

# The Challenger



Class 2-16, Issue 4

09/23/16 – 10/13/16



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## 4<sup>TH</sup> PROGRESS REPORT AWARD WINNERS

### CADET OF THE DAY

Dustin Semack	Sep 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Shane Dillard	Sep 26 <sup>th</sup>
Star'jae Davis	Sep 28 <sup>th</sup>
Chandler Templeton	Sep 29 <sup>th</sup>
Jacob Nichols	Sep 30 <sup>th</sup>
Nicholas Hill	Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Gainer	Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>
Tristan McGuire	Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>
Tyler Crain	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>
Tommy Adkins	Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>
Kara Barker	Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>
Tyler Crain	Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>

### HONOR PLATOON 4<sup>th</sup> PLATOON

DIRECTOR'S AWARD  
LEADERSHIP AWARD  
PHYSICAL TRAINING AWARD

Merriea Ayers of Jackson County  
Felicity Ayers of Jackson County  
Tyler Bender of Berkeley County  
Maxwell Brooks of Hancock County

OVERALL <u>MOST IMPROVED</u> Cheyenne Francis	ACADEMIC <u>MOST IMPROVED</u> Kara Barker	PT <u>MOST IMPROVED</u> Destiny Nicholas	CADRE <u>DISTINCTION AWARD</u> Joshua Glover
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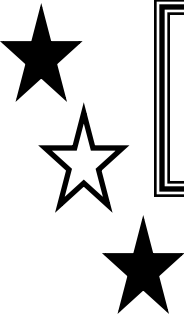
HIGHEST ACADEMIC POINTS  
Felicity Ayers  
Merriea Ayers



MENTORSHIP AWARD  
Adham Mays  
Shawn Morrison  
Bridget Omani  
Danielle Ovanek  
Earl Sayas



HONOR'S LIST  
Matthew Bolyard Jacob Monday Aameenah Smith  
Jacob Dumire Lane Seldomridge Jaylen Washington



LEVEL ONE PT AWARD

Tommy Adkins	Alayna Curran	Zachary Hunter	Cam'ron Moats
Michalla Andrews	Michael Gainer	Joseph Hutson	Jacob Moyers
Felicity Ayers	Hunter Grey	Brittany Isenhardt	McCayla Myers
Merriea Ayers	Leon Hager	Brenton Lane	Destiny Nicholas
Malcolm Baker	Glen Harper	Hunter Lemaster	James Robertson
Tyler Bender	Logan Hazlett	Tighler Lindsey	Briar Robinson
Mark Boucher	Joseph Helman	Jacqueline Lipscomb	Lane Seldomridge
Quentin Bowers	Dustin Hoak	Jackson McCutcheon	Benjamin Staples
Maxwell Brooks	Kaylee Hulin	Tre'von Means	

### LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Corps Commander  
**Merriea Ayers**

Assistant Corps Commander  
**Felicity Ayers**

Platoon Leaders:

1 <sup>st</sup> PLT	Tyler Crain
2 <sup>nd</sup> PLT	Joshua Glover
3 <sup>rd</sup> PLT	Jackson McCutcheon
4 <sup>th</sup> PLT	Jacob Moyers
5 <sup>th</sup> PLT	Micheal Pendergrass
6 <sup>th</sup> PLT	Austin Waybright

Assistant Platoon Leaders

1 <sup>st</sup> PLT	Procoro Benitez
2 <sup>nd</sup> PLT	Michael Gainer
3 <sup>rd</sup> PLT	Cody Harper
4 <sup>th</sup> PLT	Cam'ron Moats
5 <sup>th</sup> PLT	Izaak Rice
6 <sup>th</sup> PLT	Chandler Templeton



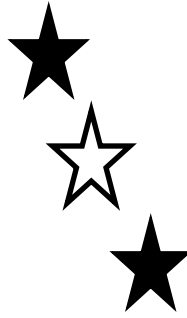
INSTRUCTOR'S LIST

Tommy Adkins	Alayna Curran	Cody Harper	Jackson McCutcheon
Felicity Ayers	Levi Dennis	Glen Harper	Ciara Meadows
Merriea Ayers	Haylee Ferguson	Davey Hayes	Cassandra Miller
Kara Barker	Michael Gainer	Kaylee Hulin	Patrick Miller
Maxwell Brooks	Dylan Garmire	Bryon Kidd	Destiny Nicholas
Tyler Crain	Joshua Glover	Patrick Maston	Benjamin Parsons

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## TRUSTWORTHINESS RIBBON

All Cadets who completed the Fourth Progress Report received the Trustworthiness Ribbon. The blue ribbon represents the need to be honest, be reliable and do what you say you will do. Have the courage to do the right thing and always live by your "Honor Code." Be someone who others can trust.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Nov 1	Class 1-17 Orientation
Nov 2	Class 1-17 Orientation
Nov 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Grading Period Ends
Nov 7-11	TASC Testing
Nov 8	Election Day
Nov 9-10	Cadet Haircuts
Nov 11	PR 5 Awards Ceremony
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 15	Class 1-17 Orientation
Nov 16	Class 1-17 Orientation
Nov 17	Class 1-17 Orientation

## Important Information

### Optional Purchases Available

1. **DVD** – DVD includes Opening Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Leave and Final Graduation Ceremonies. Cost: \$26.50
2. **Pictures** – Various Packages and Items available.
3. **Class Ring** – Cost: \$143.00  
Deadline: 12/09/16

If you have not received an order form or have questions, please call 1-800-529-7700

### Graduation

Mentor invitations will be sent by the Cadet directly from MCA.

Mentors are NOT part of the family's six tickets.



## SAVE THE DATE

October 23, 2017

Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the public law enacting National Guard Youth Challenge Programs

Track this event on social media at #challenge4change

What does an MCA Class Ring look like?



This design was selected by the first graduating class.



The Preston County Buckwheat Festival was held September 29 – October 2. The first Buckwheat Festival dates back to 1938 and is considered a homecoming for many residents of Preston County.

There are three parades each year: Fireman's, School Day, and Farmer's Day. The Mountaineer Challenge Academy Cadets are showcased in the School Day Parade held on Friday. The entire Corps looked sharp while marching in the parade and showing off their MCA pride.

The Buckwheat Festival is also a time for the Cadets to earn S2C hours. During the MCA shift, the Cadets helped prepare and serve over 500 plates of Buckwheat Cakes and whole hog sausage.

Everyone is always impressed with the manners of the Cadets not only during the parade but while serving the buckwheat cakes as well.