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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.

(08/08	Jaxon Busto
(08/11	Christian Patricola
(08/12	Damian Feliciano
(08/13	Trenton Culp
(08/15	Jazmin Delcher
(08/18	Bryan Knepper
(08/20	Gracie Gerwig
(08/21	Isaiah Gifft
(08/22	Drake Cress
(08/25	Carrol Harris
(08/26	Bradford Stone
(08/27	Frederick Cade
(08/28	Jesse Nicholas



2nd PROGRESS REPORT AWARD WINNERS



HONOR PLATOON 3rd Platoon

DIRECTOR'S AWARD LEADERSHIP AWARD PHYSICAL TRAINING AWARD Christian Patricola of Ohio County Michael Echols of Marion County Aiden Stalnik of Mineral County

ACADEMIC	OVERALL	PT
MOST IMPROVED	MOST IMPROVED	<u>MOST IMPROVED</u>
Bryan Knepper	Alexis Marin	Jacob Bittorie

Levi Bird Makenzie Fultz Tyler Stanley	Jacob Bittorie Bryan Knepper Bryan Touvell	Jaxon Busto Alauna Linear	Wydonis Fazenbaker Anthony McKenzie

Drake Cress Michael Echols Wydonis Fazenb

Jarred Gray Jesse Nicholas Tyler Stanley Michael Echols Kason Gray Dillon O'Connell Wydonis Fazenbaker Anthony McKenzie Christian Patricola Jayden Friel Isaiah McRobie Olivia Roby

CADRE DISTINCTION AWARD

Christian Patricola

Honor's List

Wydonis Fazenbaker Damian Feliciano Alexis Marin Lyndie Michael Adrianna Tuttle

HIGHEST ACADEMIC POINTS

Jacob Bittorie

LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Corps Commander
Christian Patricola
Assistant Corps Commander:
Michael Echols

Platoon Leaders:

Jacob Bittorie Jayden Friel Anthony McKenzie Bradford Stone

Assistant Platoon Leaders:

Jaxon Busto Everett Larman Olivia Roby Gavin Thorne

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."

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.

Career Exploration Courses

Cadets will soon have the chance to choose **one**Career Exploration Course to participate in over
the next few months. These classes are designed
to build valuable skills for life after graduation.

Possible Courses

Photography Gardening/Agriculture

Culinary Cake Decorating

Journalism College 101

Military Prep Intro to Coaching
Oil & Gas Sign Language

Intro to Healthcare Yoga

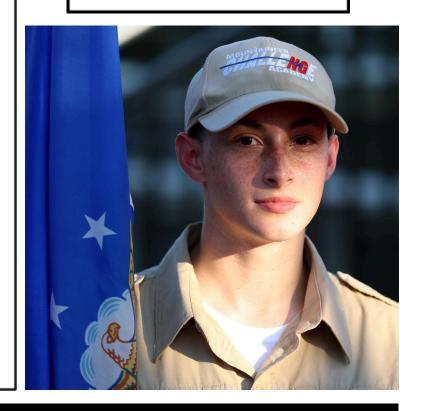
Most courses take place on weekday evenings.

This may affect your Cadet's scheduled phone call night. Don't worry—Cadets will still receive a weekly call, though the day or time may vary.

Thank you for your patience as we adjust schedules to provide these exciting opportunities!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9/18 PR 3 Ends 9/26 PR 3 Awards Ceremony <u>GED Ready Pre-Test</u> 10/6/2025 - 10/9/2025



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.