The Bearkat Battalion completed another semester with great success in part due to your support! This month we supported Six Veteran’s Day Events, conducted a record APFT, and finished with the Fall Awards Ceremony. Finally, the Cadre and Senior class are planning the spring semester.

The SHSU Department of Military Science is hosting the Inaugural CPT Rowdy Inman Memorial 5k on January 26, 2019. This run is in remembrance of Captain Rowdy J. Inman, a Sam Houston State University alumnus who paid the ultimate sacrifice on 26 December 2007. For further details regarding the 5k, please contact CDT Caitlin Arrigali at cka007@shsu.edu.

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

We are extremely proud of everything your cadets accomplished this semester! This semester was an “eye opening” experience for me as today’s cadets accomplish a lot more than I did when I was a cadet – a few years back. One of the most impressive feats, I witnessed was our cadets participating in Academic Community Engagement Activities, as our Military Science Classes are dually registered through the SHSU Community Engagement. Our cadets completed over 401 hours in the community, leaving a positive impact in the areas they were interested in serving.

Our cadets understand how critical your support is to the program’s success. This semester our senior class sought to provide something unique to express their appreciation for this support; hence, they named all our training events after some of our supporters. Thereafter, they framed a copy of these named training events along with a T-Wall depicted with the name of the training event. The T-Walls are a steel-reinforced concrete blast wall used for blast protection throughout Iraq and Afghanistan. The named T-walls symbolize stronger-together-protection as we could not conduct our mission of training cadets to become 2nd Lieutenants without everyone’s support. Below is the list of this semester’s training events.

- Operation Hoyt
- Operation McDaniel
- Operation Mills
- Operation Eglsaer
- Operation Correa
- Operation Maynard
- Operation Flores
- Operation Hernandez
- Operation Ringo
- Operation Robbins
- Operation Jenkins
- Operation Reiner

In closing, the next newsletter will be published in February, 2019. However, I will send out the 2019 Spring Semester Events in early January. We appreciate the support you provided to the program this semester and are looking forward to an even better spring semester.

Strength and Honor!

Lieutenant Colonel Joe Contreras

LTC Joe Contreras with the Provost Marshall, Dr. Eglsaer.

The Framed Operations and T-walls given to each distinguished guest.

LTC Contreras presents Dr. Hernandez, VP of Finance and Operations with a T-Wall.
**Fall Awards Ceremony**

**Ranger Challenge Team Members:**
- MS1 CDT Jacob Wilson
- MS1 CDT Samuel Brink
- MS2 CDT Shyanne Ovideo
- MS2 CDT Bill Woodburn
- MS2 CDT Oscar Edo-Terradas
- MS2 CDT Lynnsey Steele
- MS3 CDT Prescott King
- MS3 CDT Alec Melkovitz,
- MS3 CDT Gianni Nunez

**Most Improved PT Scores:**
- MS1 CDT Cody Weeks (52 Points)
- MS2 CDT Joshua Valentin (53 Points)
- MS3 CDT Mason Miller (112 Points)

**APFT Excellence**
Awarded to CDTS with scores of 270 points or with 90 points in each event.

- MS1 CDT Chyanne Wachtendorf 300
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- MS2 CDT Oscar Edo-Terradas 300
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- MS2 Bill Woodburn
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**New Color Guard Tabs:**
- MS1 CDT Julie Trejo,
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- MS2 CDT Jennifer Nevajas
- MS2 CDT Lynnsey Steele
- MS3 CDT Hunter Lewis
- MS3 CDT Samantha Lopez

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Cadet Oscar Edo-Terradas awarded the Captain Rowdy J. Inman scholarship by Brigadier General (RET) Richard Mills.

**Cannon Crew Awards:**
- MS1 CDT Noah Abramski
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- MS1 CDT Daniel West
- MS1 CDT Connor Murphy
- MS1 CDT Henry Chacon
- MS1 CDT Jacob Wilson
- MS1 CDT Mason Lalonde
- MS2 CDT James Rivers
- MS2 CDT Nancy Tran
- MS2 CDT Nikki Stone
- MS2 CDT Lynnsey Steele
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MS4 SPRING COC

BN CDR  CDT LTC Arriaga
XO  CDT MAJ Aparicio
CSM  CDT CSM Allen
CO CDR  CDT CPT Bridwell
S1 NCOIC  CDT SFC Lopez
S2/OPFOR  CDT CPT Hohn
S3  CDT MAJ Calderon
AS3/Safety  CDT CPT Pender
S3 NCOIC  CDT SFC Weinbell
S4  CDT CPT Alvarex
S6  CDT CPT Gerlach
S8  CDT CPT Pham
ACE OIC  CDT CPT Powell
PAO/ PM  CDT LTC Rodas
Mentor OIC  CDT MAJ Arrigali
Recruiting OIC  CDT MAJ Canchola

MS4 BRANCHES

Erick Rodas - Adjutant General
Jazzmine Pender- Field Artillery
Leighanna Bridwell-Field Artillery
Mario Canchola- Signal/ Branch Detail Infantry
Caitlin Arrigali- Military Intelligence/ Branch Detail CBRN
Jose Arriaga- Military Police
Raquel Aparicio- Engineer

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Cadet Aparicio branched Engineer
At the mere mention of Adventure Training the mind (mine at least) conjures up the great outdoors. And according to Master Sergeant Jay Massey the AT Lab seems to appeal to those individuals who are outdoor oriented. The main objectives of AT, besides having fun, is to instill confidence and to develop skills in the individual.

The lab I visited was being held at the LSC pool where condition could be described as “freezing”. The assistant instructor, Cadet Captain Oscar Gonzales, was teaching basic canoeing techniques. The purpose of this lab was to prepare the students for a canoe trip down one of Texas’ treacherous rivers. The trip is scheduled for later in the spring.

And why are they willing to jump into “freezing” water in the middle of winter? According to Outdoorsman Jay Bennett, he does it “for the fun of it.” Another reason for suffering the cold water was offered by Donnie Barnhill who felt that AT Lab offered a greater variety of activities than the pistol or rifle lab. Another unidentified student called it a “challenge.” For a change of pace, the Adventure Training class will go from the depths of the pool to the heights of the rappelling tower in one short week. What a way to beat the springtime blahs.

How’s Your Physical Fitness??

At a recent lab the Corps held a diagnostic PT (Physical training test. There are five events: inverted crawl; run, dodge and jump; horizontal ladder; bent leg sit-up; and the 2-mile run. Each test designed to test the cadet’s physically ability in areas such as agility, endurance, and strength.
In my past semester of college, I spent countless hours training in my Criminal Justice Program. Together my team and I learned it takes trust and responsibility to depend on each person fulfilling their duties. I have seen first-hand how one break in the chain can affect the entire group negatively. It is important to me that no matter how things may be going that day, you must perform at the highest ability.

I believe a real leader can find a way to convert that frustration and transform it into a learned lesson or a personal drive so that they do not make the same mistake. A leader must not only stay mentally sharp but physically aware of their strengths. The Army ROTC program offers me a chance to gain a higher education and satisfies my need for mental growth while pushing me physically. My whole life, I have been fascinated by the Criminal Justice System along with an intrinsic obligation to law and order.

I have chosen to dedicate my life to service in the form of Law Enforcement. The training I would receive in the Army would directly correspond to the discipline, assertiveness, and the ability to move with a purpose that I must develop in my career choice. Starting my career with military service is important to me as it was to my father and the generations before him. My family history’s patriotism fuels the specific passion for serving my country and I hope to fulfill the service.
My name is Nikki Stone, and this is my 2nd year in the ROTC program at SHSU. I would like to tell you why I made the decision to join ROTC. I come from generations of military officers and Sam Houston Alumni who have greatly influenced my life and career choice. My grandfather, Brigadier General (retired) Tommy Stone, joined the National Guard at the age of 15. He later attended Sam Houston State University, where he played football and became an Army officer after attending OCS. This began a 36-year career on active duty and the National Guard. He is also a distinguished alumnus of Sam Houston State University.

My father Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Keith Stone attended Sam Houston State University where he also played football while participating in the ROTC program. He served as the Cadet Battalion Commander of the Bearkat Battalion his senior year. He was a distinguished ROTC graduate and was commissioned in 1980. He served 20 years on active duty and in the reserves, serving as a Cavalry and Foreign Area Operations Officer, and later in the intelligence community. Being raised by my father taught me to understand how military officers think and operate, which made it easy to choose this path and be passionate about it. I have chosen a career in the military and I feel the military has also chosen me. The values, leadership, comradery, and discipline of ROTC are preparing me for a life of service.
The Bearkat Battalion has been an integral part of the Sam Houston Ring Ceremony for the past five years. The day before each semester’s ring ceremony, cadets escort the rings to the Sam Houston home and guard them throughout the night. The morning of the ceremony, cadets escort the rings back to campus for the ceremony. Every cadet involved values the history behind the night at the Sam Houston Home, and understands the hard work that every student receiving one of the rings put into their studies. The chance to be a part of this tradition is something the battalion is proud of, and every cadet will continue to serve in any way they can.

From left to right Cadets Goodson, Miller, and Hohn inside the Sam House outside the room the Rings are kept.

Cadets Schumann, Massey, Escamilla, Arrigali and McEnroe at the Ring Ceremony.
THE MONTH IN PICTURES

CDT Valentin contracting to be a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation.

Cadet Way contracting before thanksgiving break.

CDT Woodburn contracting at the Fall Awards Ceremony.

Cadet Weinbell conducting the OPAT.

Cadets conducting the Record APFT.

Cadets Leasure and Hernandez at Thursday lab.

Color Guard at the H.E.A.R.T.S. museum’s Veterans Day dinner.

CDT Gerlach volunteering at Christmas at the park.

Cadet Arrigali had the most Academic Community Engagement hours with 32.