

# The ChalleNger

Class 2-17, Issue 1

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## LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ARE FOR LEARNING

    
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In 22 weeks of training there are over 626 opportunities to serve in a leadership position at the Mountaineer ChalleNge Academy. Yes, that number is correct. At least, six hundred and twenty six (626) leadership positions exist during the training cycle.

Corps Commander and Platoon Leader positions are earned by outstanding performance during the progress report period. Highly motivated Cadets earn the honor of serving in these leadership positions for a three-week period. All aspects of the Program's 8 core components are considered in the selection of these leaders. Guidon Bearers for the Company and Platoons are also announced at the end of the progress report period. The MCA Color Guard, lead by the Color Guard Commander, are assigned to the flag detail for Camp Dawson. Educational Group Leaders are assigned to allow Cadets to experience the trials and tribulations of being in charge of a group.

One-week assignments are used in the living quarters to keep the environment top notch. Bay Leaders and Assistant Bay Leaders are assigned each week to keep the housekeeping chores and seasonal assignments squared away. One-week assignments are also used for Squad Leader positions within the Platoons. Squads assist when small duties need to be accomplished.

At the Academy, Cadets have multiple opportunities to lead and to follow. In every situation, they have new opportunities to prepare themselves for the world of work.

### CADET OF THE DAY

Individuals chosen as Cadet of the Day are selected from the Platoon of which they are a member. The Squad Leaders will inspect the Platoon. Platoon winners compete for the title "Cadet of the Day" by answering questions related to MCA, State of WV, or TASC topics.

- Aug 1 Mickey Carter  
Elijah Wright
- Aug 2 Alex Calp  
Timothy Walker
- Aug 3 Maurqae Lester  
Andrew Porterfield
- Aug 4 Maurqae Lester  
Dylan White
- Aug 7 Chloe Chandler  
William Railey
- Aug 8 Briana Corey  
Madison Smith
- Aug 9 Tyler Dunkelberger  
Daniel Roark
- Aug 10 Jacob Fought  
Dylan White

### COMMANDANT'S CUP Color Guard Reedsville Parade

- Devin Brown Michael Moore
- Kiara Gillispie Jimmy McNeil
- Cassidy Jones Trenton Stewart
- Jeffrey Guthrie

## 1<sup>ST</sup> PROGRESS REPORT AWARD WINNERS

### HONOR PLATOON 2<sup>ND</sup> PLATOON

#### DIRECTOR'S AWARD LEADERSHIP AWARD PHYSICAL TRAINING AWARD

Madison Smith of Kanawha County  
Carrie Greenfield of Berkeley County  
Madison Smith of Kanawha County

#### LEVEL ONE PT AWARD

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Shane Baldwin   | Timothy Lawson    |
| Andre Booth     | Isaac Rayburn     |
| Dylan Bragg     | O'neill Rivera    |
| Adaryus Gillum  | Madison Smith     |
| Jeffrey Guthrie | Erik Winans       |
| Samuel Jarrell  | Hunter Wisenbaler |

#### S2C AWARD

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Andre Booth     | Christian Liegey |
| Dylan Bragg     | Hailey Lucas     |
| Michael Burns   | Edwin Ramirez    |
| Dakota Childers | Timothy Walker   |
| Logen Collins   |                  |

#### CADRE DISTINCTION AWARD

Jimmy McNeil

#### ★★★★★★★★★★ LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

##### Corps Commander

**Madison Smith**

##### Assistant Corps Commander

**Carrie Greenfield**

##### Platoon Leaders:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> PLT | Nikita Buckhannon |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> PLT | Adaryus Gillum    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> PLT | Samuel Jarrell    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> PLT | Jimmy McNeil      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> PLT | Tiffany Radcliffe |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> PLT | Teonna Tolbert    |

##### Assistant Platoon Leaders:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> PLT | Andre Booth         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> PLT | William Haden       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> PLT | Kyran Lance         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> PLT | Matthew Picklesimer |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> PLT | Aaron Stibler       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> PLT | Orion Veon          |

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## Important Information

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's medical care or medications – please call the MCA Medial Office at 304-791-7934. You may leave a message at anytime. The office is staffed between 7am – 8am (or longer) Monday – Friday.

Cadets may **NOT** receive cash in the mail or bring money to the Academy when returning from leave. If money is due to the MCA, you will get a letter in the mail **from the Academy** stating such.

When writing to Cadets, please make sure your complete name and complete return address is included on the front of the envelope. Please pass this on to all family and friends!

The merit program will begin soon! Help your Cadet by sending blank job applications for them to complete.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

08/25	Mentor Training
08/31	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grading Period Ends
09/01	First Leave Ceremony 12:00 pm
09/05	First Leave Ends Return between 1 & 2 pm
09/05	Mentor Training
09/08	PR 2 Awards Ceremony
09/09	Mentor Training
09/11	ASVAB Testing
09/12-14	Cadet FTX

### Did You Know?

- **Mountaineer Challenge Academy** offers a salad bar with every lunch and dinner. *Vegetables are an important source of fiber. Fiber helps keep blood sugar stable throughout the day, preventing the peaks and crashes that have us craving sweets.*
- **Cadets carry canteens and are encouraged to drink eight 8 ounce glasses of water a day.** *Staying hydrated improves all bodily functions at the cellular level and helps your heart and kidneys work more efficiently. Water carries nutrients and antioxidants to our tissue, resulting in an energy boost.*
- **Cadets are offered unsweetened ice tea with meals.** *Unsweetened tea is a zero calorie beverage that may promote heart health by improving blood vessel function.*
- **Daily physical training helps cadets stay fit and happy.** *Because of the calming effect of exercise, active people are less depressed and depressed people often feel better after they start exercising.*
- **Cadets eat more whole grain products than white, like brown rice and wheat bread.** *Higher in protein and fiber, whole grain foods keep your blood sugar in check and keep you feeling full longer. Whole grains are versatile, inexpensive, and surprisingly easy to prepare.*

Source: *The Biggest Loser Simple Swaps 100 Easy Changes To Start Living a Healthier Lifestyle*

## RESPECT RIBBON

**All Cadets who completed the First Progress Report received the Respect Ribbon. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Respect the dignity, privacy, and freedom of all individuals. Value and honor all people, no matter what they can do for you or to you. Respect others, the Academy, yourself and follow the 'Golden Rule.' Self respect leads to self discipline. Self Discipline is the art of resisting the temptations of life.**

## Guidon Presentation

The company colors were presented to Class 2-17 who earned the privilege of carrying the MCA colors by successfully completing the Acclimation Phase. The company Guidon is the cornerstone on which to build team performances and individual achievements. The company Guidon is designated by the Class streamer with the class number and the phase streamers that signify class progress during the program. All Platoons received their individual Guidons, which identify the Platoon number and mascot. Award streamers are presented every three weeks to recognize their accomplishments in education, PT, Service to Community, and conduct.



## Cadets Enjoy Platoon Olympics

On Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Cadets participated in MCA Platoon Olympics. Each of the 6 Platoons competed in the following 10 events: Hula Hoop Relay, 4 Man Pushup, Free Throw Challenge, Lay Up Relay, Bean Bag Relay, Dipsy-Do's, Mystery Sprint, Tug O War, Mystery Throw, and Drill Down. Platoon 6 was the first place winners. Platoon 6 was honored by getting to be the first in the Chow Line on that Friday.

*Do you know a teen who could benefit from the MCA?  
Class 1-2018 is now forming!  
Tell them or their family member to call 304-791-7918 to schedule an Orientation Date.*