Joshua E. Powell Military Journals:

Day 1:

The first day of class we learned the basic hierarchy of the army. We went over the Army’s Mission. I learned that the National Guard is part of state and federal. I learned how the basics of Drill and Ceremonial march and how to react towards signals that were given.

Day 2:

The second day of class we talked about the origin of the salute, proper form, and when to salute. It is not smart to salute when someone has arms full of stuff and you slut; they would have to return a salute. “You salute the rank not the soldier.” We listened to the Army song that will play every morning and night. We ended class discussing ranks differences based on being enlisted or an officer.

Day 3:

What I took away from the third day of class was that a map is a 2d representation of the earth’s globe. I learned how to read the map sheet identification and how map aren’t very accurate. I learned that there were three norths that are North, True North, and Grid North. We talked about the color representation of the map that indicates, buildings, man-made-structures, vegetation, etc. It’s important to know that we now use a red-brown light to see the map at night. That’s good to know so I can invest in some headlamp gear. Finally, I took away being able to identify features on the map such as the lines may represent a valley, hill, etc.