

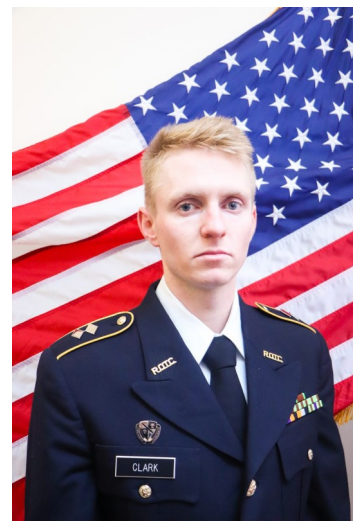
# SEATTLEU

## BRADY BATTALION

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### C/BC NATHAN CLARK

“At the end of last quarter, I was notified about my new position as Battalion Commander. Going into finals week fall quarter, I could not have predicted the challenges faced by this Battalion nor the great steps forward we have taken. Physical Training scores have greatly improved, through the hard work put in by Cadets during regularly scheduled PT and time put in during individual physical training sessions. The continued improvement is a testament to the time put into planning by the Cadet Battalion Staff, and the determination to progress by our younger Cadets. Starting last quarter, the MS4 class began planning winter quarter’s training exercise, and the extra time planning showed the weekend of March 06-08. Due to this, MS1s, MS2s, and MS3s were able to successfully conduct six platoon missions over the course of a day and a half, which is the most done by this program during a winter quarter FTX. I am proud to have worked alongside Cadet Command Sergeant Major Kalana Agampodi, and appreciate the hard work of the Cadet Battalion Staff, lead by Cadet XO Thomas Almojuela and Cadet S3 Mary Forbes. The program took a step in the right direction this quarter and I am honored to have been a part of that progress.”



### C/CSM KALANA AGAMPODI

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“I had the privilege of serving as the Command Sergeant Major of the Brady Battalion in winter quarter 2020 alongside my best friend and my brother, Battalion Commander Nathan Clark. The Command Sergeant Major is the senior noncommissioned officer in a unit who advises the commander on all issues related to the enlisted ranks. Commanders employ their Command Sergeant Major throughout an area of operations to extend command influence, assess morale of the force, and assist during critical events. My goal was to set an example and lead by example, and at the same time to improve myself as a leader and my ability to make decisions even at hard times. I could not have done this without the help of PMS LTC Reddin, MSG Harder, BC Clark and my beloved MS4s. The Brady Battalion will continue to grow and better itself and I am glad that I was a part of it. One day I can proudly say that I was a Cadet in the Seattle University Brady Battalion.”

## WINTER 2020 FTX

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Seattle University ROTC provides Cadets with invaluable skills that they can carry with them throughout their careers. In order to put these skills to the test, Cadets participate in Field Training Exercises (FTX) at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.



This quarter, Cadets spent two nights and three days in the field, honing in on their skills and practicing military tactics. While the rest of their peers were asleep, ROTC Cadets were putting on their rucks and getting ready for a weekend in the woods.

Friday morning, Cadets got off the bus and went straight into squad tactics. Here, they were able to conduct movements in a small size element and get comfortable with battle drills. After a full morning, Cadets moved to the land navigation course. During Land Navigation, the MS1 and MS2 Cadets were split into teams. The MS3 Cadets were tasked to go about the course by themselves in order to prepare for Advanced Camp. Each team or individual had to find three out of four points within three hours for day and one out of two points for night. The night ended with Cadets building their tents to sleep in for the weekend.



Saturday morning started early with a platoon sized mission. Cadets in their MS3 year rotated through leadership positions and were able to demonstrate their tactical knowledge by leading missions. MS3 Cadet Velasquez spoke on her experience.

“Winter FTX was a great learning experience, especially for the MSIII class, that allowed us to apply

the military tactics we had been learning in the classroom in a practical setting. Over the span of three days, we ran squad and platoon missions as well as a day and night land navigation course that tested our attributes and competencies. To simulate a more realistic tactical environment, we additionally used M4s, M249s, M240s, and singcar radios during our missions and were responsible for maintaining the equipment given to us. Overall, this FTX allowed us to put into practice our leadership abilities and discover the importance of grit, perseverance, and, most importantly, teamwork.”

The Brady Battalion concluded the FTX with weapons maintenance of the M4s, M249s, and M240Bs.



## SOUNDERS GAME

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This year, Seattle University Cadets had the opportunity to participate in the Seattle Sounders opening ceremony thanks to the coordinating efforts of MSG Harder. Cadets and other active or retired military had the honor of holding the flag during the National Anthem.

Cadet Forbes was one of the eight Cadets who was able to partake in this event. She described it as an “unforgettable experience.”

“You always see people on TV holding the flag, but actually being down there and a part of something like that is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” said Forbes.

Seattle University Cadets can look forward to this experience as this opportunity is offered at every Sounders home game. The Brady Battalion will continue to engage in the community and find great participation opportunities for the Cadets along the way.



## AWARDS CEREMONY

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Each quarter, the Brady Battalion recognizes Cadets who go above and beyond in academics, athletics, and military leadership. This quarter we had the privilege of handing out a total of 92 awards, with five Cadets being recognized for their outstanding performance during FTX. Cadets Cayaban, Moffett, Perez, Garces, and Lieb were recognized in the awards ceremony for their outstanding performance during the Winter Quarter FTX. Their contributions to the squad and platoon sized missions set the standard for all Brady Battalion Cadets to follow.



## CONTRACTING

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Contracting as an Army ROTC Cadet is an honor and a privilege. This quarter, the Brady Battalion proudly contracted twelve Cadets. The experience of swearing in is something that Cadets will remember forever.

Cadet Ignacio reflected on his unique experience with contracting as a Seattle University Army ROTC Cadet.

“When I first started my time at the Brady Battalion, I had a few setbacks that nearly could have prevented me from contracting. I believed that my opportunities with the U.S. Army ended with an e-mail, before the first Tuesday class of Military Science during winter quarter 2019. However, the Brady Battalion cadre urged me to be persistent. For weeks on end, I did not know what my future with the ROTC program would be. I still attended PT and did the FTXs with the support of my peers in ROTC.



Now, winter quarter 2020, I am a contracted Cadet and am well on my way to Cadet Summer Training in Ft. Knox, Kentucky. During the one and a half years I have been with the program, I have grown an incredible amount as a leader, and, more importantly, as a person. It feels great knowing that I can pursue my goals in the U.S. Army. I'm happy knowing I held on even when things were uncertain on my end. I feel that contracting was both an honor and a privilege; this is such a wonderful opportunity to serve my nation while advancing my individual education. I look forward to serving as an officer in the United States Army, but more importantly, seeing what my future has in store.”

The Brady Battalion is proud to welcome: Cadets Igancio, Midorikawa, Souza, Moffett, Rollins, Sepulveda, Manglona, Danieli, Lugo, Childs, Demint, and Guizzetti into our ROTC family!



## Winter Quarter 2020



### ***PLEASE NOTE:***

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Seattle University has moved all spring quarter classes online, and the majority of our students will be leaving campus for the remainder of the school year by April 4. Our planned spring quarter events are currently suspended, pending further guidance from the university, and our King County and Washington State Public Health systems.

While we regret that our Cadets will be missing training opportunities throughout the upcoming quarter, we support and appreciate the university's efforts to prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of our campus community.

***Thank you for your continued support of the Brady Battalion!***

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