



# Cadet Times

## Fall Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

Project Santa - 12/13  
Houston Marathon - 1/11

### Quote Of The Month

“You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.”  
– Mae West



# Battalion Commander's Corner



Hello Cardinals! We have had a very busy month with multiple events across the month of October. Some notable events include the College Fair, Marksmanship and Archery's 1st competition as well as Homecoming. Congratulations to those on the marksmanship and archery team on completing your first competition. November is coming by, marking a big time for those in Unarmed and Armed Division teams as their first competition comes closer every day. I hope the rest of you cadets have been able to volunteer in an event or have been actively participating in class. A round of applause for those who have competed and luck to those who are yet to compete, I am looking forward to maintaining an awesome battalion.

**-C/MAJ Genesis Mendieta BN CDR**



# Pasadena Rodeo Parade



On Saturday, September 6, 2025, Cadet Aguirre attended the Pasadena Rodeo Parade in pursuit of gaining more confidence in himself, having fun, and making friends. Over the course of riding in the bus to marching and chanting proudly along with the battalion as hundreds of people watched even under the blazing hot sun in 85°.

"Just being able to see myself as well as the rest of the battalion maintain that strong amount of confidence in those conditions was astonishing in my eyes as well as the few friends I made would definitely encourage me to do it again next year and was definitely an experience of a lifetime.

**-C/PVT Nathaniel Aguirre**

## Open House

On September 21st, Cadet An Hoang attended the Bellaire High School's Open House, where she spent the evening guiding families, answering questions, and offering help whenever it was needed. She enjoyed being able to assist parents and students as they explored the Bellaire High program, making sure everyone felt welcomed. During quieter moments, when no one needed help, she spent time joking with her friends and creating memories that made the evening even more enjoyable.



"I really liked being able to help families and guide them through the program, but what made the night special was also the laughter and memories I shared with my friends when no one was looking around. But yes, the evening was debatably one of the funniest and memorable evening I've ever had." Hoang reflected.

**-C/PVT An Hoang**



# Blood Drive #1

"The Blood Drive was a good experience. The staff and volunteers were kind and efficient, so the process went smoothly. The people who worked the event all appeared to be committed to the cause, and the event itself was well run. Donating was easy, quick, and rewarding. I definitely would give again. The staff treated each donor's individual needs with care, answering their questions and offering comfort, so the experience was pleasant. The procedure the Blood Drive used was admirable as the wait time was short, even with a large number of donors. Donating blood gave me a feeling of purpose and fulfillment that remained with me. I would urge everyone who qualifies to donate blood. It really does help. The Blood Drive showed us the power of the community and giving back."

**-C/Genesis Perez**



## Icebreaker

On September 23, C/ Moody attended the JROTC Icebreaker at Bellaire High School. We played various games, including Splat, Knockout, Ship and Sailor, and others. That helped the students get to know the other class. I was surprised to see so many people this year since last year's crowd was much smaller. The bigger group made everything feel more fun and lively.



When we did our motto, I noticed that every class really tried their best and showed a lot of pride and teamwork. Overall, it was a great experience that helped us build stronger bonds and create a welcoming start to the JROTC.

**-C/PFC Riah Moody**



# College Night

On October 8th, C/PFC Mama attended College Night at Bellaire High School, helping the college representatives with setup, ushering, and cleanup. He spent a few hours learning about the colleges that interested him, all while assisting the representatives with their



needs. “Seeing all the colleges come together at Bellaire is something you shouldn’t take for granted. I learned so much from them, and it helped me narrow down my college choices.”

**-C/PFC Noam Mama**

# Homecoming



During the HOCO pep rally and football game, the Color Guard and Saber Team had the honor of representing JROTC in front of the school. Our purpose was to show pride, discipline, and respect while supporting our team and honoring our homecoming court tradition

with the saber team. What stood out most to me was the teamwork and excitement from everyone there. Being part of these events helped me feel more connected to my fellow cadets and the community. I believe moments like these bring people together and remind us of the importance of the program.

**-C/CSM Kate Oguntoyinbo BN CSM**

# S2/S4 Security & Supply Inspection



On October 20th The S-2,C/CPT Angelina Castro, C/SGT Christian Escalante as Assistant S-2, The S-4 C/SSG Joel Sederstrom, and C/PVT An Hoang as Assistant S-4 went through a supply inspection by CPT(Ret) Chapman. The four of them had been coming to school early in the morning all of the past week to organize the arms room and the supply room to prepare for the inspection we also ran through the inspection with Chief to make sure we knew everything we needed to know before the inspection. The day of the inspection I was nervous, I didn't want to disappoint Angelina and Chief if I did something wrong but i managed to calm down before Captain Chapman arrived. The four of went to the front office to wait for him, when he arrived, we introduced each other and walked him back down to the JROTC room when we were inside we pointed out the training schedules by the wall and also government, school, and personal property in the room. We then went inside the arms room where we gave further examples of government property as well as the weapons logs where team members signed out their service and non-service rifles, we also showed him the list of people who can enter the arms room unsupervised and told him why they had permission to go in there. After we finished in the arms room the S-4 and his assistant took over the inspection and took Captain Chapman to the supply room where they showed him important documents like the privacy act statements which were signed by all cadets in the JROTC program, As well as JCLC receipts which were signed by cadets who had participated in the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge over the summer. After we were done, we sat down with Captain Chapman and talked about how we did in the inspection as well as what we plan on doing in the future.

**-C/SSG Christian Escalante**



# 1<sup>st</sup> PT Comp



PT competition happens every year, but this one stood out. My team—Sergio, Joel, Anderson, and I—competed in a relay at Lamar. I felt both anxious and excited because I didn't want to let my teammates down. Since it was raining, we did push-ups and curl-ups inside on wet mats, and by the end my upper body was hurting so much I could barely lift my arms. Even then, I refused to hold back during the relay. Once the rain stopped, I started the race, took off at “GO,” and pushed through the pain. I finished my leg strong, handing the baton to Joel after pulling ahead of my opponent. We ended with a time around 4:25. Despite being sore afterward, the competition was an unforgettable experience that made me proud of my team and our effort.

**—C/SSG Torres LET3**