



# The Battalion Bulletin

*A recap of all the events that took place this month.*

## Military Ball



On Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual military ball at the American Lake Conference Center. The event started around 1700 (5:00) when those in our receiving line got into their positions as the cadets and guests lined up to shake hands and introduce themselves. Our receiving line included Cadet Command Sergeant Major Timothy Moser and his guest, Cadet Major Wyatt Blanchard and his guest, our guest speaker Command Sergeant Major Steve A. Wadleigh, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Gavin Thiessen and his guest, and our S1 (admin) Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Amara McCorkle. (All pictured above)

Once all cadets had made their way through the receiving line at around 1730 (5:30), it was time to formally open the mess. The event began with the posting of the colors and a recording of the national anthem. Next was the invocation given by Cadet CPL Elaina Page. After the invocation, our MC cadet PFC Bri Ramos introduced the head table which included the top 3, their guests, and CSM Wadleigh. Our honored guests included Ms. Gloria Braxton and her guest Debra Mitchell, Staff Sergeant Robert Madayag, US AirForce, Petty Officer Alex Ramirez, US Navy, and his wife Minyan Liu, Sergeant First Class Mazi Akil, US Army, and his guest Teairrau Mason, Colonel O'Connor, US Army, and our Daffodil Princess Patricia Page.

After all names were read, the POW ceremony began with Cadet Samiyah Murphy motioning to each item as it was explained by our MC. (Pictured above) Next, we toasted to all branches of the military and shared a moment of silence for our fallen comrades. Then around 1800 (6:00), our MC started releasing a few tables at a time to go through the buffet. When everyone was finished eating, CSM Wadleigh gave his speech. Thank you to CSM Wadleigh for sharing his amazing stories with us and to his wife Lee-Ann Wadleigh for taking such wonderful pictures throughout the event. After CSM Wadleigh's speech, we had our senior recognition. When that was concluded, our color sergeant led his team to retire the colors. The formal portion of the event ended around 2000. (8:00) Cadets and guests were allowed to go outside, dance on the dance floor, or mingle in the dining area until the event concluded at 2200. (10:00)

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## Regionals @Oregon City



c/1LT McCorkle and c/1SG Chinn Unarmed Exhibition performance.



c/1LT West and c/2LT McAvoy aiming at targets.

Our competition teams worked extremely hard to be able to compete at this year's regionals on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Here is a list of our winners:

### Exhibition Drill

- Dual Armed Exhibition Team Leaders **Jacob Malo** and **Timothy Moser**...Conference Champions and 1<sup>st</sup> place Medalists, **Amara McCorkle** and **Branasia Chinn**...Dual Unarmed Exhibition Champions and 1<sup>st</sup> place medalists, and **Jordyn Parson**...2<sup>nd</sup> place Individual Armed Exhibition Drill

### Armed Drill

- Armed Drill Team...5<sup>th</sup> place, **Timothy Moser**...6<sup>th</sup> place Armed Drill Commander Medal, and Drill Team Member **Richard Auvea** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Individual Armed Regulation Drill Medal

### Color Guard

- Team 1, including **Branasia Chinn**, **Thania Darby**, **Timothy Moser**, and **Jacob Malo**...6<sup>th</sup> place and **Branasia Chinn**...5<sup>th</sup> place Team Commander Medal

### Precision Rifle

- **Robert Dryden**, **Noah Brogan**, **Jordan West**, and **Eryn McAvoy**...3<sup>rd</sup> place Team Trophy and **Jordan West**...4<sup>th</sup> place Individual Medal

### Physical Fitness Team

- **Wyatt Blanchard**, **Jackson Lord**, **Gavin Thiessen**, **Ava Santiago**, and Team Captain **Elira Blanchard**...5<sup>th</sup> Place

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## PLU Raider Challenge

Our raiders geared up to compete at PLU on Sunday, March 23rd. Little did we know they would later return with the championship title! Our amazing raider commander c/1LT Ava Santiago led her team to victory using her superior leadership skills to guide them throughout the competition.

So, what all did they do to secure their victory? First, they did a 1.5-mile ruck where they placed first and earned the ability to decide what they did next. Then they did a “grenade” throw. (no real grenades were used, obviously) After that, they went through a physical fitness assessment. The physical fitness test included running one lap, doing 20 burpees, moving a tractor tire 25 meters, and finally the army sprint, drag, and carry.

Next, they did a written test on US History and Government

with a mental agility event when they finished. Once the mental aspect was done, the cadets prepared themselves for a medevac scenario that included a stretcher. They finished the competition off with a rope bridge. Though our raiders had little to no experience with the rope bridge, they were still able to pull through and execute the drill to a high degree.



Coin. (Pictured above) Though Santiago did display a huge amount of effort into helping her team win, every cadet had to work together for that championship title. You all truly earned this and showed exactly what you are capable of. Raiders lead the way!



Once the event was over, it was clear who came out on top. Our raider team consisted of cadets Gavin Thiessen, Wyatt Blanchard, Kody Chang, Jacob Herrera, Jackson Lord, Kaiden Jeanniton, Elira Blanchard, Reagan Lord, Carl Sambuena, and Commander Ava Santiago. Santiago’s leadership was so great that the PLU Cadets and Cadre unanimously voted for her to receive the Commanders Leadership



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## Photo Gallery



Color Sergeant requesting permission to post the colors.



CSM Wadleigh delivering his speech during the Military ball.



Senior Recognition during the Military Ball.



c/CSM Moser and c/CPT Malo posing with their awards.



Armed Drill Team in formation.



PT Team Plank test

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant's Corner

"I want to send a loud THANK YOU to our amazing cadets, teachers, and supporters. We continue to drive forward with all the missions we have to support our community. I still see the drive and strength that ALL cadets have in their hearts to finish the school year. Cadets---you are AMAZING with the ability to work together and accomplish a lot. This year we sent a large number of cadets to Regionals to represent the Lancer Battalion and came back stronger and committed to be strong next year."

**-1SG Munoz**

## Upcoming Events

- **Saturday April 20, 800-1200:** Raider training (TA East)
- **Tuesday April 23-Friday April 26:** Spring Cadet Challenge
- **Wednesday May 8-Saturday May 11:** JCLC-JBLM
- **Saturday May 11:** NACL Food Drive @Lakewood Post Office (CARE Tm: Vol)
- **Wednesday May 15:** UNIFORM DAY, Principal's Review

## Lancer Battalion Website

After about two months of updating, our website is now live for you to see. You can find the website by either typing in Lakes High School JROTC or the link [Lakeshs-jrotc.weebly.com](http://Lakeshs-jrotc.weebly.com). We hope you enjoy seeing all aspects of our program through this website!