



Westside

22nd Battalion

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BACK TO SCHOOL



AUGUST EDITION

Welcome to the JROTC Newsletter!
This year as we continue to grow as
leaders and teammates, let's take
pride in our accomplishments and
stay focused on the mission ahead.
Stay motivated, stay disciplined, and
let's make this month another step
toward excellence!



Check Out our Social!



Written By C/MSG Paz

INSTRUCTOR'S PAGE



Greetings Cadets!

Welcome to School Year 2025-2026.

This school year we welcome our new Army Instructor Master Sergeant Green.

To our 1st year cadets, thanks for enrolling in JROTC. JROTC is a citizenship program designed to make you a better person within your community. JROTC is also a leadership program that will help you to develop your leadership skills to prepare you for life after high school. While in JROTC, you will have the opportunity to earn your rank and ribbons.

As a 1st year cadet your rank starts as a Cadet Private. As you progress in the program from your freshmen year to your senior year you can earn your rank from being a Cadet Private to the ultimate rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel with the position of Battalion Commander.

To our parents, we have a JROTC Booster Club that is open to all our parents. The Booster Club helps JROTC by providing funds needed to maintain our uniforms, equipment, and food for parades and events. If you're interested, please contact me at the address below.

Additionally, you can sign up as a volunteer to serve as chaperones during our field trips.

In closing, we look forward to an exciting year. We hope the Newsletter will provide information on JROTC and the events we are involved in. My contact information is below.

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XO STATEMENT



My name is Felice Macari and I am the battalion XO. My job is to lead the battalion staff and guide them to succeed in their duties and make the battalion better. I started off my journey in this program as a corporal, then moved up to First Sergeant, and now I'm a Major in my 3rd and final year as a cadet in JROTC. My goal for this year is to lead the Westside primary color guard to a top 3 spot at both competitions of this year. I'm grateful for all I've achieved this year and I wouldn't have been able to do it without my fellow cadets and the instructors that lead this wonderful program. May this year be a stepping stone for great success in the future! Go Wolves!

-C/MAJ Felice Macari



LEADERSHIP

BC

C/ LTC Gutierrez



XO

C/ MAJ Macari



CSM

C/CSM Odeh



S1

**C/ 2LT
Cisneros**



S2

**C/ 1LT
Clark**



S3

**C/ CPT
Zamora**



S4

**C/ 2LT
Andrade**



S5

**C/ 2LT
Paz**



**Alpha Company
Commander
C/ CPT Alvin
Chacon**



**Alpha Company XO
C/ Alex Smith**

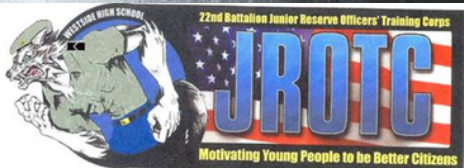


**Alpha Company 1SG
C/ 1SG Elahn
McDonald**



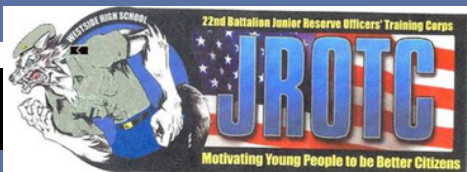
CUB CAMP

On August 5 Westside hold the Cub Camp for incoming freshmans. Our drill team participated in Cub Camp by giving an awesome presentation. Which got our freshmans excited and also gave them an Idea of what JROTC does.



FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

On Tuesday August 12th we had our first day of school. New challenges and responsibilities came with it. Our new cadets were being taught the JROTC basic such as stationary movements, ranks, cadet creed, and the phonetic alphabet.



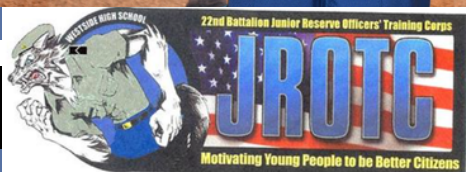
SENIOR SUNRISE

On August 15 Westside held their annual senior sunrise and as the sun rose on our Senior Sunrise, we were reminded that this year is the start of our final chapter together. A huge thank you to our amazing JROTC staff for being the guiding light, the mentors, and the steady support through every challenge.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

On August 25, the Westside High school held its back to school bash. Parents and incoming freshmen were able to take a look at all the clubs Westside has to offer. After the presentations ended, students were able to take their parents to meet their teachers. Huge thank you to every cadet who showed up and represented the JROTC program.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BATTLE RHYTHM COMING SOON

September

- September 1- Labor day
(No school)
- September 2- Staff PD
(No school)
- September 10 - Ice-cream
social
- September 13 - Parent
night/Cadet mixture
- September 30 - College
night

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SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	2 STAFF PD NO SCHOOL	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 ICE-CREAM SOCIAL 🍦	11	12	13 PARENT NIGHT/CADET MIXTURE
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 COLLEGE NIGHT				



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Written by C/ MSG Paz



Arlette Paz is an 11th grade student in her 3rd year of JROTC. Alongside being the co- commander for marksmanship and the current public affairs officer, she keeps herself involved not only in JROTC but also at school by being part of the Herencia Latina social media manager. In addition to that, she's also the social media manager for the student council, Christian on campus, and part of the yearbook class.

Shoutout -OF THE MONTH-

As we're starting a new school year I can't help but think about all the work we've already put in. This month's shout out is to all the staff for giving their all helping the program, helping new cadets and giving their all decorating our classrooms/ JROTC area. We are so proud of y'all for putting your time and effort into making this years a wonderful school year.

