



# Cadet Times

March 2022

## Upcoming Events

April 4th — Orchestra Concert  
April 9th — Trolley Run  
April 14th — All Army Nationals  
April 15th & 16th — NHSDTC  
April 23rd — Final Review

## Special Message

Goodluck to all of the teams that are competing at 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



Hello my Mighty Cadets! I'm back at it again with ANOTHER commanders corner. This past month has been kind of eventful (come to think of it every month is an eventful month in JROTC). This month we competed during the HISD Bluebonnet and like we do every year we placed in \*almost\* all the categories. We also had our finest Cadets place in the Outstanding Cadet Board including COLONEL Christian Olguin, our best S3 C/MAJ Madison Collins, and my favorite freshman C/SSG Autry Oran <3! (And of course

Mr. Antonio Hernandez) Make sure y'all congratulate all of our hardworking Cadets when you see them during class or in the halls! Like I do every news letter I have to leave you guys with a little message- this months being... WE HAVE 2 MONTHS LEFT!!! This of course is a good and bad thing especially for the seniors:'. But, like I've said a million times before, make sure you guys are making the most of these last couple moments of high school. You guys are the best and I'm so proud of all of you guys!!

## Color Guard Bluebonnet

The Bluebonnet Competition was a good experience. It helped the Color Guard Team become more comfortable with performing in front of people who were in the Army, especially for the people new to JROTC. It also helped the Team learn what they needed to improve on such as alignment, speed, and learning to stay in sync. The secondary team came prepared to the competition, although made they a few mistakes. The judges offered helpful tips for future competitions and for this, the Team was very thankful.

-C/PVT Daniece Yeverino



The amazing Color Guard Team earned first place at the Bluebonnet Competition. The Team was nervous because their confidence was low, but once the Color Guard Team saw other teams and their routines, they knew they would do great! The Color Guard Team routinely practiced after school to perfect routines for the competition. Overall, the experience that they had that day is one for the books.

- C/2LT David Garcia Sanchez



# Raider Swim Bluebonnet

The Ranger Swim Competition was not easy at all of course. I wasn't even prepared for it, thinking that all the teammates were going to be there, but no, I filled in for a Cadet that didn't make it on time, but mainly because being nervous was getting on me, thinking what if I drowned? in the pool LOL, but to be honest there were some points where I wanted to give up because I felt that I wasn't swimming well, the only part that I would say that I kind of did well was swimming backwards. Swimming backwards was kind easy for me, that kept me from continuing forward then just giving it up, instead of pushing a little hard, which I did. Another reason why I didn't give up even though those multiple times I was feeling that I was not going to make it was because I didn't want to let down the team because has a team, we work hard to make it improve no matter what.

- C/1SG Kalee Barrientos



## Drill Bluebonnet Competition

Bluebonnet was an interesting competition, but overall it was fun. At first some of us were nervous because we were doing something different at the competition, armed drill was doing exhibition but not at their very best. Inspection went pretty good, at first the team was nervous but then they were confident in the end. During the Regulation phase of the competition, the team did well on non-service, but they did better on our second try using service rifles. Exhibition was the last thing that the team performed, nerve-wracking moments came along, but they did their best and gave it all they've got.

- C/SSG Angel Cortez





# Unarmed Bluebonnet

Bluebonnet was another memorable experience in ROTC. Seeing every Cadet do their best within their teams and Cadets motivating and encouraging each other was just impressive. For example, the female and male swimmers struggled when swimming with an equipment in the water, but they continued while everyone cheered them on. Furthermore, as a commander for the Unarmed team, there is no rejection that the team wasn't a hundred percent prepared, but everyone performed amazing regardless. The fact that everyone did their best was the one that counted.

-C/CPT Jazlynn Garcia



In the Bluebonnet Competition our amazing Unarmed Drill team competed in the exhibition, regulation and inspection phases of the Unarmed Drill Team Competition. As the team competed, they had some nerve-wracking moments but a little obstacle didn't affect the team as they hit the drill pad and performed their very best. They may not have earned the first place in all of the phases of the competition, it didn't discourage the team and it gave them more strength and experience that they can use on their next competitions.

- C/SFC Keonna Deville

# Marksmanship Bluebonnet

The Marksmanship Team competed in the Bluebonnet Competition. They were placed through a setting that they have never seen before where the place and the setting of the range is very different. This range had many other marksmen from other schools shooting simultaneously. The range might have looked unusual and different, but a little change didn't stop the marksmen shooting their very best. Bellaire Marksmen worked and practiced numerous hours in order to be prepared for the competition. Although Bellaire didn't make it in to the Top three amongst other schools, the marksmanship team commander, Matthew Farley, achieved 2nd place in terms of the highest individual score.

-C/2LT Josh Paguinto

## Academic Bluebonnet

Cadets participated in the academic portion of the Bluebonnet competition. This event consisted of both a presentation and a personal evaluation. During the presentation, they were required to present on a past U.S. Military Event. C/MAJ Christian Olguin presented on The Gulf War while C/1LT Joshua De La Fuente presented on the Jackson's Valley Campaign, a part of the American Civil War. Cadets were then evaluated on their uniform and current events relating to global news, national news, and sports. C/MAJ Christian Olguin placed 4th overall while C/1LT Joshua De La Fuente placed 5th.

- C/COL Christian Olguin



# Superior Instructor

The Superior Instructor was a challenging event. Cadets practiced their presentations numerous times to perfect it for the Inspector. Fortunately, all of the practice paid off when Cadets produced high scores. The overall experience was a good learning path for every LET 1 & 2. Cadets had fun learning about the topics that would help someone in the future which were how to stop bleeding, identifying poisonous plants and how to treat burns.

- C/1LT Joshua De La Fuente

