



# THE BLACK KNIGHT'S SWORD



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## A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

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1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade  
Sam Houston MSTC  
Junior Reserve Officer Training  
Corps

## THESE COLORS DON'T RUN

### COLORS ON THE MOVE

Throughout the summer of 2021, selected Cadets have been training and presenting the United States Flag and the Texas flag in high fashion and with great discipline. The team is led by senior Cadet/1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant (1LT) Felicia Romero. She has taken time away from her summer job to train her team and get them ready not only for presenting the colors at events, but she has and is currently preparing her team to succeed at the pending JROTC Program Accreditation inspection which takes place on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Alpha Team consists of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants Ben Benavides and Dakota Chavez with Cadet Major Erik Jimenez and Romero as the commander.



Color Guard at home football game on September 10, 2021 at Dyer Field



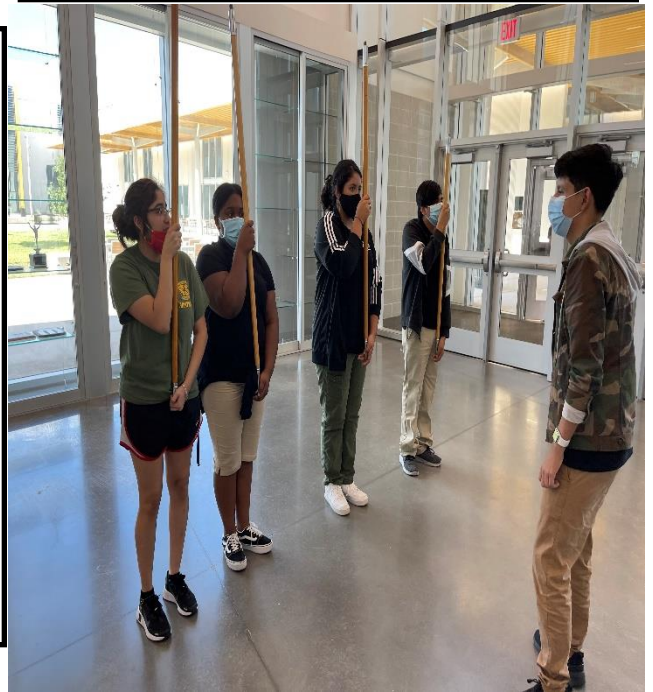
## THE PRIDE OF THE BATTALION

Saturday, August 28, 2021 Alumni Game at Sam Houston Field



The Alumni game was graduated members of Tiger Nation from as early as 1992 to as recently as 2020 playing an exhibition game on campus and celebrating the legacy of Sam Houston and all it represents.

C/1LT Romero training the new recruits to a high standard



The Alpha Team was chosen by the District to present the colors at the district-wide summer graduation ceremony, which was held on Saturday, August 23, 2021.



The Color Guard has been very busy since the summer began and they are expecting to continue to stay busy for the 2021-2022 school year with fundraisers, presentations, and training new teams who will carry the flags into the future. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion would like to thank the school administration for purchasing six new shiny color guard rifles. The administration can be rest assured that these new rifles are being used and will be used as often as possible. Any support for the Color Guard or any other team by parents or interested parties are more than welcomed. Thank you for your support!



# The Summer of Upward Mobility



**Erik Jimenez promoted to the rank of Cadet Major and taking the lead as the Battalion Commander**



**Nicoles Sandoval promoted to the rank of Command Sergeant Major (senior most enlisted)**



**Janeth Sanchez promoted to the rank of Cadet 1LT, serving as Executive Officer/Deputy Commander**



**Felicia Romero promoted to 1LT, serving as the Color Guard Commander**

During the summer of 2021, selected Cadets volunteered to work at school to help the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Black Knights prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. With COVID-19 serving as the backdrop for operations, these Cadets work up early most morning to arrive at school to conduct physical training, make plans for the recruiting effort, and support other school departments as requested. These Cadets were promoted to the top of the battalion and have been out front in classes this early part of the semester teaching new Cadets how they conduct business in JROTC from movement drills to customs and courtesies.

They will lead the battalion in the JROTC Program Accreditation (JPA) effort which starts on October 5, 2021, with another logistics inspection where uniform accountability and government property accountability are inspected along with adherence to regulatory guidance. The main inspection will continue November 9, 2021, with a visit from brigade leadership from San Antonio, TX.

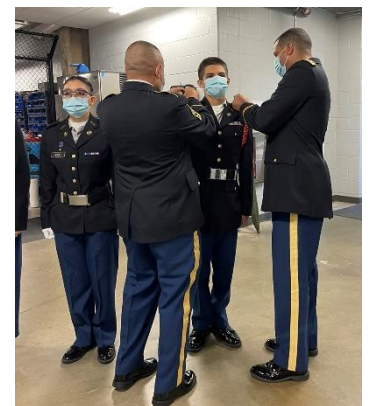
**WISH THEM LUCK!**



**Arianna Saenz promoted to 2LT, serving as Personnel Officer in Charge**



**Dakota Chavez promoted to 2LT, serving as Operations Officer in Charge**



**Ben Benavides promoted to 2LT, serving as Logistics Officer in Charge**

## A WORD FROM THE TOP



**I am your Battalion Commander, Erik Jimenez, and firstly I wanted to thank the cadets who have been putting in the effort when it comes to our club activities. Also, a big thanks to Major Ray, 1<sup>st</sup> SGT Martinez, our Drill Instructors Adam and Sabrina Obregon, our Color Guard Commander Felicia Romero, our S-3 staff member Dakota Chavez, and our S-4 staff member Benjamin Benavides for building up our Club teams. I can see the potential that our Battalion holds and I'm proud to be able to see it fruition. GO BLACK KNIGHTS!!!**



**I am the battalion command sergeant major and the thing I want to talk about the most is grades. Grades are a very important piece of a high schooler's life due to how they directly impact one's GPA. If you are struggling in any class, please talk to our JROTC upperclassmen and see if you can get any help. Also talk to your teachers about tutorials so you can learn anything that you don't understand.**



# THE LEGACY CONTINUES



## The Pride

During the summer, 1<sup>st</sup> BN took the liberty to improve the school by ordering a Sam Houston flag to fly next to the U.S. and Texas flags. The flag is designed to bring school pride to Sam Houston and give the school a feeling of home for all who attend as students or who are employed as faculty.

GO TIGERS!

## The Pride

Dr. Hernandez commented that he was caught off guard when he saw the Sam Houston flag flying. He stopped by to thank the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion for their efforts as he was once the Drill Team commander in the early 1990s as a student at Sam Houston...

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