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THE BLACK KNIGHTS' SWORD



MARCH 2022

READY FOR INSPECTION



Every three years, JROTC is inspected by Cadet Command at the federal level to ensure the program is healthy. Cadets are required to have mastered certain levels of information and performance standards in order to keep the program at the high school. This school year, the Black Knights “Aced” the inspection ending on February 23rd, 2002.

Command Sergeant Major Briggs conducting the “In Ranks” Inspection in the gym

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Left: 66 Cadets consuming the lunch meal prior to the arrival CSM Briggs. The battalion commander eats last.

Right: Executive Officer 1LT Romero and Cadet CSM Sandoval escorted CSM Brian Briggs to the inspection floor upon his arrival.



The Results: 66 Cadets were selected to compete to **EARN** their Citation Cord and all 66 Cadets were successful. Each Cadet was asked 2-3 questions that verified they knew required knowledge. Their individual bearing and presentation were also judged along with the wear and appearance of the Cadet uniform which is governed by **Army Regulation 670-1** and **Cadet Command Regulation 145-2**.

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Trust the Process

Selected Cadets were instructed to attend JROTC's College Transition class for five days to conduct rehearsals as a battalion. Individual JROTC classes rehearsed during class time, but the program is designed for all Cadets to come together to build confidence and unit cohesion.

Assistant Principal Monzon gave glowing comments on how organized and proper the formation looked during the inspection. Perfect practice does make for perfect performance and the Black Knights endured tough training.



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shmstc_drill_team_ We got our gold cord 😊

Every member of both drill teams earned their gold cord, and they were happy to show the world their accomplishment. Cadets Sergeant First Class Obregon and 2nd Lieutenant Chavez stood proud with their team leading them to yet another victory.



To ease nervousness, instructors used the picture of CSM Briggs when drilling Cadets in preparation for the actual face to face encounter they would experience.

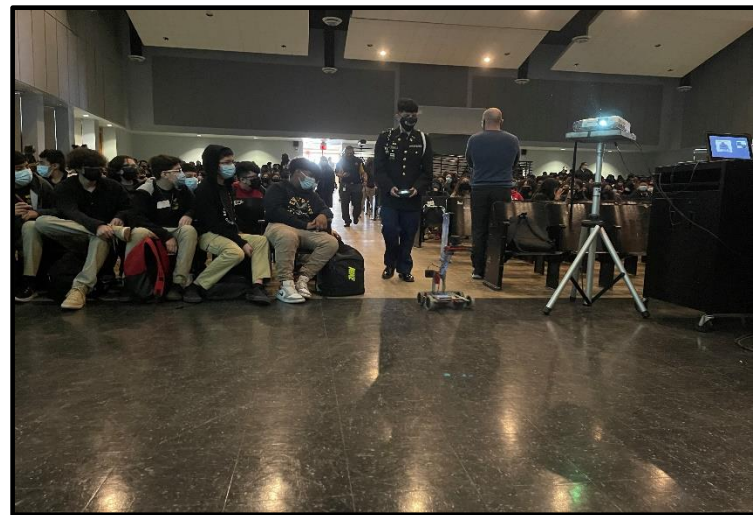
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BLACK KNIGHTS VISIT BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL



TAKING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD

In February, the Black Knights visited Burbank Middle School to introduce all 8th graders to the world of JROTC. The drill team, the robotics program, the physical training team, and the staff all spoke directly to the 8th grade class and took questions about the benefits of being a member of the program. On that day, **42** 8th graders who know they will enroll at Sam Houston MSTC signed up to join the program next school year. The Black Knights will also visit Fonville and Patrick Henry Middle Schools this year.



Upper Left: Drill team members on stage showing how a winning team works together.

Upper Right: C/1LT Romero operating the presentation for the presenters.

Middle: C/MAJ Jimenez drawing attention to the robot he built and is driving down the aisle.

Bottom Left: Cadets counting push ups and **Physical Training** team standing with top male and female push up performers, winners were awarded Black Knights shirt.

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THE SPARTAN SKIRMISH!!



The Physical Training Team preparing to compete at Stafford High School



The secondary color guard hashing out the strategy to win the trophy at Stafford High School

THE ROAD WARRIORS!

On February 19, 2022, the Black Knights invited themselves to compete at the inaugural "Spartan Skirmish" at Stafford High School hosted by their JROTC program. The events were centered around physical activities such as physical training test, marksmanship, tug of war, and a refined competition of the color guards. Various high schools from across the area all arrived early Saturday morning to demonstrate their competitive spirit and have a good time meeting new cadets.

The Black Knights took 2nd place in the secondary color guard, 2nd place in the female physical fitness test, third place in the marksmanship competition. Stafford High School JROTC program plans to host this event annually and the Black Knights will be ready next February to compete!

Black Knights will be back in action on March 5, 2022 at Stafford High School for the "Blue Bonnet Classic which is an HISD event.



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PULLING FOR SAM!



THE MAIN EVENT

The Black Knights recruited the right Cadets and trained for two weeks in order to put forth the best possible team for the Tug of War event. The team consisted of five males and five females, and they came with their game faces on tight. After three solid rounds, the Black Knights went undefeated again and dominated in the championship round winning in less than 25 seconds. The Spartan Skirmish was fun and it proves that good training brings a team together.

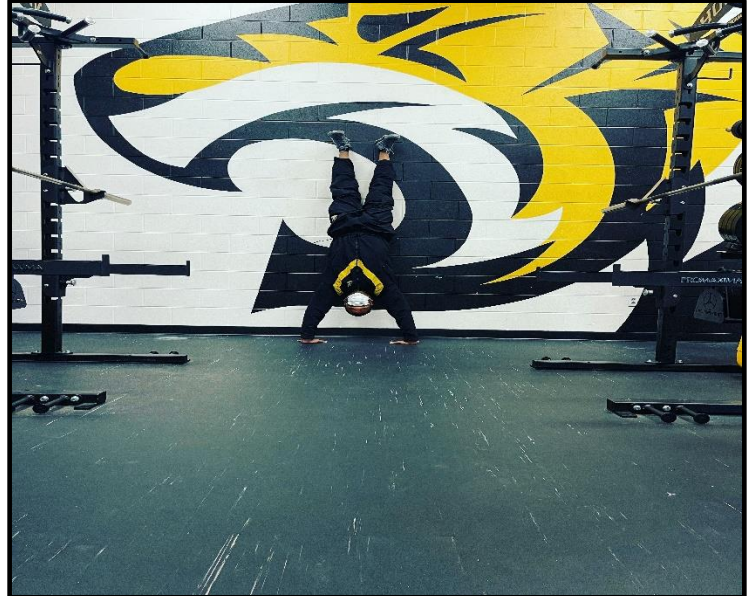
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AROUND THE BATTALION



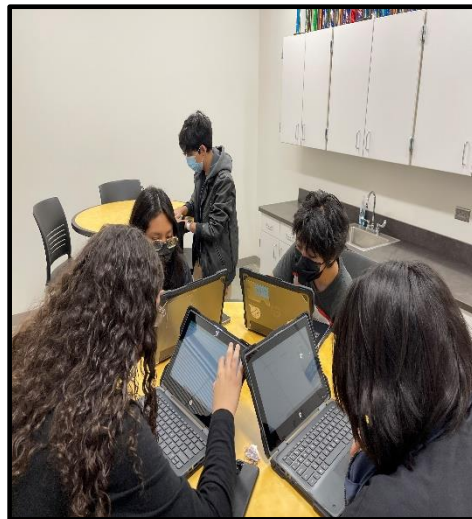
**1SG Martinez leading a round of team building
push ups after a short workout**



**MAJ Ray demonstrating the hand stand push up in
the weight room**



**C/SGT Rayford assisting 2LT
Chavez attempt the hand stand
push up**



**Academic Team members
practicing for the national
competition held on FEB 15th**



**Spartan Skirmish participants
preparing to enjoy Domino's
Pizza at Stafford High School**

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A WORD FROM THE TOP



Good day cadets and patrons, this month has been full of events both good and bad but regardless we stand strong. I hope that everyone is safe and doing well. Cadets, I am proud of each and single one of you who has been working hard to be the best, I am thankful for all of you, and I am glad to be the Battalion Commander of such a great Battalion. We have great things planned for the remaining semester. GO BLACK KNIGHTS!!!



"Good morning or afternoon to all of my cadets. The only thing I want to talk about is that our program's Teams are going to go to Stafford High School for their biggest competition this year. I would say good luck but they are so skilled that they don't need it. Do your best all teams, you have our entire battalion behind you. As for our other cadets, Keep looking forward to your goals, don't let anyone try and hold you back from succeeding. Every day you must become your best self. That is your mission."



XO's Corner

Hello Staff and future leadership, I am proud of each team that competed in the previous competition. We will be having our next and final competition on Saturday 5th so please wish luck to the cadets that are competing. This was both a great and tough semester for new cadets and former cadets. Remember "All dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them" - Walt Disney. Also I am proud of all the cadets that participated in the yellow cord inspection, great job! As for staff, we need to step up our game, that means preparing for our annual Military ball!!!! Upcoming events:
Bluebonnet competition- March 5th, 2022
Military ball- April 2nd, 2023 (Westin Galleria Hotel)
Possible fundraiser- March

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THE LEGACY CONTINUES



SHOTS FIRED!

Officer Baray volunteered to shoot with the Stealth Knights in a training session and he put on a clinic. He is accurate and fast. He hit several "Bullseye" impressing the team. The team enjoyed having him come out and enjoy a good session of marksmanship practice and they hope to see him again in the range sooner rather than later.



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