

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE

2000-2001 ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Twelve Months of Excitement

The Military Science Department recently completed a year filled with excitement and success. External and internal changes in both the military aspects of our program as well as the academic areas have combined to poise the department in its best posture in years. The faculty, staff, and more importantly, the students are extremely proud of the progress the department has made in the areas of technology enhancements, classroom and office upgrades, program improvements and student successes.

PROGRAM

Quantity will evolve from Quality

The department's philosophy is to focus on those cadets who have shown an interest in the program and ensure they are provided the best teaching, coaching, and mentoring possible to enhance their success as a student and as a future Army officer. This philosophy differs from the theory that increased freshmen enrollment will automatically increase the number of commissionees/graduates. The notion is that by creating a quality program and graduating the best quality students the number of future quality cadets will increase. Listed below is a sampling of the initiatives that have proven over the year to not only assist in retaining students, but to also improve the overall quality of the program.

The department has limited the enrollment in the freshmen class to 75. This will greatly decrease the student to faculty ratio in the classroom. The smaller classes also foster a greater amount of teamwork and cohesion among the students.

Class section meeting times are continually being modified to ensure there is not a conflict between required classes in the students various majors and ROTC. The department ensures that Military Science, as a minor, does not extend a student's time to degree by conflicting with required classes in the student's major.

Field trips this year included a trip to Madison to visit the Wisconsin Army National Guard Adjutant Generals Headquarters, 1-147th Aviation Battalion, The Veteran's War Museum and the Capitol. This fall, 10 students also participated with over 16,000 people from around the world in the world's largest 10 mile foot race in Washington DC. This trip could not have been accomplished without the help of the Wisconsin National Guard. They flew the Cadets free of charge to Washington DC and back.

The department transported freshmen students to Fort McCoy this past spring to fire M-16 rifles and M-60 machine guns during the department's annual Range Day. This day highlights safety, weapons familiarization, and is a major self-confidence booster for many of the freshmen Cadets.

Program indicators such as regional inspections and internal reviews help validate our training and program methodology. These reports speak favorably upon our program as well as highlight the professional work exhibited by our cadre.

FACILITIES

Functional and Fashionable

The department continues to upgrade the computer capability over the course of the year. This year we exchanged three computers out for three new computers. A laptop computer combined with a LCD projector is located in the classroom for both instructor and student use. Overhead slide usage continues to decline as instructor's transition to the Power Point slides and access the Internet.

The ROTC Students have 24-hour access to the three computers we currently have in our computer lab.

FIELD TRAINING EXERCISES

Truly Unique Field Experiences

Military Science students were given several opportunities to apply the leadership skills they obtained in the classroom in an outdoor environment. The cadets planned, organized and then executed several field-training exercises over the course of the year. All training was conducted professionally, was beneficial to the students, and was without incident or major injury.

UWSP ROTC Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX)

The Military Science Department transported 92 students to Fort McCoy last fall to participate in the annual Fall FTX. This Field Exercise has two primary objectives, it provides the upper class level students an excellent operation planning-through-execution opportunity, and it provides the first-year students an excellent introduction to a military environment. Students participate in various rappel-training scenarios, conduct confidence and obstacle courses, rope bridging operations, and jump from a 34-foot tower that replicates the leap a paratrooper makes from an aircraft. It is a fast-paced and exciting weekend for those who participate. The first-year students encounter physical and mental stresses during these situations that they never faced before, thus eliciting the phrase-Just Do It!

Joint Field Training Exercise (Madison, Oshkosh, Marquette & Point)

Over one hundred juniors and seniors from four of our Wisconsin campuses gathered in April at Fort McCoy, WI to practice for their summer evaluation. Juniors were placed in a high-pressure leadership environment and evaluated in a variety of areas. This weekend of training simulated the conditions they would later experience at Advanced Camp during the summer months. Combining the faculty from the different universities in both number and talents creates a cadre of instructors impossible to replicate on a single campus. Additionally, it allowed all the cadets to meet cadets from sister schools and learn from each other.

Ranger Challenge

The Ranger Challenge team represented the university and our program well when they finished a respectable fourth out of ten teams competing at the annual Fort McCoy event. The competition pushed the teams to their mental and physical limits by testing them in land navigation, M-16 marksmanship, radio communications, hand grenade assault course, a fitness test consisting of a two mile run, push-ups, and sit-ups and a 10 kilometer road march in full combat gear. We expect to continue to build on this success with this year's team.

ROTC Basic Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky

Students who start late in the ROTC program may attend a five-week leadership internship called Camp Challenge. Upon completion, the Cadets receive retroactive GDR elective credits for the 100 and 200 level military science courses they did not receive as underclassmen, a tax-free salary, and the opportunity for a two-year scholarship. Four UWSP students attended this year's camp. The Commanding General offered one UWSP student, CJ Responi, a scholarship based upon his performance at camp. Another Cadet, Joy Lemay, validated a two-year scholarship that we offered her before camp. The other two Cadets are pursuing options with local Reserve Component units in order to receive their commissions.

ROTC Advance Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington

The juniors departed for ROTC Advance Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington for five weeks of leadership evaluation, and training. This summer training will have a large impact on their choices of assignments and job selection in the Army once they graduate and are commissioned. All UWSP students met all camp requirements and 4 students even exceeded camp averages. Additionally, many cadets attending Advance Camp participated in follow-on additional training provided by the Army such as Airborne school. Cadet Brady Clark also was selected to perform Cadet leadership training at the Pentagon. Cadet Mary Almquist attended leadership training in Germany. Cadet Joseph Rasmussen attended leadership training in Maryland. Major Pat Beyer, Sergeant First Class Larry Goins, and Sergeant Carl Duerson served at Advance Camp this summer. Their experiences at camp will prove beneficial in preparing the coming year's on-campus training for the department.

ENROLLMENT/MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Looking Good, Feeling Good

Incoming freshmen recruiting efforts proved to be quite fruitful with an aggressive campaign that emphasized leadership training, self-confidence and teamwork. The department worked in concert with John Timcak and presented a Power Point presentation to the freshmen orientation groups. Again, these overviews focused on gaining freshmen interest in our program as well as educate the parents of our students. Our briefing received laudatory comments from both parents and students alike.

ROTC Color Guard participated in several university functions to include Homecoming, Commencement, and the annual Native American Convention.

The cadets continued their cleanup efforts along Highway P on the outskirts of the city as part of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Adopt-a-Highway program.

Cadets and Cadre volunteered their free time to help support the UWSP fall blood drive.

The Cadets and Cadre volunteered their time and led over 30 hours of UWSP campus tours to prospective UWSP students and their parents.

The Cadre, in conjunction with Frank O'Brien and the athletic department, volunteered their time to participate in this summer's annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament as officials for the games.

The Cadets and Cadre developed an ROTC Team to walk/run in support of UWSP's first-annual Relay For Life to help raise money for cancer research.

The Cadets also participated in the annual Frostbite Run in support of the local YMCA.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Get money from Uncle Sam instead

A prospective student can be awarded a scholarship worth more than \$30,000 for four years. The award is based strictly on merit to the most outstanding students who apply. This past year, we awarded two of these scholarships to incoming freshmen, Cadets John Larson and Travis Atkins. This coming year, we awarded another to incoming freshman Cadet Philip Sousa. If a student missed the scholarship opportunity in high school, there are still two and three year ROTC scholarships available on campus. All contracted ROTC cadets receive the \$200 monthly allowance while in school. Many of our cadets choose to serve as "officer trainees" under the increasingly popular Simultaneous Membership Program. This program allows students to participate in ROTC and a local Reserve Component unit to gain more leadership experience and financial support. Currently, our program has 20 cadets belonging to the Wisconsin Army National Guard and 2 Cadets from the U.S. Army Reserve.

PERSONNEL

Talent Overcomes Turmoil & Turbulence

ARRIVALS

NONE

DEPARTURES

MSG Hart retired from the military and departed 15 Septmeber 2000. His replacement is scheduled to arrive on 20 Aug 2001.

Outlook for the Future

Army ROTC: Continuing to Produce America's Future Leaders

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Army ROTC Department continues to educate and train its Cadets so that each graduate shall have the attributes essential to professional growth as an officer in the Army, and to inspire each to a lifetime of service to the Nation.