



# Cadet Times

April 2022

## Upcoming Events

May 3-5—STAAR Testing  
May 6th - Dining In  
May 14th—Prom  
May 30th—Memorial Day (no school)

## Special Message

Great job y'all @ Nationals!  
-C/2LT David Garcia (PAO)

## Quote of the Month

"The best way to predict free future is to  
create it"  
- Abraham Lincoln

## Battalion Commander's Corner



Hey y'all! It's your commander once again! Whew.. April was a very VERY eventful month- especially for all of our wonderful Cadets that participated in the JROTC Nationals Championship in Daytona Beach Florida. It was a week long of back to back competitions and boy was it an experience. I'm honestly so grateful that I was able to go with my entire team and have such a fulfilling trip. I've probably said this in all of my Commander Corners, but if you aren't already on a team... JOIN ONE!! I'm telling y'all it's probably one of the best decisions i've made in my high school career. The worst that could happen if you join a team would be that you end up hating it. But, you live and you learn( and I highly doubt you'd hate it). Anywho....competition season is officially over. Its a bitter-sweet moment for all of us. To be honest I'm pretty sure it's because we know that competitions aren't the only thing that's coming to an end... the seniors are graduating:(( IM GRADUATING!! And it's not as exciting as i thought it'd be when I was a freshman. All me and the other seniors can do now is remanence about all the trouble we got in as freshman lol. I've said a million times and i'll say it a million times more- cherish every moment you have in high school. You'll have the rest of your life to be an adult with grown up responsibilities. Be safe guys and make great decisions!

# National Drill Competition

The Armed Cardinals competed in the most prestigious competition in the world of drill, where all of the participating drillers earned the opportunity to compete by demonstrating their dedication towards the practice of drill through their brigade skills meet. The Armed Cardinals prepared for this prestigious competition by conducting tremendous amount of practice and dedication. On the day of the competition, the Armed Cardinals performed their routine at their fullest potential. Even though the Armed Cardinals' performance didn't result a place on the podium, they have gained experience and learned the idea of how it is like to compete amongst the greatest drillers of this era. Their loss from this competition fueled the team's motivation and determination to earn the opportunity to comeback and compete in the next following years!

- C/2LT Josh Paguinto



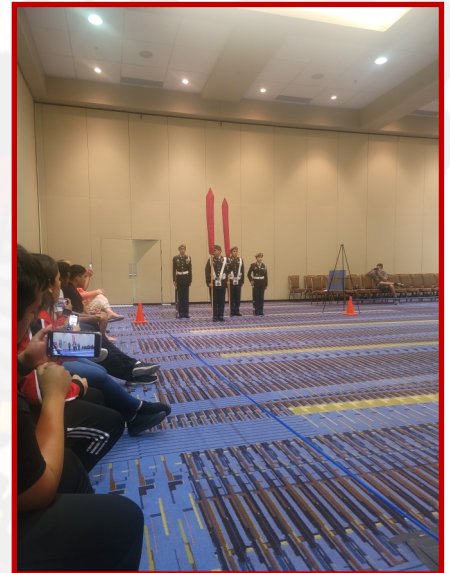
Nationals gave the Armed Drill Team the chance to show off months of hard work and preparation, and gave our JROTC Cadets an opportunity to see some of the best schools in action. The Exhibition Team gave it their all to give a good show and demonstrate their discipline and prowess with an 8-pound rifle. The Regulation team gave the perfect example of a well trained, disciplined, and hardworking group of Cadets by showing the judges how well they know their commands. The Inspection Team proved their knowledge to the drill sergeants and gave 100% confidence even in the face on uncertainty.

- C/1LT Matthew Farley  
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# Nationals Color Guard

The Nationals was an amazing experience for both commanders, C/2LT David Garcia and C/2LT Edgar Ayala. This is their first year commanding a huge competition and first time being commanders. Both of teams have Cadets who have competed before and Cadets who that are experiencing their first year competing with the Color Guard team. Both the primary and secondary teams worked very hard to perfect and accomplish to do a routine whether it's being out of step or getting in sync or staying aligned with each other. The secondary commander, C/2LT Edgar Ayala, worked very hard to try and get his team to be in sync keep their military bearing and tried his best to be loud. The All Army competition was yet again a great experience for both teams. The secondary color went first in this competition, they were all nervous to go back out there and compete, the commander was very nervous so he couldn't be as loud as he wanted to because he felt the nerves kicking during the middle of the routine so his voice lower than he wanted it to be. Although this was a rising problem for him, he managed to calm himself self down throughout the routine. He is very proud of his secondary team because he's seen how far his flag barrier and rifle barriers worked even harder each competition, they improved from the Fall Classic Competition to the nationals and the All-Army Competition. They have shown so much dedication and time to their teams and they showed that no matter what they will always show that they can do better each time. For our last competition together, Edgar Ayala the commander of the secondary team, is extremely proud of each one of my barriers and I hope you guys continue working hard to prove the other school the rough tough Cardinals are better than them.

-C/2LT Edgar Ayala



It was the day of the competition, and the color guard teams were getting ready for their big day. The secondary team gets ready for their turn as they watch the other teams competing. They start to get nervous, but excited for what's to come. After the secondary team finished, the primary team starts to get their equipment ready for their turn. As the primary team starts to enter the drill pad their hearts start beating faster, getting shaky hands, and heavy breathing. In the end the primary and secondary, start to smile and feel overjoyed to finally show what they got after the whole year of practicing.

- C/2LT Adrian Tecuapetla

# Unarmed National Competition

The Bellaire High School JROTC Unarmed Drill Team attended the 40th Annual National High School Drill Team Championships and the Army Nationals Drill Championship in Daytona Beach Florida. The team showcased their skills over three days of competition in a series of categories that consists of Inspection, Regulation, Exhibition, and Color Guard. The Unarmed teams' commitment to daily afterschool practice over the 2021/2022 school year gave them the knowledge and precision required successfully execute each routine. The highlight for the unarmed team had to be their Exhibition routine which takes basic drill movements, a complex series of stomps, slaps, and chants, along with geometrical designs to create an eye-catching 10-minute-long performance in their signature cardinal red attire. The comradery amongst the Cadets across all the various teams and their ability to adapt to changes was remarkable. The competition also included a bus ride from Houston to Florida and back. Overall, the JROTC leadership, chaperones, and Cadets spent 6 days together building friendships and trust that would translate onto the competition drill floor as success and inspiration. GO RED STORM!

- C/1LT Jazlynn Garcia



On April 14th, Bellaire High School's JROTC teams participated in the JROTC nationals in Daytona, Florida. The unarmed team performed their regulation and exhibition routines and participated in inspection. Though it was a long, tiresome day, our Redstorm drill team pulled through and did a fabulous job. The team did not place, but still celebrated their hard work with IHOP for dinner. Go Cardinals!

- C/SSG Autry Oran

# NHS Presentation

The Bellaire JROTC Color Guard performed at the NHS Meeting, the team began rehearsing the movements that they were going to perform the color's. The Cadets went over it three to four times to perfect them and make the performance as sharp as possible. The commander C/2LT David Garcia made sure his co-commander C/MAJ Christian Olguin and his guards C/2LT Edgar Ayala and C/PVT Brian Martinez are calm and confident. When they performed and everything was set and done, the color guard team felt good after the performance .

-C/2LT David Garcia

