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# Mustang Battalion

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## Recent Events

### North Port Orienteering Meet:

On Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, the Mustang battalion came out to compete at the North Port orienteering competition. This was the first score-o of the season, and cadets performed well in a different competition setting placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.



### JPA Inspection

The battalion had its annual JPA inspection and performed extremely well. Cadets presented briefs, portfolios, and stood in mass inspection while being graded.



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## COMMENTS FROM THE BC:

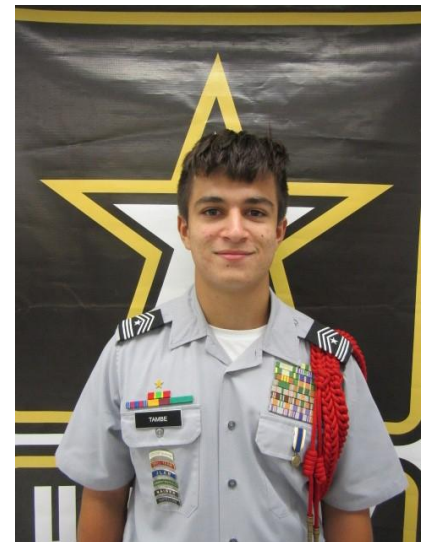


"As a whole, the Battalion performed exceptionally well during our JPA inspection on the 11th. All of our briefing teams conducted themselves in a confident and professional manner executing their presentations to the best of their abilities. I would also like to highlight the performance of our portfolio briefing team, ranging from LET 1's to LET 3's. They each answered every question with confidence and had quality responses for the graders and overall represented the program well under pressure. As for the inspection and drill portion of the inspection, our in-ranks inspection was adequate. As a Battalion we need to work towards improving bearing and discipline while in formation. With that being said, we performed significantly better on uniform questions and uniform grading as a whole. Our drill platoon and color guard performed exceptionally well and represented our program in high regards. Overall I am proud of the Battalion's performance. While we do have some aspects that need some work, I can't say i'm disappointed in how the day panned out."

## *"How did the battalion perform for JPA?"*

## COMMENTS FROM THE CSM:

"Our battalion as a whole did very well for JPA. Our staff briefings and service learning briefings went very well. From what I saw the inspection went well. Additionally our platoon marching and color guard did very well considering their limited practice. Additionally our portfolio kids were very well spoken during their interviews. Overall I think it could've been improved a little, but what we did was not unsatisfactory at all."





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## CADET ACHIEVEMENT C/CPT Ingrid Pope & C/MAJ Tatum Coleman



**C/CPT Ingrid Pope and C/MAJ Tatum Coleman earned 3-year Army ROTC scholarships to desired colleges.**

**Ingrid Pope plans to use the scholarship towards nursing at USF**

**Tatum Coleman plans to use the scholarship towards business at UCF**

**Army ROTC allows college students to train for careers as commissioned officers while completing their degrees, blending elective leadership classes and physical training with standard academics. For those seeking financial aid, a 3-year scholarship typically kicks in during your sophomore year, either as an "Advanced Designee" award from high school (the two achieved this month) or via a campus-based application as a freshman in college which covers 100% of tuition OR room and board, plus a monthly stipend and book allowance. In exchange, recipients commit to an eight-year service obligation in the Active Army, Army Reserve, or National Guard upon graduation. Students can learn more and start their applications through the official GoArmy ROTC portal.**

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## COMPANY CORNER

**ALPHA:** For alpha company, JPA went rather well. Almost all of the cadets had proper bearing within the uniform inspection portion. The majority of the cadets answered their uniform question correctly, demonstrating their competency in learning information. Within the briefing and portfolios, we had representation in both aspects. Our platoon sergeant 2LT Crosbie effectively briefed the information on our battalion service-learning project this year, demonstrating capability in planning and confidence in speaking. The platoon sergeant and I were both on the portfolio team with the platoon sergeant professionally articulating herself to answer questions which clearly showed deep thought and consideration. Areas that we could improve as a company is the force bearing more strictly. Although cadets had to stay at a stationary period for a period of time, it is expected for them to stay in bearing and not move until being addressed. For those cadets who got their uniform question wrong, we will continue to help them obtain the information necessary for them to get it right the next time. Generally, the company was able to hold a sufficient level of professionalism throughout the inspection. - C/CPT Zheng

**BRAVO:** Our company performed very well during the JPA this year. Almost everyone showed confidence and attention to detail throughout the inspection. From the color guard to uniform standards to the in-ranks inspection, cadets took ownership of their responsibilities and made sure everything ran smoothly. The time and preparation our company put in leading up to JPA really paid off, and it showed in our discipline and teamwork. Going forward, I expect to see us build on that momentum rather than relax after such a big event. JPA should be the standard, not just the highlight. I want to see continued focus on accountability, respect, and consistent uniform excellence. If we stay motivated and committed to improvement, we will not only maintain this standard but raise it even higher next year. - C/CPT Crosbie, J (CO)

**CHARLIE:** JPA went extremely well; uniforms were cleaned up, and standards were upheld extraordinarily. They proved they can hold bearings and answer questions. I expect to see these same standards upheld in the future. They've engaged in team building activities that have bonded them closer together as a company and have been diligently reviewing First Aid before our streamer event. They've participated in labs and demonstrated what has been taught to them efficiently and effectively. - C/CPT Moore (CO)

**DELTA:** Our company showed reliability in uniform preparation and leadership accountability. Everyone who participated in the event was present in the morning for a reinspection and handled themselves in an orderly manner. The drill platoon especially showed flexibility during practice that resulted in a very nice final presentation. Moving forward, I expect elevated accountability from my cadets now that I've seen the bearings they are capable of practicing and maintaining. My hope is to use this experience as an example to show the cadets' leadership capabilities and identify our company's strongest future leaders. - C/2LT Amir (CO)

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## JANUARY PROMOTIONS

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### Alpha

C/  
SGT Gutierrez  
SGT Garrett  
SGT Brooks  
CPL Elkins  
CPL Case  
CPL Macedo  
CPL Schaeffer

### Bravo

C/  
SSG Tambe  
SGT Vajdik  
SGT Boatman  
CPL Lechuga  
PFC Faye

### Charlie

C/  
SSG Garcia  
SGT Langford  
SGT  
Rademacher

### Delta

C/  
SGT Clark  
SGT Holden  
SGT Garrett

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## Leader of The Month Interview (C/SSG McBride)

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How Did You Do?

*"I think I did pretty good"*

What Did You Like About It?

*"I liked how it was set up and how it was structured like a competitive board"*

What Didn't You Like About It?

*"I didn't like how crowded it was in the doorway near the end"*

What Can We Improve On?

N/A

What Can You Improve On?

*"I want to take more time to answer instead of stressing out"*

What Set You Apart?

*"My answers had to do with the whole organization instead of just myself"*

Were You Surprised That You Won?

*"Yes and no"*

Were You Nervous?

*"Not really"*

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