



Cadet Times

April Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- 5/1-5/5 Daytona National High School Drill team Championships
- 5/12 National Honor Society Induction Color Guard
- 5/20 Zoo Field Trip
- 5/29 Awards Ceremony

Quote Of The Month

"Yesterday is the past,
tomorrow is the future,
but today is a gift. That's
why it's called the
PRESENT"

-Master Oogway

Battalion Commander's Corner



Hello, everyone: I have the honor of serving as the next battalion commander for the 2025-2026 school year. This year has been filled with achievements and challenges for all of us, both academically and in JROTC. We have had the opportunity to work together and share our ideas to keep the battalion thriving. As this year concludes with state testing and a few other events, I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in making this year a success. I look forward to continuing those efforts and collaborating to achieve another successful year as the 20th Cardinal Battalion.

Thank you for your time and attention!
C/CPT Genesis Mendieta

Spring Blood Drive



Volunteering at the blood drive was an amazing experience for C\Javier Moreno. Starting with him & other volunteers helping the nurses get equipment like tables, chairs, etc. He was able to meet new people and got to know some of the people giving blood. Typically, he was sent to retrieve the people that donate blood from their classes and return them to the class they were supposed to be at when they finished. It was an outstanding experience for C/Javier Moreno to be a part of.

C/1LT Javier Moreno



Trolley Run

C/Zyon had to wake up early for the Trolley Run. He was there at 5:45 am, showing his dedication to the program.

He snacked on the kolaches the instructor had brought them for breakfast. His experience was great. He'd do it again and his favorite part was the food. He cheered on runners and liked watching them, he was impressed by them.

C/PFC Zyon Ginns



Military Ball



C/Moreno shared that she had a great time at the Military Ball, enjoying the evening with friends and participating in the skit. Winning Company of the Year made the night even more memorable, and the celebration that followed was full of energy. She especially appreciated the guest speaker's message about perseverance and achieving personal goals. The food was also a nice part of the night, helping bring everything together for an enjoyable experience.

C/PFC Itza Moreno

BISA Fest

C\Camilla arrived at the BISA Festival a few minutes late, but stepped into a vibrant atmosphere filled with crowds, and the rich aroma of food from around the world. She described the scene as overwhelming in the best way, comparing it to the bustling food markets of Asia. As she made her way through the event, she visited several stands hosted by friends and sampled a variety of international dishes. The experience offered her a meaningful glimpse into different cultures, making the evening both memorable and enjoyable.

C\MAJ Camila Flannigan

Service Learning Project



On the morning of April 25th, JROTC staff and cadets hosted their annual SLP (Service-Learning Project) with the Special Education department, running a field day for the SPED students. The special education student field day is an incredibly meaningful event that mixes inclusivity, empathy, and sparks a big community spirit. By creating a fun and supportive environment where all kinds of students can participate in various activities, it promotes understanding and appreciation for diversity. The JROTC cadets, with their leadership and teamwork skills, play a crucial role in ensuring the day runs smoothly, offering guidance, encouragement, and companionship to the special education students. This event not only provides a sense of accomplishment and joy for all participants, but it also helps to break down barriers, strengthening bonds within the school community and highlighting the importance of kindness and mutual respect. Go Cards!!

C/MAJ Autry Oran BN XO

Final Review

Cadets woke up bright and early on Saturday, (insert date here) to attend the annual final review.

Angelina attended as S4, standing in formation on the floor, waiting to see what awards

Bellaire got! Though the rehearsal and ceremony remained long, it was worth seeing the achievements of the mighty Bellaire Cards in front of the many Brigades and attending schools.

C\cpt Angelina Castro



Words from Next Years Staff

As the S1, I am focused on excelling in my responsibilities, especially making sure to keep track of all the cadets. It's important that everyone is accounted for, and I will work hard to make sure this is always done correctly. I'm excited to be part of the battalion and to help in any way I can. This role is a great opportunity to grow and contribute to the team. I'm committed to doing my best and supporting the success of our mission. I look forward to working with everyone to achieve our goals.

C/2LT Brissia Fernandez



Hello everyone, I am Cadet Staff Sergeant Dennis Argueta, and I will be the incoming Public Affairs Officer (S5). For the 25-26 SY I'll be responsible for the newsletter, managing our social media, and documenting the battalion throughout the year. My goal is to boost our image and help more students see what JROTC is really about. You'll often see me at events, competitions, and around campus, capturing moments that reflect the dedication and teamwork of our Cadets. Every photo and post helps tell the story of our battalion- and I'm proud to be the one recording it.

C/SSGT Dennis Argueta
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