



# staying on step

## JROTC members reveal personal goals for year

At the annual Veterans' Day parade cadet Lieutenant Colonel Caelan Rios, 12 (pictured above) leads the way through downtown Fort Worth. "I like being the battalion commander because people look up to me," Rios said. As the year advanced, Caelan kept his expectations high for his cadets and staff. "As the year

progresses the battalion should improve, cadets should be challenged, do work hard, and have fun," Rios said. "The staff is also hard working." Sophomore Michael Butler, a Sgt.1st Class in the elite company, had other goals. Butler did not plan on enlisting in the military like most of his friends in JROTC. "My goal is to maintain my 3.8

GPA," Butler said. "I'm a type one diabetic," Butler said. Butler joined the organization despite his medical condition. "My grandfather was in the military and I wanted to get a feel for it," Butler said. "Next year I'd like to be a 1st Sgt. for the company I'm moving into."

By Carter Bonneau

### did you know?



Jason Irvin, 12  
Tori Greene Photo

Recruiters from all branches of the military visited to recruit Legacy students.

## 2 things they do in JROTC

In JROTC, students led their own companies and did not depend on SGM Smith or SFC Watkins to do anything for the class. They led their own work outs in order to strengthen minds and bodies.



### physical training

When Austin Townsend's, 9, 1SG leads company physical training, **he struggles to keep up.** "He leads PT roughly," Townsend said. "We do push ups and company runs." On sport days, Townsend and his company played either football or ultimate frisbee. "Robert Hawes [12] does a good job of leading PT, I enjoy it," Townsend said.



### inspection

As Christian Garrison, 12, reviews his company's inspection, everyone listens close. "I chose who'll lead inspection on **skill, leadership, and characteristics** of a good cadet," Garrison said. The person who lead inspection varied from time to time.

## who's who?

**Alexis Quart**  
2Lt.  
S-5  
Public Affairs Officer

**Carter Bonneau**  
2Lt.  
S-4  
Supply Officer

**Natelyn Beggs**  
2Lt.  
S-3  
Training/  
Operations Officer

**Daniel Trevino**  
CPT  
S-2  
Security Officer

**Tabitha Hamilton**  
CPT  
S-1  
Administrative Officer

**Cameron Mosley**  
CSM  
Color Guard Training

**Zachary Horn**  
MAJ  
Battalion XO

**Caelan Rios**  
LTC  
Battalion Commander



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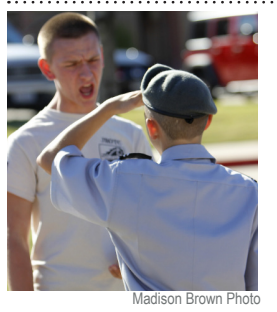
## First all-female color guard introduced to JROTC

JROTC introduced a new group of girls known as the Bronco Battalion Female Color Guard. "The girls volunteered to do this. They were tired of watching the boys win all the trophies and get all the glory," Sgt. Maj. Eric Smith said. Smith recruited girls who would volunteer, and soon had four girls who make up the guard including Natelyn Beggs, junior, Destiny Ceden-Fernandez, freshman, Kennedie Smith, sophomore and Nadia Channell, freshman. The first competition for the Bronco Battalion Female Color Guard was held on Jan. 23 for the Waco Drill Meet. The guard was recognized as an extracurricular activity which met regularly on Mondays and Thursdays from dismissal until 4 p.m. "I enjoy being in the female color guard because of the understanding we all have for each other's hard work and how much we just enjoy each other's company," Beggs said.



Natelyn Beggs, 11, Kennedie Smith, 10, Destiny Ceden-Fernandez, 9, and Nadia Channell, 9  
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Madison Brown Photo

The JROTC team was able to compete in the Army Fifth Brigade Drill meet in San Antonio that qualified them to advance to Army nationals on April 9 in Louisville, Ky.

### inside JROTC

"Our company leaders obviously have enough experience to be our superiors."

Adrian Ornelas, 10

"If you want a simple answer, go up the chain of command. If you want an hour-long explanation about the chain of command, go to the new Army Instructor."

Trevor Lambert, 12

"SGM made the right choice when he chose our company leadership."

Olawale Kadiri-Odu, 10