



2021- 2022



2021-2022 US Grant High School MCJROTC Program

USG MCJROTC

Color guard >>>

Rebuilding the Foundation Drill and Color Guard Competition Teams

by Zonia Ramirez

Junior Reserves Officers Training Corps known as JROTC, is one of the largest character development and citizenship programs for youth in the United States.

JROTC is unique in that most instructors use the technique of learning by doing, instead of simply classroom instruction out of a book. Junior ROTC is also a great activity to put on college applications.

It will push you
to your limits
and push you
to be great.

Cadets in the drill team are able to travel to competitions to compete in these matches against other schools. The cadets of U.S Grant High School were able to travel to various

places to compete. Cadets who participate in the armed color-guard of the U. S Grant High school consist of: Seniors D. Duran, R. Carrera, L. Rios; Junior G. Rojas, Sophomore Z. Ramirez, and Freshmen N. DelValle, S. Cruz, E. Uribe, Omar Velez, and A. Flores.



Cadets: Maria (Jayden) Vera Madewell, Daniel Duran, Rosa Carrera, Kateri (Ray) Arnold

After two years of COVID restrictions, cadets were eager to get back in the fight and represent the program by providing color guard support for all home athletic events. This year the color guard supported over 20 events both for the school and community. Improvement is continual with daily practices after school and their performance demonstrating their hard work.

JROTC offers special after school program's students can participate in. One of these great programs is the JROTC Drill Team. Now what is the drill team? The JROTC Drill Team is a marching unit that performs routines based on military drill. Cadets can perform either armed or unarmed drill during competitive drill competitions. Also included in the drill team, is armed and unarmed color-guard. The competitive Color Guard is an extracurricular JROTC team responsible for presenting the flag in a variety of settings. The members of the Color Guard practice drill and ceremonies, proper wearing of the uniform as well as the proper ways to show respect to our nation's flag.



Cadets: Cruz Segundo, Zonia Ramirez, Nerling DelValle, Eduardo Uribe

Community involvement >>>

Christmas Parade, Flag raisings, Color guards...



Stockyard City Cowboy Parade

On December 4, 2021, cadets from USG MCJROTC participated in the Stockyard City Cowboy parade. Over 15 cadets marched over a mile through the streets of southside Oklahoma City.

The parade included antique cars, tractors, community groups, equestrian clubs, law enforcement, pageant royalty and the famous Cowboy Santa. It was one of the first community events after COVID restrictions were lifted and USG MCJROTC was proud to be a part of it.



Cadet: Guillermo Rojas

Youth and Government

On February 17th, 2022, the USG MCJROTC Color Guard supported the annual Oklahoma YMCA youth and government conference held in at the Sheraton in downtown Oklahoma City by presenting the national colors. This event was the first external color guard that our cadets supported and they adapted to the venue challenges providing an exceptional performance.



Cadets: Cruz Segundo, Rosa Carrera, Zonia Ramirez, Nerling DelValle, and Eduardo Uribe

OKC Thunder Game

On May 13th, 2022, Cadets from USG MCJROTC color guard presented the colors for the OKC Thunder game. Thousands were in attendance and the color guard performed flawlessly despite the pressure.



MidWest City Flag Raising

USG MCJROTC cadets supported the Midwest City POW/MIA flag raising on November 10, 2021. The Marine Corps flag was also raised during the ceremony in celebration of our 246th Marine Corps Birthday. Midwest City Mayor Dukes delivered the opening remarks after Chairman Bouldin gave a brief introduction.



MidWest City Mayor Mat Dukes



Cadets: Guillermo Rojas, Eduardo Uribe, and Daniel Duran

Oklahoma City Association of Metro Realtors

April 21st, 2022 USG MCJROTC cadets conducted a flag raising ceremony for 3 new flagpoles in Oklahoma City for the Oklahoma City Association of Metro Realtors. The community loved the professionalism, precision and patriotism that our program provided.



Drill Team >>>

"How can I participate in the Drill team?"

by Zonia Ramirez



The Drill Team meets every afternoon Mon-Fri, from 2:30-4:00, in room E104. We specialize in drill movements, armed and unarmed. As well as color guard armed and unarmed color guard.



In JROTC, students can build skills such as leadership, self-confidence and discipline – qualities that are necessary to thrive in any career. Personal skills are also emphasized: health, nutrition and financial management. It will push you to your limits and push you to be great. In my personal opinion JROTC is a class that will always be eventful, and never make you feel unwanted. One of my few classes I enjoy with all my heart. Joining the drill team was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I made new friends, had amazing opportunities and experiences. Of course, most of all I was able to create a new family here at school. We support one another and lift each other up and never let each other fail.

I learned about teamwork, leading a group of people to greatness, and most importantly, I learned that it's not how you start it's how you finish. We invite anyone who would like to join the drill team to come in and try it; you will not regret it. We will build up to be the greatest and most successful version of ourselves. "Semper Fidelis," is the Marine Corps motto which means *Always Faithful* and it is true of our program.

2022 Accolades>>>

Despite having to rebuild after two years of pandemic restrictions, the cadets did an outstanding job in competition. Here is the list of this year's competitive achievements:

- 3rd place overall Oklahoma Junior Olympics Marksmanship meet
- 2nd place Southern Plains Virtual Drill Competition Armed drill, Color guard and Inspection categories
- Top shooter in Crooked Oak Marksmanship Competition
- 2nd Place Inspection Union HS Drill Competition
- 2nd place LE1 team OKC State Color Guard Tournament
- 3rd place Armed Drill OKC State Drill Competition



Inspector General Inspection 2022

Marine Corps Headquarters conducts MCJROTC unit inspections every two to five years. The inspection is to ensure units are in compliance with the standards of the program.



The inspection consisted of administrative, supply, and student evaluations in both drill and participation. This year, the students were evaluated while conducting cadet inspections and performed exemplary!



Armed and unarmed drill as well as color guard were all evaluated. The cadets did an outstanding job and USG MCJROTC program received a mission capable grade.

Go Generals!

Marksmanship Team >>> Back in Action...

by Diana Ramos

Marksmanship team is up and running again and hopefully next year with many more cadets. This program is a good and VERY FUN program to get in and take advantage of while you can, as space is limited. The U.S Grant Marine Corps Marksmanship program is the only Marine Corps program in Oklahoma City. Cadets all come from different classes. There are nine cadets on our Marksmanship team. Our instructors are retired Marines- Lieutenant Colonel Rossow and Master Sergeant Vasquez. They are the instructors but the cadets are expected to exhibit leadership and run the class. Cadets are active leaders in the classroom and collectively decide and choose what to do for the day. If there are available competitions we determine if we will attend based on interest and of course we all want to go!

Marksmanship is an all year-round class. This year we were able to



compete against different schools and it was fun. The other competition was held in Crooked Oak Elementary in Oklahoma City. The competition was hours long. We had to shoot in three different positions. The positions were standing, kneeling and prone.



Cadets: Diana Ramos, Rosa Carrera, Yasmin Delgado, Anabelli

Prone is considered the easiest out of the three and standing is definitely the hardest. During the competitions we had to shoot twenty shots in each position. It was definitely fun, but also difficult having to hold the rifle for extended periods of time for each position. Breaks are allowed if needed, just raise your hand and ask if you can step off your shooting lane. Shooters are given five minutes in between each position to set up for the next position.

Marksmanship teaches us about leadership and how to think for ourselves and do stuff ourselves. It teaches us lifelong skills that we will need and use once we get out of high school. It's also a fun class where all the cadets get to know each other and get to work together. It's also a chance to learn how to shoot an air rifle correctly. Our routine includes firing preparation, so once we get to the class we work together to get the tables out of the way for our shooting lanes. Then we get our rifles out and ground them. Targets are put up and our equipment organized depending on the position we are using.

Once firing is complete, we open our bolt action and put away our rifles. We only have five firing lanes so the males and females alternate to shoot but if there is an open space than anyone can fill it. Honestly, I

think Marksmanship is a fun, challenging, and competitive class. You learn life skills you will need out in the world. You learn to become a leader and how to think for yourself. You learn about obedience and discipline, self-control, and patience. You learn how to follow rules and how to become a better listener. You learn to become a better version of yourself and how to present yourself. All this plus I learned how to shoot an air rifle correctly! I recommend this class to any students who want to learn valuable skills and have fun. After two years of being away due to COVID the



Next year will be even better as our skill continues to improve and we attend even more competitions.

Physical Training >>> Spartan Warrior Challenge 2022



USG MCJROTC cadets competed in the 2nd Annual Spartan Warrior Challenge hosted by Bixby HS. On 23 April, 2022. Cadets competed in five events: Mogadishu mile, Ammo P.A.S.S., Maneuver under Fire, Circuit Course, and the Obstacle course. Over 20 cadets participated and everyone enjoyed the experience. USG won second place in the Ammo P.A.S.S and everyone had a blast. We can't wait for next year!



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2022 Awards Night



This has been a tremendous year for the U.S. Grant Marine Corps JROTC program. This year's award ceremony marked the first one in three years and was well deserved. Some of the cadet highlights from this year were marked by participation in the Stockyard City Cowboy Parade, Midwest City Flag Raising, as well as participation in the 2nd Annual Spartan Challenge in Bixby, Oklahoma. Our Color Guard performed at numerous events to include the OKC Thunder game, the YMCA Youth and Government Annual conference as well as other various locations in support of football games, pep rallies, retirement homes, luncheons, and celebrations.

Outstanding Cadet: Daniel Duran

Gung Ho award: 8th Platoon

American Legion Bronze Medal for Scholastic Excellence:
Zonia Ramirez

American Legion Bronze Medal for Military Excellence: Danial Duran

Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Medal: Guillermo Rojas

Military Order of World Wars Bronze Medal: Eduardo Uribe

Military Officers Association of America JROTC Medal:
Matthew Koert

Daedalion ROTC Achievement Award: Omar Velez

Non-Commissioned Officers Association Award: Guillermo Rojas

Navy Youth League Medal: Alexa Flores

Association of United States Navy JROTC Medal:
Jayden Vera Madewell

American Veteran's JROTC Medal: Cruz Segundo Solace

National Sojourners Award: Guillermo Rojas

Scottish Rite JROTC Medal: Yasmin Delgado

Special Forces Association JROTC Award of Excellence:
Giovanni Luna

Student Leadership Award: Zonia Ramirez

Officer Leadership Award: Daniel Duran

Non-Commissioned Officer Award: Guillermo Rojas

Civic Service Award: Daniel Duran

Best Drill Cadet: Nerling DelValle

Distinguished Scholastic Achievement Ribbon:
Zonia Ramirez

Longevity & Fidelity Ribbon

Zonia Ramirez	Rosa Carrera(3)	Giovanni Luna(3)
Omar Munoz(3)	Guillermo Rojas(3)	Jayden Vera Madewell(3)
Adriel Eguia(4)	Daniel Duran(4)	

Rifle Team Award

Daniel Alvarez	Yasmin Delgado	Reuben Duncan
Diana Ramos	Annebelli Martinez	Omar Velez
Rosa Carrera(2 nd)	Daniel Duran(2 nd)	

Our Marksmanship team competed in two competitions placing third Sapulpa HS Competition and Cadet Carrera receiving Top shooter at the Crooked Oaks Marksmanship Meet. Our Drill and Color Guard teams traveled to Tulsa, Choctaw and local OKC area for competitions. In April the Region 5 director, Major Cody Stewart, conducted the Inspector General inspection for our program finding us mission capable in his assessment.

Below is the list of award recipients from our 2022 Awards Night.

Distinguished Military Training Award

Aylin Avila Benitez	Jonathon Cruz	Zonia Ramirez
Gabriel Cardenas	Nerling Delvalle	Diana Ramos
Reuben Duncan	Alexa Flores	Lorena Rios
Yaritza Gomez	Giovanni Luna	Guillermo Rojas
Annebelli Martinez	Omar Munoz	Cruz Segundo
Estefani Rodriguez	Eduardo Uribe	Omar Velez
Yasmin Delgado	Daniel Duran(2 nd)	Rosa Carrera(2 nd)

Distinguished Conduct Ribbon

Aylin Avila Benitez	Jonathon Cruz	Nerling DelValle
Luzmari Echeverria	Alexa Flores	Eduardo Uribe
Omar Velez	Frida Zarate	Yasmin Delgado
Zonia Ramirez(2 nd)	Jayden Vera-Madewell(2 nd)	
Guillermo Rojas(3 rd)	Daniel Duran(4 th)	

Arts and Academic Award

Rueben Duncan	Cruz Segundo	Adam Zimmerman
Alexa Flores	Nerling DelValle	

Physical Achievement Award

Gabriel Cardenas	Jonathan Cruz	Yasmin Delgado
Nerling Del Valle	Daniel Duran	Alexa Flores
Kinardo Fontes	Giovanny Luna	Zonia Ramirez
Cruz Segundo		

Athletic Participation Award

Yasmin Delgado	Kinardo Fontes	Jadaisha Jones
Omar Munoz	Adriel Eguia(4 th)	

Color Guard Award

Nerling DelValle	Cruz Segundo	Guillermo Rojas
Alexa Flores	Eduardo Uribe	Zonia Ramirez
Omar Velez	Rosa Carrera(2 nd)	Daniel Duran(2 nd)

Drill Team Award

Nerling DelValle	Cruz Segundo	Guillermo Rojas
Alexa Flores	Eduardo Uribe	Zonia Ramirez
Omar Velez	Geraldo Alanis	Ayline Avilla Benitez
Jonathon Cruz Morales	Rosa Carrera(2 nd)	Daniel Duran(2 nd)

Recruiting Award

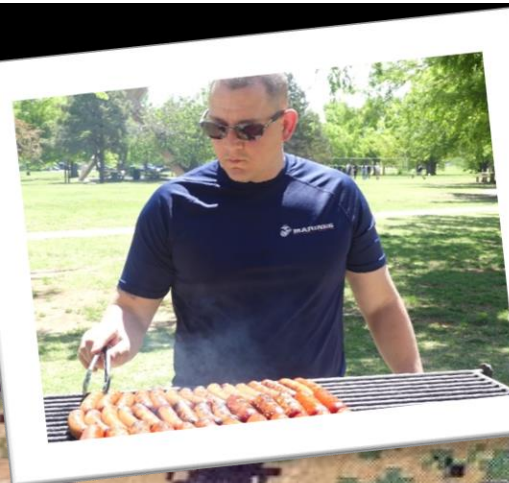
Luzmari Echeverria	Kinardo Fontes	Solencia Jalloh
Cassie Kirk	Omar Velez	

Orienteering Award

Luzmari Echeverria	Zonia Ramirez	Omar Velez
Jonathan Cruz Morales	Alexa Flores	Nerling DeValle
Guillermo Rojas	Giovanny Luna	Yasmin Delgado
Rosa Carrera	Cruz Segundo	

Food and Fun>>>

Annual Alumni Picnic



Each year the USG MCJROTC program hosts its annual alumni picnic where current and former cadets can come together with friends and family members for a day of fun and fellowship. This year was special since the past couple of years has been chaotic with the pandemic restrictions and concerns. The cadets had a blast, playing football and volleyball and conversation. The weather was great and the food was delicious! We were thankful for the time.



Cadets from USG MCJROTC attended the 2022 Memorial Day Ceremony presented by the Marine Corps League at the state capitol Veteran's Memorial. The names of all the fallen Oklahoma veterans from each war or conflict was read throughout the day. It was a day to honor and commemorate those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

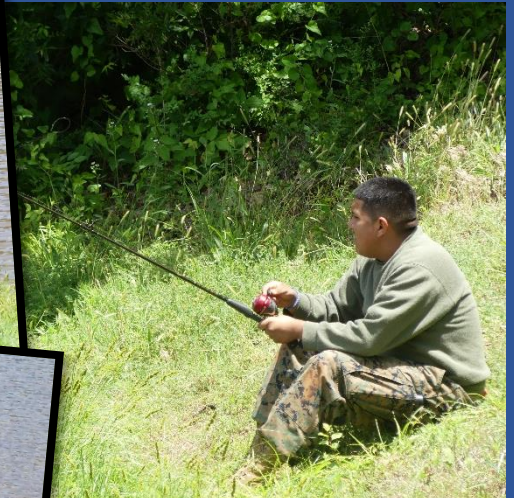
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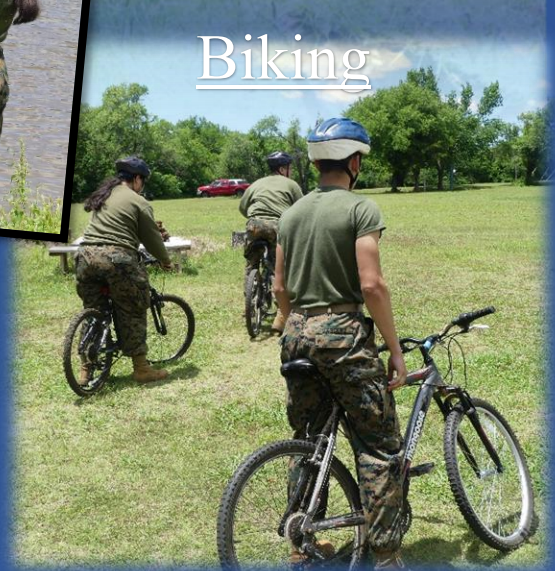
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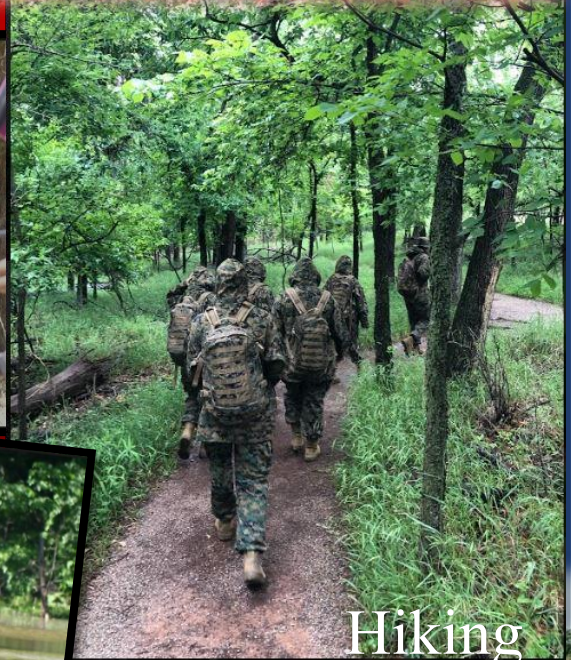
Biking



Cadet Leadership Camp 2022



Archery



Hiking



Canoeing



final thoughts...

“The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus.” ~ Bruce Lee



MSgt Justino Vasquez
Marine Instructor
US Grant HS MCJROTC

Message from the Master Sergeant.



It has been a great year cadets, and I am proud to have joined the team. I have witnessed many of you grow and become better than you started. Remember the recipe for success is simple - **work hard, learn from your mistakes, seize opportunities, seek to be better, help others, and always be thankful.** You will perform how you practice so avoid mediocrity and seek after the life you want. Set goals, then achieve them. For those of you who are returning next year, be ready; we will do more and exceed the standard. I look forward to it. To my graduates- Thank you for the opportunity to influence your life and I wish you the best. The 2021-22 year was great, but 2022-2023 will be even better. Get ready. Yutt!

LtCol Shane L. Rossow
Senior Marine Instructor
US Grant HS MCJROTC

Leadership Lessons from the Lieutenant Colonel...



The 2021 – 2022 school year has been an eventful, motivating and rewarding year for the JROTC program. 70 cadets, “*finished what they started*” and completed their year in the program. This year’s cadets have responded to the clear direction and high expectations of the program. All revolving around our core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

The year was transformational for the program as we once again established our Marksmanship, Color Guard and Drill Teams. The arrival of Master Sergeant Vasquez was incalculable to the program. His dedication, initiative and expertise were invaluable to me and his dedication, guidance and infectious encouragement had a profound effect on every cadet in the company.

I am very proud of the accomplishments of our cadets, particularly those that participated on the Color Guard, Drill & Marksmanship teams. The drive, passion and determination of these cadets was extremely impressive and personified our ethos as they had to overcome significant obstacles in order to field these teams. Our students are excellent ambassadors in the community, whether traveling to and participating in drill meets or community events or learning excursions, you can all be relied upon to represent the JROTC program and the school with pride and dignity. I want to extend a special thank you to Angel Vera – Rodriguez for volunteering his time to the program. The success enjoyed by these teams would not have been possible without his efforts.

Now we set our focus on the next school year. Our goal is to use the momentum we’ve achieved to realize further development and improvement. An objective that Master Sergeant Vasquez and I are very excited and passionate about. Great opportunities and new challenges for the program are just a few short months away. I encourage all cadets to learn and grow from this past year, to step out with confidence and continue to accomplish great things.

Keep up the hard work. You now understand that, “*simple isn’t easy*”. Working hard is a very sustainable trait. Keep striving to always do your best.