



MSIV (FY21 Cohort) Cadets receiving their branches.

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øWe are extremely proud of the grit your cadets displayed this semester under the current environment! The articles authored by the Cadets in this newsletter are inspiring and truly embody the resiliency, humility, and potential of the young men and women who will lead our sons and daughters in the near future. I encourage everyone to read the newsletter in its entirety over some coffeeóyou will not be disappointed.

We reached some significant milestones this past month. First, our seniors, received their branches (listed below)ócongratulations! Second, two more Cadets made the commitment to join our profession of selfless service, by contracting. Jordan Castillo, a freshman, from Pflugerville,

Fall 2020 Branch Results



CDT Battalion Commander Comments – MSIV CDT Stone, Nicole

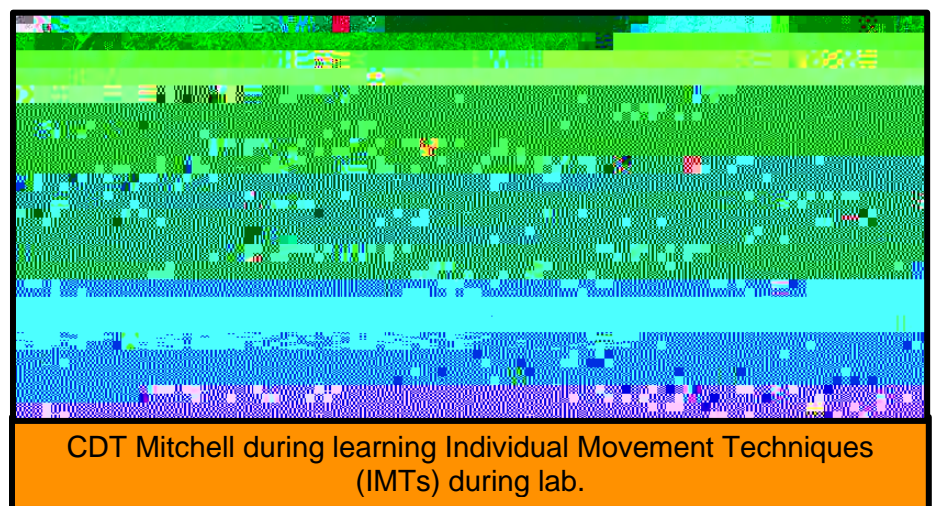
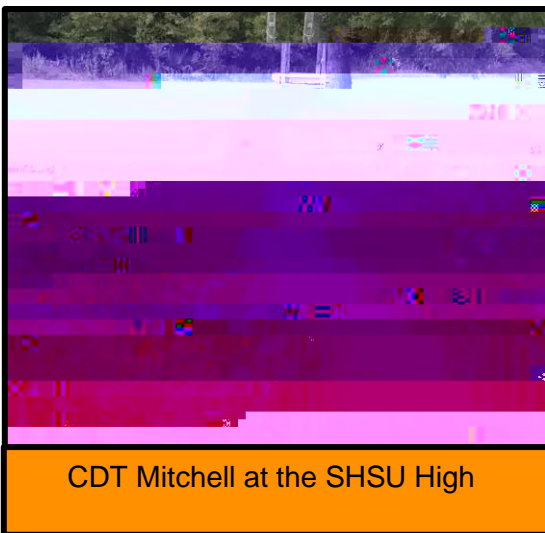
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New Experiences – MSI CDT Mitchell, Bethany

ðF gekf kpi vq lqk vj g TQVE r tqi tco y cu cp gcu{ f gekukqp. Chgt eqo r rgvkpi Dcuke Eqo dc v Training (BCT), and not having any platoon leaders that resembled myself, I was eager to enroll. I am an advocate for inclusion, and being a minority and a female has driven me to be apart of the future of the Army.

Prior to joining the program, I had essentially no one to motivate me. Not to mention, after watching *Major Payne*, I humorously thought all ROTC programs were extremely intense. My best friend goes to school here, but we have different majors and rarely see one another. I dealt with a lot on my own and it was very difficult, my grades also began to reflect it. I have only been involved with the program a few months now, however, I now have a team that holds me accountable. It has helped tremendously, and the transition was rather simple for me. Joining the program has been very smooth, relaxed, and encouraging. After being forced to instantly adjust in BCT, I enjoyed how the cadre and my peers were understanding and made it fun rather than frightening. It was also very helpful having a mentor, CDT Melissa Mize. I learned early on to not ask stupid questions, not that there are any, but if I had one of them, my mentor would definitely have had the answer. After the ðEqtqpcrqecrf rugö, knowing she was there for me was very reassuring.

The benefits of having a group of people that you are learning with and bonding with are incalculable. It is essentially a family here, and the program does very well at creating a positive home away from home. This semester, overall, has been challenging, informative, and fun. It has been challenging having to adjust to COVID-19 restrictions, but informative in the same way. I have learned in the Army and in life we will have to adjust and adapt to our ever-changing surroundings. This whole pandemic is just a little practice. The fun part is the competition and joking with my battle buddies. I am looking forward to GRADUATION! Along the way, you learn, ræg, cpf o cnq ht kpf u. Vj cvku y j cvKy kneqpvkpwg vq gplq{ f qkpi , wvknKetquu vj g uci g!ö



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Preparing for The ACFT – MSIV CDT Edo-Terradas, Oscar

November and December In Photos Cont.



Alumni Spotlight – CPT Morgan, Hailey

Captain Hailey Morgan attended Sam Houston State University from 2010 to 2014, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. She entered the Bearkat Battalion as a 4-year

