Annually, four cadets are selected to earn the district level “Superior Instructor” ribbon. Cadets must teach three different classes to a high standard for 25-40 minutes.

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Superior Instruction

Every school year, upperclassmen are taught how to teach JROTC curriculum using the four-phase lesson plan. The four phases are Inquire, Gather, Process, and Analyze. Each cadet instructor must be evaluated twice by the Army instructors which results in the Senior Army Instructor ribbon being awarded. The final stage is the cadets teaching another class in front of district level judges.

The judges provide feedback to the cadets and scores them on the merit of their usage of the four-phase lesson plan. Cadets Allan Echeverria, Katherine Alamia, Alessandra Rodriguez, and Angel Bustillo are all now Superior Instructor qualified prepared to teach classes next year as seniors.

Cadet 1st Lieutenant Krystal Ramirez was the officer in charge of preparing these cadets to earn their ribbons. She of course earned her Superior Instructor ribbons last year. Cadets in uniform served as the learning audience and they were very receptive to the instruction.
On Sunday, February 18, 2023, the Black Knights arrived at the American Legion near their high school. Commander Dwight Rumph of Post #586 invited the Black Knights to help re-paint parking lines in their parking lot. The Post is hosting a car show in March, and they wanted to spruce up the place a bit.

Cadets earn volunteer hours they can use for their resumes in the future, but they are gaining experience by helping community members be better at what they do.

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Cadet Staff Sergeant Perez is all set to graduate in the coming months. He is currently writing essays and filling out applications for local scholarships. He is also considering enlisting into the Army National Guard for more opportunities and resources to pay for college. He is also working to complete his financial goals.

His goal is to work in the medical field as a phlebotomist. Currently, he is a third-year member of the championship armed drill team, Black Knights Elite, and is set to compete in Daytona Beach, Florida in May.

PROMOTIONS

Senior LET 3 Lorian Aviles (above) being promoted to the corporal.
Junior LET 3 Luis Castellanos (right) being promoted. He serves as the D Company Commander.

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The annual Black and Gold Military Ball is scheduled for April 13, 2024, at the VFW located at 27 Farrell near Houston MSTC.

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Food Tasting Event

Former cadets who are now in the culinary training program at Barbara Jordan Career Center asked the battalion if they could cater the military ball this year. The cadet staff agreed to work with the BJCC culinary students to plan and execute the meal plan for the ball.

Ms. Tamika Lewis set up a visit for the staff members to come out and taste the meal they have pre-selected. The meal was Rosemary Chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, strawberry lemonade, and a choice between Sock It to Me cake or a brownie.

The culinary team is set to serve at the ball and provide table service to the members. The staff tasted the food, and they loved every portion. The Black Knights are excited to build a relationship with the culinary department, and this planning process is a great learning experience for those who are involved.

Thank you, Ms. Lewis!
Greetings to all, while it takes a team to meet a goal, it also takes those individuals to have determination to put in the hard work to drive everyone else to success. Our cadets do just that, they come together to give assistance where it is needed whether it is to bring our battalion to the top or to help paint parking lines for our dear neighbor. The Black Knights will not disappoint!!! As the Black Knights will continue to bring SUCCESS and demonstrate EXCELLENCE.

Greetings to all, as the Black Knights continue to lead the way and set the example at our school. Our cadets continue to strive as of our class leaders were promoted to their appropriate rank. When it comes to greatness is not always on the drill pad it’s also in the classroom and many other places. The Black Knights continue to show out at the HISD Bluebonnet Drill Competition. Our battalion continues to improve and grow stronger each day with motivation and dedication. GO BLACK KNIGHTS!!!

It’s been a long and exciting month. Our cadets did many outstanding things and continue to do so to push forward. It nice to see our cadets take care of business and have fun. In all, military ball planning is almost finished and soon it will be here. Our staff is taking care of work in our battalion. STAND STRONG BLACK KNIGHTS!

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