

UCONN R.O.T.C. Competes at Ranger Challenge

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Fort Dix, NJ – Between
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Cadets crawling under barbed wire

Cadets from the Nathan Hale Battalion competed in Ranger Challenge at Fort Dix in New Jersey.

Ranger Challenge is an event that takes place annually in which Cadets compete against R.O.T.C. programs from other schools. Ranger Challenge consists of events that push the limits of Cadets, both mentally and physically. Events ranged from filling sand bags to evacuating a casualty, which weighed 175 pounds, by way of a 10K foot march. UCONN's team did not score as high as they had wanted, losing most of their points because of slow times. Cadet William Malcolm, the team captain, explained why the team's times were lacking, saying that "when confronted with the time graded tasks at the competition we lost many points because of our desire to do what was right rather than what was easy."



Nathan Hale Battalion Ranger Challenge Team

He also said that "on many of the lanes the team was told that regardless of our score, our motivation and our tactical proficiency was higher than that of almost every other team." Overall, the UCONN Ranger Challenge team performed to high standard, leaving the event more united and with their heads held high looking forward to next years competition.