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OFFICIATING CEREMONY FOR RBAF OFFICER CADETS INTAKE 9

A total of 48 Officer Cadets were present for the officiating ceremony of the 9th intake of Officer Cadet School held at Sungai Akar Camp. Present as the guest of honour was the Deputy Minister of Defence, Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Haji Mustappa Bin Haji Sirat, accompanied by the Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Yang Mulia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ihsan Bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin along with Deputy Commander and the respective Unit Commanders.

28th September 2012 marked the start of training that will run for the next 10 months for the Officer Cadets, 17 each from the Land Forces and Navy and 14 from the Air Force. The training started with the first phase, which is the generic term that will be followed by Generic Term 2 and then the final term that includes the Special To Service training.

The guest of honor gave a speech to show his appreciation to the Officer Cadets for their brave choice to join the Armed Forces as a career path. "BIDUK LALU KIAMBANG BERTAUT, PANTANG MUNDUR, MEMBUJUR LALU MELINTANG PATAH".

These were the words of wisdom that were shared with the Officer Cadets as motivation, meaning to never surrender and give up, whatever obstacles face the cadets.

The Officer Cadets, along with their parents, had the opportunity to interact with the Deputy Minister himself who was delighted to show his appreciation to the parents for their never ending support, prayers and encouragement for their sons and daughters who are ready to serve His Majesty the Sultan and ultimately the country.



MAP READING



War may take place in an unfamiliar territory; it can be in a deep forest or a built up area of the enemies. When an armed force is on an offensive mission, every second counts. Officer Cadets of Intake 9 have gained useful knowledge and experience from a number of map reading lessons which includes several exercises conducted both in the day and night.

The ability to interpret a map and establish a strategy based on it is a fundamental skill for an officer. A creative leader could take advantage of the map by looking at the bigger picture and make an informed decision based on his observation and understanding.

The Officer Cadets were introduced to several roles when doing the navigation exercise (NAVEX). Reconnaissance team and pacer are two roles that are crucial for a successful navigation exercise. The importance of map reading is to help develop decision-making skills in a way that the leader can take his team to a certain destination either in the quickest time or safest condition depending on the situation and priorities of the mission. Without any map reading knowledge, the leader would otherwise make an uninformed decision that may risk not only subordinates but also the mission.



M16A2 AIM & SHOOT!



Bows and swords were once loyal companions of warrior. Centuries past, in the modern world with technologies getting more advanced, weapons developed further more. Soldiers with weapon proficiency would grasp victory by the neck and claim ultimate triumph. In the wild west, the one who can shoot the fastest and the straightest would win the duel.

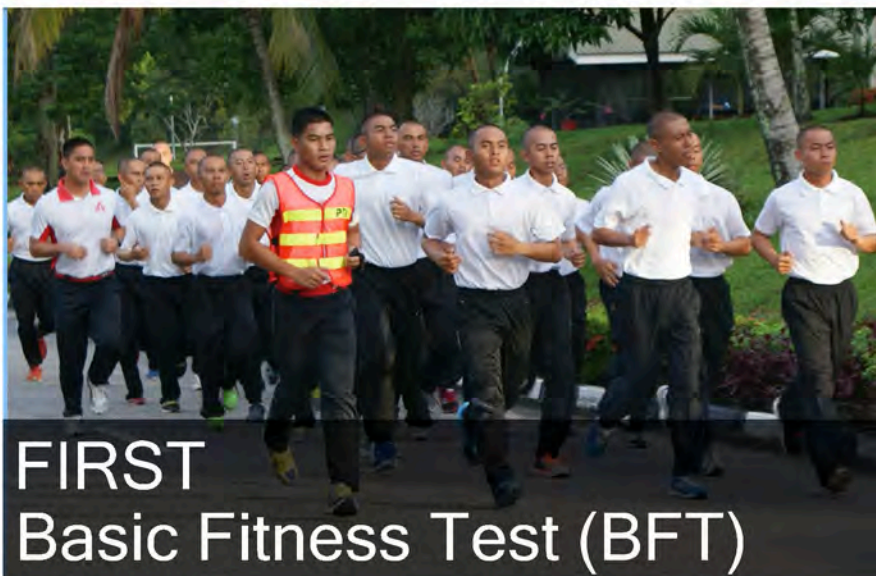
The Officer Cadets of intake 9 underwent their personal weapons training, along with theory and practical lessons conducted in OCS. The normal safety procedure (NSP) were emphasised since safety is crucial when it comes to handling real weapon and live rounds. The Officer cadets were taught how to overcome Obstructions, change magazines and clearing weapons properly. They were also taught how to aim and shoot with the right technique taught by a team of the best marksmen OCS has to offer.

Equipped with fundamental weapon knowledge, the chosen venue for their training was in Penanjong shooting range, where they also had the chance to see weapons demonstration conducted by OCS instructors. The purpose of the demonstration was to allow the Officer Cadets to get a basic insight into how weapons function and the damage that is done to the target.

As future officers of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, the Officer Cadets are expected to master weapon handling skills. All this is achieved through the high standard of training in OCS.

Harry S. Truman
33rd President Of The USA

"A leader is the man who has the ability to get other people to do what they don't want to do, and like it"



FIRST Basic Fitness Test (BFT)

The B.F.T is one of the endurance fitness tests used in the military to determine cardiovascular fitness and track fitness over time. The test is age and gender fair so allows a comparison to be drawn between different age groups and between males and females.

The test started with 2.4 kilometres squaddled run which was led by the member of the Physical Training Instructors, then be followed with another 2.4 kilometres run which will assess individual performance.

The objective of the B.F.T is so that every Officer Cadet maintains their physical fitness at the highest standard. This is so that they can lead their subordinates in the future for any physical exercises.



FIRST KHATAM AL-QURAN CEREMONY



In OCS, the Officer Cadets are trained physically, mentally as well as spiritually. Islamic religious studies are mandatory for all Muslim Officer Cadets in OCS as it is regarded as a means of spiritual training as well as to live up to one of the OCS core values and enhance the Islamic religious knowledge of the Officer Cadets. With the guidance and supervision of instructors, Intake 9 Officer Cadets organised a monthly Khatam Al-Quran ceremony.



The inaugural Khatam Al-Quran ceremony was held in the OCS Surau. Takhtim and Dzikir Marhaban were recited to further bless the event. The ceremony concluded with the Doa Khatam which was followed by mass Maghrib & Isyak prayers as well as the recitation of the Surah Yassin and Tahliil.

The ceremony was aimed at enhancing the recitation of the Al-Quran by organising the ceremony as a monthly event. Reading and reflecting over the Al-Quran fulfils an Islamic duty and will be rewarded by Allah.

CPFA 1



The Cadet Physical Fitness Assessment is used to analyse the upper, core and lower body strength as well as individual endurance. The assessment includes performing a heaving exercise, one minute of sit ups, one minute of press ups, 2.4-km run and planks. In order to pass the assessment, it is imperative that the Officer Cadets pass all of the exercises.

The minimum requirements of the exercises are as follows: five reps of heaving exercise, 43 sit ups in a minute, 43 press ups in a minute and a 2.4-kilometre run below 10 minutes 30 seconds for male Cadets and 12 minutes 45 seconds for female Cadets, and finally planking for one minute 30 seconds. Officer Cadets strive to exceed the average scores listed above.

A below-average performances will inevitably result in automatic disqualification. In comparison with a BFT, the CPFA is more challenging because the Officer Cadets must complete all of the exercises with minimum recovery time. Day by day, challenges are getting tougher, however the Intake 9 Officer Cadets were advised to give more effort and be ready physically and mentally to meet higher standards of an Officer Cadet.

The CPFA is aimed at improving the overall fitness of the Officer Cadets as it is imperative that their bodies be well-conditioned and combat-ready.



MST Trial

Military Swimming Test (MST) trial was an introduction to the MSTs going to be conducted through the course. The Officer Cadets had the first taste of what the real MST would be like especially the confidence jump. They were supervised by the Physical Training Instructors to ensure that they apply the right techniques.

The trial was held at Berakas Garrison Swimming Pool. The test is conducted wearing Combat attire (Green PT shirt, D2P pants and jungle boots); however the females are not expected to wear boots.

The requirements to pass the test are to do the five-metre confidence jump, float for two minutes, to swim for 100 metres and finally to climb out off the pool unassisted. MST is one of the most important tests to be passed in order to be promoted in the RBAF

SIGNAL



In a battle, the ability to transfer information can determine the outcome of the war. Military personnel are required to know how to use radio to communicate effectively and efficiently. As for officers, they are expected to know how to talk through the radio and not only that, officers must also know how to assemble the necessary equipment.

There are a number of key areas that the Officer Cadets need to master for example the terms that the military usually use to transfer information and the importance and role of a Regimental Signal Officer who is responsible for the key words and nicknames that are being used for a certain task or mission.



The Officer Cadets had the opportunity to carry out practical sessions to try out the different types of radio that are available in the RBAF. The vital lesson that was learned was how important information can be because one small mistake can have huge consequences that may jeopardise the whole mission.

Strategies and tactics are meaningless if the idea cannot be passed on to other units. Signal is a part of a jigsaw that makes a military mission a success or a failure depending on how effective their communication is between each unit. The different units in the military can only be linked by communicating well together which can only be achieved by truly understanding the rules of voice procedure.

MEET THE CADET



Name: 50248 OCdt (U) Muhammad Fauzi bin Haji Mohd Daud
D.O.B: 6th October 1986
Highest qualification: B.A. Major in Brunei Studies

Bio:
The reason why I joined OCS is of sudden interest after attending a career roadshow, in University Brunei Darussalam by the Recruiting Department, Ministry of Defence. In the beginning of the training I experienced a culture shock - it is a new environment. I am taught to be disciplined, manage my time to be a better person. I aim to get through all the tests in OCS. I am glad to be apart of this course, and my fitness level has improved. I hope to be a good officer in the future and uphold the RBAF core values - Setia, Takwa, Berani, and Professional.



Name: 50237 OCdt (L) Mohd Zainul Abidin Bin Mohd Sufian
D.O.B: 30th August 1988
Highest qualification: B.A. Major in Brunei Studies

Bio:
The reason why I joined this organisation is because I like challenges, and believe this military academy can make me more disciplined, confident, proactive and professional. Moreover, I always put my family as top priority and it is another reason I want to join RBAF. The training has been challenging both mentally and physically. I learnt to discipline myself, be a team player, improve my communication skills and to always be ready to make sacrifices. I look forward to study more military skills and academics in order to meet the standards required. I hope to be a good leader in the future, to be firm but responsible and always aiming for the best.



Name: 50231 OCdt Mohammad Khairul Asri bin Mohammad Hasbi
D.O.B: 13th January 1989
Highest qualification: B.A. in Public Policy and Administration

Bio:
The training here is covered with 3 major disciplines: academic, physical fitness and military skills. The fundamental training instills in everyone self-discipline in all aspects - personal turn-out, how to behave, how to manage time properly, and personal drill. I have also learned to work enthusiastically in a team. I want to be in the Special Task Platoon after Passing Out from OCS. I would grab the opportunity to participate in the peacekeeping mission overseas, and any humanitarian or disaster relief missions, to learn new things and gain more experience.