



RGB: FORGED IN THE COLD

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Who we are

The RGB Battalion is a joint Army ROTC program between the College of William & Mary and Christopher Newport University. With 115 cadets, the battalion develops future Army officers committed to excellence, discipline, and service to the nation. Our mission is to cultivate leaders of character by instilling the Army Values while challenging cadets to excel academically, physically, and professionally. As students first, our cadets represent the integrity and tradition of both institutions, balancing rigorous coursework with demanding training and campus involvement. Through leadership development, tactical instruction, and a commitment to holistic growth, the RGB Battalion prepares adaptable, resilient officers ready to lead in a complex and evolving world.



FROM THE LEADERSHIP DESK



MESSAGE FROM THE PMS

“As we enter the final stretch of the semester, I challenge every cadet to stay focused and finish strong. Excellence is not seasonal – it is a standard we uphold in every class, every lab, and every formation. Look left and right. Lift each other up, hold one another accountable, and ensure no one falls short of the finish line. Strong teams finish together.”



LTC Billmann (PMS)



MAJ Hoffmann (XO)



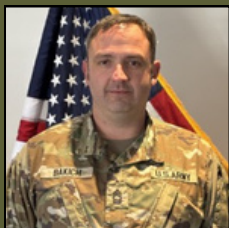
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MESSAGE FROM OUR CDT BC



Most Excited For: Younger cadets stepping into leadership

“Development doesn’t happen by accident, it happens through deliberate effort. I expect professionalism, mutual respect, and attention to detail. The habits we build here will follow us into the Army, and we owe it to ourselves and our future soldiers to build them the right way.”

MESSAGE FROM OUR CDT BN CSM



Most Excited For: Super Lab

“I expect everyone to be on time, with the right equipment, and motivated. The best training happens when everyone is fully invested”



Lab Trainings



Over the past few weeks, ROTC lab has focused on platoon tactics, including attack, ambush, and react to contact. Cadets have strengthened their tactical skills, leadership, and teamwork through hands-on training.

Ranger Challenge



The Ranger Challenge team (5 CNU, 5 W&M cadets) proudly represented the RGB at this year's 4th brigade Ranger Challenge competition. Cadets demonstrated grit, teamwork, and resilience through a series of physically and tactically demanding events. Among 49 programs in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern region, we earned an impressive 12th-place finish!

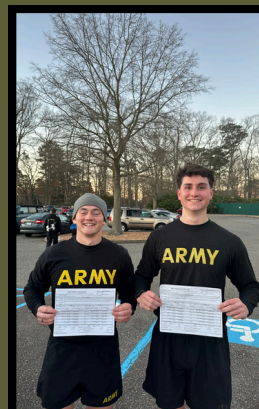
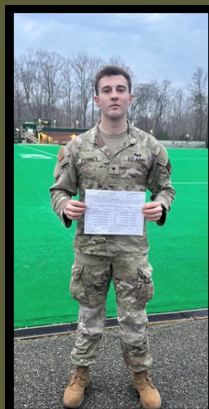
PHYSICAL TRAINING

Physical Training (PT) Update:

Cadets worked on strength and conditioning during PT, gearing up for the initial spring AFT. Despite freezing temperatures this winter, the battalion persevered through upper body and lower body workouts, distance runs and AFT focused drills.



AFT Spotlight



CDT Penney, CDT Terry, and CDT Peters each achieved a perfect score of 500 on the first spring Army Fitness Test (AFT) setting the standard for excellence within each company.



HOLISTIC HEALTH & FITNESS

The RGB has already made strides to prioritize holistic health and fitness this semester as part of the greater H2F Army initiative. H2F takes a holistic approach to fitness by addressing five readiness domains (physical, mental, nutrition, sleep, and spiritual). Cadets who take charge of their health, fitness, and well-being will optimize their performance in and out of the classroom while also preventing injury or disease.



Nutrition



A protein packed breakfast from the dining hall after PT

Mind & Body Recovery



Cadets sauna after PT to facilitate muscle recovery and mitigate stress

FRIESIDE CHAT: CHANCELLOR GATES



A/Co Cadets got the opportunity to interact with former Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, who currently serves as Chancellor of William & Mary.

Spring Contracting Ceremony

On February 26, 2026, Army and Navy contracting cadets took their oath of enlistment during the Military Appreciation basketball game in Kaplan Arena. Nine Army cadets and five Navy cadets marched in behind color guard and swore in at the command of Senior Enlisted Military Instructor: MSG Bornhoeft.



8-Mile Ruck



On February 10, 2026, cadets participated in an 8-mile ruck march as part of their training. The event tested their endurance, resilience, and teamwork while carrying a 35lb rucksack. Cadets showed discipline and determination throughout the march, strengthening both their physical readiness and unit cohesion.





EYES FOWARD

March and April bring a full training calendar as RGB continues to build momentum. Cadets will attend the Land Navigation on March 28, a Super Lab on April 11, followed by Military Ball on April 24th—key events that reinforce discipline, professionalism, and tactical proficiency.



Upcoming labs will focus on platoon operations, sharpening leadership skills and strengthening small-unit coordination. We are also preparing to host keynote speakers who will share insights on leadership, service, and the path to commissioning. Eyes forward—there is strong training ahead!



Donating to the Program

Each school has scholarships that support students. If you would like to learn more about each school's effort, click on the links below:

Link:

- [William & Mary](#)
- [Christopher Newport](#)

Scholarship Opportunities

The Army's top priority is the professional education of its soldiers. We offer academic scholarships to those willing to serve the United States by becoming Army Officers.

For scholarship information, contact Mr. Scott Fee, Associate Professor of Military Science/Scholarship and Retention Officer.

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