

# October Newsletter

October 2021 Wildcat Battalion

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### **Battalion**

October has been an eventful month for our battalion. We have faced many challenges and prevailed over them to come back stronger, wiser, and more unified than ever. Our raider and drill teams annihilated the competition at Knightdale High Schools Competition on October 15th, proudly coming back into Wildcat territory with fourteen trophies in total. This event helped highlight the strengths and weaknesses of our individual teams, giving us a better idea on where we can go better during the next competition.

In the classroom, each company has been introduced to Spheros, robots used to let cadets explore the programming side of technology and exhibit their creativity. Overall, cadets seemed to enjoy the robots and participated in events like staged color guards, obstacle courses, and relay races. We are hoping to incorporate these programs into our classroom, but more importantly, our special teams.

Additionally, each class period has begun the JLAB (JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl) qualification testing. From these scores, graders should be able to recruit our newest JLAB members. This process is beginning shortly, and we are hoping to bring Millbrook JROTC to the national level.

Our main fundraising event this month was the Mission 22 run. Our cadets participated in a 22-hour relay run on the Millbrook Football track to raise awareness for veteran suicide rates. Not only did we surpass our goal of 100 miles, but we raised over \$4000 through the support of our cadets social media fundraising, spearheaded by Bravo company. Around \$1000 went to the Mission 22 program, a fundraiser that helps veterans get the mental and physical support that they need. Our battalion came together and formed bonds unlike any other event that we've ever hosted. Bravo company's hard work paid off to benefit the community and our program.

Overall, the month of October has come with both successes and failures. Regardless of the setbacks, we have all learned to buy into this organization and become more than just a battalion. We are on our way to becoming a family.

Built to be Unbreakable,

Cadet Major Sydney Keller



## Alpha Company

Company Commander: Cadet Gevawer

First Sergeant: Cadet Nixon











What an incredible month it has been for Alpha Company! Throughout this month Cadets from Alpha Company have shown their commitment and dedication to our amazing school by participating in several events not for the good of only JROTC but for the good of the entire school. The entire Battalion joined hands in helping Alpha with their community service project which was named "Area Beautification". Our goal was clear and simple, strip all the dead, and disgusting weeds, mulch, and dirt and replace it with a beautiful new top layer of mulch. Cadets from all periods work effortlessly in making both 801 and 802 pods look incredible. But the dedication doesn't end their, earlier this month it was Custodian appreciation week and our incredible custodians deserved a little break so with this our amazing Cadets from Alpha Company had to get their hands dirty to show our endless gratitude for our amazing, spectacular, and loving custodians may God bless them evermore for all that they do for us and our school. Many large events took part as well one being the Raider and Drill competition where many cadets participated in and got rewarded for but the biggest event was Mission 22. What is Mission 22 you may say? Mission 22 was an amazing event were Cadets from every company ran for 22 hours straight collecting donations for veteran suicide prevention and with that our entire Battatlion has collect over 4,000\$!!! Which is incredible. I hope for the best and only the best for our JROTC family, God bless.

#### **Future Goals**

- Improve Alpha Cadets morale and motivate our cadets to be better in the program.
- Making Alpha Cadets more proficient in all aspects of JROTC, that being Drill, Raiders, JLAB, you name it there will be an Alpha Cadet there.
- Ensure Cadets learn and maintain a higher level of discipline, and knowledge.

### **Bravo Company**

Company commander: Cadet Rodriguez

First Sergeant: Cadet Hodges



Bravo company began to pick things up by assisting our custodians by picking up trash around the school in ACUs to show our appreciation of our custodians. One other notable thing that Bravo has done is that we helped beautify our school by placing mulch on the grounds of our pods to give it that fresh look. Other than that, Bravo's main focus was having a successful fundraising campaign with the Mission 22 Hour run. It took us the entire month of October to get everything ready and perfected so that everything can run smoothly and we did just that. In total, we raised about \$4400 dollars from the campaign from the streams set up on Youtube and Facebook. This was a battalion event but, it was all Bravo company who was able to get everything right and this is probably one of the biggest things that the battalion has held and it is all thanks to Bravo company. Special recognition to our cadet Chunn for being in charge of the whole thing and to our project leaders Ramos, Maldonado, and Edwards. More great things to come from Bravo as we head straight for the month of November.

## Charlie Company

Company Commander: Cadet Haugland

First Sergeant: Cadet Douglas

Charlie Company has done a lot during October and I have seen a lot of improvement in the company's performance. We started to wear our ACU and OCP uniforms as well as our class A ASU uniform. Both of these uniforms days could have gone a little better but that is why we are teaching the Cadets. The company also was at the battalion picture day and this is where the Cadets could meet other Cadets in the other 2 companies. We had many Cadets that attended the 22 Hour run to help raise money, I would have liked to see more of our Cadets attend the run though. Recently the LET 4's have been working on the military ball planning and working on our college applications. The LET 1's have been working on current events and are helping to clean up the front of the pods.

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





Images from Mission 22!







Images contain the last color guard of October (Far left), Raiders during formation before competition (middle), Cadets digging mulch for the area beautification (Far right).



Image contains Millbrook JROTC cadets: Cadet CSM Santos, Cadet MAJ Keller after the competition at Knightdale high school, 14 trophies total.