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Final PMS Comments

SHSU Faculty, ROTC Alumni, Local Community Supporters, and Families.

Greetings! Your Cadets continue to improve physically, academically, and hone their leadership skills. Cadets
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Cadets is academics.

GPA. In addition, our Cadets remain committed to join our profession of selfless service. Cadet Ryan Coker joined our profession as he contracted this month (page 1); thus, 65% of our Cadets have raised their right hand to defend our constitution, upon graduation from SHSU. We have 28 soon-to-be rising Senior Cadets who will attend Advanced Camp (the culminating training event for ROTC) this summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky. This training will pay



Contracting Board by Katelyn Nitsche - MSI

My name is CDT Katelyn Nitsche, and I am an MSI (freshman) in the Sam Houston State University (SHSU) ROTC program. The Army has always been a part of my life, and in my senior year in high school I knew I wanted to join. I took the initiative to reach out to a recruiting office to weigh my options. I overheard a conversation about the SHSU ROTC program in Huntsville and I immediately became interested. I knew from that conversation that I was going to join the program and start my journey to become an Army Officer.

Earlier this month, some of my fellow MSI peers and I went in front of the contracting board. There are several requirements that Cadets must achieve to go in front of the board for a scholarship, contracting, or both. Cadets must have a minimum 2.0 GPA to contract, at least a 2.5 GPA for the scholarship, pass the contracting PT test (also known as the 1-1-1 test), complete a 104-R degree plan, pass the medical examinations (optometry and physical exam), and turn in an application with an essay on why I Aspire to be an Army Officer .

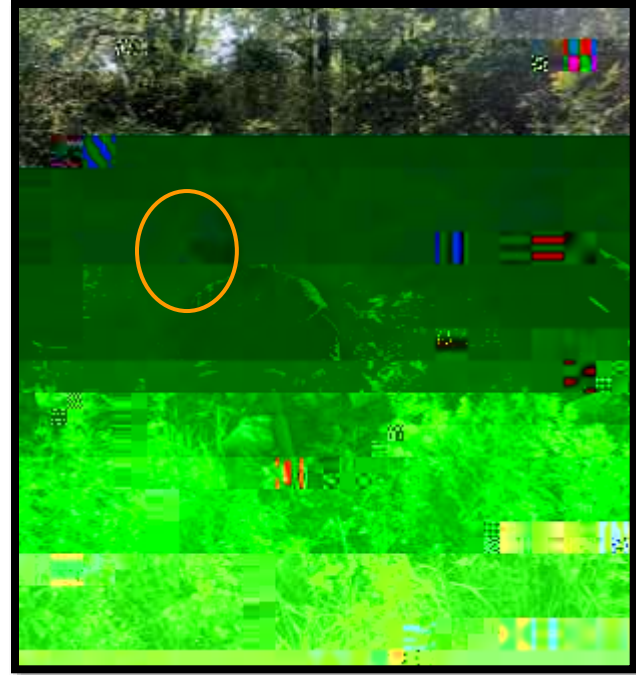
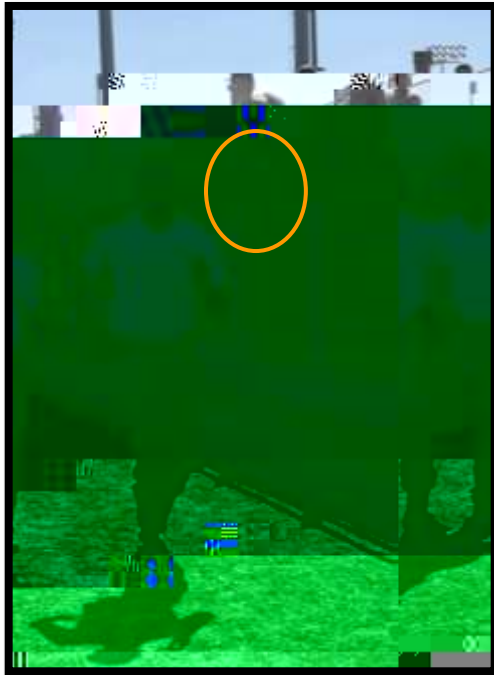
I prepared myself ahead of time by asking my fellow peers for advice and my mentors for the appropriate regulations regarding an Army board. Preparing for potential questions put my mind at ease and made facing the board less stressful than it had been at the beginning. There was a protocol for addressing and leaving the board, but the questions and interactions were more open for me to elaborate why I wanted to contract. The contracting board was a great learning experience for me and my peers that attended. I thank the contracting board for allowing me to participate.

Strength and Honor!



Cadet of the Month

CDT Julian Monroig competing in Ranger Challenge and leading the platoon as PL during the culminating tactical lab for the year.



CDT Julian Monroig was selected as the April Cadet of the Month by his peers and Cadet leadership for his constant attention to detail, attitude, servant leadership, physical fitness, and his attestation to the Army Values. One of his platoon members stated e works hard and takes good care of us every day. He is always there early, and he encourages people to strive for their best. As 1SG, he does a lot to make my job easier and builds essential esprit de corps to the Battalion
Congratulations Cadet Monroig!

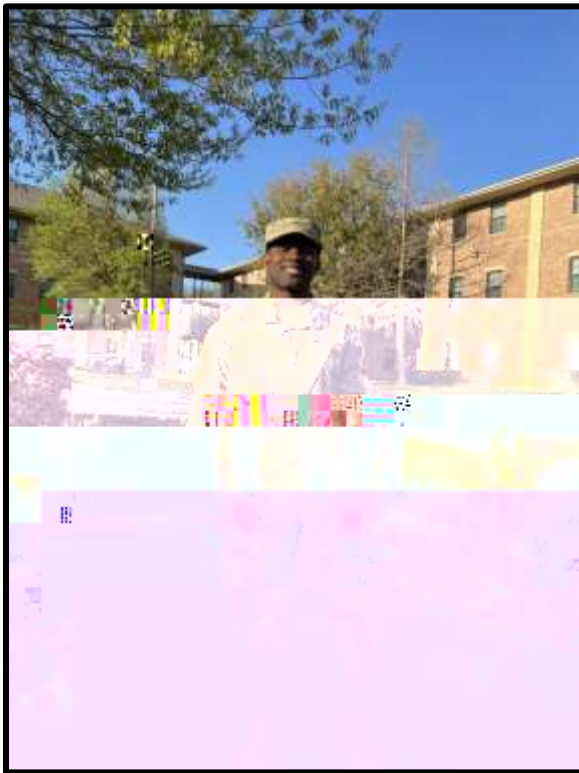


MSAC Scholarship Board by Emmett Gray - MSI

My name is CDT Emmett Gray, and I am a sophomore at Sam Houston State University. I recently joined the ROTC program in my second semester, and my experience with the Bearkat Battalion has been nothing short of amazing. In my short time in the program, I have not only learned about the military, but also how to improve my leadership skills, public speaking, and handling of day-to-day responsibilities.

As a result, I have recently been awarded the opportunity to attend the board for the CPT Rowdy Inman Scholarship. The scholarship is named in honor of CPT Rowdy J. Inman, an SHSU Alumnus who served and was killed in Iraq while bravely leading his soldiers in combat. Those who are awarded the Rowdy Inman scholarship are awarded either a \$1,000 or \$500 scholarship during the academic school year and their names are displayed on a plaque in the CPT Rowdy Inman Room in ABIII. The importance of receiving the scholarship reflects upon Cade's hard work in the program and the classroom.

While attending the board, I was asked questions that required self-reflection of character both for ROTC and personal. I was also allowed to ask the board questions and received advice on successfully continuing my ROTC career and day-to-day life as a student. When joining the program, Cadets will learn the 7 Army values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. As Cadets advance in their ROTC careers, they will learn how to apply each of the seven values to themselves and help develop others into leaders. I am very thankful for the opportunities ROTC has awarded me, and I look forward to continuing to develop as a responsible leader in my future with the Bearkat Battalion.



CDT Gray on Campus



CDT Gray during a team-building exercise at FLRC lab



MPFTX Experience by Julian Monroig - MSIII

My name is CDT Julian Monroig, I am currently attending Basic Camp last semester I was promoted to Sergeant. Throughout my schooling I have received training and acquired numerous awards from classroom training to executing operations. I have received some of the best training



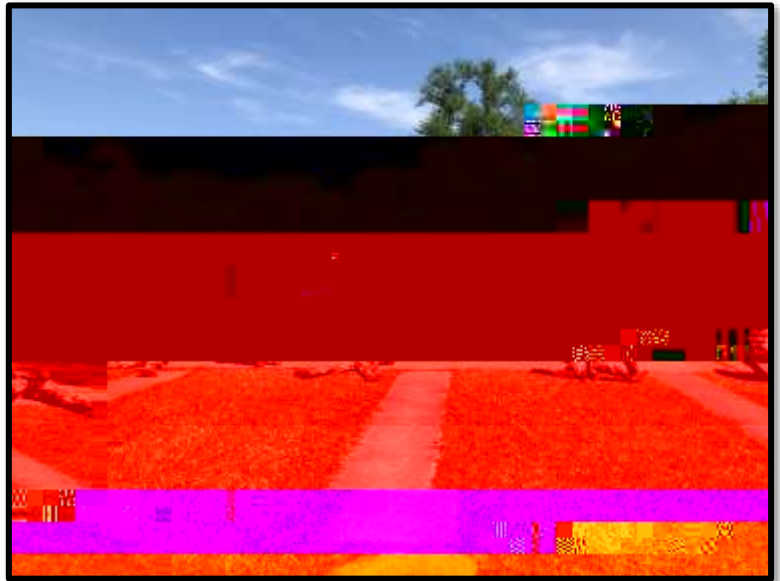
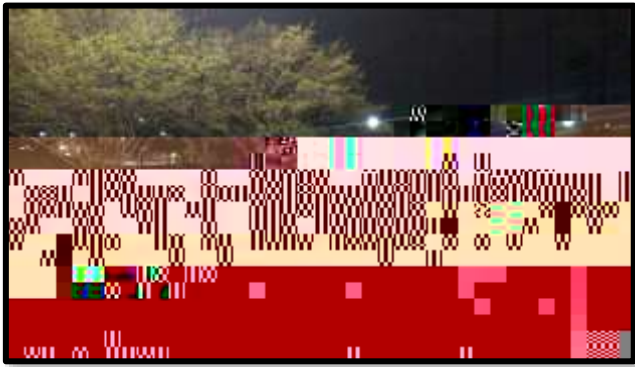
The Ring Guard Ceremony by Deena Stone - MSIII

Sam Houston State University (SHSU) is a university that practices many important traditions, and among those traditions, is the ring ceremony. The very first ring ceremony took place in 2004 and has since grown into an event that hundreds of students participate in each semester. SHSU ROTC is very fortunate to be able to provide support to this ceremony through our Cadets and the Color Guard program.

The Cadets who participate in the ring guard are volunteers who dedicate their time and efforts to make sure



This Month in Photos







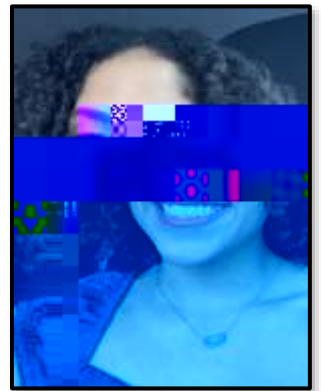
CDT Deena Stone
Cadet Troop
Leadership Training at
Fort Lewis (JBLM),
WA.



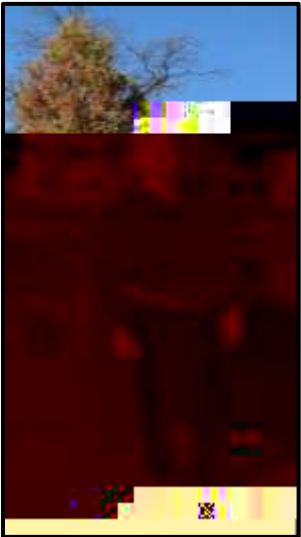
CDT Matthew Pilgrim
Cadet Troop Leadership
Training at Fort Lewis
(JBLM), WA.



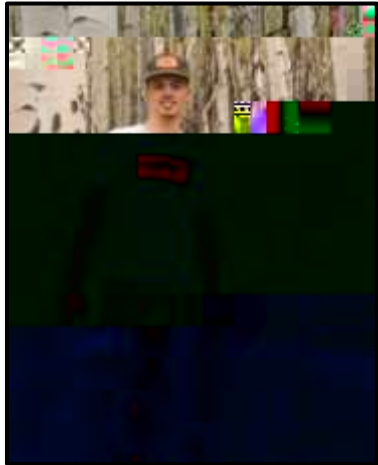
CDT Rudy Rochat Cadet
Troop Leadership Training at
Fort Hood, TX.



CDT Xiomara Santiago
Cadet Troop Leadership
Training at Fort Lewis
(JBLM), WA.



CDT Sam
McNaughton
OPFOR at Fort Knox,
KY.



CDT Carson Shell OPFOR
at Fort Knox, KY.



CDT Hunter Mills OPFOR
at Fort Knox, KY.



CDT Austin Sumner
Robin Sage at Fort Bragg,
NC.



CDT Ford MSIII Leader
Trainer at Fort Knox, KY.



CDT Dieck MSIII Leader
Trainer at Fort Knox, KY.



Cadre Memorial and Advocate Appreciation

