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EWU ROTC fall 2018, contracting cadets left to right, Jacob Villasenor, Samantha Knight, Christopher Millward, Isabelle Erickson, Adam Burnside, Chad Triplett, Jazmin Castrejon-Zagal, Jameson Palmer, Matthew Jeffs, Andreas Brazier.

## EWU ROTC CONTRACTS 10 CADETS INTO THE U.S. ARMY AT HISTORIC SHOWALTER HALL

On Sept. 20, 2018, the Eastern Washington University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program contracted 10 cadets into the U.S. Army. The Army ROTC contracting ceremony was held on the eastside grounds of Showalter Hall, which is the oldest building on EWU's campus. Showalter Hall was built in 1915 when EWU was a teachers' college. College of Social Sciences Dean Jonathan Anderson, CSS Business Officer Bill Shaw, Veterans Resource Center Director Dave Millet, Veterans Resource Center Benefits Supervisor/School Certifying Official Lena Tanquay, and fellow cadets, alumni, friends and family, attended the contracting ceremony. Contracting cadets recited the Oath of Enlistment given to them by Lt. Col. Jonathan Stafford, the professor of military science and department chair for the EWU ROTC program. An Act of Congress on Sept. 29, 1789 approved the first Oath of Enlistment under the Constitution. It applied to all commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted soldiers in the United States military.

## EWU ROTC GRADUATE EARNS HIS HELICOPTER PILOT WINGS

Congratulations to 2LT Steven Ochman, EWU ROTC class of 2017, for his recent successful completion of training as a CH-47 Chinook helicopter pilot at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, home to the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence. 2 LT Ochman's next duty station will be at Hunter Army Airfield outside of Savannah, Georgia. Great job, 2LT Ochman, for your well-deserved accomplishment in earning your pilot wings!



## NEW EWU ROTC CADRE MEMBER, SFC DAVID RATLIFF

New Cadre member, SFC David Ratliff, transports "Lil Eag" EWU ROTC U.S. Army Jeep and our historic 75 mm M1A1 Pack howitzer to Roos Field for the EWU football game against Cal Poly, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018.

SFC David Ratliff was born in Greeneville, Tennessee, where he joined the U.S. Marines in 2002. In 2009, he joined the U.S. Army as a combat engineer and has been stationed at the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for the past five years.

After completing his leadership training, he was assigned to EWU ROTC.



## JUMP START 2018 INTRODUCES NEW FRESHMAN CADETS TO THE EWU ROTC PROGRAM



EWU ROTC conducted its annual Operation Jump Start during the week of Sept. 10-14. The purpose of the five-day event was to in process first-year cadets, settle them into their dorm rooms, introduce them to Army physical fitness, and conduct initial soldier skills training. The EWU ROTC Jump Start camp was an excellent training event. A major highlight of this weeklong event was the landing of a UH-72A Lakota helicopter during the outdoor field portion of the training at Camp Seven Mile just outside of Spokane. The Seven Mile training area is part of the beautiful Riverside State Park. The EWU ROTC program gives a big THANK YOU to the Washington State National Guardsmen who are part of the Charlie Company, 1-112th Aviation Security and Support based out of Fairchild AFB, Washington, for supporting Jump Start activities this year. The helicopter was crewed by CW2 Cody Heathman, CW2 Dave Caporicci and 2nd Lt. Brett Johnson. They provided an overview brief about the helicopter and answered questions about Army aviation and being a National Guard officer.



## WELCOME BACK LAB FOR EWU ROTC CADETS

Cadets held formation during week one's lab where cadet Bent (left), the company commander, and cadet Stanton (right), the first sergeant, spoke to the entire Fighting Eagles Company about their expectations during labs this quarter.

During this week's lab, the squad leaders conducted team-building activities where they continued to get to know the new members of their team. Lt. Col. Stafford, the EWU professor of military science, held a cadet contracting ceremony and presented awards to individual cadets for their performance at various ROTC events during the summer. The lab was immediately followed by the cadets' first training meeting of the year in Cadet Hall.



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