

The ChallengeNGer★

Class 2-24, Issue 2

08/09/2024-08/29/2024



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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 High School Equivalency topics.

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| 08/09 | Ethan Hunter |
| 08/12 | Tyler Neiberlein |
| 08/13 | Ethan Hunter |
| 08/14 | Skyler DeBarr |
| 08/15 | Jacob Stokes |
| 08/16 | Colin Herdman |
| 08/19 | Cole Snead |
| 08/20 | Madison Cox |
| 08/21 | Simon Trembly |
| 08/22 | Ashton Cost |
| 08/26 | Jonathan Taylor |
| 08/28 | Lakyn Nottingham |
| 08/29 | Ta'Jhir Johnson |

2nd PROGRESS REPORT AWARD WINNERS

HONOR PLATOON 2nd Platoon

DIRECTOR'S AWARD
LEADERSHIP AWARD
PHYSICAL TRAINING AWARD

Nicholas Kemper of Kanawha County
Simon Trembly of Preston County
Nicholas Kemper of Kanawha County

ACADEMIC MOST IMPROVED

Lakyn Nottingham

OVERALL MOST IMPROVED

Lukas Williams

PT MOST IMPROVED

Nicholas Holland

CADRE DISTINCTION AWARD

Genevieve Lowthorp

HIGHEST ACADEMIC POINTS

Rosemary Wilkinson

S2C AWARD

Jace Acord Ethan Anteman
Broderick Bailey Ashton Cost
Paulie Crowley Lakyn Nottingham

INSTRUCTOR'S LIST

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| Broderick Bailey | Xander Ball |
| Madison Cox | KeyShawn Ewell |
| Nicholas Kemper | Genevieve Lowthorp |
| Aiden Nottingham | Lakyn Nottingham |
| Rayce Turner | Ayden Vilone |
| Rosemary Wilkinson | Donovan Yates |

Honor's List

Hunter Arbogast
Seth Johnson
Andrew McDonald
Logan Olinzock
Brayden Stonebraker
Donovan Yates
Coleton Yoho



LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Corps Commander

Nicholas Kemper

Assistant Corps Commander:

Simon Trembly

Platoon Leaders:

Xander Ball

Ethan Hunter

Genevieve Lowthorp

Lakyn Nottingham

Dylan Wiles

Assistant Platoon Leaders:

Roy Clayton

Seth Johnson

Michael Knight

Jacob Stokes

Ayden Vilone



RESPONSIBILITY RIBBON

All Cadets who have completed the Second Progress Report received the Responsibility Ribbon. The green ribbon represents Responsibility; the need to do what you are supposed to do and be where you are supposed to be. Plan ahead, persevere, and keep on trying! Always do your best. Use self-control, be self-disciplined, think before you act, and consider the consequences. Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes. Set a good example for others. The Golden Rule illustrates the pillar of respect, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."



Career Exploration Courses

Career Exploration Courses will begin soon. Cadets have the opportunity to pick one Career Exploration Course to participate in over the next few months. Courses are designed to give Cadets the opportunity to learn additional skills that can assist them after graduation. A variety of courses are offered each class based on availability and instructors. Courses may include Photography, Culinary, Journalism, College Prep, Welding, Health Care, Meat Cutting, Oil and Gas, Gardening/Agriculture, or Military Prep. Most of these courses are taught weekday evenings and may affect your Cadets assigned phone call night. Please be patient with us as we adjust phone call rosters. Your Cadet will still receive a phone call each week, but the time or day may vary.



Post Residential Phase: A New Way Forward

The National Guard Youth Challenge Program has developed a new model for the Post Residential Phase and is piloting the new concept in select programs across the nation. Mountaineer Challenge Academy could not be happier to be chosen as one of those pilot programs. This new approach to the Post Residential Phase will improve both the quality and quantity of post residential outcomes, and will improve the quality of post residential support provided to Graduates by the Academy. A large component of the pilot is a program called **MentorPRO**. **MentorPRO** is an application that can be accessed through the Graduates cell phone, meaning that resources will be available with the touch of a button. Graduates will be able to connect with their Academy Case Manager/Mentor directly through this app. We are excited to grow and learn in this new approach to the Post Residential Phase.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 9/19 | PR 3 Ends |
| 9/27 | PR 3 Awards Ceremony |
| 9/27 | Buckwheat Festival Parade |

Did you know?

All Cadets receive real world certifications while at the Academy. Cadets will receive instruction and certification in:

- First Aid
- CPR
- Food Handlers
- Hunters Safety
- OSHA

Certification cards will be included in your Cadet's portfolio upon graduation of the program.