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## MILITARY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Faculty, Employers, and Military Colleagues,

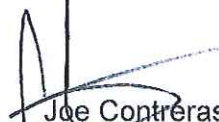
On behalf of the U.S. Army ROTC department at Sam Houston State University, I would like to thank you for your strong support and relationships with the Cadets of the Bearkat Battalion.

To ensure early coordination and to synchronize the Cadet's schedules, please allow me to take a moment of your time to share the scheduled activities for the 2020 spring semester. We fully understand that our high performing Cadets have many commitments; ranging from classes, to work, to participation as Simultaneous Membership Program Cadets with our Army National Guard and Reserve Components. We value their obligations to your organizations and know that each of you contribute immensely to the development of the well-rounded leaders we strive to produce.

As you know, our Cadets are some of the best in the Nation and actively challenge themselves with many activities while competing to earn a position as commissioned Army officers. In addition to planned classroom instruction and Leadership Labs (conducted on Thursdays from 2 to 4:50 PM), a number of ROTC developmental events occur outside of normal published class hours. For our contracted and scholarship Cadets, some of these events are mandatory, while others enhance their professional growth and their leadership skills. There are several events Cadets must attend in the 2020 spring semester and you can find these events listed below. I respectfully request your support in excusing them from class, work, or other requirements on those days to attend these personally and professionally rewarding training events.

In closing, we pride ourselves on training our student leaders to a very high standard. To ensure they continue to progress in every area of their life, we welcome an open dialogue with you to support them fully. Please feel free to reach out to discuss the progress of the Cadets you teach or support on a daily basis. We would also be happy to address any other conflicts or challenges which may arise. We need your help to produce the Army's future leaders and know that your support and understanding means so much in helping our Lieutenants become future leaders in the U.S. Army. You can always reach me at (936) 294-1297 or at [jxc200@shsu.edu](mailto:jxc200@shsu.edu). Also feel free to call on any of my instructors or support staff shown below. Thank you and I wish you the very best in the New Year!

Sincerely,



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KEY EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Wounded Warrior Banquet	Walker County Fairgrounds	23-Jan
Crosby JROTC FLRC	Gibbs Ranch	31-Jan
HEARTS Museum Veterans Breakfast	HEARTS Museum	01-Feb
BRM	Huntsville Police Department Range	21-Feb
JRTC Visit (Senior Cadets)	Fort Polk	21-Feb
Staff Ride	San Jacinto	28-Feb
March to the Grave	Campus/Cemetery	2-Mar
JROTC Drill Meet	New Caney HS	07-Mar
Bataan Memorial Death March	White Sands, New Mexico	13-16 Mar
JROTC Drill Meet	The Woodlands High School	21-Mar
Sammypalooza	Johnson Coliseum	25-Mar
Sat @ Sam	SHSU Lowman Student Center	28-Mar
Multi-Program FTX with TAMU and SFASU	Camp Bullis, TX (San Antonio)	2-5 Apr
Ravens Call	SHSU Clock Tower	03-Apr
HEARTS Museum Muster Festival	HEARTS Museum	04-Apr
Piney Woods Shootout	Stephen F. Austin State University	10-Apr
Ring Escort and Ceremony	Sam House / Coliseum	06-07 Apr
BRM	Huntsville Police Department Range	15-Apr
Cadet Military Ball	Panorama Village, Conroe	17-Apr
Sun Dial Ceremony	CJ Building	23-Apr
Take Back the Night	SHSU Campus	23-Apr
Schuder's Rangers Final Exercise	Gibbs Ranch	24-25 Apr
Vererans Stole Ceremony	HEARTS Museum	30-Apr
Commencement Ceremonies	Johnson Coliseum	07-09 May
Commissioning Ceremony	AB4 – Olson Auditorium	9-May

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