LOVE IS IN THE AIR...EVEN AT PT!

The Fighting Flyers got flirty at Valentine’s Day PT this year! Cadets and their guests wore matching t-shirts or costumes, a welcome change of pace from our usual gray PT uniforms! Teams played several games of dodgeball before hearing a poem safety brief from the Cadet Battalion Commander Nathan DeCamp. Team-building events like this strengthen the Army team, which includes our friends and family Constantly supporting us.

FEBRUARY FLY BY:

03 FEB 2016: 7th Brigade Commander COL Michael Hedges visited the Fighting Flyer Battalion and met with cadets for a Q&A session in O’Reilly Hall. Senior leaders are one of many resources for professional development available for UD cadets.

11 FEB 2016: Cadets Munhall(I) Dejesus (I), Seiller (I), Wagner (III), and Nartker (IV) discuss a combat ethical dilemma. Discussing ethical decisions will prepare cadets for the complex war zones in which the Army operates.

SINK OR SWIM!

On January 27th and 29th, all cadets conducted Combat Water Survival Training (CWST) to certify preparedness for water-bound scenarios. Cadets swim 15 meters with an M-16 rifle (right), step off the diving board blindfolded (left), take off a Load Bearing Vest submerged, and learn how to convert uniforms into flotation devices.
THANK YOU SFC PEREZ!

After 3 years here at the Fighting Flyer Battalion, SFC Ildefonso Perez has accepted a position as infantry platoon sergeant and is on his way to his new duty station: Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. SFC Perez has been the instructor for MS I, II, and III cadets, who always enjoyed his rappelling demonstrations, tactical expertise, and enthusiastic teaching style. He also spearheaded the effort to provide all contracted cadets with the opportunity to earn the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, improving cadets’ swimming, sprinting, rucking, shooting, and military domain knowledge.

SFC Perez arrived at UD from 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment in Vilseck, Germany, with 12 years of service under his belt. He has been deployed 4 times, receiving many awards including the Purple Heart, Combat Action Badge, and the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster. SFC Perez, an avid Michigan fan, said of his experience at UD, “Before I came here, I had no clue where Dayton even was. Now, if the University of Michigan offered me a job today, I would turn it down. There’s no way it could be better than UD.”

Major Jeffrey Rosenberg, Professor of Military Science for the Fighting Flyers Battalion, hosted a farewell ceremony on the afternoon of February 3rd, 2016. It was attended by cadets, cadre, and 7th Brigade Commander Colonel Michael Hedges (pictured below). We cannot thank SFC Perez enough for his dedication and service to the program, and we wish him the best at Ft. Bliss!

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