The experience was also eye opening to senior leadership. Lancer Battalion Commander C/LTC Albert James said "It really opens your eyes to the good that our cadets are doing. Lancers are out and about making a difference."

As the year goes on, board content changes and new cadets are selected to represent their platoons and their battalion as a whole. The boards are designed to recognize as many cadets as possible, giving them an opportunity to talk directly to those in charge of cadet policy and giving them the chance to be rewarded for their dedication and personal courage. "I'm excited to meet the next group of future leaders next quarter." C/LTC James said.

Board Results — First Quarter SY18-19



Lancer Battalion
Cadet of The Quarter – Q1

Kaitlynn Muckley, B2



Alpha Company
Cadet of The Quarter – Q1
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Paige Christopher, A2



Lancer Battalion NCO of The Quarter – Q1

Justin Bryant, A3



Bravo Company NCO of The Quarter – Q1

Niko Falaniko, B1

Adventure Training

On October 6th, Lancer Battalion cadets took to JBLM's Rappel Tower to challenge themselves mentally, physically, and emotionally. SFC Zachary LaFave, WAARNG Rappel Master, and NCOs from the 2/75th Rangers supported our event. Rappel training included a mock rappel at a 45 degree angle, and the 51-foot tower rappel on the wall and an optional daring drop off the overhang.

Training also included the 1-Rope Bridge construction and crossing supported by SSG Seunghoon Song, SSG Allen Childs, and led by the Lancer Battalion Raider Team.

The training exercises proved to be a great opportunity for cadets to practice and teach the various knots and rappel seats they learned in class. The event also allowed senior leadership to apply their preparation and execution capabilities in a live training situation.

A huge thank you goes out to all the parents who supported our Training at the Tower and at the Rope Bridge Crossing Sites. Without the support of cadet families, the battalion would not be able to conduct the numerous events that we do.



Unidentified person goes down the simulated helicopter rappel side of the tower.



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Leadership Development Missions:

The Lancer Battalion began a very busy fall season by engaging cadets in support of school and community events. A few examples include:

Color Guard for Homecoming Assembly—2/B

Color Guard for Homecoming Football Game—3/B

Color Guard for Choir Concert—1/A

Color Guard for Instrumental Concert—2/A

Flag Detail Training Mission for Meriwether Elementary School—3/B

Color Guard for Football v. Wilson—3/B

Oakbrook Elementary Harvest Festival—C.A.R.E. Team

Color Guard and other community support missions are assigned to different units/platoons in the battalion to build the readiness and capabilities of cadets while allowing leaders to apply the leadership theory they've learned to real life situations.

Photo Gallery



Participants of the NCO of the Quarter Board pose with members of the battalion command group that sat on the board.



Lancer Battalion supporters Katherine Kirkham (center left) and Kelsey Treat (center right) recognized by Battalion leaders at their October faculty meeting.



Color Guard members practice presenting the colors under the guidance of team commanders C/ISG Walker and C/CPL Coulter.

Upcoming Events

- *Hillside Elementary Specialist Night* 15 Nov/1700-2000/Hillside ES
- Battalion Fundraiser
 Ends 16 Nov
- NW Drill and Rifle Competition 17 Nov/0500-1700/South Kitsap HS
- C.A.R.E. Team Canned Food Drive Ends 20 Nov
- *NW Drill and Rifle Competition* 15 Dec/0700-1700/Clover Park HS

• Lancer Battalion Dining-In
19 Dec/1700-2100/Lakes Cafeteria



LTC Corner

First Quarter has quickly come to an end and we are already entering into a busy 2nd Quarter. It is amazing to think that we've already accomplished so much as we kicked off the new school year. Congratulations to our Cadet of the Quarter –Kaitlynn Muckley and our NCO of the Quarter SSG Justin Bryant. This is just another way that our leaders recognize excellence. Congratulations also to Cadet Sergeant Marissa Jewett for achieving a 94 out of 99 and the ASVAB last month. She now has the highest score in the Lancer Battalion.

Though we have done so much already for Lakes, the Battalion, and the Community, we are just beginning. As we get ready for an active second quarter we look forward to all the challenges and fun with our many color guards, service projects, the Dining-In, and our Northwest Drill and Rifle League competitions. Lancers Lead the Way!

-LTC Allen Patty



LTC Patty (right) pictured with 1SG Munoz (left) and Lancer Battalion supporters Katherine Kirkham and Kelsey Treat.

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