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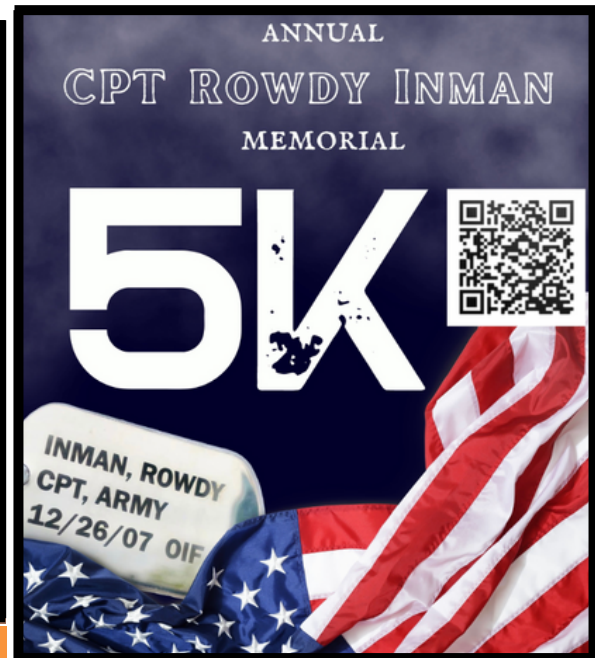
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Cadets gather at Bowers Stadium on Aug 22 to take the contracting fitness ran by Executive Officer, Brendan Smith



5th Annual CPT Rowdy Inman Memorial 5K (see page 16 for more information)

After intense training at Cadet Summer Training, Leadership training, and Internships, the Bearkat Battalion is excited to return for the Fall 2022 semester. As the new semester began, we welcomed our new Professor of Military Science (PMS) Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Limberg and Master Sergeant (MSG) Liberatore to the Bearkat Battalion. In addition, our Cadets started the semester strong this month by completing the Contracting fitness test and the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT).

Eat'Em Up Kats!



Executive Officer Smith helping with the contracting PT test

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Joshua Limberg

Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Limberg is a native of Kent, Washington, and a die-hard Seattle sports fan. He enlisted in the Army in July 1995 as an Infantryman. After five years of service, he was awarded a four-year Green to Gold scholarship and attended Stephen F. Austin State University where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Computer Information Systems. He commissioned in August 2004 into the Infantry and eventually branch transferred to Military Intelligence.

Lieutenant Colonel Limberg has served in a variety of leadership and staff positions. He was a Counterintelligence/Human Intelligence Platoon Leader with the 502d Military Intelligence Battalion during the National Resolution and Iraqi Surge phases of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has 32 months of company command time with CO B and HHC, 109th Military Intelligence Battalion during the Iraqi Sovereignty and New Dawn phases of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor-Hickham, Hawaii where he served as the Korea Branch Chief and Watch Officer for the Northeast Asia Division of Indo-Pacific Command's Joint Intelligence Operation Center. Kicking and screaming the Army moved him off the island, where he was assigned to the 902d Military Intelligence Group, the Army's largest and most dispersed Counterintelligence Battalion. There he served as a Planning Officer for the Group, the Battalion Operations Officer, and Executive Officer for 308th Military Intelligence Battalion. Prior to arriving at Sam Houston, he served as the Senior Counterintelligence Officer with the 1st Capabilities Integration Group (Airborne) out of Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel Limberg's military education includes a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University where his focus was on Cyber Warfare, Counterintelligence, and Signals Intelligence. He is also a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Military Intelligence Officer Transition Course, the Counterintelligence Course, the Signals Intelligence Warfare Course, the Military Intelligence Captain Career Course, and the Command and General Staff College.

Lieutenant Colonel Limberg's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC); Army Commendation Medal (3OLC); Joint Army Achievement Medal (2OLC); Army Achievement Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal (4 Campaign Stars); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal (2OLC); Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (1st Award); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award); Presidential Unit Citation Award; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd Award); Army Superior Unit Award and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.

LTC Limberg is married to Annie Limberg and has three children: Cameron (25), Ethan (18) and Zoe (13).



LTC Limberg with his family



Master Sergeant Liberatore

Master Sergeant Christopher James Liberatore is a native of Zanesville, Ohio. He entered the Army in July 2005 as a reservist and attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and Advanced Individual Training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland graduating as a Wheeled Mechanic in 2006. Master Sergeant Liberatore entered active duty on 10 Jan 2007 and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma graduating as a Multiple Launch Rocket System Crewmember. Master Sergeant Liberatore is married to Tylen. He has one daughter named Hannah.

Master Sergeant Liberatore has served in several leadership positions which include Squad Leader, Section Chief, Recruiter, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant and Senior Military Science Instructor.

Master Sergeant Liberatore's previous duty assignments include Charlie Battery 6th BN, 37th FAR, Camp Casey, Korea, Bravo Battery and Task Force Charlie 5th BN, 3rd FAR, Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington, 6Th Recruiting BN, El Centro, California, Alpha Battery 3rd BN, 13th FAR, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Alpha Battery 1st BN 38th FAR Camp Casey, Korea, Bravo Battery 3rd BN 27th FAR (HIMARS), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, First Sergeant for Alpha and Charlie Battery 3rd BN, 27th FAR (HIMARS). His latest duty assignment was the First Sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters 3rd BN, 27th FAR (HIMARS). Master Sergeant Liberatore is currently stationed with the Bearkat Battalion, 5th Brigade, USACC.



MSG Liberatore with his wife

Master Sergeant Liberatore's Military education includes the Warrior Leaders Course; Advanced Leaders Course; Senior Leaders Course; Master Leaders Course; Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention Leaders Course; Master Resilience Trainers Course; Equal Opportunity Leaders Course; Recruiter Course; FBCB2 Course, Combat Life Savers Course and University Senior Leaders Course. MSG Liberatore is currently in his last class to earn his bachelor's degree in science leadership.

Master Sergeant Liberatore's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal (1SOLC/1OLC); Army Achievement Medal (5OLC and C device); Army Good Conduct Medal (5th Award); National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3 Campaign Stars); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (1 Silver Star); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4th Award); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (5th Award); NATO Ribbon (3rd Award); Valorous Unit Award; Army Superior Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd Award); Combat Action Badge; Recruiter Badge and Sharpshooter/Driver's/Mechanic's Badge.



Battalion Commander (BC): CDT Monroig

Cadets, families, friends, and distinguished alumni, welcome back to another exciting year with the Sam Houston State University Bearkat Battalion. I am Cadet Julian Monroig, and it is with great honor that I introduce myself as this semester's **Cadet Battalion Commander**.

As our cadets return from a summer of excellent training—including Cadet Summer Training (CST), Cadet Troop Leading Training (CTLT), internships, air assault, and more—it has been a great pleasure for me to hear their stories, knowing how well they have represented the Bearkat Battalion.

Going forward, the rest of the MSIV cohort and I look to continue upon last year's many successes with training focused on building leadership abilities, physical fitness, and tactical proficiency. As the program has reached its largest number of cadets in the past decade, we are eager to continue to get to know each of them and mold them into the most elite future Army Officers they can be.

Eat 'Em Up Kats!



BC Monroig along with his family at Sabalauski Air Assault graduation

Leadership excellence!



Summer Training Internship: CDT Barrera

In January of this year, it was announced that I had received an internship from Cadet Command and was going to Germany! Through a semester of hard work and tough decisions, I looked forward to my internship as an unexpected prize for everything I had worked towards the past few years.

I received an internship with European Command (EUCOM), in Stuttgart, Germany. An eight-week program that gives cadets a unique look into joint forces command. While there, I met senior officers and enlisted from all branches and countries, including Space Force personnel and Major General Spain, the EUCOM chief of staff. One of the benefits of being in Germany was that I could also travel in my spare time. I toured the concentration camp in Dachau, visited castles in Austria, and climbed the Swiss Alps.

For most of my time in Stuttgart, I worked with the Joint forces 6-7 shop (J6-7), who, as part of the S6 shop, is responsible for communications, specifically the cyber, exercises, and interoperability sections. I collaborated with Navy, Air Force, and Department of Defense (DoD) contractors to create vignettes the cyber section red team uses to test EUCOM'S cyber defenses. I was able to work on country planning for Bulgaria and get a firsthand view of how the war in Ukraine has affected the work at EUCOM. I could see what it means when the United States says it will provide aid to a nation; it means constant communication, determining which systems and how many of them will aid the country best, coordinating training, and overseeing use.

The most beneficial learning experiences, however, were spent outside the Joint forces 6-7 shop (J6-7). I was able to tour the Air and Space Operations Center in Ramstein, where a joint team oversees all command and control of air operations in Europe. I went on a staff ride to the Alsace region of France, where I viewed the Maginot Line and saw sites where American paratroopers landed in 1944 to liberate France. Most beneficially, I spent time with the 1/10th Special Forces Alpha Detachment (SF-ODA). I competed in a squad competition against military intelligence personnel supporting the group and trained at the range with an SF-ODA. It was incredibly informative to see the fight both up at the joint forces level and down with the ODAs doing the real, on-the-ground, unconventional warfare. I am exceedingly grateful for the opportunity to see and experience things I may not see until later in my career, which helped me understand how my low-level mission fits into the broader mission of the United States military.



CDT Barrera with CDT Greiner from Drexel University in the Swiss Alps





CDT Barrera and others with Brigadier General Raduege, the Director of the Command, Control, Communications and Computers/Cyber Directorate, and Chief Information Officer, Headquarters U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany.



CDT Barrera and others Training with 1/10th Special Forces



Summer Training Internships: CDT Dene and CDT Smith

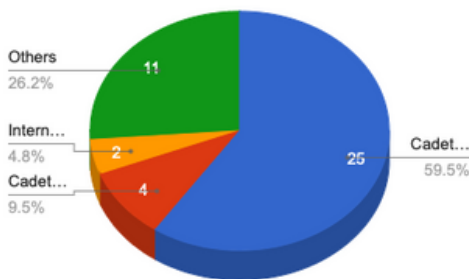


Benjamin Dene, INTERN at Fort Belvoir, VA
 More to follow in October's issue



Brendan Smith, INTERN at Fort Bragg, NC
 More to follow in October's issue

Bearkat Summer Training Stats



The Battalion sent 42 cadets to summer training during the summer. The pie chart depicts the type of summer training each cadet attended and the precise number of cadets who participated in those training.

Red: Cadet Troops Leader Training (CTLT) provides cadets the opportunity to experience leadership over a three to four week period.

Blue: Cadet Summer Training (CST), is the advanced training camp that every Junior has to complete before commissioning.

Green:
Enemy Force exercises at Ft. Knox(3)
Air Assault(4)
Cadet Advanced Individual Training(1): Training is held at West Point, NY, to assist CDTs develop both physically and tactically.
Master Fitness Trainer(1): Training is held in Fort Benning, GA to assist CDTs in improving their physical fitness.
Leader Trainer(2): This training allows Advanced Camp Graduates to help Basic camp CDTs complete their training.

Orange: Internships allows Cadets to develop their technical skills It can last anywhere from three to eight weeks and can occur both nationally and internationally.



MSIV CST: CDT Mendez

Cadet Summer Training (CST) is a 35-day training experience at Fort Knox, Kentucky, that we, as Cadets, must complete before commissioning as 2LT in the Army. Throughout CST, we completed various tasks ranging from the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT), the Gas Chamber confidence course, Land Navigation, multiple ruck marches ranging from 6 to 12 miles, and a 2-week field exercise. I am grateful for the friendships and memories I made during my time at CST, as well as the opportunity to learn how to be a better team player, overcome a range of problems, and, most importantly, learn to be a better leader for the future troops who will report to me.

While I am very thankful for the things that I got to learn during this time, I will never forget the moment I was told that I would be recognized as the Top Army National Guard Cadet for 11th Regiment. According to 1st SGT Brinkerhoff I was awarded this award because of the heart I showed during camp, the mental toughness/preparation I expressed, and most importantly the leadership values I represented while in leadership. I was honored to represent the Bearkat Battalion here at Sam Houston State University during CST and will forever cherish such memories and learning experiences that I was able to take away from this training!



CDT Mendez receiving the Army National Guard Excellence Award from Lieutenant General Martin, the 67th and current Inspector General of the United States Army.



Cadets Whom Scored in the Top 15% of the Nation at Cadet Summer Training



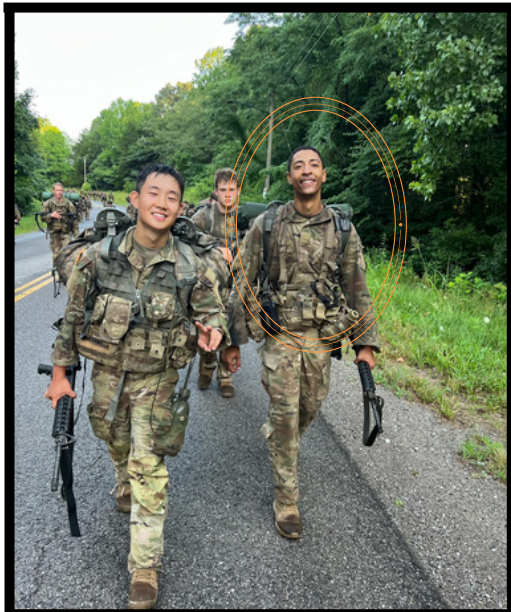
Benjamin Dene
Tyler, TX



Destiney Mendez
Kilgore, TX



Cody Weeks
Huffman, TX



Marlon Hardeman
Spring, TX



William Sumner
League City, TX



Melissa Mize (Recondo)
Dalhart, TX



Julian Monroig
Friendswood, TX



Basic Camp: CDT Davee

I had the opportunity this past summer to complete Basic Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky. This camp is for those that have come late into the program and missed their MS1 or MS2 year. Basic Camp gives you a little taste of what the Army is like, teaches you how the army functions at the lowest level, and what the army stands for. Over the course of a month, cadets learn the basics of land navigation, weapons, tactics, and much more. It also tests your ability to perform in a constant stressful environment, with Drill Sergeants expecting perfection at every corner. It's a place in which the only way to feel prepared is to be at the right place, at the right time, in the right uniform.

One of the most heavily emphasized concepts by the Drill Sergeants was teamwork. We learned how to work as a team through pushups, squats, and planks. If one of us made a mistake, then we all dealt with the consequences. We quickly figured out how to communicate with each other, police each other's behaviors or uniforms, and more importantly, how to motivate one another. Soon our camaraderie wasn't just because the Drill Sergeants wanted us to work together, but because we wanted to support each other in the best that we could. We worked to ensure each other's work had no faults, and it taught us how to take criticism with the intent to help instead of condemn. We bonded over tedious infractions and demanding challenges. These people that I spent a month with became some of the closest friends I've ever had.

I am grateful that I was able to experience Basic Camp as it taught me much about being a stronger individual. The challenges I faced were not easy, as many boiled down to the mental struggle rather than physical. I feel much more prepared for my MS3 year and hope to continue sharpening my skills and teamwork within the program.

Train to Lead!





CDT Davee and others with United States Army Cadet Command, Commanding General, Major General, Davis



CDT Davee at Basic Camp



Summer 2022 Air Assault school

What got me through Air Assault school was the prior training from the cadre and Air Assault qualified cadets here at Sam Houston. They gave me a very good idea of what I could expect while at the school and what I needed to do to be successful. Studying the Air Assault Handbook, conducting numerous 12-mile rucks, and completing an obstacle course that simulated the first day of the school were all part of the preparation for attending the school. After attending "Air Assault," I realized that paying close attention to details and investing a little additional time in studying each day can mean the difference between success and failure.

-CDT Coker, Ryan

Getting the opportunity to attend Sabalauski Air Assault school with Nick Watson and Ryan Coker was an amazing experience and an honor. During our time there, we had the opportunity to experience the Active Duty lifestyle and learn from people ranging from lower enlisted to officers such as Majors and above. My biggest takeaway from this school is what I learned from the instructors there: it's never easy to do the right thing, but it's something that needs to be done.

- CDT Sitkowski, Avery

The consistent support of my friends and family back home, who were there for me from the beginning and kept in touch with me while I was at Air Assault school, provided me the drive and inspiration I needed to complete and pass this demanding ten-day training. The assistance of the Air Assault cadre motivated us and used all of their skills to make sure we learnt and performed well in school. I was also able to complete the program thanks to the trust and friendship I had with Cadets Avery Sitkowski and Ryan Coker, who I had the good fortune to attend and graduate from Air Assault school with. Having them at my side made the blood, sweat, and tears worthwhile.

- CDT Watson, Nicholas



CDT Sitkowski (left), Watson (middle), and Coker (right) at graduation at Air Assault



Fall 2022 Contracting



The Bearkat Battalion started off the semester with the contracting of eleven Cadets at the Art Complex



MSG Liberatore and LTC Limberg shaking CDTs' hands



LTC Limberg speaking at the contracting ceremony



Fall 2022 Newly Contracted Cadets



Micheal Huff
Katy, TX



Katelyn Nitshe
Katy, TX



Jacob Clement
El Paso, TX



John Wisnewski
Midlothian, TX



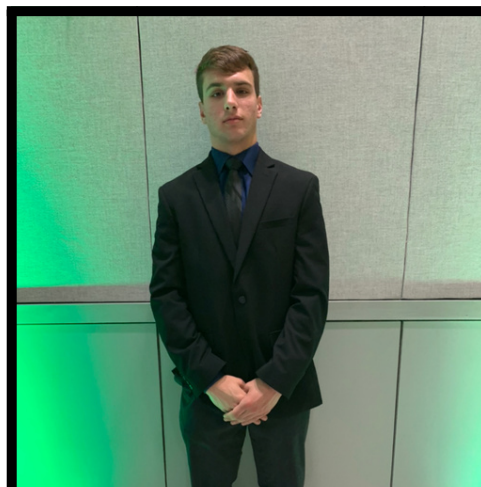
James Cooke
Murphy, TX



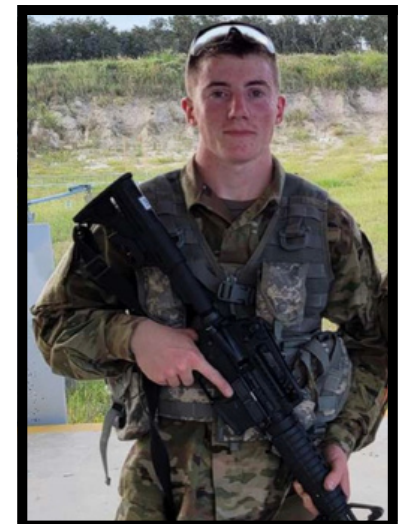
Erin Juarez
Dallas, TX



Haley Davee
Fredericksburg, TX



Isaac Siekas
Spring, TX



William Ratliff
Cypress, TX



Fall 2022 Newly Contracted Cadets Cont.



Junior, Emily Slott
New Waverly, TX

“I have always wanted to join the Army; I have always had the desire to serve my country. I am thankful to my fellow cadets for motivating me to be better every day! I have learned so much from everyone, something new every day, making me a better leader. I am excited to be contracted with ROTC and officially start down my path to becoming an Army Officer!



Junior, Emmet Gray
Fairfield, CA

“The contracting process for the Bearkat Battalion was an outstanding experience. I learned about the importance of Academic excellence, physical readiness, and commitment to the program that goes into the contracting process. I’m excited to continue pursuing a career in the Army now that I am officially contracted, and I am thankful for the opportunity to contract with the Bearkat Battalion. I look forward to encouraging younger members of the program to pursue contracting and continue the tradition of leadership and excellence.”



5th Annual CPT Rowdy Inman Memorial 5K

On November 12th, SHSU ROTC will be hosting the annual **CPT Rowdy Inman Memorial 5K**. The 5K was established to honor CPT Rowdy J. Inman, the first Sam Houston Army ROTC alumnus to make the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country. The money raised funds scholarships for cadets at Sam Houston ROTC. The 5K hosts cadets, parents, sponsors, veterans, those currently serving, community members, and most importantly, the family of CPT Inman.

For more information on registration, please scan the QR code located on the flyer or contact Cadet Cody Weeks at shsuotc5k@gmail.com



Captain Rowdy J. Inman

