

Mines Army ROTC Battalion receives MacArthur Award, ranking top program in Fifth Brigade, among the top 8 programs in the Nation

The Golden Buffalo Battalion, hosted by the University of Colorado at Boulder and including Colorado School of Mines, Metropolitan State University Army ROTC and 11 other affiliate schools, was selected from among 275 Senior Army ROTC units for the 2014-15 MacArthur Award.

The awards, presented by Cadet Command and the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Foundation, recognize the ideals of "duty, honor and country" as advocated by MacArthur. Cadet Command and the MacArthur Foundation have given the awards each year since 1989.

The award is given to the top schools within each of eight brigades across the nation and is based on a combination of the achievement of the school's commissioning mission, its cadet's performance, standing on the command's National Order of Merit List, and Cadet retention rate.

The schools to receive this year's MacArthur Award are:

Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont which represents Cadet Command's 1st Brigade. The brigade consists of the nation's six senior military colleges and five of the military junior colleges.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania, which represents 2nd Brigade. The brigade consists of the 42 senior Army ROTC programs in the northeast.

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, which represents 3rd Brigade. The brigade consists of the 41 senior Army ROTC programs in the Midwest.

The University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, which represents 4th Brigade. The brigade consists of the 38 senior Army ROTC programs in the mid-Atlantic region.

University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, (Including Colorado School of Mines and Metro State University and their Affiliates), which represents 5th Brigade. The brigade includes the 36 senior Army ROTC programs in the southwest.

The University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, which represents 6th Brigade. The brigade consists of the 39 senior Army ROTC programs in the southeastern United States and Puerto Rico.

Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee, which represents 7th Brigade. The brigade

consists of the 38 senior Army ROTC programs in the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee and Kentucky.

The University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii, which represents 8th Brigade. The brigade consists of the 30 senior Army ROTC programs on the West Coast, as well as Hawaii, Alaska and Guam.

The Golden Buffalo Battalion has received the MacArthur Award twice in the past three years.



Photo – Cadets from the Golden Buffalo Battalion prepare for helicopter operations training on South Table Mountain, April, 2015