



HOUSTON BATTALION ARMY ROTC



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ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) is a rigorous and comprehensive training program for aspiring military officers, designed to develop leadership skills and instill professionalism, discipline, and physical fitness. The program comprises academic courses, military training, and physical training, all geared toward preparing students for future military service. Students who successfully complete the ROTC semester gain valuable skills and experience that can be applied to a range of careers, both in and outside the military.



"Whatever It Takes!"





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PMS Welcome



As we close out the spring semester and our laser focus on commissioning, Cadet Summer Training preparation, and recruiting / retaining our MSIs and MSIs I reflect on my first year as the Houston Battalion Professor of Military Science. The mission of this phenomenal organization is unmatched - recruit, educate, develop, and inspire Greater Houston area college students to commission as officers of character for the Total Army. Setting the foundation of leadership for our future officers requires a tremendous team of professionals working together and demonstrating what right looks like every day. I am humbled at the caliber of our cadre and staff and their drive to do just that. I couldn't be more proud of every member of our team - and am excited about what the next year brings.

But first we move into the academic summer break - which is no break for our ROTC program. We'll send 24 cadets to advance camp and upwards of ten current or prospective cadets to basic camp. Every one of our cadre will support Cadet Summer Training or countless freshmen and transfer student orientations for the endless recruiting mission needed to grow our program and tell our Army story. The summer for Army Soldiers also brings transitions, and Houston Battalion is no exception. Our Senior Military Science Instructor, MSG Sean Sweeney, departs this summer headed to the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy in Ft Bliss Texas. We will also say farewell to SFC Tim Gilley this summer as he heads to the Combined Arms Center at Ft. Leavenworth Kansas. Both MSG Sweeney and SFC Gilley have been tremendous teammates over the years. We are incredibly proud of their contributions to our future leaders, and are excited to see both of them leading Soldiers in the very near future. We send a heartfelt THANK YOU to both you and your families. We are a better organization from your significant and countless contributions, and wish you tremendous success in your next Army adventures.





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Physical Training

Throughout the spring semester, cadets diligently attended physical training sessions three times a week, actively participating in a range of events including ruck marches, group runs, and various exercises. As the semester came to a close, they underwent a record Army Combat Fitness Test to assess their abilities and successfully completed a challenging 12-mile ruck.



Houston Battalion Army ROTC wins the Annual ROTC cup for the third year in a row against the Navy, Air Force, and Marine ROTC programs.



Cadets vigorously participate in lab every Friday practicing tactics and leadership skills.



Cadets participated in a 2 mile Battalion run.





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Farewell MSG Sweeney and SFC Gilley

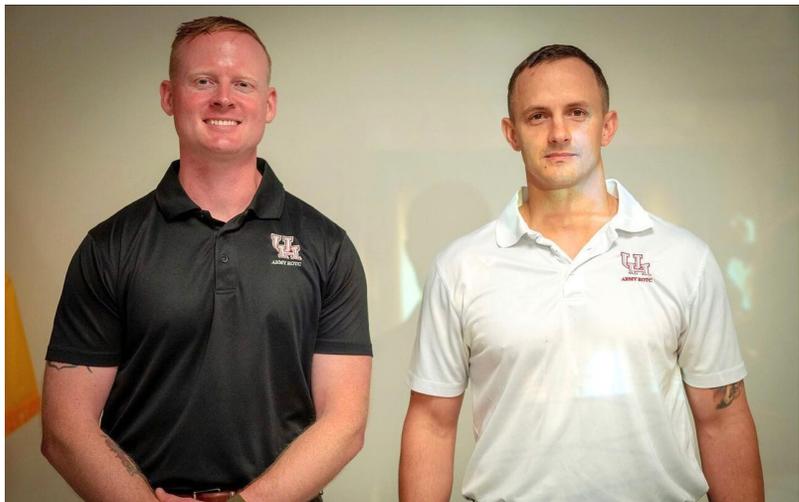


MSG Sweeney with the Joint Force Color Guard at an XFL Football Game

During a cadet's time in ROTC, they will be mentored and instructed by many different cadre. This semester the Houston Battalion bid farewell to our two NCO cadre, MSG Sweeney and SFC Gilley. MSG Sweeney joined our program in 2021 and has spent his time mentoring and training our cadets. Our Color Guard team had the privilege of being trained by him, drawing from his experience in the Old Guard. Additionally, he helped establish the Joint Force Color Guard, consisting of the Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force ROTC programs in the University of Houston/Rice area. SFC Gilley joined the program in 2020 and his influence can be seen all throughout the program and its cadets. He devoted countless hours to truly leaving the program and Cadet Command better than he found it. We will miss them very much but wish them the best as they continue their careers!



SFC Gilley with CDT Kirchgessner on the range at Fall FTX





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Volunteering

The Houston Battalion places great emphasis on supporting each cadet and supporting the community. Throughout the spring semester, the Houston Battalion actively participated in numerous volunteering events, and they remain committed to continuing community engagement in the future.



Volunteering Events

- HISD Girls in the industry
- UH Commencements
- SORD Events
- HBCU Career Fair
- High School Recruiting
- Color Guard





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Multi-Program Field Training Exercise

From 30 March to 02 April, cadets from the University of Houston, Prairie View A&M University, and Texas A&M University came together to form five separate platoons. This exercise aimed to simulate the scenarios that cadets would encounter during the upcoming Cadet Summer Training.



Events executed during the multi-program FTX:

- Land Navigation
- Simulated Missions
- Various leadership positions





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Awards Ceremony



On 12 April 2023, the Houston Battalion held its annual Awards awarding over \$60,000 and presenting 50 awards to deserving cadets. Congratulations to all the cadets who were recognized, we are very grateful for all the time and effort you put into becoming amazing leaders! Thank you to all of the individuals and organizations who support the program and make this possible!





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Special Guests

5th BDE Commander Palmore and CSM Robles visited the Houston Battalion on 5 April 2023. During their visit, they took the opportunity to acknowledge and honor three outstanding cadets for their unwavering commitment and exceptional contributions to the Houston BN.



Cadets Paulson, Jennings, and Marquez being awarded challenge coins from COL Palmore and CSM Robles

On 4 April 2023, cadets had the opportunity to meet retired General Stephen Lyons. He is currently serving as the Port and Supply Chain envoy to the White House Chain Disruption Task Force.





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Commissioning



Congratulations to our Spring 2023 Commissioned 2nd Lieutenants.

2nd Lieutenant Catholic, Reva

2nd Lieutenant Chatman, Imari

2nd Lieutenant Crayton, Anthony

2nd Lieutenant James, Andrew

2nd Lieutenant Kirchgessner, Barron

2nd Lieutenant Lin, Aaron

2nd Lieutenant Loyall, David

2nd Lieutenant Meyer, Lauren

2nd Lieutenant Opoku, Chad

2nd Lieutenant Orellana, Alexandra

2nd Lieutenant Paulson, Kyle

2nd Lieutenant Reyes, Elias

2nd Lieutenant Robinson, Melody

2nd Lieutenant Shaw, Adam

2nd Lieutenant Silva, Jonathan

2nd Lieutenant Slaughter, Rashia

2nd Lieutenant Vilaysane, Andrew





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Step 4

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