



The Receiving Line

# THE CHCORI CHRONICLES

4TH NINE WEEKS

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## Military Ball

The Military Ball is one special event that CHCORI cadets look forward to all year. The Knight Battalion and the CHCORI Battalion come together as one to celebrate achievements and enjoy each other's company. The entire night is formal, until the dancing begins. We got to go through a receiving line and pass through an arc of swords held by our Honor Guard.

The Colors were posted and toasts to the military given by seniors from both battalions. The Hat Ceremony honoring those who are missing and remember those who have fallen for our country was very moving. This year, we heard the guest speaker, BG Blake Ortner give an amazing speech on, "Never letting opportunities pass us by." He encouraged us to be bold and get involved and have a positive impact on others. As

dinner was served, everyone got to talk and hang out with the people at their tables. The



Left to Right: Princess: Robert Bledsoe, King: Michael Geukgeuzian, Queen: Ginny Frischkorn

King and Queen were announced, but another important tradition is that we also have a CHCORI princess. This year the King was Michael Geukgeuzian, the Queen was Ginny Frischkorn, and the "Princess" was Robert Bledsoe. These cadets were delighted to accept the titles for the night. After the Colors were retired for the evening, cadets from both battalions danced and enjoyed cake. Even LTC Barham, Senior

Army Instructor of the CHCORI battalion showed everyone some fancy dance moves. After the ball, a tradition for some is to go to IHOP. That night the restaurant was filled with many JROTC cadets, Knight and CHCORI cadets alike. One of the CHCORI cadets, Heidi Randhahn, said, "It was the best night of my life! It was so much fun with all the formal traditions, food, music, and dancing. A lot of cadets from both battalions went to IHOP and it was just a great time together." Cadets will talk about this night till the next ball. It gets better every year!



All the Cadets dancing and having a good time.

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# JROTC OLYMPICS



The Cadets in the first event: the pushups

The Eagle Battalion, Knight Battalion, and the CHCORI Battalion had a great time!

The CHCORI battalion working together in the tire flip



The JROTC Olympics are a new way to meet other JROTC battalions in the area during a friendly competition. This year on May 17, 2014 was the first JROTC Olympics and it will now take place every year. This year the three battalions that participated were the Eagle Battalion, The Knight Battalion, and the CHCORI Battalion.

There was an activity for every single cadet out there! The events consisted of the push-ups, sit-ups, tire flip, Australian trolley, obstacle course, 4 by 100 relay, three legged race, volley ball, kickball, and of course cheering for your fellow cadets.

When the cadets arrived everyone helped set up the events. Then the opening ceremonies were led by

Cadet Major Hannah Cannon from the CHCORI battalion. The Spot-sylvania color guard did an

excellent job. Then it was right into the events. The first events were the push-ups and sit-ups. After that the day was kicked off into an awesome, fun competition. While some cadets participated in the events, others were waiting and they either cheered or played games of volley ball and football for fun. This day was planned by



The Australian trolley

the cadets and run by the cadets. Once an event was completed, it was cleaned up. This made for a very smooth day. By the time all the events were over the whole place was already cleaned and ready for the closing ceremony. First at the closing ceremony the individual awards were passed out. Every battalion

had at least one person win an individual award. The overall winner for the first JROTC Olympic.... Was the CHORI battalion! The Knight battalion was in a close second with the Eagle battalion following. Every battalion did an awesome job. The point of the JROTC Olympics was to meet other battalions and have a fun competition. That was exactly what happened. The first JROTC Olympics were a success and will continue to happen every year.



CHCORI Battalion takes the win at the first annual JROTC Olympics!

# CHCORI ORGANIZATION DAY



Every year the CHCORI Battalion has Organization day at Loriella Park. This is a day where the battalion companies, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and the seniors, get to compete in a friendly competition while getting to know people from other companies better. The day starts with the opening ceremonies and then the games begin.

The events started with the push-ups and sit-ups. All the cadets who participated in this even did awesome! Then it was off to many other events. To make the day more time efficient two games were going at the same time. There was volley ball, football, kickball, Australian



**Alpha Company!**

### The Seniors!

trolley, basketball and the three legged race. At all the events, there were people cheering on their companies. "This is one of my favorite days as a cadet," said c/LTC Kathryn Hobbs. "I love the CHCORI spirit when we get together and have fun."

An event that usually attracts the most people is volley ball. One cadet, Samuel Foltz, said "Volley ball was my favorite thing there." Samuel also said, "All the cooperation between the different companies was cool." This is awesome for people to hear because even though all the companies are going for the win, they are still concerned with helping each other out and having fun.

After all the activities were over, all the companies helped clean up Loriella Park. Then, the cadets gathered for the closing ceremonies. The top three female and male PT awards were given out. For the guys, Collin Roberts took first place for Push-ups, followed by Jemal Cooper and Hunter O'Dell.

Collin also took first for Sit-ups. Caleb Thorburn was second and Hunter

O'Dell was third. Morgan Patterson won the Push-up event for the girls followed by Taylor Breen and Sara McKishen. Morgan also took the Sit-ups event followed by Amber Haag and Sara McKishen. Also this year one of the senior cadets, Scotty Hancock, who is the "CHCORI Santa Clause," passed off his hat to ... who will now be the new CHCORI "Santa Clause." Then the winner of the day was announced. Bravo Company won this year's Organizational Day. All the companies and the seniors did an awesome job and had a lot of fun. This year's organization



**Charlie Company!**

*"This was one of my favorite days as a cadet!"*  
-c/LTC  
**Kathryn Hobbs**



**Bravo Company!**

# CHANGE OF COMMAND



The cadets of the CHCORI Battalion had to partake in a nerve-wrecking night—the night of promotions and awards. It was time that the Colors would be passed and that the new battalion commander would step up to the plate. It was time that we saw the graduating seniors receive their gifts as they attended their very last ceremony of our spirited battalion.

The smiling parents lit up the crowds and clicked their cameras away as the CHCORI cadets filed into the gymnasium of Courtland High School. Programs in hand and memories to be made, the cadets took their seats on the bleachers and listened for their names to be called for promotions and awards. It was a very emotional night for Kathryn Hobbs ('14) as she passed the colors on to James Triplett ('15), the new Battalion Commander. It was a night of flaring nerves and flowing tears for many cadets receiving their new positions of leadership. Happiness and thankfulness flooded the room; not only for the new leaders, but also for the “retiring” group who had a great experience in the battalion.

It was particularly an emotional night for C/MAJ Joelle Henry ('15), the new Battalion XO, when during the ceremony



**The new battalion Chain of Command.**

Hannah Cannon ('14) removed her rank and placed it on Joelle's shoulders. This truly symbolized the passing of responsibility from one chain of command to the next. Following up was the new C/CSM Alexandra Parent ('16), ready to work with Joelle and James. Along with these ranks were the new First Sergeants of the battalion. Friends and families congratulated Alpha Company C/1SG Matthew Luther ('16), Bravo Company C/1SG Hunter

O'Dell ('16), and Charlie Company C/1SG Juan Mamboyo ('16).

This cadet run, cadet led, hardworking battalion was definitely prepared for this amplifying event. As the cadets and families filed out of the gym, the cafeteria began to fill as inter-company promotions took place in the gym and commons of Courtland. Let 1s, 2s, 3s, and 4s smiled as they received their new ribbons, ranks, arcs, wreaths, and lamps. Applause roared through the building and cheers echoed. The 2014-2015 Change of Command in the CHCORI Battalion was a night to remember.



**The 2013-14 Cadet of the year: Samuel Foltz**