

# THE GOLDEN BUFFALO BULLETIN

Fall 2022

*THE GOLDEN BUFFALO BATTALION VISION:* BECOME THE TOP ROTC BATTALION IN THE NATION BY PRODUCING COMPETENT ADAPTIVE LEADERS OF CHARACTER- GROUNDED IN TEAMWORK AND THE ARMY VALUES; NURTURED BY AN OVERALL CLIMATE WHERE CADRE AND CADETS ARE VALUED, CHALLENGED, AND ARE PROUD MEMBERS OF THE GOLDEN BUFFALO BATTALION.

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Friends, Family, and Alumni of the Golden Buffalo Battalion: The Fall 2022 Semester has been one of excitement and success for the Cadets in our program. We hope you enjoy this edition of the Golden Buffalo Bulletin!

## Fall Orientation

New CU students interested in joining Army ROTC were invited to attend the AROTC Freshmen Orientation that happened during student move-in on Wednesday, August 17 through Friday, August 19, 2022. New Cadets were given the opportunity to meet their peers and upperclassmen during the three-day schedule of events. MSII (now MSIII) Cadet Samuel Patti was the company Cadet in charge of the entire planning and event scheduling for the orientation.

The orientation began on Wednesday with a short department overview and an outline of what to expect as a new Cadet. The Army ROTC PMS, Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Bryce Kawaguchi made some brief comments to the freshmen as he was introduced to everyone.

Those individuals that received 3- and 4-year scholarships were scheduled to meet with the HRA to fill out necessary paperwork and then meet with the Supply Tech to obtain their full Cadet uniform.

Thursday night activities wound down with a meet-n-greet informal pizza dinner in the Cadet Lounge. New students were given the opportunity to ask any questions they had to the upperclassmen and Cadre.



FRESHMEN CADETS ARE TREATED TO A PIZZA DINNER AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS OF THE UPPERCLASSMEN.





ARMY ROTC COLOR GUARD CADETS  
DISPLAY THE COLORS IN FRONT OF THE CU  
BAND AT FOLSOM STADIUM.

The new Cadets woke up early on Friday morning for a group run over to the Chautauqua Park trail and run up the main trail to the first flat outcropping. Cadets rested at the base of Chautauqua upon their return trip down to enjoy some fresh water/energy drinks along with some power bars, if needed. The Cadets made the return run to the campus after the short rest.

CU Army ROTC is happy to have our new freshmen Cadets on board and ready to get things rolling this semester and for the entirety of their time here at CU-Boulder.

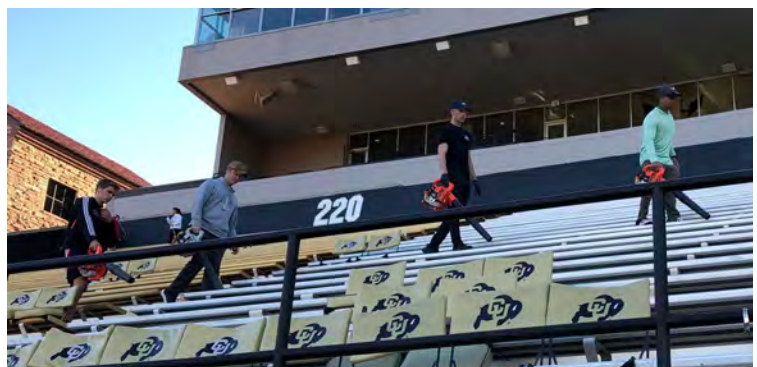
## Color Guard

The University of Colorado Boulder Army ROTC Department's Color Guard Unit participated in the Saturday, September 24th CU home football game against UCLA. The Color Guard Unit displayed the colors during the half-time event on Folsom Field. The Color Guard for the Army ROTC Department consists of two rifle and three flag carriers. The rifles are non-firing historical representations of the model 1873 Springfield 45-70 rifle.

## Stadium Clean-up

Cadets from the Army ROTC Golden Buffalo Battalion showed up in force for their first Stadium Clean-up in the early hours of Sunday, September 25, 2022. The morning began with a short briefing by the Athletics Department showing what found items go into which bag. The clear bag is for recyclable items, the green bag is for compostable items, and the black bag is for items brought into the stadium by attendees, not purchased by the stadium vendors – which are required to use compostable products.

After the training, Cadets gather around Gate 7 to don latex gloves and grab a bag to begin their sweep of the stands. They start on the Champion Center (northeast) side and work their way around the oval to the Press Box (northwest) side. Bending down to pick up all items left over from the home game between CU and UCLA. Items like half eaten hotdogs wrapped in tin foil, boxes of popcorn, empty plastic water bottles, beer cans, peanut shells, candy wrappers, Ziploc bags, wipes, pizza crust, and much, much more were found throughout the stadium perimeter.



ARMY ROTC CADETS USE LEAF BLOWERS TO START THE FINAL  
SWEEP OF THE STADIUM.



Each Cadet was tasked with deciding, based upon the training given earlier, which item goes into which of the three bags (clear, green or black).

CU Athletics contracts on an annual basis with the 3 CU ROTC units on campus (Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marines) to conduct the Stadium Clean-ups each football season. The clean-up includes inside the Folsom Stadium stands, the Franklin Field tailgate lot and the perimeter around the Stadium. Each ROTC unit is assigned two of the six total home games on the schedule. The Army ROTC department uses the money received from the clean-ups to fund equipment purchases, program enrichment and Cadet related events.



*ARMY ROTC CADETS SMILE FOR THE CAMERA BEFORE GOING BACK TO THEIR SWEEPING DUTIES.*

The temperature began in the upper 40s / lower 50s, which made the clean-up a little brisk to start things off. But Cadets soon warmed up as they weaved through the stands and surrounding areas to manually pick-up all recycling and trash left behind by the previous days football fans. Once the full sweep of the stands was completed, the Cadets were issued leaf blowers, brooms and shovels to start the second half of the clean-up process – to remove all of the smaller remnants still remaining in the stands. A few lucky Cadets were assigned to drive the Athletics golf cart around the main bowl walkway to gather up all of the full clear recycling bags. The bags were taken to the Gate 7

concourse stairway where they were manually transported down to the 40-foot recycling roll-off waiting on Franklin Drive. Cadets had to open each bag and the contents were emptied into the roll-off. The entire operation typically takes about 4-5 hours.

The Army ROTC Golden Buffalo Battalion would like to thank the CU Athletics department for providing this “fundraising” opportunity.

## Fall FTX

This year’s Field Training Exercise (FTX) began with a bus ride down to Colorado Springs on a cold and damp morning. The Cadets were picked up at the Denver Auraria campus parking lot early in the morning on Friday, October 07, 2022. Their destination being Jack’s Valley Training Area located on the grounds of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

This three-day event is an important part of each Cadets training curriculum. Cadets test their knowledge of basic skills previously learned during leadership labs such as land navigation, platoon operations/drills, ruck marching and maneuvering through obstacle courses. Some of the drills conducted were weapons handling and care (dismantling and cleaning); radio operational tasks (assemble and disassemble of radios); night and day land navigation with lensatic compasses; and field tactics (troop movements, attack plans and defensive strategies).



*CPT WHERLEY CONDUCTING PRE-FTX BRIEFING WITH THE CADETS IN CHARGE OF PLANNING THE FTX.*

The fall FTX also places MS III Cadets into their first tactical leadership positions. The MS IV Cadets were right there to assist and help guide the MS III Cadets. This exposure to planning and taking direction, is crucial for the MS IIIs as they work hard towards their upcoming mandatory summer training (CST – Cadet Summer Training).

The overall training exercise served as a platform for Cadets to learn-by-doing, help to receive feedback in the moment, while improving their inner unit leadership skills.

## Ranger Challenge

The Ranger Challenge competition is conducted over two days on a non-tactical course. The mission is to challenge Cadets' mental and physical toughness and to develop leadership while fostering teamwork and esprit-de-corps. Teams participate in nine graded events.

The event was held on October 13-14, 2022 at Camp Williams, Utah. Eleven teams from across Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado attended the competition – representing 9 different colleges or universities. Each team competed for the win here, so they could move onto the Brigade competition.



CADETS SHOWING THEIR STRENGTH AND TEAMWORK AS THEY MANEUVER A LOG DOWN A ROCKY PATH.

While we finished in 9th place, we had 7 freshmen on our team who got a lot of experience out of the competition. The team excelled at the tactical lanes consisting of grenade identification and employment, call for fire, and radio and machine gun assembly and functions check. These freshmen will now be the base of experience the Golden Buffalo Battalion team needs for the next few years of the competition.

## Tri-Mil Competition

This year's competition was heating up well before the event itself. With plenty of good rivalry "trash-talking" between the military units on who would take the trophy home this year. All eyes were on the Army team who had the most to lose, since they captured the winning trophy for the past 8 plus years.

Teams had to consist of 10 members, with at least two females on each team, to be able to participate in all events.

For this year's event, we could not have asked for better weather – sunny with about a high of 70 degrees. The layout and activities of the competition were modified for this year. Instead of individual events taking place around the field, the competition was set-up in several circuit/stages where all competitors had to finish one activity before they could start the next.



PUGIL STICK MATCH BETWEEN AN ARMY CADET AND AN AIR FORCE CADET.





ARMY CADETS WORK TOGETHER TO RUN THE LITTER CARRY AROUND THE FIELD.

The competition began with the 4-person litter carry (180 lb. weight in the poleless nonrigid litter) that circled the field twice per team. The next event was the sprint-drag-carry (90 lb. weight drag, full water jug carry with 25 push-ups in between). Following the circuit events came the tug-of-war and pugil stick matches. The final event was the PMS or ROTC unit commander competition. Each commander had to do the weight drag, kettle bell carry with push-ups in between, finished off by a sprint across the field.

The event began at 3:30pm with all ROTC units entering at least two teams. Army and Air Force entered 3 teams, with Navy/Marines entering only 2. The Navy/Marines showed excellent strength in the pull-carry run. But the Army team's overall dominance in the litter carry and pugil matches helped to clinch their final ranking.

For the ninth consecutive year the Golden Buffalo Battalion's name will display on the front of the trophy. Air Force came in second place, while third place went to Navy and Marine Corps ROTC.

And a special thanks to USAA for sponsoring our event again this year. We appreciate your support.

## Special Guest Speaker

Major General Christopher R. Norrie is the Director, People First Task Force, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, United States Army, Washington DC., Pentagon.

MG Norrie was promoted to the two stars in August of this year (2022). Before that he was the commanding general for the 7th Army Training Command in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

General Norrie graciously offered to speak with our ROTC students on Friday, October 14th at 1:30pm in UMC room 247. He came into town to spend "Parent's Weekend" with his daughter who is attending CU. General Norrie is a Distinguished Military graduate of Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania and holds two Masters Degrees in Business Administration from Embry-Riddle University and in National Security Strategy from the National War College.



ARMY ROTC CADETS CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST PLACE VICTORY IN THE ANNUAL TRI-MILITARY SERVICE COMPETITION ON OCTOBER 13, 2022.



*MG NORRIE TALKING TO ROTC CADETS REGARDING GOOD LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND FUTURE ROLLS AS A MILITARY GRADUATE.*

General Norrie talked of his career in the Army and how he got to the position he is in today. He also spoke of his time serving as a Second Lieutenant at the beginning of his Army career. He shared with the students some of his successes and failures during those earlier times – when he was learning and leading for the first time. He gleaned some words of wisdom onto the ROTC students – to help them along their path to being an Army leader.

## Commission

The Golden Buffalo Battalion Army ROTC department commissioned a total of eleven

Cadets this fall 2022. Alpha Company at CU-Boulder commissioned eight Cadets and Bravo Company at the Colorado School of Mines commissioned three Cadets. The newly Second Lieutenants were assigned to a variety of different branches, including Field Artillery, Engineer, Cyber, Transportation, and Military Intelligence. Congratulations to the Second Lieutenants on their successful commissioning.



*B-CO ARMY ROTC COMMISSIONEES FOR FALL 2022 [FROM LEFT TO RIGHT]: 2LT WESLEY LINDER, 2LT ANDREW DAYHOFF, AND 2LT CHRISTIAN CANON.*



*A-CO ARMY ROTC FALL 2022 COMMISSIONEES [FROM LEFT TO RIGHT]: [BACK ROW] 2LT JULIANA ZITRON, 2LT JON MULLINS, 2LT CORBIN HOPPE, 2LT RILEY IWANAGA, 2LT AUSTIN SOELZER; [FRONT ROW] 2LT DANIELLE POTHIER, 2LT HANNAH BADGER, AND 2LT BENJAMIN SHALLENBERGER.*



## Additional photos from the fall semester



*ARMY ROTC CADETS AND CADRE BEGINNING THE 6-MILE RUCK MARCH ON THE LAST DAY OF FTX.*



*ARMY ROTC CADETS PREPARING TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT EVENT DURING RANGER CHALLENGE.*



*GOLDEN BUFFALO BATTALION PHOTO FALL FTX 2022*





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