

The ChallengeNGer★

Class 2-25, Issue 2

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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 Giff
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 MOST IMPROVED

Bryan Knepper

OVERALL MOST IMPROVED

Alexis Marin

PT MOST IMPROVED

Jacob Bittorie

INSTRUCTOR'S LIST

Levi Bird
Makenzie Fultz
Tyler Stanley

Jacob Bittorie
Bryan Knepper
Bryan Touvell

Jaxon Busto
Alauna Linear

Wydonis Fazenbaker
Anthony McKenzie

S2C AWARD

Drake Cress
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
GED Ready Pre-Test
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.