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Our MIT Alumni hero of the month



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CDT Collard conducted an internship with the DA G-3/5/7 and was recognized as doing an exceptional job. His impact to LTG Flynn's amazing team conducting strategic level planning operations was simply remarkable. At the end of August, the Paul Revere Battalion partnered with BU, UMaine, and Northestern for Operations Agile Leader, a rigorous 8-day exercise to test, train, and develop MSIV cadets prior to commissioning. The Task Force worked flawlessly together as 6/9 Policy Letter #9 tasks were trained with the remaining three (Chemical, 12mile foot march, and Call for fire) being trained on the respective campuses. The Massachusetts Army National Guard members were the MVP of the Task Force, conducting the major muscle movements from transportation of cadets to weapons issue and accountability.

A MONTH TO REMEMBER

Additionally, the MA National Guard, hosted a spectacular Branch Day to expose the cadets the multitude of options the Army offers. Without a doubt, Infantry, Signal, Engineer, and Cyber branches caught the eye of most cadets during the round robin training event. As OAL closed out, the cadre and cadets transitioned to academia and fine-tuned the training events and major initiatives for the semester.





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As the MIT Army ROTC program continues its tradition towards excellence, we would like to thank the hard work of our amazing past, present, and future cadets. This program wouldn't be recognized as #1 in the National Order of Merit Score (OMS) two years running without the dedication of the entire team.

The OMS is a combination of GPA, Summer training attended by cadets, and various other tasks like Army Physical Fitness Test and extracurricular activities. As an average of these tasks accumulate over the cadets college years, the cadets are national ranked, which leads them to the branch and component (Reg Army, Reserve, NG) choice.

The seniors this years are as strong as ever and we are super proud of their perseverance through these unprecedented times. They continue modernize the program and ensure success in the classroom with very creative ways to track and manage systems. Without a doubt, MIT is a gem under the ROTC umbrella as we continue to set conditions for future ROTC training objectives. –MAJ Allen "#1 Order of Merit Score (OMS) in the nation two years running"





A MAJOR ALUMNI IMPACT

As Many of you know, an Alumni email was recently sent out to bring the MIT family back together. There were some awesome responses as one is highlighted below from Switzerland.

"What a great idea! A chance for a lot of new opportunities and shared experiences!

I was ROTC and graduated Course V (Chemistry) in 1960. I was also Pershing Rifles P-2, which meant I had a chance of visiting a couple of other schools in the area with PR units.

Instead of going straight into the Army I spent a year in California doing a Master's degree (in Chemistry at Santa Barbara) and <u>then</u> went to the US Army Chemical Center at Edgewood Arsenal (Maryland) for two years, finishing my military career as a 1st Lieutenant, US Army Chemical Corps. Fascinating stuff learning about (and then training others) chemical warfare in all of its aspects!

I then stayed in the chemical field until retirement, working in virtually all aspects of chemistry. I worked for huge generalist chemical companies (e.g. DuPont) and small, specialist ones (e.g. Sandoz), huge consulting firms (Battelle) and small, specialist ones (Consultex), and retiring from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in charge of the Chemical Industry Program! Now I have transformed myself into a guru on Fusion Energy, and have created *Fusion Advocates*, a registered NGO promoting the concept of clean energy from fusion.

I live in Switzerland, and was a founding member of the MIT Club of Switzerland."

Dr. Howard Hornfield

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