



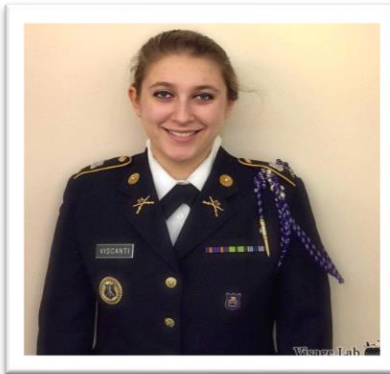
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P/R National Commander's Message



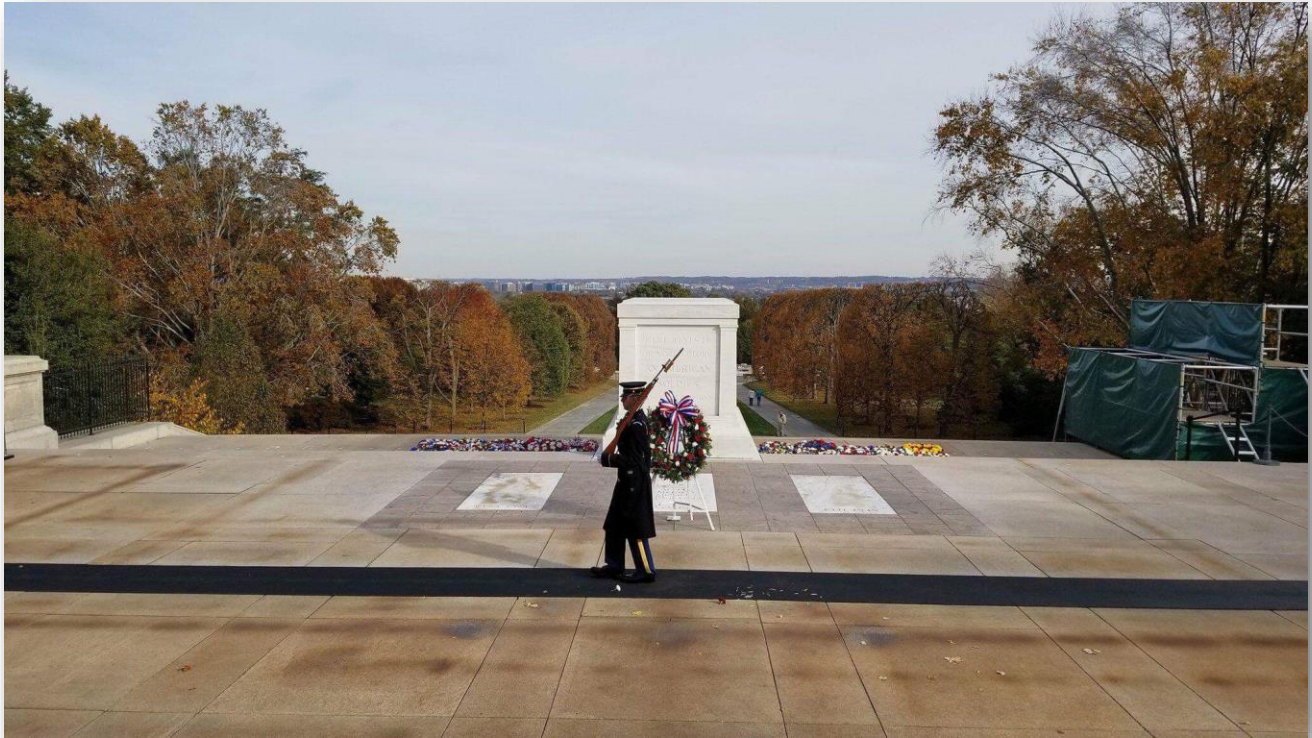
P/R Major General Carrie Viscanti:

Greetings Riflemen,

I hope this message finds every one of you well! As my time as National Commander comes to an end soon, I would like to say thanks to every riflemen within this society that has made efforts to carry on General Pershing's legacy. Without your hard work and efforts, none of my success wouldn't be possible! The end of January is coming very quickly and as such, we are reminded that NATCON is quickly approaching. My goals for this year's NATCON is for every company commander to attend and for an increase in participation in the drill competitions. The convention is intended to foster brotherhood and for each of our companies and riflemen to create bonds with other schools and individuals. As with all organizations, we are only as strong as our weakest member, but when we come together we have the power to affect our organization for years to come. I'd ask each of you to think about how you can contribute to make this amazing conference the best it can be. Leadership can be both formal and informal. Lead, not only when assigned or appointed to a task or role, but also by recognizing and stepping forward to answer that which has not been formally asked yet. Informal leaders see what needs to be done and they step forward and do it!

Finally, remember, the task ahead of you is never as great as the power behind you!

An Expedition to Honor the Expeditionary Forces and Their Commander



-P/R COL Kyle Rable

“On Veteran’s Day weekend members of the National Headquarters met with the CEO of the PRG to participate in a weekend full of brotherhood and remembrance of the troops General of the Armies Pershing led into Europe. They attended a ceremony at Pershing Park that was dedicating a new monument to General Pershing and his Doughboys. Attending this ceremony where many distinguished individuals, such as The Chief of Staff of the Army General Mark A. Milley and Ms. Sandra Pershing herself along with many foreign dignitaries and military representatives. General Milley gave a passionate speech about the exploits of General Pershing and discussed the last legacy of WWI. Later that night we were grateful to be able to have dinner with Ms. Pershing herself and were treated to tails of General Pershing’s private life and of her late husband, Colonel John Pershing III.

On Veteran’s Day itself, we visited Arlington National Cemetery for a wreath lying ceremony on General Pershing’s grave. Again, there were many distinguished guests including Pershing Rifles Alumni, Major General Higgins, along with many other U.S. Military and foreign military representatives. Major General Higgins swore in the new Blackjacks into the National Society of Blackjacks during the ceremony. With many words discussing the impacts General Pershing and the Great War wreaths were laid at the General’s grave. After the ceremony we then headed to dinner with Major General Higgins and many other alumni. Major General Higgins gave a good talking to us soon to be officers and the Blackjacks on leadership and to always look for ways to better ourselves and never grow content with the way things are. With lessons on leadership, self-discipline, and honor, we will remember them for the rest of our lives.

A Look Back from Last Year

P/R CAPT Scanlan

As we embark on all the festivities this year's NATCON will hand us, we must reminisce on last year's convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

Last year's NATCON was monumental in many ways. We claimed a new champion of the John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Meet with Clemson's own Company C-4 taking home a couple of awards, like Squad Exhibition and Individual Exhibition, but most importantly the national title, Varsity Rifles! With the attendance of General of the Armies John J. Pershing's Granddaughter-In-Law, Ms. Sandra Pershing, she gave a wonderful delivering remark at the National Convention's Saturday dinner. Lastly, we had our changing of commands with our former national commander, P/R LTG Tymothy Whisenand relinquishing his successful two years at commands to his deputy, P/R BG Alex Meier from University of Toledo. With an impressive 2017 NATCON, we're excited to raise the bar for this year's convention in the beautiful "Queen City" of Charlotte, North Carolina! Here's to an awesome NATCON this year!



2017 John J. Pershing Drill Meet Results

Overall

1st Place, B/J Company B-4 (P.R Brown Academy)

2nd Place, P/R Company C-4 (Clemson)

3rd Place, P/R Troop L-1 (Toledo)

Squad Regulation Drill

1st, P/R Company G-1 (Xavier)

2nd, B/J Company B-4 (P. R. Brown Academy)

3rd, P/R Company M-4 (Appalachian State)

Squad Exhibition Drill

1st, P/R Company. C-4 (Clemson)

2nd, P/R Company I-1 (Bowling Green State)

3rd, P/R Troop L-1 (Toledo)

Duet Exhibition Drill

1st, P/R Company I-1 (Bowling Green State)

2nd, B/J Company A-4 (Camden Military)

3^r, P/R Company. L-1 (Toledo)

Platoon Regulation Drill

1st, P/R Company M-4 (Appalachian State)

2nd, P/R Battery B-6 (East Tennessee State)

3^r, P/R Troop L-1 (Toledo)

Platoon Exhibition Drill

1st Place, B/J Company A-4 (Camden Military)

2nd Place, P/R Battery B-6 (East Tennessee State)

3rd Place, P/R Troop L-1 (Toledo)

Individual Exhibition Drill

1st, P/R Company J-1 (Jon Wurzelbacher)

2nd, P/R Company C-4 (Dillon Overton)

3rd, P/R Company I-1 (Elijah Hayes)

Color Guard

1st, P/R Company G-10 (California Baptist)

2nd, B/J Company B-4 (P. R. Brown Academy)

3rd, P/R Company G-7 (Kansas State)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Riflemen,

As the new semester has started, it is essential to keep the dates in your calendars! To be a better company, you all should be ahead of the deadlines and plan these dates accordingly! Please keep the following dates in mind:

Company Inspection Reports	24 January 2018
Company Visits NLT	31 January 2018
NATCON Registration	02 February 2018
NATCON Accountability Report	09 February 2018
New Riflemen Dues Payment	15 February 2018
Awards Submission Deadline	23 February 2018
National Legislative Call Dates	18 February 2018

Giving Back

On 21 Dec 2017, P/R 1LT Denzel Thomas, of Norfolk State's own Company R-4, helped lead his company to volunteer at the Eggleston Portsmouth community outreach center. They served food to the less fortunate and helped them find clothes to wear for the winter season.



"To get the best out of your men, they must feel that you are their real leader and must know that they can depend upon you."- General John J. Pershing





Pershing Rifles Ribbons & Awards



National Commander's Award



Regimental Commander's Award



Membership



National Staff



Regimental Staff



Lifesaving Award



Gold Achievement Medal



Silver Achievement Medal



Bronze Achievement Medal



Best Regiment



Most Improved Regiment



Best Company



Most Improved Company



National Postal Rifle Match 1st



National Postal Rifle Match 2nd



National Postal Rifle Match 3rd



Service Ribbon



John J. Pershing
Memorial Drill Meet Participation



National Postal Rifle
Participation



National Postal PT
Participation



Regiment Best Pledge



Company Best Pledge

The Pershing Rifles Membership Ribbon



The design of the P/R Membership Ribbon is identical to the Army Good Conduct Medal (except it is blue rather than red), which denotes exemplary conduct at all times. It is worn on the left breast of the uniform.

The current Pershing Rifles Membership Ribbon was created by the US Army Institute of Heraldry in May 1951 to replace a pre-World War II designed blue ribbon with a ¼" white stripe on each side that was deemed to be too similar to the Italian War Cross.

The US Army Institute of Heraldry provided official written approval for the wear of the Pershing Rifles Membership Ribbon on 14 May 1951. Air Force Instruction 36-2903, AFROTC Supplement states that the Pershing Rifles Membership Ribbon "may be worn on the AFROTC cadet uniform in precedence according to AFR OTCI 36-2011 and AFROTCVA 36-3."

Anti-Hazing Policy

The National Society of Pershing Rifles will not tolerate ANY hazing, especially in the initiation procedures for any Pershing Rifles pledges at any chartered Pershing Rifles unit. This applies to both mental and physical hazing.

Hazing is defined as any conduct whereby one Pershing Rifleman, regardless of rank, causes another member or pledge to suffer or be exposed to an activity that is cruel, abusive, humiliating, or oppressive. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any form of initiation or congratulatory act that involves physically striking another to inflict pain, piercing another's skin in any manner, encouraging another to excessively consume alcohol, or encouraging another to engage in illegal, harmful, demeaning or dangerous acts. In addition to physical contact, hazing can also be verbal or psychological in nature.

If at any time a Pershing Rifleman or pledge, regardless of rank, finds a violation to this directive, he or she is to report the violation to the National Commander. A Pershing Rifleman active or alumni who have been found guilty of hazing will be stripped of all rank and rights of a Pershing Rifleman, will be permanently expelled from the Society and considered for legal action.

Public Affairs Announcement

Did your company or regiment did anything interesting? Want to show of your company? This is your chance! Email us at PublicAffairs@pershingriflessociety.org And we'll show it off in front of the entire society! This can be anything from drill pictures/videos, helping your company's community, and everything else in between! We would love to give you all a shout out!



WANTED

The National Staff and Regimental Commanders positions will be up for grabs in March. We are looking for highly motivated riflemen, whom wants to expand their leadership training and give back to the society. If you think you fit the criteria, then email our current Chief of Staff at CofS@pershingriflessociety.org with your intent to apply!