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# Fall 2024 Alumni Newsletter

From Mrs. Trudy and your friendly PAO

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Battalion photo at Camp Grafton upon completion of our 2024 Fall FTX

As we look back on the Fall 2024 semester, we would like to fill you in on some of the exciting events that occurred and some of the awesome alumni updates we have received. We hope you enjoy this short and sweet newsletter! We plan to release a Battalion yearbook later this year to highlight more accomplishments, cadets, and alumni which push our legacy forward - CDT Buckmeier

## Semester Highlights

Throughout the Fall 2024 Semester, our Cadets did awesome! MSI's have integrated well into the program and MSIV's have begun preparing for graduation and commissioning! Our Battalion hosted numerous events for our Cadets to stay involved and we even had some integration with the campus community. We have continued time-honored traditions and navigated new paths.

### Zero Week

In the fall, we welcomed over 20 new cadets during our annual zero week! These new cadets spent time learning Physical Readiness Training, Customs and Courtesies, Drill and Ceremony, and even got to paintballing!



### Halloween PT

After a busy start to the semester, our cadets took a break from a regular PT session to have some fun and stay optimistic for the rest of the semester. On Halloween, they dressed up in costumes and participated in different games to celebrate the holiday and win prizes.

## Ralph Rappel

As two more cadets returned from Air Assault school this past summer, they had the opportunity to display their skills! Before the Military Appreciation Game at the Ralph Engelstad arena, they had the opportunity to rappel from the rafters and deliver the game puck in front of a massive audience.



## Army VS Air Force Flag Football

This semester, our Battalion continued the tradition of being superior to the Air Force and extended our win streak during the annual flag football game. We had a large turn out this year and our team was strong! We plan to continue the streak next year!

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## New Lieutenants!



2nd Lieutenants Truax and Rai pose for a picture with Mrs. Trudy

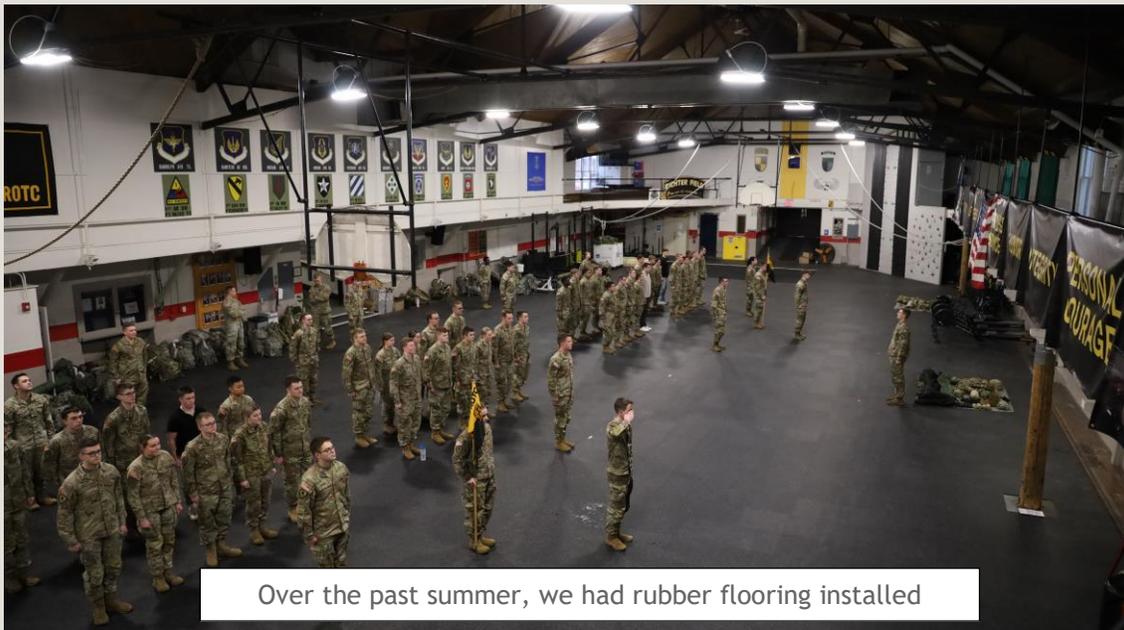
## Alumni Update!

Ellysia Koenig Waters commissioned May 1990, and retired as a Captain in 1998. She has two children and is married to Eric Waters also a 1990 UND graduate. She currently is a Hospital and Hospice Chaplain.



Benjamin Lefler commissioned May 2001 as an Army Nurse, separating in 2005. He is married and with two children and continues his career as a Registered Nurse.

## Armory Update



Over the past summer, we had rubber flooring installed

Thank you for reading our newsletter from the Fall 2024 semester! We are happy to keep you updated with all of the exciting events and changes within our Battalion. Unfortunately, we could not include everything in this short update. Stay tuned until the end of the year as a few cadets have stepped up to create a yearbook! We plan to disperse a digital copy to all Alumni once finished!

**Second to None. Fly as One!**

## A Message from Trudy

Hello Alumni,

We have about 70 cadets in our program and awesome cadre to train them. LTC Budenski, PMS, teaches the MS I's & IV's; CPT Strein teaches the MS II's and SFC Martin is getting the MS III's ready for camp. After 1 ½ years we finally have an HRA, Mr. Robert Howard, who fits in nicely with us along with a new Supply Tech, Mr. Tim Moore. We are still without a ROO, but we are hopeful we will get one soon.

Thanks to all alumni who have stopped by the Armory and visited with me or have given me a call; I so enjoy getting caught up with you. Our alumni board has more and more pictures on it, so stop by and see if you can find yourself.

If you are interested in making a donation to help support UND Army ROTC Battalion, you can make a check out to the Raiders Club and mail it to "UND Army ROTC Raiders Club (Trudy Soli), 255 Centennial Drive, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8360" or you can electronically send donations through the UND Alumni Foundation. <https://undalumni.org/schools-and-colleges>

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God speed and always look forward to seeing or hearing from you all!!!