



# Bearkat BATTALION

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## Strength and Honor!

The Bearkat Battalion has had an eventful semester thus far. With the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rowdy Inman 5k, SHSU Branch Day, and record Army Physical Fitness Test, cadets remain busy and resilient. The Bearkat Battalion sent a team of cadets to compete in the Army Ten Miler held in Washington, D.C. Also, our Ranger Challenge team has progressed every year, and ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the Regional Ranger Challenge competition.

We are looking forward to end the semester strong in the classroom, in our physical fitness, and supporting the university and community!

**Good luck Bearkats!**

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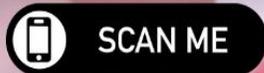
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rowdy Inman 5k

The second annual Rowdy Inman 5k is a special event the Bearkat Battalion is hosting on 7 December 2019 to commemorate a fallen veteran. This run is in remembrance of Captain Rowdy Inman, a Sam Houston State University alumnus, who paid the ultimate sacrifice on 26 December 2007. Captain Rowdy Inman was the first Sam Houston State ROTC graduate to die in combat while he was with the US 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fort Hood, TX, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Captain Inman was also a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Just Cause, earning many accommodations to include the Purple heart, Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster. While in the Bearkat Battalion, Captain Inman earned his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology with a minor in Military Science in 2000. This event was established to commemorate Captain Inman and his family. The Bearkat Battalion strives to bring awareness to America's heroes, their contributions, and accomplishments to Sam Houston. Our cadets take great pride in bringing together our students, faculty, community, and other veterans for Captain Rowdy Inman and his family. We appreciate your continued support and hope you join us in honoring this hero.

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### RUN/WALK/RUCK

## 2ND ANNUAL CPT ROWDY INMAN RUN 5K

Bowers Stadium Sam Houston State University

\* Registration online or in person

\* \$20 per person

\* Includes T-shirt and snacks

\* 5 Kilometers around beautiful Sam Houston State campus

\* Dog friendly run

**SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2019**

**0930-1100**



Register at <https://gettieapp.com/getties/2nd-annual-cpt-rowdy-inman-run-5k-135hwkj1>

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## 2ND ANNUAL CPT ROWDY INMAN RUN 5K

### Sponsorship levels

#### 2nd Lieutenant

**\$100**

- Race day recognition
- One free individual entry
- Business name on back of race shirt
- Invitation to provide promotional items at event

#### Captain

**\$200**

- Race day recognition
- Two free individual entry
- Business name on back of race shirt
- Invitation to provide promotional item(s) at event

#### Major

**\$300**

- Race day recognition -3 free individual entries
- Large business logo on back of race shirt -Invitation to provide promotional item(s) at event
- Invitation to set up promotional table/tent at event

#### Lieutenant Colonel

**\$500**

- Race day recognition -5 free individual entries
- Largest logo on back of race shirt
- Invitation to provide promotional item(s) at event
- Invitation to set up promotional table/tent at event

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# MS4 Active Duty Branches

The following Cadets now received their respective branches. Congratulations Cadets!

Escamilla, Andrew	TC	Lopez, Samanta	MI
Gerlach, Jacob	OD	McEnroe, Andrew	MP
Kennard, Ty	IN; AG	Melkovitz, Alec	MP
King, Julian	IN	Morrow, Kaitlyn	AG
Leasure, Brett	MP	Oviedo, Shyanne	ADA
Lewis, Hunter	FA; MI	Pham, Jordan	EN

## Bearkat Battalion Branch Day

Before graduating Advanced Camp and Basic Camp in Fort Knox, KY, there is a day offered to cadets to allow them to understand the different branches of the Army. Cadets who have attended this event expressed how informative and helpful this day was regarding what path they would like to take upon commissioning. Most cadets are not sure of their intended branch their first years in the program, so we are seeking to provide them an opportunity to become familiar with these branches by hosting our own Branch Day. On 6 December 2019, the Bearkat Battalion will be hosting the first ever Branch Day!

The Army Branch categories include: Combat Arms, Force Sustainment, and Operations Support. During Branch Day, Army officers, mainly SHSU ROTC alumni, will come and describe their respective Army branches to cadets of the Bearkat Battalion to inform them of the career opportunities available in that field upon commissioning. Throughout the day, the representatives will be given the opportunity to explain their experiences, roles, and/or duties of the branch they commissioned into. Cadets will have the entire day to ask representatives questions and gain enough knowledge to support their desired career path.

Because of the high demand and diversity of branches, there's still a need for branch representatives that have had plenty of experience in various fields (i.e. Captains or promotable 1st Lieutenants)! If you fit the criteria and would like to come and provide cadets with valuable knowledge, please contact CDT Hunter Lewis (817)-995-4544.



### Inaugural SHSU Branch Day (6 DEC 2019)



**WHO:**  
The Military Science Alumni Club (MSAC) with a combination of current and former officers support SHSU Cadets

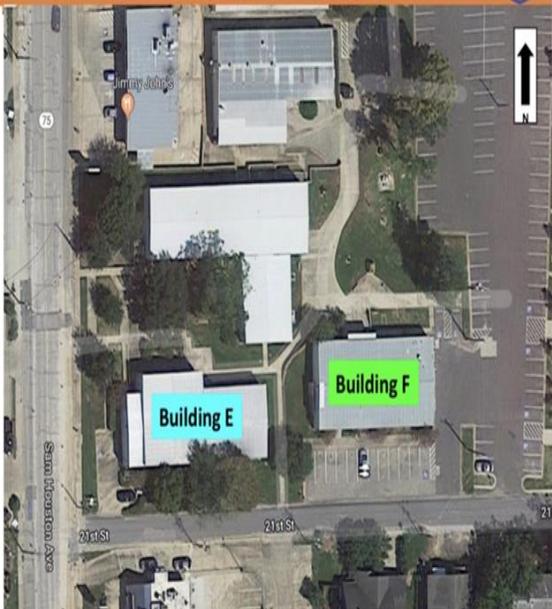
**WHAT:**  
Inaugural SHSU Branch Day

**WHEN:**  
6 DEC 2019, 1000-UTC

**WHERE:**  
SHSU ROTC Buildings E and F

- Force Sustainment Division will be located in Building E, Room: 102
  - AG
  - Finance
  - Transportation
  - Ordnance
  - Quartermaster
  - Logistics
  - EOD
- Combat Arms Branches will be located in Building E, Room: 108
  - Air Defense Artillery
  - Aviation
  - Field Artillery
  - Engineer
  - Armor
  - Infantry
- Operations Support (along w/other branches) will be located in Building F, Room: 107
  - Signal
  - Military Intelligence
  - Medical Services
  - Military Police
  - Chemical

**WHY:**  
SHSU ROTC Alumni provide Cadets with their experiences/information of each specific branch to educate Cadets and assist them in their branch preferences.



**COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Branch reps available throughout the day for questions.
- Branch reps allotted a 30-minute scheduled timeframe for a spotlight brief (does not need to be PP).
- Lunch is provided by SHSU R.O.T.C.
- Please RSVP to CPT Cody Holmes [cch046@shsu.edu](mailto:cch046@shsu.edu) and CDT Hunter Lewis [hpl002@shsu.edu](mailto:hpl002@shsu.edu) NLT 15NOV2019
- Please contact Emily Elkins [ee001@shsu.edu](mailto:ee001@shsu.edu) for a parking pass NLT 22NOV2019

**TIMELINE FOR SPECIFIC BRANCH SPOTLIGHTS:**

1000-START	1245-1430:
1000-1030:	• Lunch with Cadets
1045-1115	• AG, ADA, SC
1130-1200	• QM, AR, MP
	• FI, AV, MI
	• 1515-1545
	• LG, IN, CM
	• TC, FA, MS
	• 1215-1245
	• OD, EN, EOD





## Army 10 Miler



"I'm excited for the opportunity to have been involved in such a prestigious event, and visit our nation's capital. I know this was our first year participating, but we were very competitive with other teams there and I am very proud of our performance."

- CDT Chudej

On 13 October 2019, the Bearkat Battalion sent four cadets to run in the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C. This race began in 1985, and has been ran every year since with the exception of 2001. This race attracts over 35,000 runners and 900 teams from around the world; participants of the race include, but are not limited to: military personnel, civilians, wheelchair, and wounded warrior athletes. This year there was a total of 35,000 runners, and it was an emotionally filled atmosphere. The proceeds from the race go to benefits for the Family Moral Welfare Recreation programs in the Army, and more than \$7.3 million was generated from this race. Each year, over 100 ROTC programs participate in the race, and this was the first year the

Bearkat Battalion competed. The

competitors were: Abraham Padron (Senior), Julian King (Senior), Oscar Edo-Terradas (Junior), and Tristin Chudej (Junior). The cadets were escorted by

Captain Cody Holmes- who is a Cadre member for the ROTC program and was previously assigned to the Old Guard in Washington, D.C. This team had the

opportunity to tour the city and its sites such as the: Washington monument, Lincoln and Vietnam Memorial, White House, African American history museum, and Pentagon. The Bearkat Battalion placed 36 out of the 103 ROTC teams that

competed.

Good job Bearkats!



"I am thankful for being provided the opportunity to participate in such a huge Army tradition, and visit some of the most iconic and historical sites in the country. I am proud of our performance in the race, and I believe that all of our hard work and training paid off."

- CDT Edo-Terradas



"I was very excited to see the purity of the American and Army spirit spread out over thousands of people running and cheering."

- CDT King



"It was an ecstatic feeling knowing that we were going to D.C. to represent our school and program. The training was well worth it."

- CDT Padron



## MS I - Cadet Melissa Mize

When I came to Sam Houston State, I wasn't sure about what organizations I wanted to join or whether a military lifestyle was meant for me. I decided to join the ROTC program, and the treatment

I have received thus far has been totally different from my initial expectations. I was expecting to be somewhat excluded because I am a freshman, but I was welcomed with positive attitudes and it feels like I have become a part of a family. I felt oblivious to everything initially but with the help of the upperclassmen and my mentor, I was able to eventually figure it all out. The upperclassmen took me under their wing, and graciously explained even the simplest things to me whenever I was confused about something. If I had to describe ROTC in one word, as I've experienced it, that word would be "superlative."

I know that's a bit of an old-fashioned word, but it means "of the highest quality." This is an adjective that I would use to describe almost all of the cadets within the program. Everyone seems to have a goal of becoming the best version of themselves, and the tenacity of the other cadets is what keeps me going. Every time we are doing Battalions runs, there is always someone that goes back and runs next to the people who aren't as fast to motivate them; I view that as a superlative act. Every time Color Guard has extra practices for candidates who need more help, that is a superlative act in my book. Every time the Ranger Challenge candidates were told to run extra laps after PT, I knew that it was because they wanted to create superlative individuals within a well-prepared team. I believe that I have found an organization that I am willing to fully commit to!



CDT Mize during 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Ranger Challenge competition.



CDT Mize with the rest of the Bearkat Battalion Ranger Challenge team.



CDT Mize as Opposing Forces member during tactics training.



## MS II Cadet Nathan Frye

“If it is worth doing, it is worth doing right.” This is a statement passed down to me from my grandfather that I strive to live out in every aspect of my life. Throughout the previous three semesters I have been in this program, I have seen our Battalion embody this statement that I try so hard to uphold. Upperclassmen cadets consistently put forth an effort to mentor those under them, and set examples of what “doing right” means within the context of training and leadership. I first made the decision to join the Bearkat Battalion after generously being offered a national 4-year scholarship. This scholarship, among others, has allowed me to heavily invest into the Military Science program by relieving my financial burdens. The scholarship also works as an incentive for me to set the standard for my performance higher. My experience in ROTC thus far has been remarkably enjoyable acting as an avenue to meet likeminded and determined individuals who push me to grow not only as a future Army officer, but also as a person. Through daily morning workouts, Field Training Exercises, Ranger Company, Ranger Challenge, and even Intramural teams, I have been privileged with forming lasting companionships amongst many cadets. The ROTC program here at Sam Houston State is best characterized as a community. A community of persons dedicated to the mission of the Army and becoming quality leaders. With the Cadre guiding each cadet along with the mentorship granted by more experienced cadets, those involved in ROTC have an ample amount of resources and opportunities to assist in their journey of becoming Army Officers. During my time in ROTC, I feel as though I have made significant progress in my physical fitness as well as in my confidence. I came into the program not being able to run 2 miles and eventually, with guided training, I was able to work my way up to even passing a 5-mile run for the Ranger Physical Fitness Test. These progressions are ones I attribute to the leadership I have received within this program. I take great pride in being a member of the Bearkat Battalion, and I am working daily to progress and become a successful United States Army Officer.



CDT Frye's contracting ceremony.



CDT Frye with the Boys and Girls club at the obstacle course.

CDT Frye participating in the Push-up Crew at the Piney Woods football game.



## MS III – Cadet Eric Webster



CDT Webster during Military Police training.

I made the decision to leave the Army on 1 March 2013 upon completion of over five years of Active-Duty service as a Military Police officer. During my time as a Sergeant, I have served as a team leader and squad leader on a one-year deployment to Iraq. Although serving as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Army provided me with great leadership skills, I always knew I wanted more for myself within the Army. I knew that one day I would return to the military, but I knew that I needed to be mentally and physically prepared for that come back. I officially made my return to this profession on 21 August 2019, when I contracted through the Bearkat Battalion. I made this decision with sole intentions of pushing myself further to achieve greater heights, and eventually becoming an Army Officer. I made the decision to contract within Sam Houston State's ROTC program based on a conversation I had with my Company Commander from my deployment to Iraq. He informed me that he commissioned through the Bearkat Battalion, and recommended the program to me when I informed him of the route I was planning to take in my career. I thoroughly respect his leadership abilities, and I am seeking to be just as remarkable of an officer as he was.

Initially I thought my prior service would give me an edge over the other cadets, but within the first week of classes I realized that the military tactics we learn here are different from the Military Police tactics I am accustomed to. I learned quickly that training to become a Commissioned Officer differs greatly from the type of leadership learned within the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps. The friendly competition and motivation amongst cadets is an exciting and fun challenge for me. I have enjoyed every second of this program as it is helping to mold me into a better leader, while making bonds with other cadets that will last a lifetime.



CDT Webster as a squad leader during tactics training.



## Cadet of The Month - Cadet Colton Smith



CDT Smith during rifle qualifications.

The reason I joined ROTC is because it is a great way to advance in the military, and gain more leadership experience. I have always looked up to soldiers in the military, and I desired to become one because I want to lead others and be a role model for children that do not have one.

I thoroughly enjoy the family spirit within the Bearkat Battalion. The cadre and cadet leadership hold everyone to high standards, and push us daily to improve ourselves in physical fitness as well as in our academics. In the short time I have been in a member of this program, I have learned new skills, and I have enhanced the skills I already attained. I believe that leaders are responsible for creating cohesive units, and the future leaders within the Bearkat Battalion have successfully generated a close-knit environment.

I am also involved in the Texas Army National Guard, and a skill that I have learned from my time in the military thus far is the importance of being physically and mentally tough. I am honored to be selected as Cadet of the Month, and I strive to continue to do my best as a future leader in the U.S. Army.



CDT Smith commanding the Color Guard during an SHSU football game.



# November in Pictures



CDT Abramski's Contracting ceremony.



CDT Rocha's Contracting ceremony.



CDT Amiry and Brink's Contracting ceremony.



CW4 Rocha speaks about his experience to the MS4 class.



Bearkat Battalion Flag Football team dominating their last game.



CDT Tran during the Fall FTX.

Bearkat Battalion cadets during the 2019 SHSU Homecoming Parade.



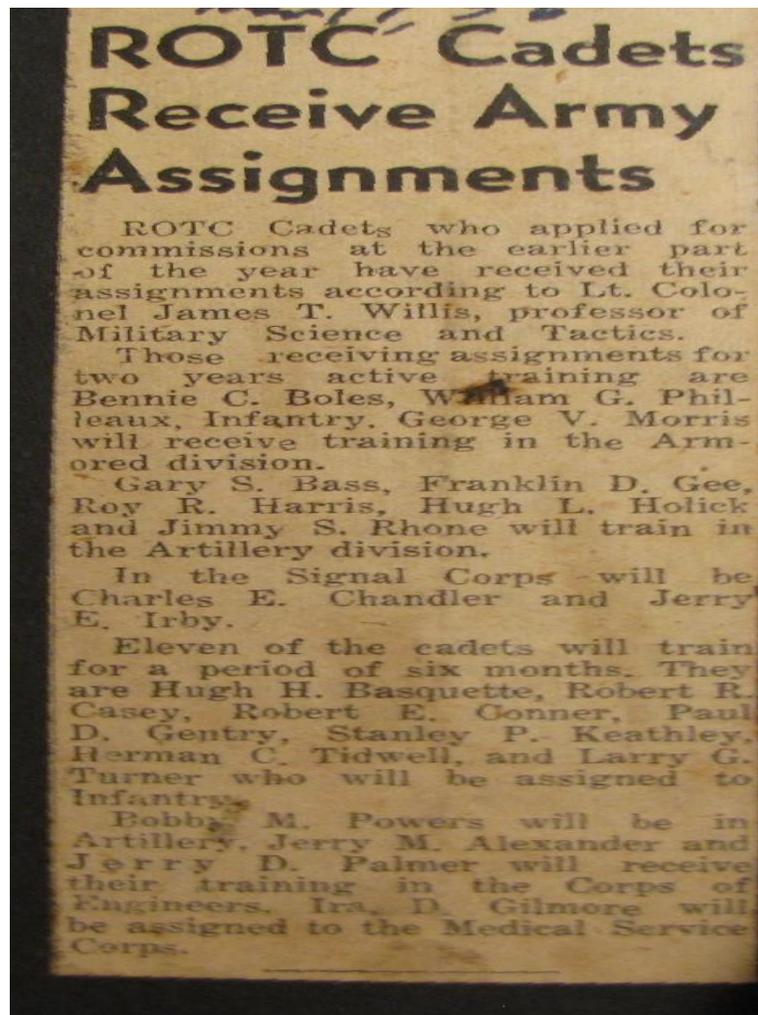
MS3 class enjoys their MREs during the Spring FTX.



Bearkat Battalion's Push-up Crew with University President Dana Hoyt at the SHSU vs SFA Football game.



## Blast From The Past – “ROTC Cadets Receive Army Assignments” (1950s)



**The above article reads:** “ROTC Cadets who applied for commissions at the earlier part of the year have received their assignments according to Lt. Colonel James T. Willis, Professor of Military Science and Tactics. Those receiving assignments for two years active training are Bennie C. Boles, William G. Philleaux, Infantry. George V. Morris will receive training in the Armored division. Gary S. Bass, Franklin D. Gee, and Jimmy S. Rhone will train in the Artillery division. In the Signal Corps will be Charles E. Chandler and Jerry E. Irby.

Eleven of the cadets will train for a period of six months. They are Hugh H. Basquette, Robert R. Casey, Robert E. Conner, Paul D. Gentry, Stanley P. Keathley, Herman C. Tidwell, and Larry G. Turner who will be assigned to Infantry. Bobby M. Powers will be in Artillery, Jerry M. Alexander and Jerry D. Palmer will receive their training in the Corps of Engineers. Ira D. Gilmore will be assigned to the Medical Service Corps.



## Upcoming Events:

Event	Location	Date
Fall Ring Ceremony	SHSU Fountain	18-19 Nov
SHSU vs Northwestern State	Bowers	16 Nov
Record APFT	Bowers	18-19 Nov
Face to Face Scholarship Luncheon	LSC Ballroom	19 Nov
Contract Scholarship Board	ROTC Building	22 Nov
SHSU vs Houston Baptist – Fan Appreciation Game	Bowers	23 Nov
Thanksgiving Break	Campus	27-29 Nov
Stole Ceremony	HEARTS Museum	6 Dec
Branch Day	ROTC Building	6 Dec
2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual CPT Rowdy Inman 5K	Bowers	7 Dec
Finals	SHSU	9-12 Dec
Commencement Ceremonies	Johnson Coliseum	12-14 Dec
Commissioning Ceremony	Campus	13 Dec

