



JROTC

School District of Manatee County



“Motivating Young People to be Better Citizens”





Agenda



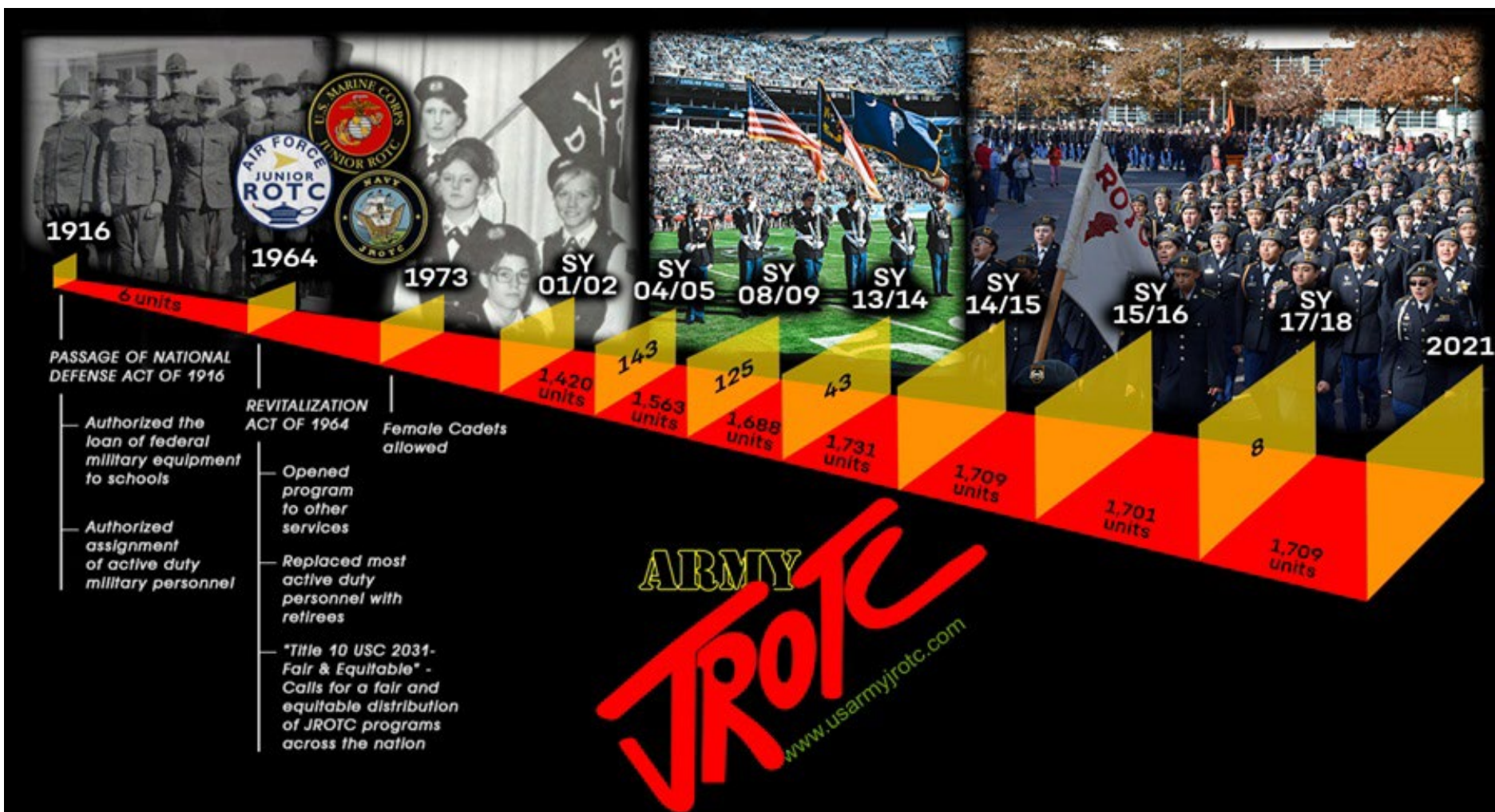
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- Cadets on Campus
- Manatee High School Hurricane Battalion
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School District Manatee County....Part of a 100- year Legacy

Only 1709 JROTC programs in the US





Types of Programs



**National Defense
Cadet Corps (NDCC)**



**Public & Private Schools
(7 JROTC programs in
Manatee County)**



**Military Institutes
and Academies
(i.e.. Sarasota
Military Academy)**

- ✓ Both Parrish Community and Braden River JROTC programs started as NDCCs
- ✓ PCHS and BRHS became JROTC programs in one year!
- ✓ Conversion made in record time because of the School District's Reputation

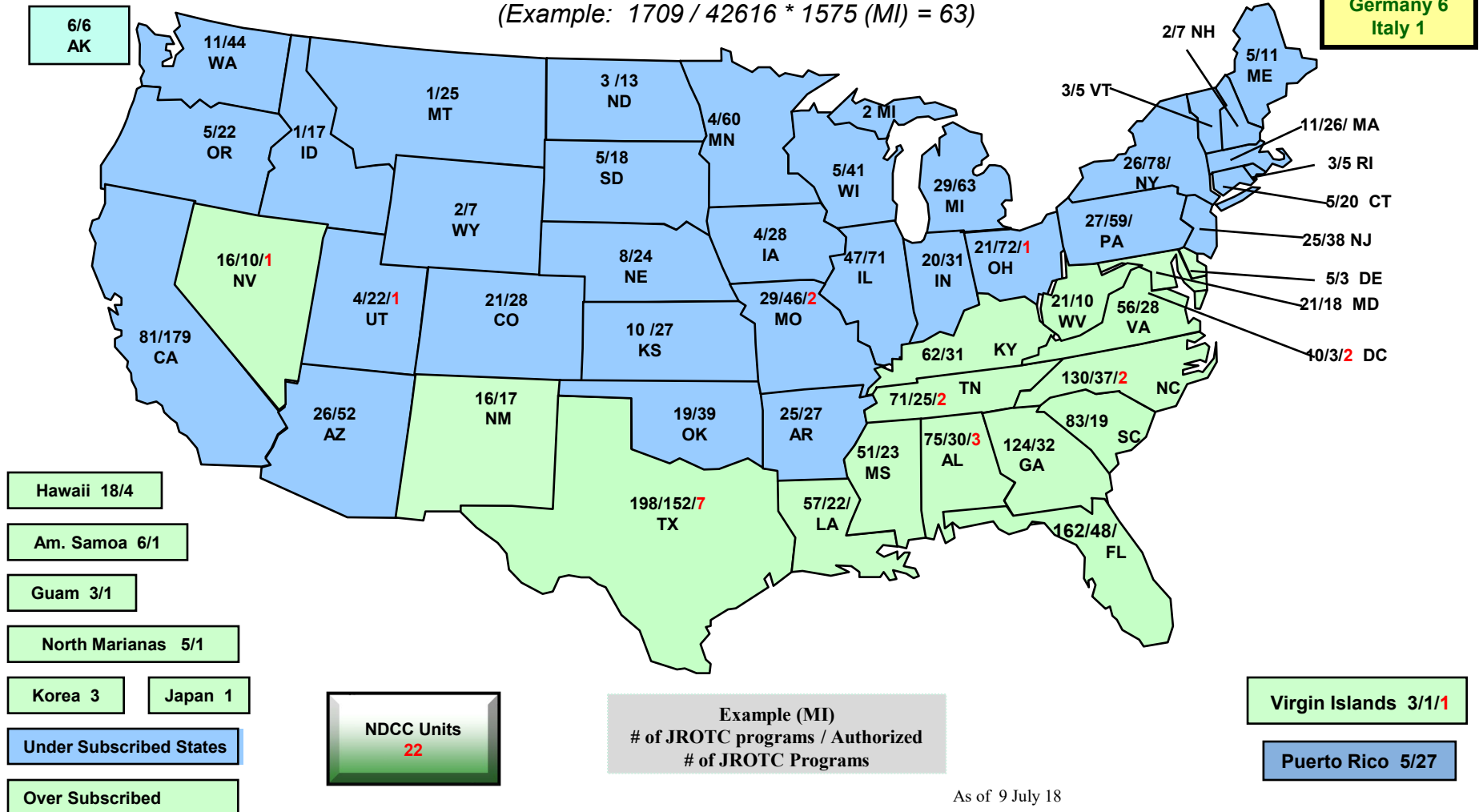


Snapshot of JROTC Nationwide

Fair & Equitable Formula

1705(funded ceiling) 42616 (high schools in the nation) * number of schools in state
(Example: $1709 / 42616 * 1575$ (MI) = 63)

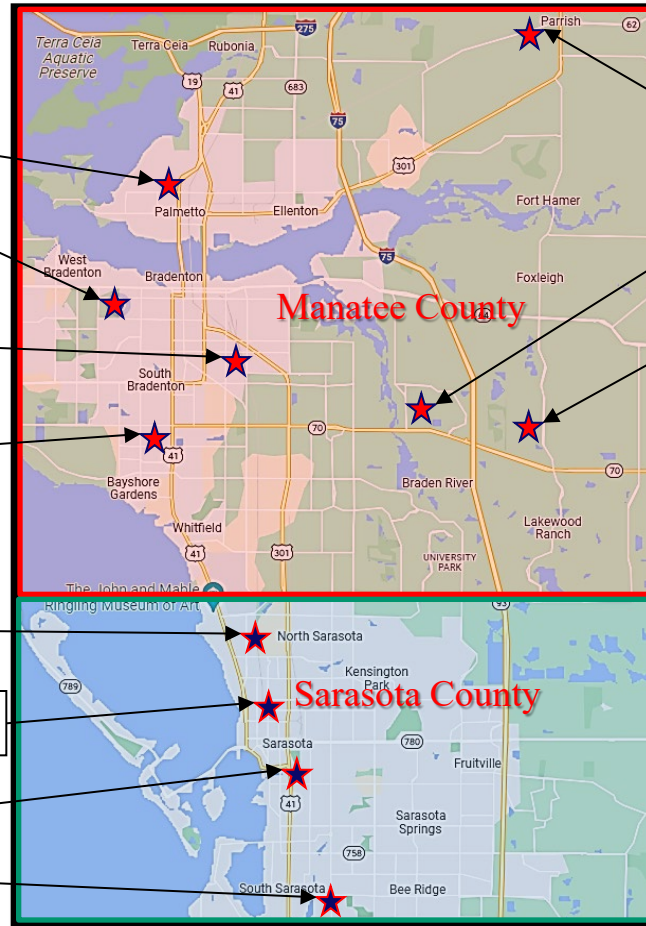
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DODDS
Germany 6
Italy 1





JROTC Area 5

6th ROTC Brigade



Palmetto HS

Manatee HS

Southeast HS

Bayshore HS

Booker HS

Sarasota Military Academy

Sarasota HS

Riverview HS

Parrish Community HS

Braden River HS

Lakewood Ranch HS



Desoto HS

12 Total Schools

- Manatee County – 7
- Sarasota County – 4
- Desoto County – 1



Nationally and Regionally Accredited Curriculum



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Army Junior ROTC

has met the criteria for educational quality
established by the Cognia Global Commission
and is hereby presented this

Certificate of Accreditation

by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, the Northwest Accreditation Commission, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.



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Valid through 6/30/2022



United States Army Junior ROTC

To motivate young people to be better citizens

Quality Indicators

CATEGORY	SCHOOL	JROTC
Attendance	90.47%	93.65%
Graduation	83%	93.9%
Indiscipline	5.2%	1.7%
Drop Out	8%	<1%
GPA	2.52	2.91

Program Outcomes

- Act with integrity and personal accountability as you lead others to succeed in a diverse and global workforce
- Engage in civic and social concerns in the community, government, and society
- Graduate prepared to succeed in post-secondary options and career pathways
 - Value the role of the military and other service organizations

Approximately 20% of graduating Cadets *express interest* in the military as a career option



JROTC Goals

- Promote citizenship
- Develop leadership
- Effective communications
- Improve physical fitness
- Strengthen positive self-motivation
- Train to work as a team member
- Inspire Cadets to graduate from high school

Curriculum

Language Arts, Life Skills, US History and Civics.

JROTC fulfills Requirement for HOPE, Fitness, and Fine Arts

Learning Styles/Emotional, Intelligence Assessments,
Thinking Maps

SAT/ACT Prep, College Entrance Planning

USACC JROTC National Events

- Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB)
 - Air Rifle
 - Precision Drill
 - Raider Challenge
- JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC)
 - STEM Camps, Robotics



JROTC Integrated Curricular Activities

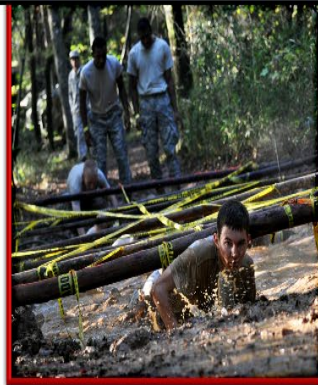


JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB)

Program for challenging Cadets to learn values of leadership, and citizenship, while preparing for higher education milestones (ie. college entrance exams)

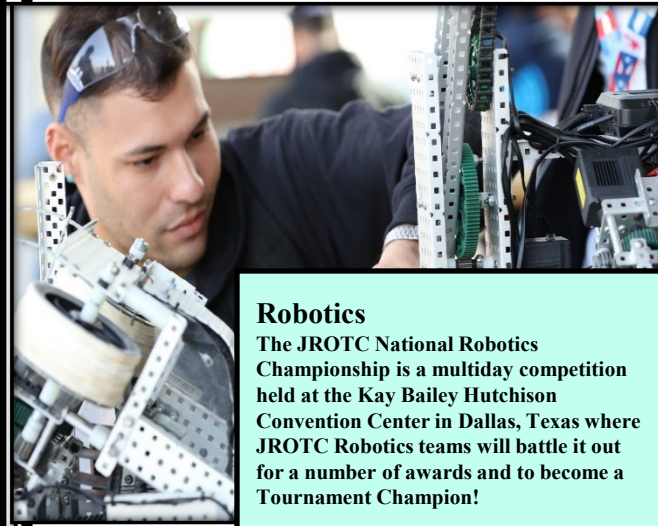
Raider Challenge

Competitive program for Cadets in 5 leadership skill events



Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Camp

One-week college residential program of STEM labs; interaction with professors, graduate and undergraduate students



Robotics

The JROTC National Robotics Championship is a multiday competition held at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas, Texas where JROTC Robotics teams will battle it out for a number of awards and to become a Tournament Champion!

Air Rifle Competitions

Competitive marksmanship program to promote teamwork, self confidence, and esprit de corps



JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC)

Program opportunity for Cadets to practice leadership and teamwork skills in a hands-on leadership setting

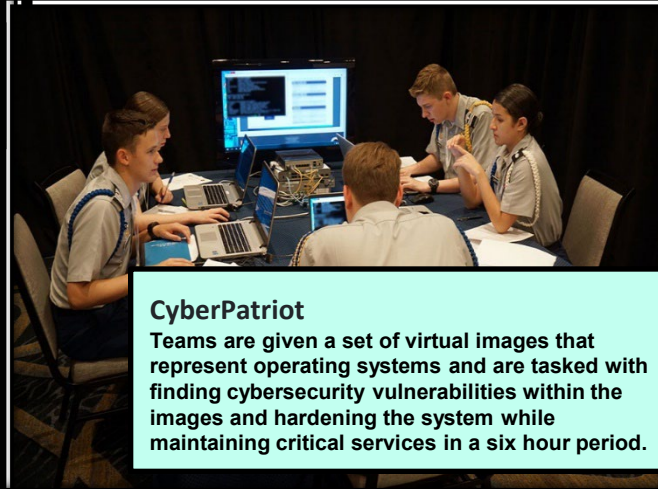
Drill Competitions

Competitive drill program in both regulation and exhibition categories



CyberPatriot

Teams are given a set of virtual images that represent operating systems and are tasked with finding cybersecurity vulnerabilities within the images and hardening the system while maintaining critical services in a six hour period.





Manatee County Basic Facts



- Initial Programs started in SY 93/94
- Programs at county high schools (7 JROTC); 162 in Florida
- 18 Instructors (7 SAIs; 11 AIs)
- Honor Units with Distinction (7)
 - Cadet Knowledge/Appearance
 - Continuous Improvement Plan and Service Learning
 - Drill and Ceremony
 - Instructor Education and Professional Development
- Parrish Community HS converted from a National Defense Cadet Corps (funded totally by the District) to a JROTC program in one year!



Manatee County Basic Facts

Instructors



- ✓ 35+ Years in Uniform
- ✓ DOD Nationally Certified
 - Recertified every 5 years (Advance Workshop based on Charlotte Danielson Teaching Framework)
 - Extensive Department of Defense background check every 5 years
 - Annual recertification in classroom management, safety, ethics, state standards for education, use of government credit card
- ✓ Combat Veterans
- ✓ Former Military Installation-level leaders
- ✓ Published Authors (Books and Peer-reviewed journals)
- ✓ Former Department Chairs of Military Science at major US Universities
- ✓ Former Instructors/Professors at Elite US Military Schools and Colleges
- ✓ Regional JROTC Subject Matter Experts



State Army JROTC Championships Run Through Manatee County!



- ✓ **Male/Female Raiders, 1st and 2nd in Nation, 2024**
- ✓ Male/Female/Mixed Raiders, Top10 in Nation, 2023
- ✓ Male Raider State Champions, 2019/21/22
- ✓ Female Raider State Champions, 2019/21/22
- ✓ Mixed Raider State Champions, 2019/21/22
- ✓ State Drill Champions, 2021/22/23
- ✓ State Robotics Design Winner, 2023
- ✓ State Rifle Champions, 2022
- ✓ State Color Guard Champions 2020
- ✓ State Individual Orienteering Champions 2021/22/23
- ✓ **With only 7 schools, 90% of champions and finalists are from Manatee County
(Raider competition was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID)**



JROTC Programs per School District

Brevard (7)	Lee (15)
Broward (19)	Manatee County (7)
Collier (7)	Palm Beach (6)
Dade (18)	Polk (10)
Hillsborough (11)	Programs not in District Clusters (62)



Community Service



- Bradenton Soup Kitchen
- All Children's Hospital
- Toys for Tots
- Habitat for Humanity
- Big Cat Habitat
- Can Food Drives
- Local Nature Park Restoration
- Color Guards for Community Organizations, Local Sports Teams, etc.
- Veterans Day Parade (Bradenton & Anna Maria Island)
- Martin Luther King Day Parade
- Tutoring/Mentoring Programs
 - Big Buddy Project
 - Lincoln Middle





Manatee County JROTC Measures of Success



- 30 Army ROTC Scholarships
(Embry- Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida State, Stetson, University of Tampa, University of South Florida, Georgia Military College, University of Florida)
- 4 Naval ROTC Scholarships
- 2 Airforce ROTC Scholarships
- 2 Military Academy Appointments
 - Naval Academy
 - US Military Academy
- 40 Enlistments 22/23 only



*** 4-year ROTC Scholarships to private schools such as Embry-Riddle and Stetson are valued over \$250,000!**

SY 20/21, 21/22, 22/23 (ROTC Scholarships & Academies)



Cadets on Campus



- ✓ **Student Government Association**
 - President, Vice President
- ✓ **Junior Advisory Board**
 - President, Vice President
- ✓ **National Honor Society**
 - Fifty-five members
- ✓ **Yearbook Senior Editors**
- ✓ **Homecoming King/Queen**
- ✓ **Club President**
 - Key Club, Unidos Now
- ✓ **Boys and Girl State selectees**
- ✓ **Varsity Sports Captains**
 - Swim, Track, Cross Country

US Army Cadet Command

Leaders for Life



Leadership Excellence

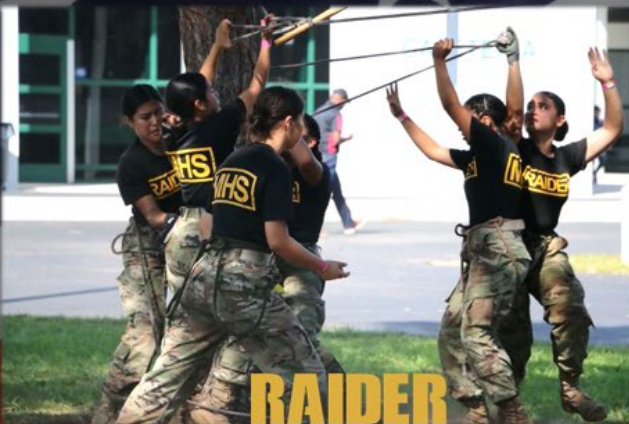
This We'll Defend



HURRICANE BATTALION



MHS JROTC HURRICANE BATTALION



**"ENTER TO LEARN
LEAVE TO LEAD"**





MHS JROTC Instructors



**Senior Army Instructor
(SAI)
LTC Crawford**

LET Level 3 & 4



**Army Instructor
(AI)
CSM Zoch**

LET Level 1



**Army Instructor
(AI)
1SG Krcelic**

LET Level 2



MHS Army JROTC Leadership SY 26-27



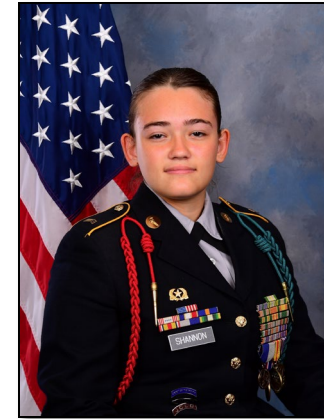
**Battalion Commander
C/LTC Velasquez, E.**



**Executive Officer
C/MAJ Mercado, F.**



**Command Sergeant Major
C/CSM Christian, A.**



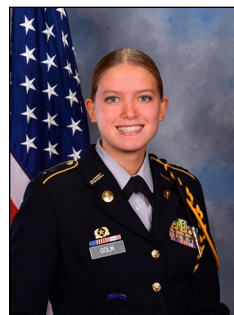
**OPS SGM
C/SGM Shannon, E.**



**S-1
Tasny, M.**



**S-2
Highers, A.**



**S-3
Golm, A**



**S-4
McSweeney, T.**



**S-5
Martinez, Z.**



**S-6
Pina, J.**



Company Leadership



A Co

B Co

C Co

D Co

E Co

CDR



C/1LT Hernandez, J.



C/1LT Alvarenga, G.



C/1LT Randall, D.



C/1LT Nance, C.



C/1LT Hernandez, D.

1SG



C/1SG Gonzalez, I.



C/1SG Gullien, A.



C/1SG Elken, B.



C/1SG Culhane, B.



C/1SG Coronel, K.

XO



C/2LT Velazquez, J



C/2LT Hernandez, S.



C/2LT Le Tran, T.



C/2LT Ramirez, E



C/2LT Velasquez, E.



Special Events



**Military Ball
C/MAJ V. Burge**



**Continuous Improvement Officer
C/CPT L. Lopez**



**Service Learning Officer
C/2LT E. Hernandez**

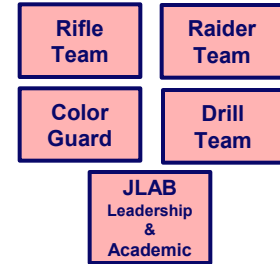


Battalion Organization SY 26-27



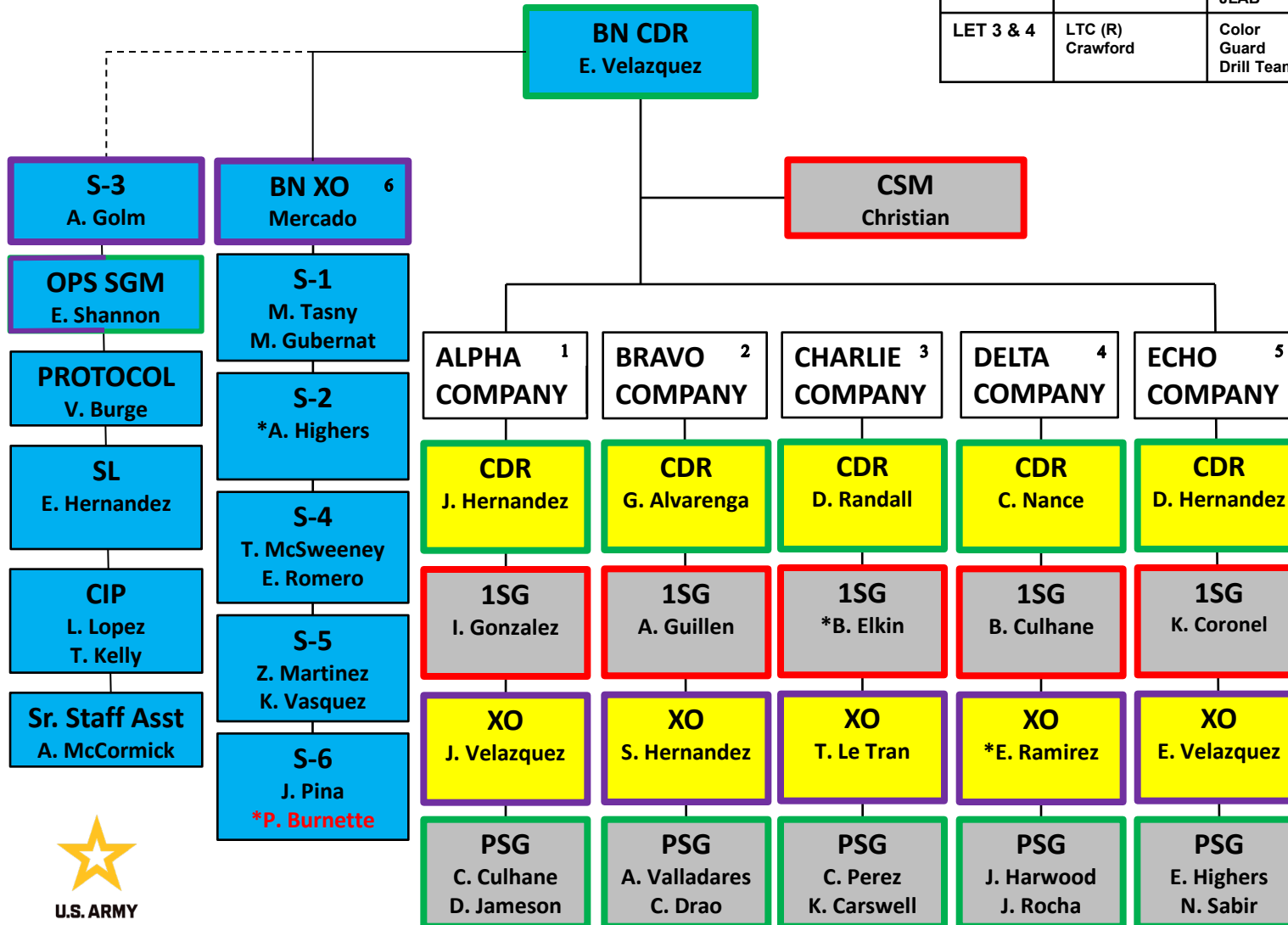
Course	Instructor	Clubs
LET 1	CSM (R) Zoch	Raider
LET 2	1SG (R) Krcelic	Rifle Team JLAB
LET 3 & 4	LTC (R) Crawford	Color Guard Drill Team

JROTC Clubs



Comm. Tools

- Channels
 - Command
 - NCO
 - Staff
- Face to Face
 - C&S
 - 7th Pd
 - Formations
- Written
 - MOIs
 - Trackers
 - Rosters
 - Counseling
- Digital
 - Email
 - Group chat
 - Shared drive





JROTC Creed

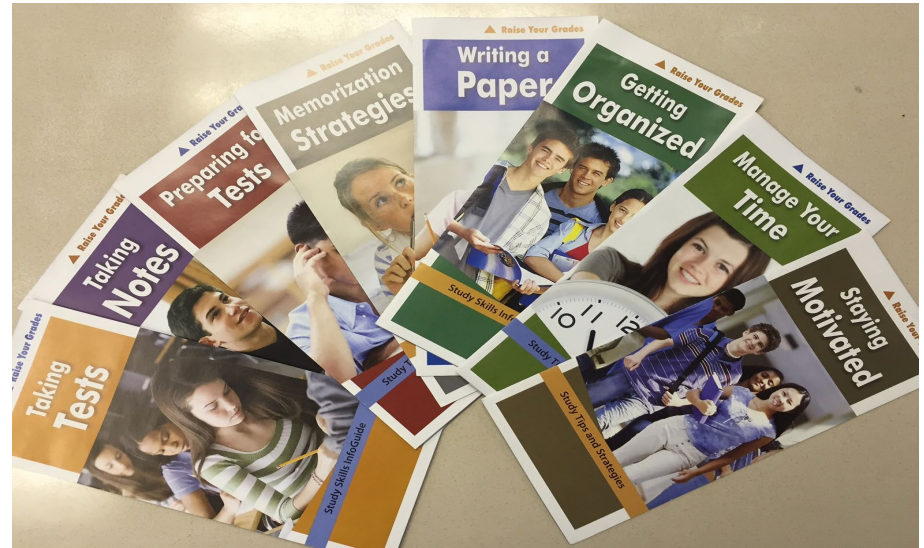
- I am an Army Junior ROTC Cadet.
- I will always conduct myself to bring credit to my family, country, school and the Corps of Cadets.
- I am loyal and patriotic.
- I am the future of the United States of America.
- I do not lie, cheat or steal and will always be accountable for my actions and deeds.
- I will always practice good citizenship and patriotism.
- I will work hard to improve my mind and strengthen my body.
- I will seek the mantle of leadership and stand prepared to uphold the Constitution and the American way of life.
- May God grant me the strength to always live by this creed.



What Will Cadets Learn



- ✓ Communication skills
- ✓ Leadership traits, skills and styles
- ✓ Physical Fitness concepts
- ✓ Drill and Ceremonies
- ✓ First Aid Skills
- ✓ Citizenship
- ✓ Drug Abuse Prevention
- ✓ American (Military) History
- ✓ Map Reading & Land Navigation
- ✓ Career Planning / Opportunities
- ✓ The Role of our Armed Forces





BY TAKING JROTC YOU ALSO GET CREDIT FOR

1. ☐ Physical Education (PE)
2. ☐ The HOPE class
3. ☐ Performing Arts Credit

**YOU HAVE TO COMPLETE 2 YEARS
OF JROTC FOR THESE CREDITS.**



Weekly Schedule

Time	Participants	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	Time
0630-0715	Team Members	JROTC Club Before School Activities Color Guard & Raider					0630-0715
0730-0820	1st Pd - A Co	JROTC Curriculum	JROTC Curriculum	Sergeant's Time Training	Uniform Wear & Inspection	Physical Training	0730-0820
0825-0915	2nd Pd - B Co						0825-0915
0920-1010	3rd Pd - C Co						0920-1010
1015-1105	4th Pd - D Co						1015-1105
1110-1205	5th Pd - E Co						1110-1205
1205-1235	All	Lunch					1205-1235
1240-1330	6th Pd - HQ Co	JROTC Curriculum		Staff Planning	Staff Planning	Staff Planning	1240-1330
1335-1425	7th Pd Bn Leadership	C&S/Trng Mtng	Staff Planning	SGT's Time	Uniform Inspection	PT	1335-1425
1430-1600	Team Members	JROTC Club After School Activities Raider, Color Guard, Drill, & Rifle Team					1430-1600



SPECIAL TEAMS

- **DRILL TEAM** **TBD 2:35PM- 4:00PM**
Until Drill Season Starts
- **RIFLE TEAM** **Mon, Wed, Fri, Afternoons**
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
- **RAIDER TEAM** **Tues & Thurs 2:35 – 4:00 PM**
Afternoons
- **COLORGUARD** **Mon, Wed, Fri**
Mornings 6:30-7:00 AM



Conclusion



- JROTC has a positive impact in schools and communities and provide youth a head start in life.
- JROTC is a leadership and citizenship program which includes classroom academic studies, character education, team building, leadership opportunities, intramural competitions, field trips and unique training opportunities. JROTC does NOT recruit for the Armed Forces nor do the Cadets have a service obligation.
- Nationally, cadets excel in measured criteria such as attendance, graduation rates, GPA success, indiscipline and drop-out rates and are leaders on campus.
- Part of a high school program with a 100-year-old legacy!



**MHS JROTC Webpage:
WWW.MHSHURRICANEATTALION.COM**

**MHS School webpage:
<https://www.manateeschools.net/manatee>**

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