



The Battalion Bulletin



Santa's Castle

After a hard year and a half, our cadets were finally able to serve our community again. On August 26, 11 cadets went to Santa's Castle on Joint Base Lewis-McChord to help put together toys for this Christmas.

Santa's Castle is a non-profit organization that provides Christmas gifts to military families who are experiencing financial hardships. Their group of volunteers works all year round to collect donations of new toys, books, games, bicycles, coloring books and many more for service members. They serve all active military in Washington: Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and National Guard and Reserves.

Mrs. Vanessa Perez, the Inventory Coordinator of Santa's Castle, gave us a tour of the building and explained what we were going to do. She showed the cadets the age group of gifts which ranged from just a baby to 17 year old's.

*From Left to Right: McClellon, Llorens Hernandez, Campos, Maya, Mori, Krieg, Petty, Gomez, Perez T., Perez J., and ISG Munoz
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Each cadet grabbed a plastic bag and 6 different mystery Dairy Queen figurines to give to the children. Santa's Castle had over 15,000 figurines to pack and their goal for this year was to have 700 grab bags prepared. Our cadets were able to exceed that goal, which was reached to a total of 966 grab bags! Together, our cadets bagged a total of 5,796 toys!

“What an unexpected surprise! You've managed to help keep us ahead of schedule. It was exciting to have your team here. We appreciate your hard work, your enthusiasm to help serve the military children in our community. Santa's Castle is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers and we rely on people like your cadets to make Christmas a little brighter. Thank you for contributing your time and effort To Santa's Castle!”
- Mrs. Perez

Each of our cadets were proud that they were able to help a child celebrate Christmas with joy and knowing that not only it'll give the child happiness but it'll give us happiness too for serving our community.



Cadets going down the line while grabbing toys to put in the bag.

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Meet your 2021-22 Battalion Leadership

BATTALION COMMANDER EJANDA

I am Jordan Ejanda and I am a senior at Lakes High School serving as your Lakes JROTC Battalion Commander. I have participated in the Lakes JROTC program for all of my four years at Lakes High School. What I look forward to in the program this year is the number of new cadets there are to lead. The chance to be in physical school is a big opportunity us leaders must not take for granted. Within this new year in the Lakes JROTC Battalion I am going to build leaders out of every cadet in the program. I believe that every cadet in the Lancer Battalion has the potential to be a leader. With the incoming year, I will strive for more cadet inclusiveness and a safe place for all cadets to grow as a family. With all cadets in the Lancer Battalion, I would like to say, keep learning and strive for excellence until you fail and try again. GO LANCERS!!!

COMAND SARGENT MAJOR MALMOE

Hello! My name is Jeneva Malmoe. I am a senior at Lakes High School and the CSM of the JROTC program! My time here at Lakes has been for four years now! My goals for this school year is to make deep connections with my peers and teach students that they have a family here at Lakes. I am mostly looking forward to having “crying” moments with my cadets. For the reason that, I want to see them change themselves for the better! #YOURSELF2.0 I would like all of my cadets to know that I am always here for them no matter the circumstance and I want them to know they can do absolutely anything with the right mindset and drive! You guys are the highlight of my years at Lakes. Off topic... Join Raiders

EXECUTIVE OFFICER MORI

Hello, I am Latifah Mori, the Executive Officer for this year’s Lancer Battalion. I am currently in 11th grade and have been in the JROTC program for two years, coming in on three. With the new year, what I am most looking forward to is creating a hospitable environment for all cadets and allowing the Let 1’s and 2’s to get as engaged as possible. The current Let 2’s were robbed from the same opportunities I was given pre-Covid, and the Let 1’s are all unfamiliar to the program. My goals for this year are more focuses towards getting everything back on track and providing the most amount of activities to compensate for the past year. I would like to remind all cadets that the JROTC program is like a family and if they ever feel lonely or are in need of help, the commanding team is always there for them.



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Photo Gallery



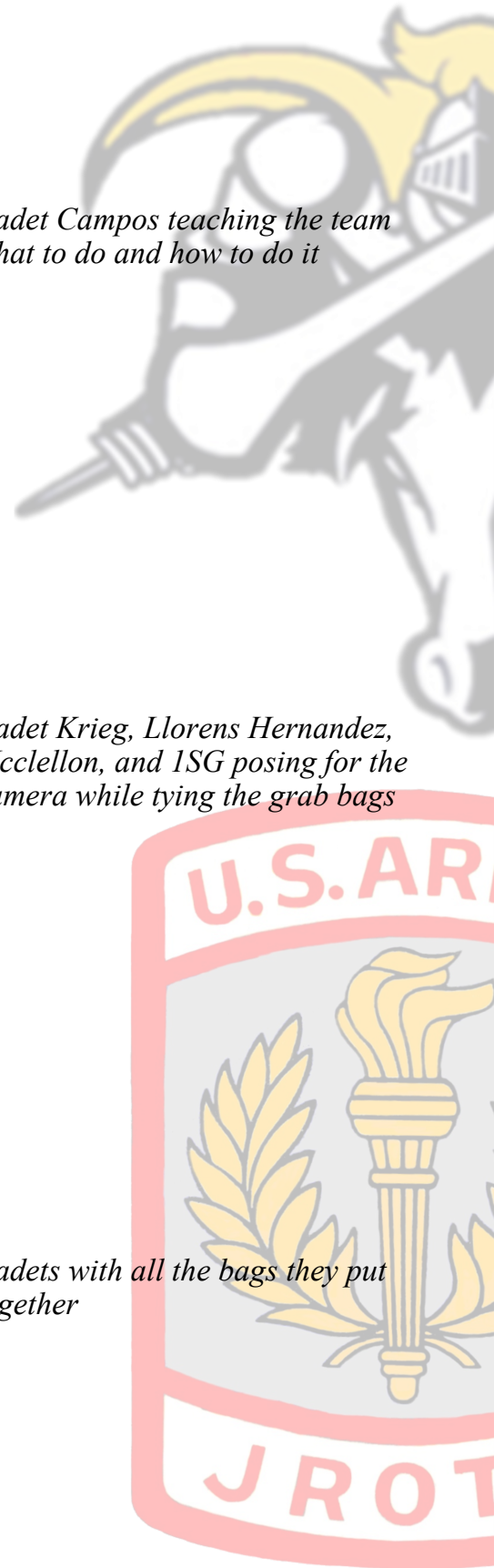
Cadet Campos teaching the team what to do and how to do it



Cadet Krieg, Llorens Hernandez, Mccllellon, and ISG posing for the camera while tying the grab bags



Cadets with all the bags they put together



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Upcoming Events

- *Welcome Back BBQ*
16 September/1430/Turf in front of JLAB
- *New Parent Orientation*
16 September/1800/JLAB
- *Uniform Issue*
18 September/0700/JLAB
- *Special Teams Training Begins*
20 September
- *Obstacle/Confidence Course*
25 September/0800/JBLM
- *Cadet Challenge*
28 September — 1 October
- *Columbus Day*
11 October
- *Rappel Tower*
16 October/0800/JBLM

LTC or 1SG Corner

Welcome All Cadets,
I'm excited to start this year strong and healthy. We are coming off a tough year. I expect all of us to continue moving forward with our returning cadets and our NEW cadets. I'm looking forward to our young leaders setting a great example. We have a new curriculum that we will tackle together. Thank you!

Stay Fit

-1SG Munoz

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