

# HURRICANE BATTALION

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## Welcome to “The” Hurricane Battalion

This school year has just begun and we would like to welcome all of our new Cadets to our family. We have a few new events coming up, so be prepared. All our company leadership have gone through our Battalion Leadership Course (BLC) and are more than ready to take charge of their Companies. We are also looking forward to a very successful year for our Battalion.

## HURRICANE BATTALION INSTRUCTORS



SAI LTC Mugford  
Drill and Color Guard  
LET 3 & 4



AI CSM Zoch  
Raider Team  
LET 1



AI SGM Staff  
Rifle Team  
LET 2

## LEADERS OF THE HURRICANE BATTALION



Battalion  
Commander  
C/LTC Occhiena



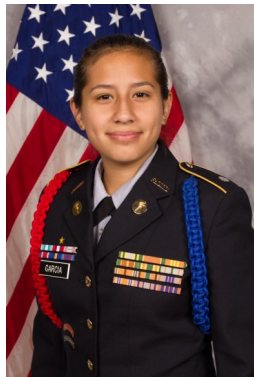
Battalion  
Executive Officer  
C/CPT Wood



Command Sergeant  
Major  
C/CSM Viduarres

# COMPANY LEADERSHIP

Alpha



Company  
Commander

Garcia, J

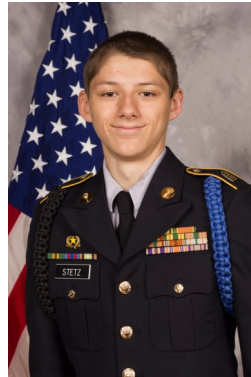
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Company  
Commander

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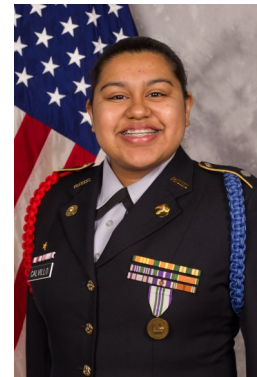
Charlie



Company  
Commander

Stetz, J

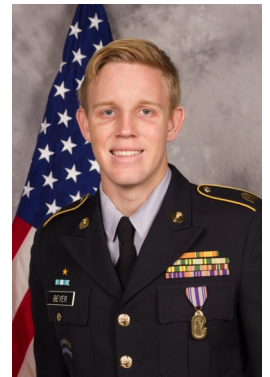
Delta



Company  
Commander

Calvillo, S

Echo



Company  
Commander

Beyer, J



Executive  
Officer

Sanders, R



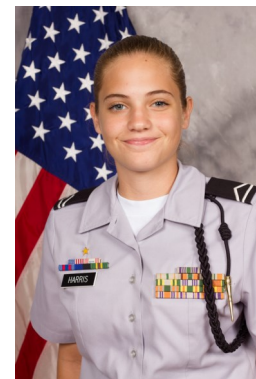
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Officer

Camargo, N



Executive  
Officer

Sarria, E



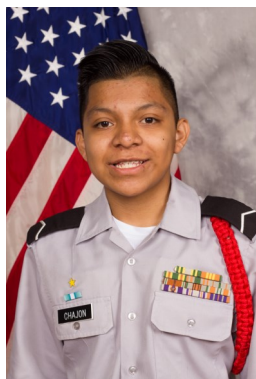
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Officer

Harris, A



Executive  
Officer

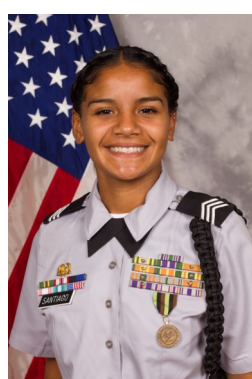
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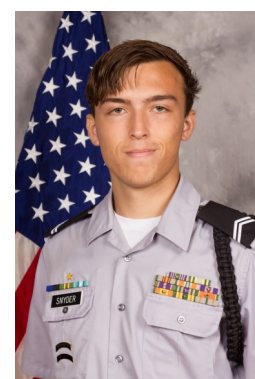
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Chajon-Paz, R



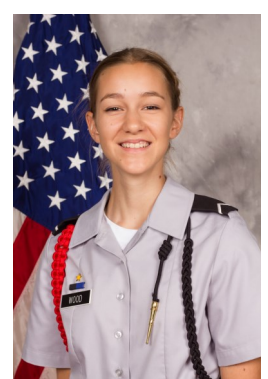
First Sergeant  
Polin, E



First Sergeant  
Santiago, M



First Sergeant  
Snyder, C



First Sergeant  
Wood, A

# COLONELS CORNER

A new School Year (SY) has begun, and I want to welcome all our new cadets to the JROTC family, as well as all the returning cadets. We are looking at another highly productive year with many activities scheduled for this SY. We certainly started off on the right foot, as we were fortunate to have our Battalion Leadership Course (BLC) prior to the beginning of the SY year; over 40 senior cadets were in attendance. That's a great start for our new command group.

The first quarter is always the most difficult one for the students as they begin to adjust themselves in the new environment and start to get into the swing of going back to school. Let's hope that mother nature does not interrupt our SY. Not much good news comes out of a natural disaster. Nonetheless, there was a silver lining as many of our cadets helped out here at Manatee High School (MHS) during Hurricane Irma since MHS is a designated shelter for the community.

As everyone eases into the new school year, we are looking for parent volunteers to assist us during our Raider Challenges, Drill Meets, and our Campouts. A lot of our new parents stopped by during the Freshman Orientation and have an appreciation of all the opportunities we provide for their children. We look forward to their involvement

Just a reminder to everyone, we passed our Formal Inspection with a 97.5% and was deemed "Honor Unit with Distinction" for the 24th year in a row.



Written by: LTC (R) Mugford  
Senior Army Instructor (SAI)

The new Chain of Command is hard at work, and I'm sure they will do an outstanding job this SY. The new Battalion Commander (C/LTC Occhiena) already has his vision statement posted and has taken charge. The Battalion XO (C/CPT Jonas Wood) is riding hard on the Staff. Lastly, C/CSM Viduarres is preparing the Company First Sergeants by ensuring classes for our 7th period leadership course is presented in a professional manner.

I would also like to recognize a few super cadets who finished last year with outstanding results. Cadet Jovan Vazquez is now at the Naval Academy, Cadet Allison Chajon-Paz has a full ride at Stetson, and Cadet Allysa Tumanda receiving a full ride at Emory Riddle. Finally, welcome to "The" Hurricane Battalion. HOOAH!!

# BATTALION COMMANDER CORNER

Dear incoming Parents and Cadets,

I am Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Eduardo Occhiena, and I am the Commander of The Hurricane Battalion for this SY. I am both exited and honored to lead this battalion, and I am eager to meet all the new Cadets joining our Unit this year. The Hurricane Battalion has been a huge part of Manatee High School for over 25 years, dating back to 1993. over the years our Unit has come to be know as “THE” Hurricane Battalion, because of our prominent tradition of Leadership Excellence JROTC is meant to motivate you as a young person into a Better Citizen. JROTC will provide you with all the tools you need to succeed as a Leader, Scholar, and an Athlete. Our Instructors and Cadet Leadership will welcome you like family and mentor you to help you succeed in whichever your goals may be. A good summarization of JROTC would be A famous quote from our renowned Instructor Command Sergeant Major Zoch. “ JROTC is like a Life Skills and Management Course on steroids.” Once again welcome to our program and welcome to Manatee High School.

“Enter to Learn, Leave to Lead”



Written by: C/LTC Occhiena

# RIFLE TEAM

The rifle team is about teaching life skills, and it is here for you to join if you have decided it is for you. The only two things you need to be on this team is: effort to cooperate with others and to be self-motivated and engaged in learning something new. While on “The” team, you will be assigned a rifle that you will use for the rest of the year. While on the team, you will learn the insides and outs of a rifle and activities such as zeroing, dime-wash test, and the three positions that we use. To give you a little preview of the team, the three positions are: prone, kneeling, and standing. When its time to shoot downrange, at about ten quarter size targets, each person will use about 20 pellets that equals about 200 pellets in one practice alone. Now imagine how many you’ll use in a week. On another note, everybody on the team is family; everyone helps everyone, and it’s ok to need extra help from me or anyone else on the team, even if it takes up the whole practice time. That’s what I’m here for: to help you and teach you these skills, and maybe I might learn something from you. So here’s to a great year and hopefully a successful rifle season. Hope to see you at practice!



Written by: Cadet Collins

# RAIDERS

Raiders is one of the most prestigious teams in JROTC. Raiders strengthens you emotionally, physically, and mentally. Because Raiders is physically and mentally demanding, being on the team requires a lot of motivation, dedication, and teamwork. In order to make the team, competitive team members must work as one unit and push each other to do better.

Varsity teams are composed of a 12 person team that includes male, female, and mixed. We prepare the Junior Varsity cadets for the annual raider meet that we are hosting this year on December 15, 2018, where cadets have the chance to experience a raider meet. A varsity raider meet is made up of five events, those of which are: Tire flips, Rope Bridge, ½ mile Raider fitness challenge, 5k team run, 1 mile cross country rescue, which includes a first aid test. In comparison, a Junior Varsity raider meet consists of a 1-1-1 event, which is a 1 mile run, 1 minute of push-ups, and 1 minute of sit-ups. It also includes a ½ mile of the cross country rescue, along with the first aid test, tire flips, Rope Bridge, and the ½ mile obstacle course.

The Raider team contains highly motivated, dedicated, physically fit, and ambitious cadets, who not only train every Tuesday and Thursday morning and afternoon, but also on their free time. If any of these characteristics pertain to you and you're up for the challenge, I'll see you out on the raider field.

**RAIDERS LEAD THE WAY HOOAHHH!**



Written by C/CPT Vidaurre

# DRILL AND COLOR GUARD

## Drill Team

This is a disciplined unit where everyone can further learn Drill and ceremony. The Drill team cadets learn more, build off what they have learned, and put their leadership skills to the test in their companies to help other cadets learn more drill and ceremony. Excessive training is key for our team to perform every movement flawlessly. We will have competitions between January and April, and we will begin practices on September 12. We are a family; we work hard and have fun together. Teams will help develop teamwork, character, and discipline. This team will make you come out of your shell and be a part of something bigger than yourself. You will work hard, and it will pay off in the end. We have five events for varsity male and female, and a junior varsity competition with three events, male and female. I encourage all cadets to come out and see what drill is like.

## Color Guard

Color Guard is the most prestigious team in JROTC. To be on Color Guard, you must be on drill. The Color Guard is responsible for presenting our nation's colors at our home football games, JROTC ceremonies, parades and other community events. Our Color Guard takes great pride in what they do. We have two varsity teams, one male and one female. We also have two junior varsity teams, one male and one female. The team works hard all year long.



***You should come and try them out, only  
the best of the best make the team.  
HOOAH!!***

Written by: C/MSG Upshaw

# BEING A 1SG

Starting this school year as a LET 4, I have been chosen to be Delta Company's First Sergeant. I am looking forward to having cadets engaged and keeping them motivated. I have been working alongside the Command Sergeant Major, Ops Sergeant Major, and all the incoming First Sergeants with the quarter 1 training plans. I am confident that this school year will be one of our best years in the JROTC program. I am hoping to be able to lead an important role in the cadets' paths to keep the legacy alive in the program. I am delighted to be working with these cadets and can't wait for this successful year in our Hurricane Battalion.



Written by: C/1SG Santiago

# STAFF



## Battalion S-1: C/CPT Jocelin Vidaurres

1. Adjust & Personnel Officer
2. Maintain all personal records of cadets
3. Keeps a log of community service hours of all cadets
4. Handles awards & medals for award ceremony



## Battalion S-2: C/2LT Jacob Clark

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



## Battalion S-3: C/2LT Jose Portillo

1. Operations and Training Officer
2. Creates an MOI or tasking list for any field training exercise
3. Posts the Battalion training schedules, monthly and weekly

# STAFF



## Battalion S-4: C/2LT Carla Garcia

1. Supply and Logistics Officer
2. Issues all uniforms & accessories for cadets
3. Organizes the supply annex in a tidy manner



## Battalion S-5: C/2LT Leidy Arenas

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



## Battalion S-6: C/1LT Sean Quattromani

1. Technology Officer
2. Assists the SAI & AI with computer issues
3. Helps set up A/V equipment for events
4. Joint effort with the BN S-5 in managing the website