



# The Battalion Bulletin

*A look at our Lancer Battalion Community Service.*



## Squaxim Island (C.A.R.E)

Our Battalion C.A.R.E Team went on its annual Squaxim Island Mission, where cadets are tasked with watching over and providing entertainment for children while their parents attend a seminar about recovery from substance and alcohol abuse. The team partnered with the Squaxim Island Native American Tribe and the Christian Motorcyclists of America (*Check on name*) to create a kids center with lots of fun activities. Activities included mini soccer, appreciation card making,

coloring stations, and numerous games created by C.A.R.E Team cadets. The cadets bonded with the children and made lasting friendships with them. “The mission was very successful, our cadets learned a lot about service to others and how to effectively communicate with children” said C/1SG Salladay, commander of the C.A.R.E Team. “We created a fun and playful environment that allowed children to relax and exercise their imaginations throughout our many different stations. I am very proud of our team.” The team was originally afraid that their activities weren’t enough for the kids. But in the end, the number of activities was perfect for the amount of children at the conference. The C.A.R.E cadets also learned about the dangers of drug and alcohol use through student speakers, former addicts, and presentations by rehab clinics. The team also bonded with each other, through the meetings leading up to the mission and the trip to and from the mission. “I truly feel like we are a family” said team co-commander C/SGT James. “As soon as we got into the van, all of our guards were let down. We all felt comfortable around each other and showed our true selves.” The next mission for the C.A.R.E Team is the Read Across America mission at Lake Louise Elementary School on 2 March.



## Tacoma Bay Cleanup

Selected cadets participated in a cleanup mission along the Tacoma waterfront, clearing debris (including glass, car parts, wood, etc.) The team partnered with the Citizens for a Healthy Bay or CHB to perform the mission. The CHB performs cleanup operations all over Tacoma’s waterfront areas. The cleanups happen once in the winter, and a few times during the spring and summer seasons. Though the weather conditions weren’t optimal, the cadets and other civilian volunteers still

went through with the clean up. “Our cleanup team did a fantastic job. They had fun while giving back to their community.”, said 1SG Munoz, who accompanied cadets on the trip. Citizens for a Healthy Bay volunteer Ryan Cruz said “We managed to fill a 15 cubic yard dumpster to the brim, plus several more truck loads that had to be hauled to the dump.”

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## Photo Gallery



*Saber Team cadets cleaning up geese poop from the JROTC Practice Field.*



*Turning in the clothes collected through the C.A.R.E Team's Winter Clothing Drive.*



*All of our cadets who attended the annual Battalion Bowling Challenge.*

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## Upcoming Events

- **NW Drill Competition**
  - 11 Feb./0800-1700/Curtis Junior HS
- **BVA**
  - 8 Feb./1030-1330/La Quinta Tacoma
- **President's Day (No School)**
  - 17-20 February
- **Professional Development (Early Release)**
  - 22 February
- **NCO Board**
  - 27 February

## SAI Corner

We hope you survived your first semester well. I can't believe how quickly my first semester in Washington flew by. Yes, I miss Maui, but 1SG Munoz and the Lakes Lancers are awesome. As we move forward we will continue to focus on Academic Performance, Leadership Development, and helping Cadets engage appropriately in family, school, and community events.

We are now deep into the planning and coordination for several significant events. The Daffodil Parade on Saturday April 8th will allow us to showcase the Lancer Battalion in four towns across Pierce County. This parade is a required event for all cadets. Quickly following the parade, April 18th, the Lancer Battalion will have our JROTC Program Accreditation. This Cadet Command Inspection will validate the work our leaders are doing here at Lakes. Next is our formal Military Ball on Saturday, April 22nd at the American Lake Conference Center. Our honored guest this year is Colonel Daniel Morgan, Garrison Commander, JBLM. And finally the Lancers are hosting the annual JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) at JBLM. This five-day leadership camp is sure to test our younger cadets mentally, physically, and emotionally. We expect over 300 cadets from 13 programs to attend. JCLC is intended for Freshman and Sophomore cadets, and just like sports, Cadets must have a 2.0 minimum GPA to attend.

We look forward to all the events and activities we have planned for the second semester. We appreciate your support, Lancers!

**-LTC Patty**

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