NEW CANAAN MOUNTED TROOP

TROOP SCOOP

SUMMER 2016 EDITION

2015-2016 CADET MAJOR
Amanda Bauersfeld

"To me, Troop has always been more than something I did after school. Troop became a second home to me almost immediately after my first day of summer camp 11 years ago.

When the school year program started that year, I quickly got into the Friday first shift barn day routine and would stay until I was the last Trooper to leave on second shift because I never wanted to leave.

Moving up the ranks all the way to Cadet Major has taught me how to be the best horsewoman I can be in addition to learning the ins and outs of the sport." *Amanda Bauersfeld, June 2016*

The NCMT Staff would like to thank Amanda for her hard work and dedication over the past year. She has been an exemplary Cadet Major, and we wish her the best of luck next year at college!

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Elizabeth Farrell
Takes the Reins as Cadet Major

Ten things you may not know about me:

1. Braveheart is my favorite horse!
2. My dad's family lives in Dublin, Ireland.
3. I have a Cavalier King Charles' dog named Tuppence.
4. I love playing Lacrosse, but nothing tops riding!
5. My favorite meal is breakfast.
6. I used to figure skate competitively.
7. I used to go to school in New York City.
8. I love cacti and love to make terrariums.
9. I really enjoy studying Spanish.
10. I am an only child.

Amanda Bauersfeld, Cadet Major 2015-2016
Elizabeth Farrell, Cadet Major 2016-2017
Margot Tucker, Cadet Major 2014-2015

Cadets Major

GRADUATING SENIORS

AMANDA BAUERSFELD

Came to Troop in 2005
Favorite horse is CJ
Favorite Troop events are Capture the Captain and the Benefit Show
Hometown: New Canaan, CT
Graduated from New Canaan High School
Attending University of Vermont, undeclared
Best memory at Troop: Walmart runs with the TLC

Kelsey, Taylor, & Kaitlin

KELSEY ALLEN

Came to Troop in 2006
Favorite horse is Madison
Favorite Troop event is the Halloween parade and Carnival
Hometown: New Canaan, CT
Graduated from New Canaan High School
Attending Notre Dame Film/Theatre/Television with a concentration in animation
Best memory at Troop Running the haunted house with Margot Tucker & Meghan Callahan. It was the biggest project ever attempted and took us several days (along with literal blood, sweat & tears) to setup. It ended up being so scary, that three kids cried.

TAYLOR CORBETT

Came to Troop at age 13
Favorite horses are Doc, Riley, Calvin
Favorite Troop event: Capture the Captain
Hometown: New Canaan, CT
Graduated from New Canaan High School
Attending Colgate University, Major is undecided
Best memory at Troop: All the summers I spent as a counselor

KAITLIN KARR

Came to Troop in 2009
Favorite horse was Obie and Otis
Favorite Troop activity is bathing horses
Hometown: New Canaan, CT
Graduated from New Canaan High School
Attending Johns Hopkins University and is studying Neuroscience and History
Best memory at Troop: Jumping Otis

GRADUATING SENIORS

ISABELLE JOHNSEN

Came to Troop in 2012
Favorite Horse is Obie
Hometown: Darien, CT
Graduated from Darien High School
Attending Tulane University, undeclared
Best memory at Troop: Halloween Parades

KATHERINE KENNEALLY

I started at Troop in 9th grade.
Favorite horses are Charlie, Cody, PJ
Favorite Troop event is the Halloween parade
Hometown: Wilton, CT
Graduated from Wilton High School
College: Mount Holyoke, thinking about studying Classics and Biology.
Best memory at Troop: Snuggling with PJ or lessons

MOLLIE MCMULLAN

Came to Troop in July 2005
Favorite horses are Doc, Calvin, and CJ
Hometown: Darien, CT
Graduated from Trinity Catholic High School
Attending Belmont University and am studying Elementary Education
Best memory at Troop: Every Capture the Captain trooper night!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Stephanie Cowser
Equestrian Program Coordinator

A life-long equestrian, Stephanie and her family live in New Canaan, where she also grew up. She joined the Board of NCMT in 2014. She has been an active volunteer, taking leadership positions for multiple non-profit organizations including various Private & Public School committees, The Junior League of Stamford/Norwalk and several Thoroughbred and Dog Rescue and Rehoming groups. Stephanie is the Managing Partner of The Cowser Group, a global Executive Search firm and Triad Consulting LLC, a Management Consulting firm. Prior to that, she served on the Board of Directors and held several executive positions, including CFO and COO of The MVL Group, the parent company of multiple high profile market research companies. Stephanie holds a degree in Finance and Political Science from the University of Northern Colorado. In 2010, Stephanie adopted an Off-the-Track Thoroughbred, Joko Motion, who is currently showing in the hunter divisions.

Mali Schneider
Riding Instructor

Mali Schneider began instructing at NCMT in the Fall of 2015. Her riding career started at an early age; she competed at local shows and later trained at Lion Hill in Easton, CT. Mali also spent ten years training with Jen Lamoureux and Kim Pearlman New York. She competed extensively across the Tristate area and further trained with Randi Boothe and Kip Rosenthal at Meadow Farm. She also trained with Bill Cooney at Lionshare and worked as a "catch rider." Mali competed in working *Hunters, Medal and Maclay*. Over the years, Mali's show career took her from Florida to Canada and as far west as Arizona.

INDUCTEES

June 2015 Inductees

Apollonia Antoniou, Olivia Biasotti, Liam Glynn, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Olivia Mitchell, Charlotte Olesen, Charlotte Powers, PJ Shaum, Hope Spiegel

The Cadet Pledge

I pledge myself to be kind to animals
To be a sportsperson, win or lose
To be courteous and obedient to my officers
To work and play with my fellow cadets
As I would have them work and play with me
To hold honor, truth and courage in high regard.

The Cadet Maxim

It is never the fault of the horse when something goes wrong; it is always the fault of the rider. When you improve your own skill, you will be able to ride and care for every horse successfully.

PROMOTIONS

Cadets proceed up the ranks through Corporal, Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Captain and Cadet Major. Promotions are given based on evidence of leadership, work ethic and overall commitment to NCMT.

To Corporal

Mimi Bartolovic
Sophie Jaeger
Sophie Kang
Maddie Mendicina

To First Lieutenant

Isabelle Broll

To Sergeant

Maya Coniglio
Hayley Sayewitz

To Captain

Alexi Goodman
Katherine Kenneally

To Second Lieutenant

Sarah Kate Alford
Emma Cody
Fionn Tierney
Karey Balkind

To Cadet Major

Elizabeth Farrell

HONOR BAR RECIPIENTS

NCMT confers honor bars to recognize members of the corps who have shown themselves to be outstanding in qualities which NCMT considers to be important.

Courteousness and Soldierly Appearance

Awarded to cadets who have shown themselves to be the most courteous to both officers and fellow cadets, whose appearance has been consistently neat and trim, and who have proven to be good role models to fellow cadets.

Apollonia Antoniou, Leena Aronson, Lucie Bohnsack, Olivia Baliotti, Daisy Gooding, Lily Gooding, Kaylynn Gunzy, Sophie Jaeger, Isabelle Johnsen, Morgan Kelley, Isabella Madrid, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Olivia Mitchell, Katie Mitrakis, Victoria Novothny, Charlotte Olesen, Sophia Pigott, Charlotte Powers, Mathew Riley, Alex Rodgers, Lily Roen, Hannah Rutherford, Hope Spiegel, Gillian Thompson, Emily Wasser, Helen Whitney

Sportsmanship

Given to cadets who have shown themselves to be good sports win or lose, who can take a toss without blaming their mount, can accept the assignment of a horse they do not find especially agreeable without complaining, and who show when the going gets hard they carry on with good spirit.

Bella Andrade, Lily Auerbach, Kate Barnard, Nate Broll, Piper Dove, Liam Glynn, Hannah Gunn, Lauren Hanny, Harper Judelson, Lucy Kennelly, Maddie Malone, Annie O'Connor, Aliana Rivas, Bella Sabino, Ivy Saunders, Holly Silva, Isabella Speranza, Annika Srivastrava, Mary Grace Thomas, Rebecca Tinajero, Paige Zamsky

Effort and Improvement

Recognizes cadets who have tried to improve by recognizing their own weaknesses and refusing to give in to them. Improvement in horsemanship, sportsmanship, foot drill appearance, general attitude and willingness to accept responsibility are all taken into consideration.

Nicole Ayoub, Mimi Bartolovic, Christina Carr, Julia Coniglio, Bliss Gooding, Katie Holmes, Emily Houle, Christopher Joyce, Sarah Kellogg, Sienna Llorens, Ellie Malone, Kate Papadatos, Emily Rodgers, Caroline Ross, Kate Senneff

Stable Efficiency

Given to cadets who have shown themselves to be efficient and hardworking in the barn. At their levels, these cadets have demonstrated outstanding achievements in organization and self-discipline while carrying out their stable responsibilities and caring for their horses.

Alessandra Andrade, Karey Balkind, Mia Cappelli, Donna Chuco, Emma Cody, Maya Coniglio, Demetria Dresser, Lauren Goll, Savannah Haims, Laura Haley, Elizabeth Kenneally, Samantha Lockyer, Ellie Lyon, Brooke McEntire, Riley Meyer, Sophie Peck, Taylor Peck, Megan Rigione, Natalie Schlesinger, Fionn Tierney

Troop Spirit

Awarded to cadets who have truly shown that they put the good of the Unit above their own personal desires.

Sarah Kate Alford, Kelsey Allen, Amanda Bauersfeld, Olivia Biasotti, Isabelle Broll, Sophie Broll, Olivia Collot, Taylor Corbett, Elizabeth Dedon, Elizabeth Farrell, Alexi Goodman, Annie Harrigan, Alexandra Herbig, Anna Herbig, Libby Hinshaw, Sophie Kang, Kaitlin Karr, Katherine Kenneally, Sydney Mashia, Brynn McClymont, Mollie McMullan, Conal Mueller, Emily Oh, Sienna Peck, Samantha Santagata, Hayley Sayewitz, Georgia Stewart

EQUINE CARE HIGH POINT HORSEMANSHIP AWARD

The NCMT mission statement is building leadership, responsibility and confidence in youth through sound horsemanship. Each week, cadets attend equine care lectures and have the opportunity to use the skills they are taught during the barn day as well as their riding day. Each semester, cadets have the opportunity to participate in a challenge to demonstrate their knowledge by taking the Equine Care High Point Horsemanship Examination. The cadet in each rank who scores highest on the exam earns the championship sash.

Inductee	Liam Glynn
Cadet	Sydney Mashia
Corporal	Helen Whitney
Sergeant	Paige Zamsky
Second Lieutenant	Libby Hinshaw
First Lieutenant	Megan Rigione
Captain	Amanda Bauersfeld

NCMT PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

NCMT Cup - for responsibility and unselfish interest in fellow officers – **Kelsey Allen**
Sky Rocket - for the horse and rider showing most improvement – **Conal Mueller & Tico**
MacLachlan - for dedication to Troop – **Haley Sayewitz**
Cortell Service -for outstanding service - **Christopher Joyce**
Small Frye - for contributing to Troop in alternative ways - **Katie Holmes**
Ritchie Memorial - for most outstanding officer of the year – **Amanda Bauersfeld**
Maxwell - for most improvement in riding – **Mollie McMullen**
Stable - for showing the most interest in stable management – **Elizabeth Dedon**
Military Efficiency - for the most efficient officer on his/her barn day – **Lauren Hanny**
Tiger Lily Memorial - for barn organization – **Emily Rodgers**
Danny Jessup - for the most willing to help others without complaint – **Kate Barnard**
Terry Noble - for dedication and perseverance throughout the winter – **Mia Cappelli**
Chase Challenge - for the most outstanding first cadet – **Sienna Peck**
Rob Roy - for the most outstanding corporal – **Harper Judelson**
Meadowstreet - for the most outstanding sergeant – **Mary Grace Thomas**
Workhouse - for the most outstanding second lieutenant – **Taylor Corbett**
Bartlet - for the most outstanding first lieutenant – **Alexi Goodman**
Friar Tuck - for the most outstanding captain – **Kaitlin Karr**

TROOPERS OF THE YEAR

Barn Day of the Year

Barn Day of the Year goes to those cadets who have demonstrated commitment to their chores and exhibited sportsmanship and teamwork in order to get the job done.

TUESDAY, SECOND SHIFT: Led by Cadet Major Amanda Bauersfeld, Sarah Kate Alford, Emma Cody, Taylor Peck, Gillian Thompson, Piper Dove, Samantha Lockyer, Mathew Riley, Isabella Madrid

Lesson of the Year – We had a Tie!

Lesson of the Year is awarded to the lesson group that over the course of the year has done the best job caring for their horses, equipment, and barn both before and after their lessons. This group exemplifies all the values at Troop of horsemanship, sportsmanship and responsibility.

SUNDAY, 12:30 PM LESSON: Lauren Haley & Lucie Bohnsack AND
FRIDAY, 3:45 PM: Karey Balkind, Harper Judelson, Paige Zamsky, Bella Sabino, Sophia Peck

Thanks to all our staff and volunteers:

Suzy Angier

Pat Bradley

Stephanie Cowser

Jess D'Urso

Anne Dylewski

Caroleigh Evarts

Stacy Gendels

Nicole Karaman

Fredi Martinez

Francisco Tinajero

Sara Tucker

Hannah Wirfel

SUPER TROOPERS
THERAPEUTIC RIDING AND EQUINE CARE

The Super Troopers Adaptive Riding and Equine programs served 60 children and adults each week this spring, representing a 43% increase in enrollment from spring 2015. As demand for our programs increases, volunteer enrollment, training and participation is a critical component to the quality of services we provide. This spring, 83 volunteers filled our needs each week to support our programs. We can't thank enough our trooper, teen and adult volunteers from our community and beyond for the commitment of their time and their hearts to our programs.

Please visit us, we promise you'll be inspired!

The "**Summer on the Farm**" Super Troopers camp will be held **August 15-18 and August 22-25** from **10:00 am to Noon**. Camp this year will include adaptive riding, equine care, socialization activities, art, gardening, and music. We will need 21 volunteers each day to support this program for 9 students each week.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Caroleigh Evarts at 203.966.0634 or supertroopers@newcanaanmountedtroop.org

Looking to the **Fall Programs**, we will be holding volunteer orientations the second week of September on Sunday, September 11th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am; Tuesday, September 13th from 10:00 am – Noon, and Thursday, September 15th from 10:00 am – Noon. Troopers age 14 and older are able to attend volunteer orientation on September 11th and participate as side walkers and leaders in our adaptive riding program on Sunday mornings starting September 18th. Classes will be held from 9:00 – 10:00 am and 10:00 – 11:00 am.

HORSE OF THE YEAR
OTIS

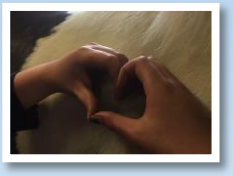
Born in 1992, Otis came to Troop after some time in a competitive show career. He is very sweet and willing, but has his rules regarding what he likes and doesn't like. He simply does not enjoy large jumps: his preference is for cross rails. He is a very effective teacher in beginner lessons. Otis moves beautifully around the ring, thanks to his former dressage training. This Quarter Horse Cross "lives" for Drill Team because he things all lessons should consist of walking and trotting while listening to cool music!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Spunky 1987-2016
aka Northern Rain

OBIE 1991-2016
aka Obi Wan Kenobi

ELTON *1990-2016*
aka Rocketman



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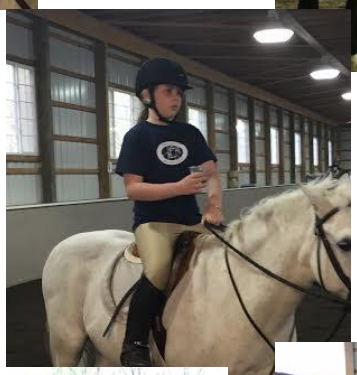

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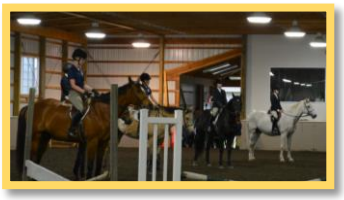
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