



# Cadet Times

November 2021

## Upcoming Events

STAAR Testing— 7-17 Dec

Orchestra Choir Recital— 11 Dec

Wreaths Across America— 18 Dec

Winter Break- 20-31 Dec

## Special Message

Hello Everyone! Hope y'all had a great Thanksgiving break!

-C/MSG David Garcia (PAO)

## Quote of the Month

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started” -Mark Twain

## Battalion Commander's Corner



Hey y'all commander again! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break and was able to have that week completely stress free from school work and what not. We had a great turnout for our JROTC Thanksgiving Extravaganza and I loved seeing everyone there having fun. Also, I just want to remind everyone (especially, freshman / sophomores) please keep up with your grades! The first semester of the 2021—2022 is coming to an end and your grades MATTER. It's so much easier to keep a steady GPA than to fix a not so good one once you get into your junior year. Finals start as soon as we come back from the break, so try and take some time to study for them. Since this is our last Newsletter before the holidays, I wanted to go ahead and wish y'all a Happy Holiday season! I'm so proud of you guys! Remember be yourself, have fun and stay safe.

# Military Order of World War Induction



During the November monthly meeting at Ched-dars in Webster, Texas, the Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)-Houston Chapter installed the Cardinal Battalion's Senior Army Instructor, CW4 (Ret) Jennifer Collins, as a Veteran Perpetual Lifetime Member. Presiding over the induction were LTC (USA-Ret) Rollins Collins, Chapter Commander and LTC (USA-Ret) George Walker, Chapter Adjutant. After being sworn

in by LTC Collins, the former Cardinal Battalion SAI and Houston Chapter Vice Commander, LTC (Ret) Dennis O'Driscoll presented Chief with her membership pin.

CW4 ( Ret ) Jennifer Collins

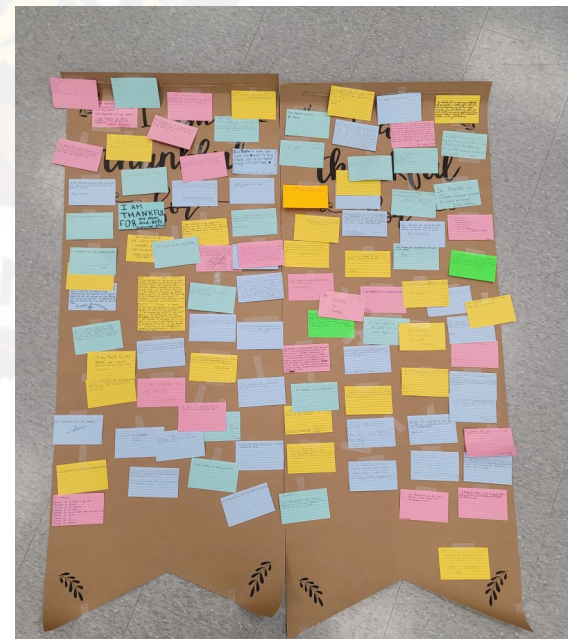
## Cadets are Grateful for...

"I am thankful for having a good health, I am thankful for having a family, and lastly, I am thankful for being in the JROTC family"

"I am thankful for having such nice friends to create happy memories. I know that it is hard to find the group of friends that you fit in"

"I'm thankful for having the best people in my life and being and meeting the people here in JROTC"

C/MSG David Garcia





## Turkey Shoot

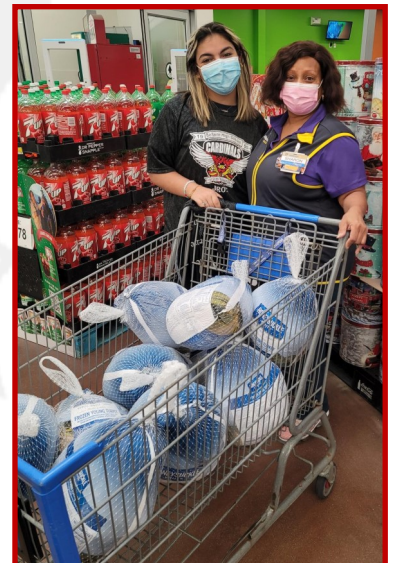
In order to get the faculty of Bellaire High School interested in JROTC and understand more of what our Cadets do in the program, the Marksman-ship team hosted a Faculty Turkey Shoot. This event allowed 20 people from the Bellaire faculty to participate using a marksman-ship rifle. All participants were given a safety brief, instructions on the rifle, and paper turkey, where each part of the body was worth a different number of points. Their goal

was to get the highest score possible with the 10 allotted pellets. The top male shooter was Coach Woodrow Newsom, and the top female shooter was Counselor Sarah Ray. As top prize

winners they each received a frozen turkey and a Bellaire JROTC t-shirt. When asked for feedback, Ms. Kuhleman said, “I really enjoyed the opportunity to step into the shoes of a cadet, Chief Collins provided excellent instruction and I think I did alright- I

got one shot between the turkey’s eyes. I certainly left with a smile on my face!” and Kelly Quarles said, “I thought the turkey shoot was a great idea. I hope it becomes an annual tradition at Bellaire.”

Special thanks to the Manager, Mr. Marque Jones, and People Lead, Mrs. Sharon Davis, at Walmart Neighborhood Market, 11242 S. Gessner for their generous turkey donation for our top prize winners.





## Thanksgiving Extravaganza

The JROTC Thanksgiving Potluck Extravaganza was a major hit among Cadets. With good food, good music and good company, it was a guaranteed good time for all. Cadets were asked to bring dishes from their countries of origin, and they surely didn't disappoint. From Salvadoran food to African, the battalion was able to try so many cultures. Cadets also enjoyed a Super Smash Bros corner and an impromptu dance floor.



C/2LTSophea Escobar

## 2nd Point of View



Laughter and different delicious aromas filled the JROTC classroom as more and more people gathered around a table full of food. It was the yearly potluck JROTC held! Many Cadets from different parts of the world gathered to share a piece of their culture and try new foods while socializing with their friends. Many new JROTC members looked happy as they comfortably found new friends in the program and right there, while everyone got together, people saw a glimpse of what JROTC is all about.

C/MSG Adrian Tecuapetla

## **JLAB Academic**

JLAB was a thrilling experience. It was the first time for the most of the team so they were nervous and worried about not doing their best. Some nerves didn't stop them though and they were all giving their best trying to answer to the utmost of their abilities. Then it turned out to be easier than they previously thought. Everyone had their specialty's which they used to ace sections such as the grammar or science with extreme confidence. Even when unsure or puzzled the team took every clue presented to select the best answer. The question was timed but fortunately at times there was conflict over the right answer, but the team eventually agreed on an answer. The team ended with an over all good score and is eagerly waiting to know if they made the cut.

C/PFC Antonio Hernandez



## **JLAB—Leadership**

JLAB is a competition that every JROTC program in the country participates in. JLAB leadership is a forty-five-minute test that four Cadets take. The test covers basic knowledge of the JROTC curriculum. The team studied hard and performed very well. They hope to make it to the next round of testing.

C/2LT Joshua De La Fuente



## ASVAB Examination

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, MEPS officials administered the

ASVAB test to 42 of our Cadets and seniors interested in the military with the help of Army and Navy recruiters proctoring. This test is a tool that helps Cadets get into the military if they so wish, as well as helps them figure out what career they would like to pursue.



C/MSG Madison Collins

## Boy State / Girl State Delegate's Luncheon



Cadets attended a luncheon with the American Legion to celebrate both their participation in Boys and Girls State and to honor some of the firefighters and police officers that serve in the Greater Houston Area. The Cadets received an opportunity to converse with other students in the Greater Houston Area who had attended Boys and Girls State and discussed the issues that were important to them while offering advice and their own insights on the college admissions process that every student was facing. The Cadets were served a 3-course meal, featuring a salad, barbecue with mashed potatoes and green beans, and the cake. After the

meal portion, the Cadets were given the opportunity to discuss their experiences, where they addressed issues like improving their public speaking skills and becoming more open-minded, talked about what they did while they were there, gave thanks for being invited to attend, and expressed how, even though they wished that they could have gone in person, they still had an amazing experience online. Overall, it was a very successful event.

C/MAJ Christian Olguin

## **Guitar Concert**

Volunteering at the guitar performance was a nice way to end the day. There were Cadets leading people to the auditorium, where the performances were occurring. There were other Cadets that held the doors for the visitors as they come in through the main entrance and made sure that everyone was after the HISD COVID rules, meaning that everyone should have a mask on inside school. Additionally, there were others folding pamphlets and handing them to visitors. It wasn't a difficult thing to do because It was done with friends and everyone contributed.

- C/MSG Winnie Chuma

### **2nd point of view ( Guitar Concert )**

The guitar program proudly stood on stage after an amazing performance of the songs they had practiced for months. The students looked proud, and their faces showed happiness when they heard the claps of the audience. The JROTC students were also present during the performance and helped guide people into the auditorium, collect tickets, and made sure to help anyone in need. Because of everyone's cooperation and dedication, the night was a huge success, and everyone had a good time.

C/MSG Adrian Tecuapetla