This month, the Bearkat Battalion is celebrating the completion of a tough but memorable semester. The Battalion extends its heartfelt congratulations to SFC (R) Lichtenberger on his retirement! On May 12, the Battalion proudly commissioned its largest class of Second Lieutenants since 2013, with more commissioning ceremonies scheduled for December. Lastly, the program sends its best wishes to MSG Liberatore as he sets forth on the next chapter of his military career.
MSG Liberatore Farewell Address

BearKats! As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I want to express my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to each of you for your exceptional growth, commitment, loyalty, and strength. Your unwavering dedication to our mission has been truly inspiring, and the accomplishments we have achieved together are a testament to your resilience and determination. Facing numerous challenges this year, you have consistently risen to the occasion, proving that nothing can stand in the way of our collective success. I am immensely proud of the camaraderie and teamwork you have displayed throughout the year, as you have supported one another and grown as individuals and as a battalion. Your unwavering loyalty to each other and to our nation serves as an example for others to follow. As we move forward, I have no doubt that you will continue to excel and bring honor to our military. Here's to the outstanding achievements of this year and to even greater accomplishments in the year to come.

Dear Senior Class, I want to take a moment to recognize and commend the outstanding efforts and commitment you have demonstrated throughout your time with us. Your dedication to planning and executing the training sessions has significantly contributed to the development of exceptional leaders within our ranks. Your selfless service has left a lasting impact on those around you and truly deserves the admiration and appreciation of the entire cohort. As you embark on the thrilling adventure of beginning a new chapter in your lives, I encourage you to cherish the valuable lessons you have learned and the experiences that have shaped you into the remarkable individuals you are today. Remember, the qualities that made you exceptional leaders here will continue to serve you well in all your future endeavors. May you continue to grow, thrive, and inspire others wherever life takes you.

Dear Junior Class, I want to acknowledge the incredible dedication and hard work you have displayed in preparing for the upcoming cadet summer training. The countless hours you have invested in mastering new skills, overcoming challenges, and refining your leadership abilities are a testament to your unwavering commitment to personal and professional growth. This intensive training experience will not only test your limits but also provide you with invaluable opportunities to apply your knowledge and demonstrate your leadership capabilities. Embrace each challenge as a chance to learn, grow, and cement your place as future leaders within our ranks. I have no doubt that the resilience, determination, and teamwork you've shown thus far will continue to shine throughout the training and beyond. Best of luck, and make the most of this extraordinary experience!
Dear Sophomores, I want to commend your remarkable efforts in expanding your understanding of leadership and actively supporting our program's activities this year. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and eagerness to learn have contributed significantly to both your personal growth and the success of our program. By embracing every opportunity to grow and develop, you have laid a strong foundation for a future filled with exceptional accomplishments and positive influence. Your curiosity, commitment, and determination truly embody the spirit of inspiring leaders, and I am proud of what you have achieved so far. Keep striving for greatness!

Dear Freshmen, Throughout your first year in ROTC, you have demonstrated an exceptional willingness to be among the one percent answering our nation's call to make a difference. Your active engagement in team building and leadership exercises has set the foundation for your continued growth as you navigate the coming years. Your experiences and dedication to learning have already begun to shape you into influential leaders, and I am proud of the positive impact you have made within our community. Keep pushing forward, and never underestimate your ability to make a difference!

Christopher Liberatore
Master Sergeant
Senior Military Science Instructor

MSG Liberatore Farewell Address cont.

LTC Limberg and MSG Liberatore after the Change of Command ceremony

LTC Limberg and MSG Liberatore with Newly commissioned Second Lieutenants awaiting Graduation
SFC (R) Lichtenberger Retirement Ceremony

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Harry Lichtenberger Was Born November 4th, 1980, In Buffalo, New York, And Enlisted In The United States Air Force On August 11th, 1999. He Completed Basic Training At Lackland Air Force Base, Tx, And Thereafter Aerospace Ground Equipment (Age) Individual Training At Sheppard Air Force Base, Tx. After Completing His Initial Contract, Sergeant First Class Lichtenberger Enlisted Into The United States Army Under The Blue To Green Program. Sergeant First Class Lichtenberger’s Professional Military Education Includes Als, Blc, Alc, SLe, Unit Armorer Course, Air Assault School, Crew Master Gunner Course, Electronic Warfare Operations Course, Drill Sergeant Academy, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Master Resilience Training Course And Common Faculty Development – Instructor Course. Sergeant First Class Lichtenberger Served One Tour In Saudi Arabia, One Tour In Diego Garcia, One Tour In Iraqi Two Tours In Afghanistan.

Sergeant First Class Lichtenberger’s Awards And Decorations Include, And Are Not Limited To: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4 Olc), Army Achievement Medal (1 Silver, 1 Olc), Valorous Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award With Valor (1 Olc), Meritorious Unit Commendation (1 Olc), Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (4 Knots), Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon With Gold Border (1 Olc), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionsry Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3 Combat Stars), Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 Combat Stars), Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Nco Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3), Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Nco Professional Military Education Ribbon, Nato Medal, Drill Sergeant Badge, Combat Action Badge, And Air Assault Badge.

Sergeant First Class Lichtenberger’s Prior Assignments Include Age Craftsman 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, Tank Gunner 3-15 In Bn, 3rd Infantry Division Fort Stewart, Ga; Cavalry Scout Dismount Team Leader 2-7 In Bn, 3rd Infantry Division Fort Stewart, Ga; Cavalry Section Sergeant 1-61 Cav, 101st Airborne Division Fort Campbell, Ky; Cavalry Section Sergeant 1-33 Cav, 101st Airborne Division Fort Campbell, Ky; Drill Sergeant 2-39 In Bn, Fort Jackson, Sc; Platoon Sergeant 2-14 Cav, 25th Infantry Division Schofield Barracks, Hi. Most Recently, He Served As A Military Science Instructor At Sam Houston State University.
Leadership Excellence!

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU TROOPS!

SFC (R) Lichtenberger Retirement Ceremony Pictures
Spring 2023 Award Ceremony

Battalion Commander Military Award: presented to Cadet Cinnamon Wright-Burwinkel

Ranger Company Scroll Award: presented to Cadet Kaleb Brown

Cadet Of The Year Award: presented to Cadet Jackson Hyams

Staynor Memorial Scholarship Award: presented to Cadets Matthew Pilgrim and Taylor Knight

Rowdy Inman Scholarship Award: presented to Cadets Bailey Pogue and Faith Calma

Senior Military Instructor Award: presented to Cadets (left to right) Avery Sitkowski, Diego Paez, Austin Sumner, and Joshua Loya

Command Sergeant Major Prominence Award: presented to Cadet Ryan Coker

Superior Fitness Award: presented to Cadets (left to right) Karli McMillin, Jackson Hyams, Thelma Gurrola, Jacob Clement, Avery Sitkowski, and Cinnamon Wright-Burwinkel
Spring Commissioning Class

2LT Ethan Bahr from Caney, TX will serve on Active Duty as a Signal Officer.

2LT Camille Dang-Fouty from Purdon, TX will serve on Active Duty as an Air Defense Artillery Officer.

2LT Benjamin Dene from Tyler, TX will serve on Active Duty as a Branch Detailed Field Artillery Officer to Military Intelligence Officer.

2LT Alexander Dieck from Monterrey, Mexico will serve on Active Duty as an Air Defense Artillery Officer.

2LT Giuliana Greco-Casas from Humble, TX will serve in the Reserve Component as a Chemical Officer.

2LT Marlon Hardeman from Spring, TX will serve in the Reserve Component as a Chemical Officer.

Train to Lead!
Spring Commissioning Class

2LT Britney Loerwald from League City, TX will serve in the National Guard as a Quartermaster Officer.

2LT Lindsay Mitchell from Rio Ranch, New Mexico will serve in the National Guard as an Adjutant General Officer.

2LT Julian Monroig from Friendswood, TX will serve on Active Duty as an Infantry Officer.

2LT Matthew Pilgrim from Spring, TX will serve on Active Duty as an Infantry Officer.

2LT Kaleb Rios from Round Rock, TX will serve on Active Duty as a Quartermaster Officer.

2LT Rudy Rochat from Mason, TX will serve in the National Guard as an Engineer Officer.

Train to Lead!
Spring Commissioning Class

2LT Xiomara Santiago from Kingwood, TX will serve in the Reserve Component as a Quartermaster Officer.

2LT Brendan Smith from Tomball, TX will serve on Active Duty as a Transportation Officer.

2LT William Sumner from League City, TX will serve on Active Duty as an Armor Officer.

2LT Deena Stone from Bellville, TX will serve on Active Duty as an Aviation Officer.

2LT Oluwasegun Olatunji from Dallas, TX will serve in the Reserve Component as a Quartermaster.

2LT Yatta Towouh from Killeen, TX will serve on Active Duty as a Chemical Officer.

Train to Lead!
Bearkat battalion,

My time as your Cadet Battalion Commander has come to a bittersweet end. I cannot thank each and every person in this organization enough for welcoming me with such open arms. It has been an immense honor and privilege to lead, work, and grow with you all these past two semesters.

As I depart, I would like to remind you all once again of what might be the two most important aspects of being a good leader: attitude and effort. It’s easy to have a positive attitude on the days you’re feeling motivated and energetic. I challenge you to always keep that positive attitude, even on the days where you may not be feeling so great. This is when you, and your soldiers, will need it most. Failure is inevitable. Every great leader has failed. But, what made these leaders great was the fact that they learned from their shortfalls and didn’t stop pushing to be better. You will fall short, you will be put into positions that aren't favorable, you will have duties that you don’t want. Do not let negative circumstances change the amount of effort you put into your work. Be the best you can be at everything you do. Every opportunity, no matter how big or small, is an opportunity to be better.

Again, thank you for an amazing school year. You have outstanding incoming MSIV Cadets to replace the current cohort. I ask you to please welcome them and give them the respect that you all did for us. I look forward to seeing and hearing about the amazing things you all will accomplish throughout this next year and your careers.

Strength and Honor,

Cadet Battalion Commander
Julian Monroig