2017 Blazer Battalion Participants of this semester’s Fall FTX with University of Alabama and Jacksonville State University

Cadet Jaber halts as he approaches his point during his practical Land Navigation exercise.

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Community Service with the Lakeshore Foundation and USA Track & Field

28 UAB ROTC Cadets supported the Lakeshore Foundation’s hosting of over 300 children from five different schools for RunJumpThrow (RJT); a hands-on learning program created by USA Track & Field.

Each Cadet worked at each of the 10 Stations provided while leading, motivating, and encouraging the children to exercise and enjoy the day’s festivities.

Outreach is a critical portion of the Blazer Battalion’s mission of developing leaders and ensuring the Army and UAB is well represented and a contributor to the Birmingham community.
MSIV Academy

MSIV Academy sets the conditions for success by teaching incoming MSIV’s (Seniors) about their new leadership positions and how to operate as a Command Team and Staff under Mission Command.

The MSIV Academy provided classes on the Eight Step Training Model, Mission Command, MDMP and OPORD production.
LABS
The Blazer Battalion teaches various tactical skills, builds teamwork, and promotes fitness during lab hours. Labs provides critical training for actions-on objective, patrolling, and other facets of small unit operations. Labs are also dual purpose, newer cadets are trained and upperclassmen develop their teaching and leadership skills as the actual trainers while preparing for Advance Camp.
**Color Guard**

Commanded by CDT Robert King, the UAB Color Guard is the face of the battalion and represent the program at all home football games along with several other events.

The UAB Color Guard is one of the most visible and active organizations at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in support of university and community events.
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Ranger Challenge

Commanded by CDT Zachary Resendez, the UAB Ranger Challenge Team trains for and competes in annual competition against 10 other universities in a series physically demanding combat skill sets.

In late October, the team placed 4th out of 10 universities despite being one of the youngest teams in the competition and clearly demonstrated its potential to be a major player in years to come.
This year’s Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) took place at Fort McClellan and allowed cadets to train with The University of Alabama and Jacksonville State University Battalions.

This year’s FTX consisted of a targeted focus on Land Navigation and allowed Cadets to demonstrate their knowledge of plotting points, shooting azimuths, and tracking pace counts to reach destinations.
Cadet Isaac King received the Society of American Military Engineers award.

The award was established by the U.S. Army to provide recognition of meritorious achievement to a select few outstanding military engineering students from across the nation.

Cadet King is from Dothan, Alabama, plans on going National Guard and branching Aviation.

Cadet King is currently the Blazer Battalion Commander
Newly Contracted Cadets

A Contracted Cadet is an individual that has committed themselves, in both contract and oath, to serving as an officer in the U.S. Army upon graduation and completion of ROTC requirements. The following individuals made the commitment so far this semester.

The Fall Semester Contracted cadets consist of:

• Jorge Santos  
  From Dallas, Texas  
  Joined the National Guard  
  Majoring in Public Health  
  Wants to branch Signal.

• Kyle Sample  
  From Alabaster, Alabama  
  Join the National Guard  
  Majoring in Criminal Justice  
  Wants to branch Military Police

• Sarah Rabenau  
  From Chelsea, Alabama  
  Wants to go Active Duty  
  Majoring in Electrical Engineering  
  Wants to branch Military Intelligence

• Forrest Richardson  
  From Pell City, Alabama  
  Wants to go Active Duty  
  Majoring in Computer Science  
  Wants to branch Cyber

• Hunter Curtis  
  From Corner, Alabama  
  Wants to go Active Duty  
  Undecided Branch Preference

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