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FIRST LAB OF SPRING 2021

On Friday, January 29th, all the Cadets from the Houston Battalion attended the Spring 2021 semester's first lab. The day started bright and early, with the first formation at 0600. Cadets participated in the first Company Games of the semester. Alpha and Bravo Company went head to head in several events such as tug of war, pushup competition, and sprint tire-flip relays. The competition was tough, and all Cadets put forth their best effort, but Alpha Company came out on top! After the Company Games, the Battalion transitioned into the field environment. For the duration of lab, Cadets conducted tactical movements and fortified their knowledge on military training taught previously. This first lab was undoubtedly a strong start to the semester!

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GIVING BACK

On December 16, 2020, Houston Battalion's very own CDT Parker, a Texas Southern University senior and another TSU student, made an appearance on the TODAY show while serving as volunteers at the Houston Food Bank. CDT Parker, an Army veteran who served ten years active duty, said he never passes up an opportunity to give back to his community. His connection to food banks makes volunteering a matter of importance, especially during a global crisis.



NEW COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Congratulations to these newly commissioned Second Lieutenants!!! These five officers were part of the Houston Battalion, they all graduated in the Fall of 2020 and obtained their Gold Bars in December of 2020. We wish them nothing but the best in their future careers in the military.



2LT Cristian Montoya University of Houston Active Army Infantry



2LT Spencer Heilig University of Houston Active Army Ordnance



2LT Vuong Nguyen Texas Southern University Army Reserves Military Intelligence



2LT Patrick Andrews University of Houston Active Army Field Artillery



2LT Bruce Westbrook University of Houston— Downtown Active Army Field Artillery

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MEET THE BATTALION COMMANDER



"Houston BN, I am honored to serve as your new Battalion Commander. I do not take the task I have before me lightly. Our Team has the grave responsibility of preparing Cadets to become Second Lieutenants who will become our nation's future Captains, Lieutenant Colonels, and Generals. The Cadets we train today will one day hold our nation's sons and daughters in their hands. Bearing this in mind, we will train you all with the utmost rigor, discipline, and care. We will invest in you because you are our people. As iron sharpens iron, so we will sharpen one another. Hooah."

-C/LTC Kubosh, University of Houston

MEET THE BATTALION COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR



"I am thankful for this opportunity to be Command Sergeant Major this upcoming Spring semester. As it is my last semester, I would like to put forth the best effort possible with several plans. These plans include implementing a mentorship program, enforcing customs & courtesies, and increase esprit de corps within the BN."

-C/CSM Esquivel Michael

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Steps to Join ROTC

<u>Step 1</u>

Register for Military Science course through respective university/college course catalog (No obligation trial period)



<u>Step 2</u>

Meet eligibility requirements (We will help you get there)



<u>Step 3</u>

Sign contract to become an Army Cadet (This starts all benefits, scholarships)

<u>Step 4</u>

Commission as an Army Officer (Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard)

Scholarships Available

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