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Annual Training 2024

Cadet Pipe's experience

As an Iowa Army National Guard soldier, I am required to complete a 2 week annual training(AT) during the summer. Soldiers are required to complete missions and standards related to their job designations. I am a 12B, Combat Engineer, so my job is to conduct route clearance, urban breaching, and other environmental demolitions to aid the Infantry in their advance. Engineers lead the way! To do this, we use shape charges, Bangalore's, and other types of C4 charges. Soldiers also must qualify with their M4 and sometimes other weapons like the M240B, M249, MK19, and .50 Cal machine gun.

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During the majority of AT, you will be required to stay out in the field to work on improving your survivability skills and get hands-on experience using equipment you wouldn't be able to use on a monthly basis. Overall, AT is a great learning experience to get your feet wet as a future leader in the Army. Don't forget that AT is what you make of it.

During this Annual training, we will be completing a series of missions. It is 3 weeks long and we will be graded while in a constant hostile environment. In order to succeed, we must use our training and equipment to receive a good grade from our brigade and division leaders.

As a cadet at AT, you will be assigned to a platoon where you will be shadowing and assisting a platoon leader. As you watch the PL, take note as to how they lead, and receive input from their platoon sergeant and squad leaders to accomplish the mission. As a cadet in the unit, he or she will be your mentor as you progress through the Iowa ROTC program. Ask questions and study the way they lead. During AT, you may be put in a leadership role of a small team or squad. Take the time to get to know your team and do your best to remember your training. This AT I will be assigned as a squad leader for my unit while also shadowing my PL. Your leadership will most likely ask you to provide insight to the junior enlisted and possibly teach classes on patrol bases, radio etiquette, and how to conduct battle drills.



Photo by CPT Feder

Behind the Scenes

The Logistics of Advanced camp *Mr. Favela (Iowa ROTC Supply Technician)*

It has been a great pleasure to understand the whole process when it comes to CST. I was tasked to come and assist in the preparation that it takes to get the program running. There are many factors that one has to take into consideration to get this program running smooth. The whole planning that goes into all this is just amazing. They bring Log Techs from all Universities to assist in getting everything ready. We all get assigned different jobs that we must accomplish to help. Jobs like working in the G6 making sure all electronics like laptops, printers, telephones, and monitors are all distributed throughout the whole camp. Motor pool making sure all vehicles (GSA's) are delivered from every university and issued to everyone requiring vehicles to make CST run smooth. G4, taking care of all logistical issues such as food, linen, equipment, weapons, ammunition, and everything else required to ensure "training runs smooth. These are just a few jobs I listed because there are many jobs and responsibilities in the process to accomplish a great turn out.

Once we are tasked to our job, it is up to us to work hard to get everything we need to be prepared to receive the incoming Cadets. This year I was tasked as the Linen Lead. I had to coordinate and request enough linen to support every Regiment. There are 10 Regiments (Advanced Camps) consisting of about an average of 640 cadets plus or minus a few per Regiment. There is also 2 Basic Camps consisting of 650 cadets per camp. Besides that, I had to support all the leadership, instructors and lieutenant's that assisted in one way or the other. It was my responsibility of ensuring everyone had clean linen throughout the whole duration of CST.

This year CST 24 has been a learning experience for me. It has been a pleasure to have had been a part of the making of our future leaders. Hopefully, next year I can be selected to assist in something different that I can use my prior military experience to help out and assist cadets to become better leaders.



Photo by CPT Feder

Excelling at Iowa

LTC Kuebler (Professor of Military Science)

The Mighty Hawkeye Battalion achieves the standard! This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to serve as a Company Training Officer at Advance Camp in Fort Knox, KY. I observed and evaluated 133 Cadets from across the country as they qualified with their rifles, climbed obstacles, navigated in the woods, and performed other basic skills. I accompanied them on patrols through the hot and humid Kentucky forest as they maneuvered platoons of 40 cadets to engage enemy fighters.

I am confident that the Cadets at Iowa have the resources and training to continue excelling. The Mighty Hawkeye Battalion ROTC program exposes and aims to build proficiency in every task cadets are evaluated on during their time at Advance Camp. I met cadets who had never fired a rifle, climbed a rope, or walked through woods on patrols. Some had never slept under the stars. I highlight this not to denigrate their programs, which are often limited by geography and other variables outside their control, but to remind me how fortunate we are to have such a great partnership with Camp Dodge, the Iowa City Armory, and the Iowa City community.

The Cadre perspective

Advanced Camp 2024

CPT Feder

(Assistant Professor of Military Science)

This summer I served with Task Force Tactics on Team Panther as the Delta Company Officer in Charge (OIC). After spending last summer as a Platoon OC/T and Evaluator, the exemplary reputation and performance of the Panther Team stuck with me, and I decided that was what I wanted to do this year. My job is to control the tactical environment for each regiment and support each Delta Company that comes through so they can focus on evaluating cadets. I work closely with the Company leadership teams and the opposing force (OPFOR) from the 11th Airborne Division out of Fort Wainright, Alaska. This year is unique in that the operating environment increases the difficulty and complexity each day. I manage this complexity through my team of Second Lieutenant lane walkers who coordinate with the OPFOR on when to engage each platoon and observe how cadets are able to think critically, make decisions, and lead their team through the chaos.

My lasting memories this summer will be surprising cadets from the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion on LSA Densberger after they've been training at CST for 21 days as they prepare to start their Panther phase. Listening to their stories of how CST has gone for them up to that point and encouraging them as they start their evaluated FTX phases is so rewarding as their MSIII instructor. I'm incredibly proud of all of them and their performance up to this point has been exceptional.

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