

The Challenge★

Class 1-26, Issue 2

02/06/2026-02/26/2026



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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.

02/06	Jeremiah Mitchell
02/09	Timothy Sommer
02/10	Michael Bell
02/11	Jeffrey Wilson
02/12	Emmalee Dollman
02/13	Ivy Taylor
02/16	Ariana Blankenship
02/17	Austin Davis
02/18	Bailee Hughes
02/19	Kristian Radabaugh
02/20	Connor Ours
02/23	Ethan Ridenour
02/24	Kalijah Johnson
02/25	Michael Cool
02/26	Chloe Cosner

2nd PROGRESS REPORT AWARD WINNERS



DIRECTOR'S AWARD
LEADERSHIP AWARD
PHYSICAL TRAINING AWARD

Ariana Blankenship of Summers County
Augustus Peabody of Hampshire County
Brayden Maisey of Wetzel County

<u>ACADEMIC MOST IMPROVED</u>	<u>OVERALL MOST IMPROVED</u>	<u>PT MOST IMPROVED</u>
Gavin Denton	Trenton Ward	Taziah Caffrey

INSTRUCTOR'S LIST

Ka'Nyah Biggs	Ariana Blankenship	Camden Chadwick
Samuel Clowser	Bailey Dice	Slevin Godwin
Kayden Griffith	Arabella Halfhill	Bailee Hughes
Timothy Sommer	Kirstyn Wainscott	Ireland Worth

Honor's List

Trinity Carter
 Salma Duffield
 Jacob Miller
 Ethan Ridenour
 Kirstyn Wainscott
 Danny Waterman

CADRE DISTINCTION AWARD

Kirstyn Wainscott

HIGHEST ACADEMIC POINTS

Gavin Denton

Most Improved

Trinity Carter
 Gregory Humphrey
 Kevin McMillon
 Jeslimar Miranda
 Jason Schultz
 Danny Waterman

LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Corps Commander

Ariana Blankenship

Assistant Corps Commander:

Augustus Peabody

Platoon Leaders:

Bailey Dice

Emmalee Dollman

Jeremiah Mitchell

Kirstyn Wainscott

Assistant Platoon Leaders:

Samuel Clowser

Slevin Godwin

Jaden Raschella

Timothy Sommer

S2C AWARD

Gavin Denton

Sonny Eckert

Jeremiah Mitchell

Augustus Peabody

Corey Perry



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. We are excited to grow and learn in this new approach to the Post-Residential Phase.