

CFT cadets learn the impact of field artillery

Some U.S. Military Academy Class of 2020 cadets got to experience the "sound of artillery" last week during Cadet Field Training. To clarify, that sound is (a very loud) BOOM!

During Field Artillery Day at Camp Buckner, cadets were given the opportunity to explore one of the 17 possible branches they could commission into upon graduating as second lieutenants in the United States Army.

Throughout the course of the day, cadets learned how to plan, called for and executed indirect fires using artillery and mortar fire with live rounds.

"The main thing that we are training out here is the common Soldier task of calling for fire, calling and adjusting indirect fire rounds from both 105mm howitzers and 81mm mortars," Capt. Ryan Scott explained. "That's the one event that's graded and one event that's common, no matter what your job is, you need to know how to call and adjust indirect fire rounds."

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