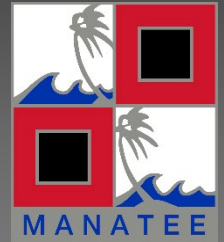


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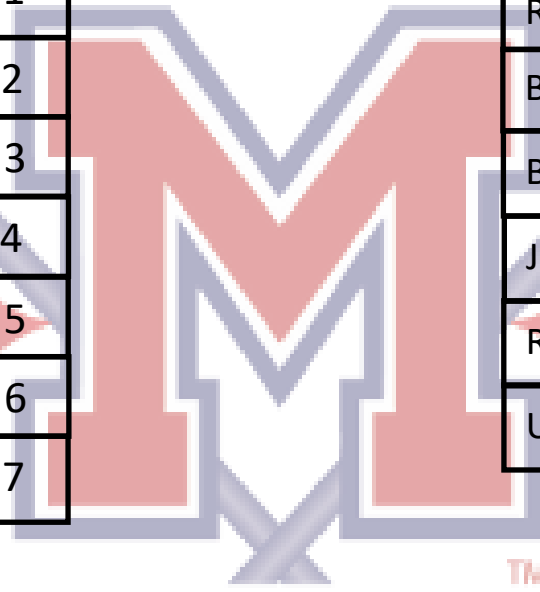


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**MANATEE HIGH SCHOOL**  
BRADENTON, FL

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

**HURRICANE BATTALION**



# Hurricane Battalion Instructors



**LTC K. Crawford**  
**SAI / LET 3 & 4**  
**Drill & Color Guard**

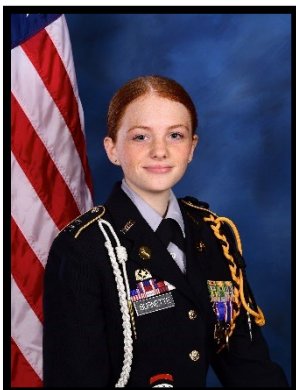


**CSM T. Zoch**  
**AI / LET 1**  
**Raider**



**1SG B. Krcelic**  
**AI / LET 2**  
**Rifle Team**

## Hurricane Battalion Cadet Leadership



**Battalion  
Commander**



**Command  
Sergeant Major**



**Deputy  
Battalion  
Commander**



**Battalion  
Executive Officer**



**Operations  
Sergeant Major**

# Company Leadership

**Alpha**

**Bravo**

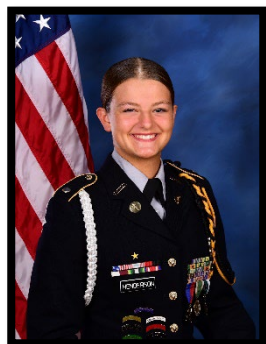
**Charlie**

**Delta**

**Echo**



**Company  
Commander**



**Company  
Commander**



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**First  
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**First Sergeant**



**First  
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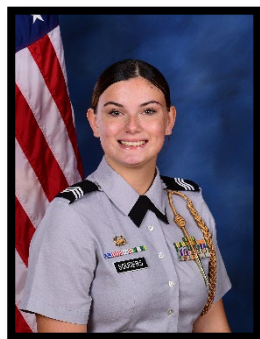
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**First  
Sergeant**



**Liberato, M.  
Executive  
Officer**



**Souders, K.  
Executive  
Officer**



**Sosa, C.  
Executive  
Officer**



**Vadas, W.  
Executive  
Officer**



**Sookdeo, K.  
Executive  
Officer**

## **Lieutenant Colonel's Corner**

Welcome back for AY 2023-2024! We are already off to a great start and are already fully engaged with our Color Guard, Rifle, and Raider teams. Our county camp-out will take place at the end of September – reminder that parents must pick up Cadets at Camp Flying Eagle on Saturday, 30 SEP 2023, at 11:00 am. The Drill Team will begin later in the Fall.

Our Cadets have already distinguished themselves by volunteering for JROTC – there is no better opportunity available to students today to learn the leadership and life skills needed to be successful in any endeavor. In JROTC, you learn what it means to be a good citizen and a leader. You will apply leadership fundamentals in the classroom and through a variety of exciting and challenging training events. You will learn about a set of values that transcend JROTC. The values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage are more than mere words that we recite. Taken together and integrated through an understanding and appreciation of the sacrifices made by the generations of citizen-soldiers who previously answered the call to defend America's freedoms...those values become part of who we are and form the moral and ethical identity that inspire us.

I would like to acknowledge our Cadet Chain of Command and staff who have ensured we are off and running for the new school year. They have already proven to be up to the challenge, and I wish them well in their efforts to uphold the strong tradition of the Hurricane Battalion. Be proud of the Hurricane Battalion and yourself for volunteering for what most others will not do. I am confident you are up to the challenge.

**TEAMWORK – INITIATIVE – POSITIVE ATTITUDE**

**MANATEE!**

LTC K. Todd Crawford

# SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT

## BIG BUDDY PROJECT



**C/2LT, Papandrea**

My name is Leeah Papandrea-Khan, and I am a senior at Manatee High School. This year I am the Battalion Service-learning Officer. I am continuing the Big Buddy project from the previous year. This project is an amazing way to interact with kids and connect with them on a different level. As high school students, we get to be role models for the kids in our community and get to inspire them to be amazing as they learn and grow. When going to Big Buddy the kids are all waiting in the cafeteria and are so excited to see us with the biggest smiles on their faces. And they know that when we show up, we are always here to help and be that big buddy that they need. We help them with their homework and get to have fun with them on the playground. This project has not only given me a chance to be a big sister to a vast group of wonderful kids but has also helped me improve my leadership skills and my personal character.

**Big Buddy**

**BIG BUDDY DATES**

**Palma Sola Elementary school**

- Monday, August 28th / Friday, September 1st
- Monday, September 25th / Friday, September 29th
- Monday, October 23rd / Friday, October 27th
- Monday, December 4th / Friday, December 8th

**Sea Breeze Elementary school**

- Monday, September 11th / Friday, September 15th
- Monday, October 2nd / Friday, October 6th
- Monday, November 13th / Friday, 17th

**Ballard Elementary**

- Monday, September 18/ Friday, September 22
- Monday, October 16th / Friday, October 20th
- Monday, November 27th / Friday, December 1st

  
3:30-5:30PM!

Watch our Cadets in action:

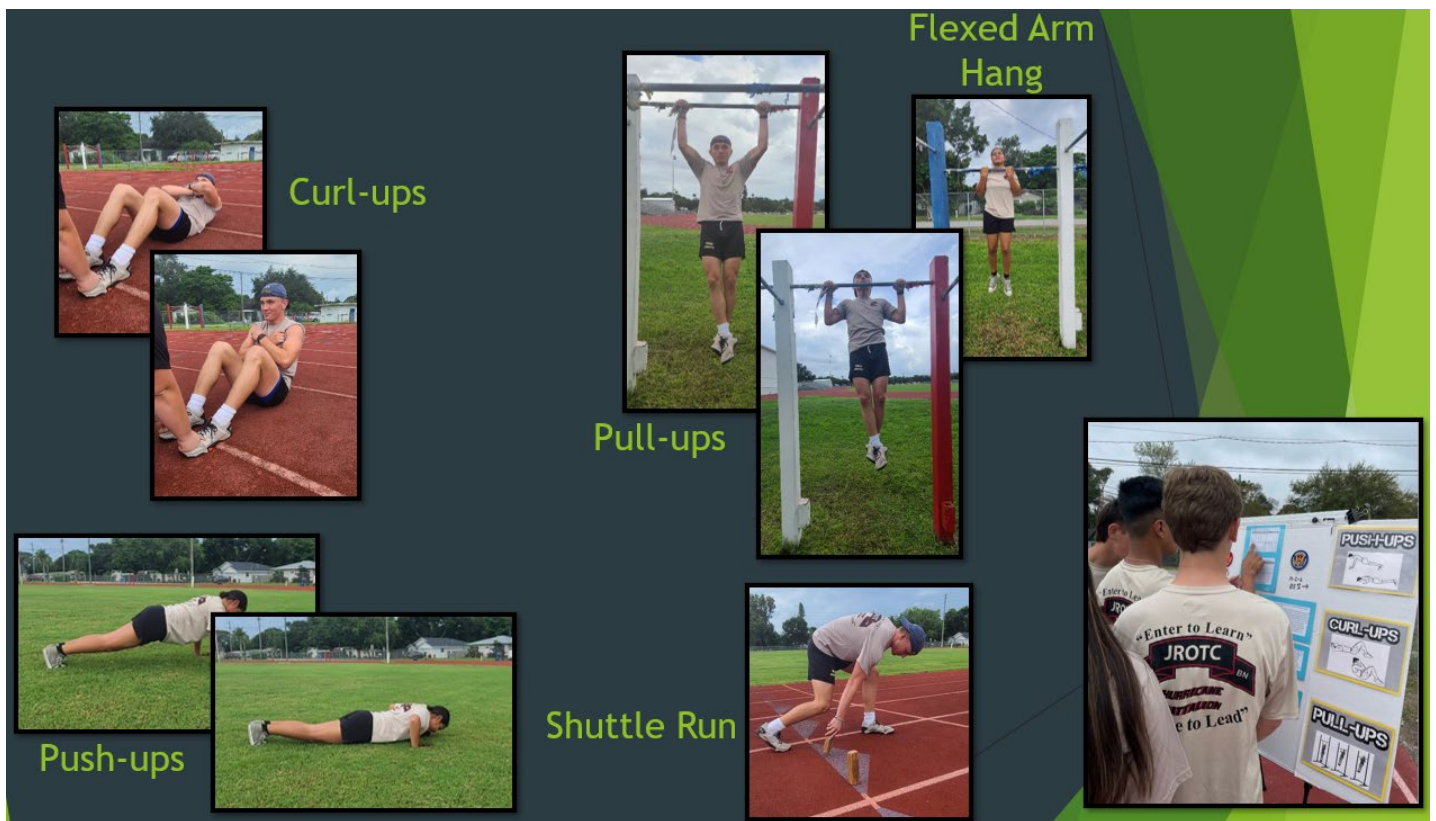
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# CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) CADET CHALLENGE



C/2LT Bailey

- WHO: All MHS JROTC Cadets
- WHAT: Cadet Challenge
- WHEN: 2-6 OCT 2023
  - Monday: Curl-Ups & Push-Ups
  - Tuesday: Pull-Ups/Flex-Armed Hang & Shuttle Run
  - Wednesday: V-Sit Reach & One-Mile Run
  - Thursday: Make-Up Day
  - Friday: Make-Up Day
- WHERE: South Gym
- WHY: Improve Physical Fitness & Promote a Healthy Lifestyle



(85<sup>th</sup> Percentile)

(50<sup>th</sup> Percentile)

	Age	Curl-Ups (# one minute) OR	Partial* Curl-Ups (#)	Shuttle Run (seconds)	V-Sit Reach (inches) OR	Sit and Reach (centimeters)	One-Mile Run (min:sec)	Pull-Ups (#) OR	Rt. Angle Push-Ups (#)
BOYS	13	53	59	9.5	+3.5	33	6:50	7	39
	14	56	62	9.1	+4.5	36	6:26	10	40
	15	57	75	9.0	+5.0	37	6:20	11	42
	16	56	73	8.7	+6.0	38	6:08	11	44
	17	55	66	8.7	+7.0	41	6:06	13	53
GIRLS	13	46	59	10.2	+2.0	38	8:13	2	21
	14	47	48	10.1	+8.0	40	7:59	2	20
	15	48	38	10.0	+8.0	43	8:08	2	20
	16	45	49	10.1	+9.0	42	8:23	1	24

	Age	Curl-Ups (# one minute) OR	Partial* Curl-Ups (#)	Shuttle Run (seconds)	V-Sit Reach (inches) OR	Sit and Reach (centimeters)	One-Mile Run (min:sec)	Pull-Ups (#) OR	Rt. Angle Push-Ups (#) OR	Flexed-Arm Hang (sec)
BOYS	13	42	39	10.2	+0.5	26	8:06	3	24	14
	14	45	40	9.9	+1.0	28	7:44	5	24	20
	15	45	45	9.7	+2.0	30	7:30	6	30	30
	16	45	37	9.4	+3.0	30	7:10	7	30	28
	17	44	42	9.4	+3.0	34	7:04	8	37	30
GIRLS	13	37	40	11.1	+3.5	31	10:23	1	11	8
	14	37	30	11.2	+4.5	33	10:06	1	10	9
	15	36	26	11.0	+5.0	36	9:58	1	15	7
	16	35	26	10.9	+5.5	34	10:31	1	12	7

# Rifle Team

The Rifle Team has not only demonstrated remarkable proficiency but also a commendable level of dedication. Following the tryouts held in March, we were fortunate to welcome seven talented individuals onto our team. These new additions have undeniably bolstered our collective strength; however, we were still faced with a shortage of five team members. Nevertheless, our resolve remains unshaken, and we have been committed to surmounting this challenge in our pursuit of success. In our steady search for a complete and formidable team, we recently conducted another round of tryouts during the third week of the school term. This meticulous selection process allowed us to fill the remaining positions that had previously remained vacant. With our first competition slated for September 14th, our focus now lies in dedicatedly training our new teammates in all the nuanced responsibilities and different positions. The competition will demand that each team member showcase their shooting expertise in three distinct positions: standing, prone, and kneeling. As the competition unfolds, participating schools will be divided into two teams, aptly named A and B. These teams will then engage in head-to-head battles against their respective counterparts from other schools. The anticipation and excitement surrounding this event have not only united us as a team but have also reinforced our determination to display our skills and prove ourselves to be skilled and dedicated. My goal as the new 2023-2024 Rifle Team commander is to aid my team in effectively communicating and building their confidence in the firing line. Our goal is to make it to the state competition. We are ready to face the challenge head-on, confident in our ability.



C/SGT Souders



# Color Guard

Color Guard is the most prestigious and exceptional team of the Hurricane Battalion. The Color Guard represents the JROTC program, the school, and the Nation. We present the state and National flag with pride and discipline at numerous school and community events to include sporting events, ceremonies, and parades.

We have about 30 Cadets participating at the start of the new academic year and are always looking for more. If you are interested, it's never too late to join. Practice is every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:15-7:00 before school. Please join us and be part of the best!



C/2LT Chollette





# Drill

I am C/1LT Nicole Bailey and I am this year's Drill Team commander. I am very excited to get the chance to have some amazing Cadets out at drill and take them to the state competition.

We are planning to start drill practice in November as our competition season is in the Spring of 2024. I believe that we will have an amazing drill team this year and we will have loads of fun going to the competitions and hopefully winning lots of trophies. Again, I'm excited to see all the new faces that come out to drill and how this upcoming drill season will go.



C/1LT Bailey, N

## Tentative 2024 Drill Competition Schedule

- TBD NOV 23: Practice Begins
- 27 JAN 24: SMA Drill Meet @ Booker HS
- 3 FEB 24: U of Tampa Drill Meet @ University of Tampa
- 10 FEB 24: County Drill Meet @ Palmetto HS
- 2 MAR 24: Area 5 Drill Meet @ Braden River HS
- 9 MAR 24: JV Drill Meet @ Southeast HS
- 6 APR 24: State Drill Meet @ George Jenkins HS

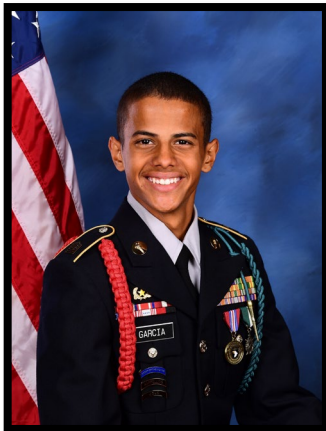


## Raider Team

The Manatee High School Battalion Raider Team is the most challenging and physically demanding team in JROTC. It takes a lot of hard work, drive, dedication, and commitment to be on the Raider team. It takes a Cadet that is physically fit and has the drive to get up every Tuesday and Thursday morning around 6:10AM to arrive at school on the Raider field just to put their bodies to the ultimate test by running 5K's, running a mile-long litter carry, executing 50-meter tire flips, or even a ruck run with a 25-pound weight. Raiders want to be part of something that is bigger than us and love pushing our minds and bodies.



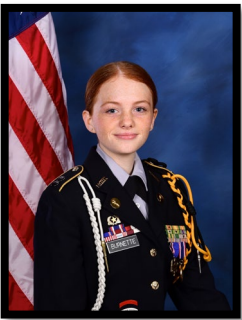
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C/CSM Garcia

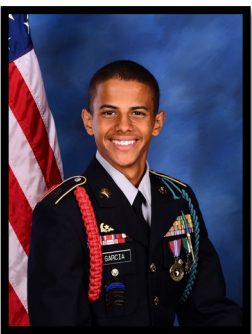
# Battalion Command Team

The Manatee Hurricane Battalion is well known for its passionate leadership and notable achievements over the years. Students from all walks of life at Manatee High School have left an impact with each bringing something new to the plate and leaving the program a better place. As the battalion commander it is my vision to inspire each Cadet to reach their fullest potential and recognize their own achievements and abilities as well as their personal growth. It is an honor to have watched this program guide students throughout the years and witness our Cadets grow and become young, inspiring, and dedicated leaders of the battalion. This marks the start of a new year, and I am excited to see the strides we all take towards creating a positive environment and a successful future.



C/LTC Burnette

Hello and welcome to the Manatee High School Hurricane Battalion, I am Cadet Command Sergeant Major Izael Garcia, and I am so glad that you have chosen the Hurricane Battalion to be your home. I welcome all the in-coming LET 1's. I'm happy to see all your fresh faces and hope to see most of you become great leaders as this is my senior year and I cannot wait to see who I leave the battalion in the hands of a strong and great leader. For my LET 2's and above welcome back let's get ready to grind and show off and motivate these LET 1's to get on the train and be part of the best JROTC program in Manatee County. I appreciate all of you for joining us and sticking with us, let's have a momentous year and make it the best of the best!!



C/CSM Garcia

# Hurricane Battalion Staff



## **BN S-1: C/2LT Freas**

- Adjutant & Personnel Officer
- Maintain all Cadet records
- Keeps a log of community service hours of all Cadets
- Handles awards & medals for award ceremony



## **BN S-2: C/2LT Godinez**

- Intelligence & Security Officer
- Completes a risk assessment for any event or field training exercise
- Monthly inventory of all items owned by the Army
- In-charge of all JROTC support for football games



## **BN S-3: C/1LT Chollette**

- Operations and Training Officer
- Creates an MOI or tasking list for any all operations
- Posts the Battalion training schedules, monthly and weekly



## **BN S-4: C/2LT Schoonover**

- Supply and Logistics Officer
- Issues all uniforms & accessories for Cadets
- Organizes the supply annex in a tidy manner



## **BN S-5: C/2LT Antonio**

- Media Relations Officer
- Attends events & takes pictures of our cadets in action
- Participates in recruiting trips to different middle schools
- Joint effort with the BN S-6 in maintaining the website.



## **BN S-6: C/2LT Kirk**

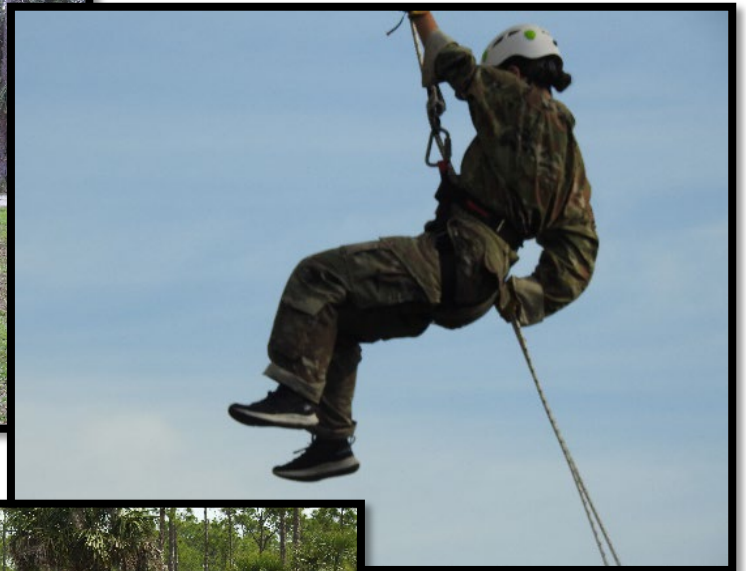
- Technology Officer
- Assists the SAI & AI with computer issues
- Helps set up A/V equipment for events
- Joint effort with the BN S-5 in
- Managing the website

# JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) 2023

JCLC an immersive development and team building opportunity for JROTC Cadets. The Hurricane Battalion had 24 Cadets participate with Cadets from across all seven JROTC programs in Manatee County. Cadets participated in numerous teambuilding and leadership development opportunities to include rappelling, high ropes course, orienteering, archery, land and water survival, and a leadership reaction course. Ultimately, Cadets had fun and were prepared to return to their school and be leaders in their JROTC battalions.

"I had so much fun at JCLC over the summer. I got to experience things that I never would get to experience. I got to repel and learn how to make a flotation device using my pants. I made so many friends in such a short amount of time I made so many memories that I will never forget. I am so glad I got the opportunity to go to JCLC. I hope I can come back next summer."

-Alexander





# Army ROTC Scholarship

**Apply – Apply – Apply**

<http://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html>



Window Opens **12 June Each Year**

Application Closes **04 March 2024**

- Army Senior ROTC is the largest officer generating program - Produces over 75% of Army Officers, currently over 30,000 students are enrolled
- 275 programs nationwide, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

## Application Due / Selection Board

9 OCT 2023 / 16-20 OCT 2023

15 JAN 2024 / 22-26 JAN 2024

11 MAR 2024 / 18-22 MAR 2024

How to Complete the Army ROTC Scholarship Application:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV\\_kgAj98HE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV_kgAj98HE)

What does the Army ROTC Scholarship cover?

- Full Tuition & Fees or Room and Board
- \$600 book stipend per semester
- Monthly \$420 Cadet Stipend

Army Scholarship Information & Application Site:

<https://goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html>

## Additional Military Branch ROTC Opportunities:



Naval ROTC (includes Marine Corps):

<https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Apply/>



Air Force ROTC: <https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/>

**All Seniors Should Also Apply for FAFSA**

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

<https://studentaid.gov/>

Even if you don't think you want to go to college – you never know!

Needs based – Grades do not matter!

**Opens 1 OCT 2023 for Seniors**

# Upcoming Fall 2023 Events

## Hurricane Battalion Events:

- ❖ Big Buddy Project: Weekly Monday & Friday
- ❖ Canned Food Drive: 19 SEP – 9 NOV 23
- ❖ Senior ROTC Scholarship Parent Information Night on Tuesday, 26 SEP 2023, at 6 p.m. in the Palmetto High School Media Center
- ❖ County Campout: 29-30 SEP 23; **Reminder: Parent Pick-up at Camp Flying Eagle on Saturday, 30 SEP 23, at 11:00 am**

## Raider Team:

- ❖ BR Raider Rampage: 23 SEP 23
- ❖ County Raider Meet: 7 OCT 23
- ❖ Area 5 Raider Meet: 28 OCT 23
- ❖ Raider Nationals: 2-5 NOV 23
- ❖ State Raider Meet: 2 DEC 23
- ❖ Best Raider: 8-9 DEC 23

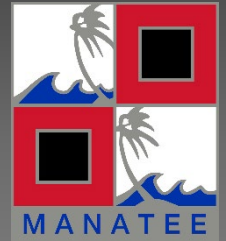
## Rifle Team:

- ❖ County Rifle #1: 14 SEP 23
- ❖ County Rifle #2: 5 OCT 23
- ❖ County Rifle #3: 19 OCT 23
- ❖ County Rifle #4: 16 NOV 23
- ❖ Area 5 Rifle Meet: 7 DEC 23

## Remaining Home Football Game Support:

- ❖ Riverview (D Co): 20 OCT 23
- ❖ Southeast (E Co): 3 NOV 23
- ❖ Playoffs - TBD

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Previous newsletters and additional information located on the  
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# GO CANES!