



# November Newsletter

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Wildcat Battalion

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## Battalion

November has been an apprenticeship and training period. Within the past few weeks, the Wildcat Battalion has participated in various events that have led us to gain knowledge and strength. The last week of October we were able to conduct our very first promotion board for enlisted cadets. Five distinctive individuals were chosen by their First Sergeants and Company commanders. All were successful and each earned their promotion. We also conducted the first Cadet challenge; it consists of five fitness exercises that test the cadet's physical ability. This is a mandatory event within the battalion, but a challenge that cadets take upon themselves to demonstrate their physical and mental fortitude. On Veterans Day, we were invited to present the colors for three different events, and so we did. One of them was the presentation of the colors in the 15th Annual Veterans day celebration with Duke Raleigh Hospital, the purpose was to honor our veterans and those still in service, something that has become a yearly tradition for the Wildcat Battalion. The JLAB (JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl) Team prepared for weeks for their competition. These cadets who were handpicked by cadre studied long hours, as a team and individually, to compete the past November 16th. Unfortunately, our teams did not advance to level two, but this will only help us come back stronger and hungrier for victory next year. Our Raider and Drill teams have been working hard for our upcoming competition that will be hosted at the Wildcat battalion home this upcoming December. In the classroom, we've been working nonstop on the planning of future events for our Battalion and our futures as individuals. Each company is responsible for planning and executing whatever project we're given, currently, Alpha is working on recruiting, Bravo successfully completed their 22-hour fundraiser event and Charlie in the Military ball. Upper-Level Cadets, mostly seniors, were given the time to work on College applications and whatever planning that needed to be done for our future. Overall, the month of November was a month of major success and growth for the Wildcats.

Built to be Unbreakable,

Cadet Command Sergeant Major Santos



## Alpha Company

First Sergeant: Cadet Nixon

Our company has been doing pretty good over this past month. The participation went well especially for the parade and competitions. We recently had to do slides on current events and other than a few points most of them excelled during their assignment. Last PT we had 3 Let 1's take charge and they did a good job. What they really need to work on is building up their confidence to make decisions and call the right commands. Alpha company helped set up the career expo. They put in the work and effort so they got some tasty treats, as a reward for helping. Right now the Let 4's are getting ready for our visit to a middle school to try and introduce and recruit 8th graders to Millbrook's JROTC, depending on how the Let 1's are we might bring some of them along to help us out.



## Bravo Company

Company Commander: Cadet Rodriguez

First Sergeant: Cadet Hodges

In the month of November, things weren't as eventful and busy as the previous month. There was almost nothing that changed from our regular routine like practicing drill and having current event briefs for both let 2's and 3's to become better at presenting. Some things that we have done is we have been using the obstacle course often and this is so we can build better leadership skills and communication amongst the cadets. Aside from that, the only other notable thing that is worth mentioning is when we took a week prior to the Raleigh Christmas Parade to practice our marching skills and cadence calling. Overall the month of November was very light and fairly steady in terms of things that we did but there is much hope to do better next month as the first half of the year is coming to an end as we head into December.



## Charlie Company

Company Commander: Cadet Haugland

First Sergeant: Cadet Douglas

We did a lot in November as a Company; we had a lot of Cadets show up to sadly Millbrooks last football game of the season and like always they did good with the cleanup. While this month was shorter than most with our Thanksgiving break, we were able to fit the most in what we had. We had some Cadets volunteer for the Veterans day color guards, and they did a great job representing our company and battalion. We also had the Raleigh Christmas Day parade, and we blew it out of the water, and I am very proud of all the Cadets. Overall, this was a great month for the company, and I hope to continue this in December.





Down below you can look at some of the photos from each event:



*Images from the Christmas Day parade:*



*Image contains cadets from the Thanksgiving run:*