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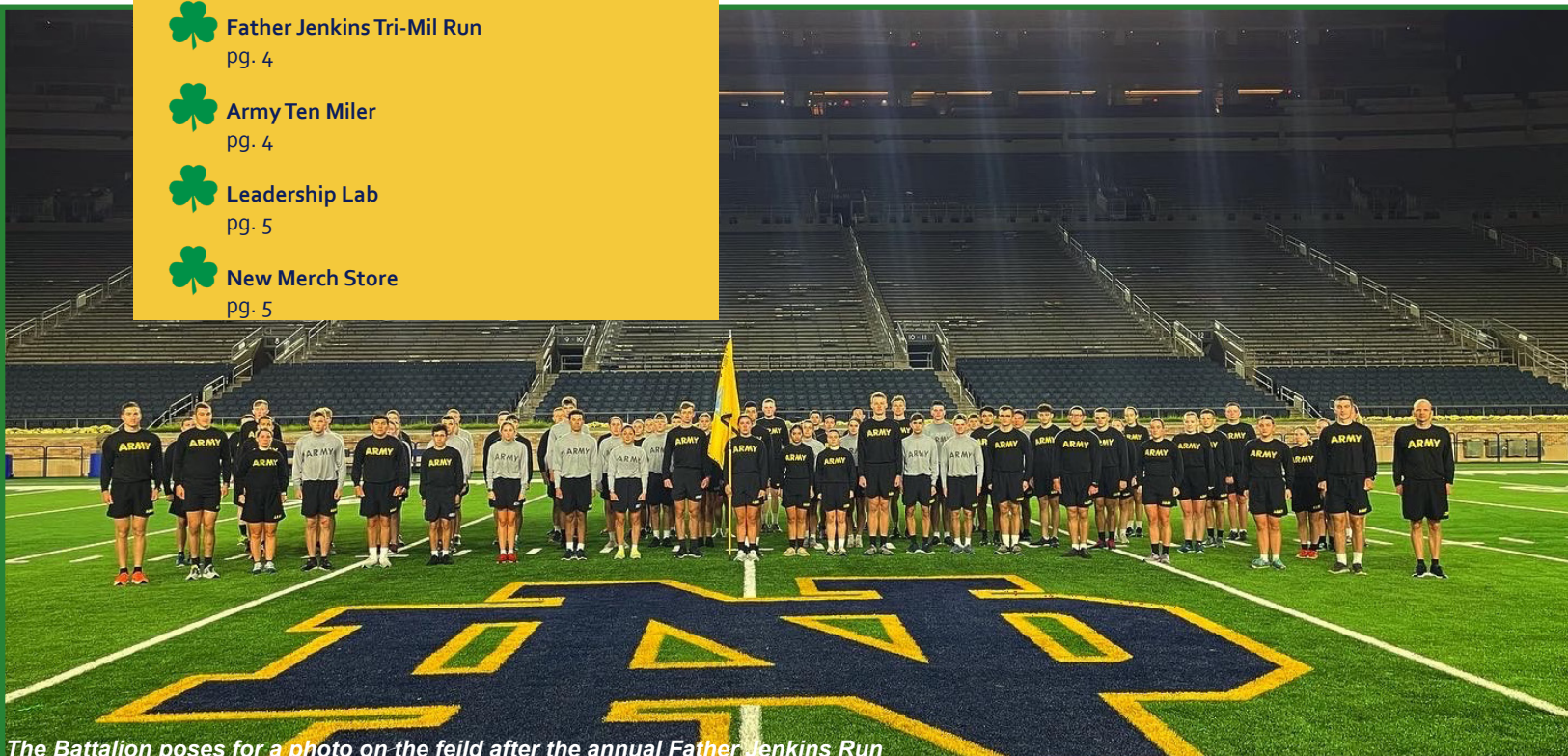
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The Battalion poses for a photo on the field after the annual Father Jenkins Run

# Summer Internships/ Advanced Camp/CTLT

By Jack Schichtel ('23)

This summer, cadets across all Military Science (MS) levels kept themselves busy. Twelve cadets participated in internships across the Army, working with the Army Medical Department, The United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM), The United States Africa Command (AFRICOM), Army Cyber Institute, NASA, MIT's Lincoln Laboratory, the Nuclear Science and Engineering Research Center, and the FBI.



Connor Tsikitas and Lauren Glynn ('23) at the AFRICOM Voluntary Internship Program in Stuttgart, Germany

CDTs (cadets) Ethan Barhydt('24), Peter Vignano('25), Matthew Stewart('25), and Thomas Ellis('23) all earned their Air Assault wings this summer raising the battalion total to 11 Air Assault qualified cadets. 10 cadets participated in Project GO (a Department of Defense internship program created to improve the various skills needed to excel as future military officers), traveling domestically to Georgia, Maryland, and North Carolina, as well as abroad to Taiwan, Jordan, and Brazil.

The MSIV class crushed Cadet Summer Training, earning a 85.72% O+E (outstanding + excellent) rating which places the class' performance #1 in the brigade and in the top 1% in the nation. 37.71% of the MSIVs earned RECONDO honors (first time go at each event), which is more than 25% higher than the Cadet Command average. Additionally, four MSIVs chose to participate in Cadet Troop Leader Training, shadowing lieutenants at Fort Bragg, Schofield Barracks, Hunter Army Airfield, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, gaining valuable insight into life as a platoon leader.



Matthew Stewart ('25) graduates from the Sabalauski Air Assault School



# New Cadet Orientation 2022

By Lauren Crowe ('23)

*Kathleen Sajer and Anne Gentine ('24) all smiles at the range*

New cadet orientation (NCO) occurred the week before classes started with the purpose of welcoming new cadets into the Fightin' Irish Battalion family. Cadets were introduced to drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies, marksmanship, land navigation, and more.

The best part of NCO was the opportunity for cadets to meet and bond with other members of their squads and the battalion as whole, in fun events from the Confidence Course to the Leaders Reaction Course.

Throughout NCO, the respective companies also competed for the Irish Cup, a fun competition that builds a lot of camaraderie amongst the companies, with this year Bravo Company bringing in the win. Overall, NCO aimed to help cadets feel more comfortable in their transition into ROTC and college by offering some friendly faces to see around campus before classes even start, and to make everyone excited for the semester to come!



*Cadets work together to complete obstacles at the Leader's Reaction Course*



# ND110 & 9/11 Memorial Run

By Julie Bottarini ('23)



Cadets participate in the Tri-Military 9/11 Memorial Run

Every year, the Fightin' Irish Battalion honors those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 by participating in ND110 and the Tri-Military 9/11 Memorial Run. ND110 is an annual charity event held by Duncan Hall. Hundreds of participants climb 110 flights of stairs to mirror the climb faced by the firefighters and police officers who responded to the events of 9/11. Our Ranger Company cadets completed this climb in the Notre Dame stadium. Several of our cadets also participated in the 9/11 Memorial Run held on Notre Dame's campus. We honor the legacy of those who sacrificed their lives in service to our nation.



The Ranger Challenge Team completes the ND110 Stair Climb in the Notre Dame stadium

## A Visit with General Dempsey

By Lindsay Michie ('23)

On September 16th, 4 Cadets from the Battalion (BN) had the opportunity to attend a very special luncheon with (Ret.) General Martin E. Dempsey and his wife Mrs. Deanie Dempsey. General Dempsey graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (USMA) and continued on to lead an impressive military career, most notably serving as the Army's 37th Chief of Staff and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

General Dempsey has always been an outspoken fan of the Fightin' Irish from his Irish roots and Mrs. Dempsey's family ties to the University. While in town for the Cal football game, General Dempsey wanted to meet with student leaders and share his journey of leadership and answer questions. General Dempsey left the students with these three principles of leadership to grow and maintain: Trust, Discipline, and Courage.



Juliana Jorgensen ('24), Peter Herrmann ('24), William Barcena ('23), and Lindsay Michie ('23) greet General Dempsey during his visit to

# Father Jenkins Tri-Mil Run

By Conner Tsikitas ('23)



The Battalion poses for a photo on the field after the annual Father Jenkins Run

On the morning of September 29, the Fightin' Irish Battalion joined the Naval and Air Force ROTC Programs in the annual Father Jenkins Run: a keystone event where all Cadets and Midshipmen are able to meet and run with the University President. After greeting him, Cadets and Midshipmen ran about 3 miles around campus led by Father Jenkins. The morning of Physical Training (PT) ended with a run through the stadium tunnel and onto the football field, followed by a set of push-ups for each branch—as well as one for Father Jenkins. After Father Jenkins addressed all three ROTC programs, Cadets and Midshipmen were dismissed and able to take photos on the field with him.



Ian Johnston ('26) shakes hands with Father Jenkins

## Army Ten Miler

By William Barcena ('23)

Over Columbus Day Weekend, the Fightin' Irish Battalion sent fourteen Cadets to compete in the annual Army Ten Miler in Washington, D.C. After completing several months of training, they represented the Battalion admirably. 3 cadets placed in the top 3% out of 12,000 participant, clocking times of just over 1 hour for the 10 mile race.

Additionally, the A-Team brought home a 4th place finish out of 55 teams in the ROTC-Service Academy Division, right behind West Point teams and a Virginia Tech team. All Cadets had an incredible time in D.C., with some highlights including a picture with MG Munera, commander of The U.S. Army Cadet Command (USACC), a moment with the Sergeant Major of the Army Micheal A. Grinston, and getting to witness UH-60 Blackhawk flyovers and demonstration jumps by the United States Army Parachute Team (Golden Knights). The team cannot wait to race again through the streets of our nation's capital again next year!



Gabriella Kowalski ('24) comes in with a strong finish, flexing for the crowd



The Army Ten Miler Team celebrates a fourth place finish and an incredible effort by the team





Connor Farrell ('24) rappels down to 60 ft training tower

Every Tuesday, cadets participate in Military Science and Leadership Lab where they learn basic Army tactics and techniques while developing their leadership skills. Cadets have learned basic soldiering skills such as Tactical Combat Casualty Care, claymore and radio setup, ruck packing, sector sketches, camouflage, and more. The MSIIIs have been putting their leadership skills to the test during our patrolling labs.

Cadets have learned how to conduct squad and platoon sized movements, set up an objective rally point and patrol base, and conduct reconnaissance and raid missions! The battalion recently went to the South Bend Fire Station to practice rappelling from a 60 foot tower!



Cadets have fun practicing their camouflage skills during lab

## New Merch Store

By Julie Bottarini ('23)

The fall semester apparel store is finally here! You can look great while representing the Fightin' Irish Battalion. A portion of the store's proceeds goes towards the battalion, allowing us to continue to support our cadets by providing them with incredible opportunities like those seen in this newsletter! Please help us spread the word by sharing the store link with friends and family. We appreciate all that you do in supporting this program, and we look forward to seeing you all in your new battalion gear!! **The store is only open until November 8th so order NOW!**

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