



Lakewood Ranch High School



# Mustang Battalion

Newsletter October Edition

## SMA Raider Meet

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> the Mustang Raider team participated in their first meet of the season located at Lakewood Ranch High School and hosted by Sarasota Military Academy. Both teams made a great first performance with the female team placing first and the male team placing third.



## Bayshore HS Raider Meet

On October 9<sup>th</sup> the Mustang Raider team got another chance to show off their hard work at Bayshore High School for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meet of the year. The female team continued to be a difficult opponent for their competition placing second and only losing out on first by seconds. The male team did not have as much success despite their best efforts.

## Community Service Efforts

On October 16<sup>th</sup> at the American Cancer Society's Making Strides of Sarasota-Manatee, numerous cadets from all the companies and staff came out to help set up, run, and take down the event. This allowed cadets to participate and make a difference in their community.



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## COMMENTS FROM THE BC



"From my observation, the companies are starting to build on the basics that they worked hard to establish in the first quarter. Company leadership is continuing to learn how to best approach teaching their cadets and adapt lessons to accommodate this. They are allowing their squad and platoon levels of leadership to cultivate a sense of team in their unique ways, as well as maintaining a sense of company pride through numerous streamer events and respective company mottos. This year's LET 1s have an insatiable desire to maximize their leadership potential and learn as much as they can for the future of the program, and as Battalion Commander, there isn't much more I can ask for than that. Our squad leaders are coming into their own and learning how best to lead their squad after a quarter of getting to know their cadets. Platoon-level leadership is ensuring that squad leaders have guidance in leading and are in constant communication with company leadership to check that the curriculum is being taught in the most effective manner. This battalion has also started taking part in volunteer activities with the Making Strides Walk with the American Cancer Society and the introduction of our semesterly community service project. I am very excited for this next month and what it has to offer based on the consistent hard work that has been demonstrated for the past two months!"

"How is the battalion progressing and improving?"

## COMMENTS FROM THE SGM

"From my perspective, the battalion is very busy working out their little problems so that their companies run smoother. Each company has its own individual problems to address, such as formality, LET 1 participation, marching, etc. They address these issues during CUB meetings, and the staff informs them on ways they could alter their approach and try a different method to solve their problem. What the battalion is missing is inner communication between companies. What is happening, is that companies are faced with problems, so their initial response is to turn towards the staff, but there are other companies who have solved this issue already. If we can get the companies to discuss problems they have and solutions they can use, then the battalion as a whole would work better. They need to start thinking of solutions to their problems for the benefit of the battalion, rather than just the company."



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“There’s always light at the end of the tunnel.” – Momeny

“This means that while you are struggling or in the middle of a hard task there is a chance for you to open up and get to expand on your knowledge. There is also a chance for you to do something better, with your life.” - Osman

“Having this mindset is vital to finding the positives in the face of adversity and pushing the difficulties of life” - Boudreau

“In difficulty lies growth.” - Lereira

“In hard times that is where opportunity arises, and you can succeed” - Hammond

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity” – Einstein

What do this mean to you?

“When one finds the strength to overcome adversity, lessons and improvement have the potential to occur.” – Miller

“To grow you must run through the hurricane, that is life and by doing that you’ll see the most beautiful views, which is the eye of the storm.” - Liberti

“In hard situations it becomes hard for a reason. When life gives you the chance for a challenge take it.” - Sullivan

“There is always a chance to improve despite the circumstances.” - Smith

“Opposition gives the opportunity to lead and prosper.” - Deglopper

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## COMPANY CORNER

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### Alpha

"This month, Alpha company has achieved many accomplishments to add to our tool belt of skills. For the second month in a row, one of our LET 1s has achieved Cadet of the Month. Our selection for October was cadet PFC Costa. We are all super proud of him for his success in representing our company. Also, this month, the CO and XO were promoted to the ranks of Captain and First Lieutenant. Finally, on the 21st, our company completed the Wheels Lab and the Orienteering Map Lab successfully, which took lots of training and preparation to conduct successfully but was worth the results. Alpha company is continuing to maintain its standing as a company that is focused and successful."

*-Rosasco, CO*

### Bravo

"Bravo company this month has shown improvement in many aspects of LET 1 development, and leadership development. Bravo company has shown adequate grades; with the new quarter occurring in the last month all cadet grades were reset, and currently, no reports of low grades have been brought up so far as we progress into the new quarter. Bravo's recent duty company was executed well, with our second platoon second squad in charge of flag duty. This was great, as it gave the LET 1s the skills on how to properly put up and take down the flags. Currently, many cadets in the company are excited for the orienteering season to start, with many upperclassmen, and let 1's expressing interest in the team. Overall, Bravo company has shown great improvement and an increase in company participation and enthusiasm, leading to great promise for future leaders in the upcoming year."

*-Boudreau, CO*

### Charlie

"This month Charlie company has done a great job during PTs and labs! Every PT they push themselves as hard as they can. During lab, they listen well and pick up on things quickly. On company day, we usually refine what they've been taught and spend some time together just having fun. Duty company has been good both times this month. Cadets have showed up every day which is a big improvement from the very first duty week we were assigned. There were a few implications, but they have been settled easily. For the most part most cadets are doing very well in grades. There are a few cadets that weren't happy with their grades, however, they all have plans to fix that, and soon they'll all have good grades! Also, we are looking forward to orienteering this year because a lot of the cadets in Charlie company are interested in it, so it'll be great to see how they do and how they progress in it. I'm excited to see Charlie company will continue to grow and improve!"

*-Osman, CO*

### Delta

"This past month Delta Company has been focusing on improving and carrying out many different things in the company. We have been doing team bonding in the mornings which is doing a great job of getting our cadets to bond with each other and the differences can be seen in our squads and platoon leadership. This month we also have two upcoming color guards on Tuesday and Thursday which we have been preparing for and are excited to see how they go. We also had our cadet Abreu go up for COTM. Upcoming we are hoping to promote three squad leaders this week and continue to develop our LET 1s."

*-Majewski, CO*

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## OCTOBER PROMOTIONS

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### Alpha

C/CPL Jones  
C/CPL Oancia  
C/CPL McKinley  
C/CPL Perrine  
C/SGT Harlin  
C/SSG Hodge  
C/SSG Pollock

### Bravo

C/PFC Hammond  
C/PFC Chester  
C/PFC Velasquez  
C/PFC Guzman  
C/PFC Wellander  
C/CPL Sullivan  
C/CPL Hughes  
C/SGT Debrosse  
C/SGT Jenkins  
C/SGT Ellis

### Charlie

C/CPL Ortiz  
C/CPL Momeny  
C/CPL Davis  
C/CPL Edwards  
C/CPL Gomez  
C/CPL Sampey  
C/CPL Mitchell

### Delta

C/PFC Brown  
C/PFC Coyner  
C/CPL Grasa  
C/CPL Shaffer  
C/CPL Zolecki  
C/CPL Rivera  
C/CPL Davis  
C/SGT Corscadden  
C/SGT Caymen

## OCTOBER CADET OF THE MONTH

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This month's Cadet of the Month for September is C/PFC Costa. Every month, company leadership from each company nominates one cadet to go to the COTM board. The battalion command group chooses the cadet that shows best character, goals, and aspirations for their company and the LRHS JROTC program.



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