



Bearkat BATTALION

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Continuing Excellence!

The Bearkat Battalion hit the semester running! Cadets are working hard in the classroom and with their physical fitness to go above and beyond the standard. The Bearkat Battalion recently completed

Day/Night land navigation, the Combat Water Survival Test, Rappelling, and we also had a visit from Kyongi University cadets. We had **nine** cadets contract to serve our country as U.S. Army Officers, since our last newsletter. Our cadets are eager to support the local community this semester and continue their quest to become commissioned officers in the United States Army.

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SHSU Faculty, ROTC Alumni, Local Community Supporters, and Families.

We are approximately half way through the semester and your Cadets continue to excel academically and physically. In addition, their selfless service is admirable as they continue to impress me with their desire to support our blessed community. Our Cadets made the decision to once again, honor CPT Rowdy Inman's legacy and his family, by hosting the 2nd Annual 5K in remembrance of this SHSU ROTC Alumnus – details are provided by the Cadets on the next page. This senior cohort is leading by example this year and we appreciate its continued dedication to the program. The majority of them, along with some of last year's seniors, received their component selections – listed to the right are the results.

We personally once again want to thank the Military Science Alumni Club (MSAC), who continue to provide first-class support to our Cadets. Brigadier General (Retired) Richard Mills and Buddy "Judge" McCaig, served as guest speakers for our senior class and spoke to them on the importance of Ethics and The Army as a Profession – the Cadets truly enjoyed the mentorship. Also, the MSAC is supporting the Inaugural SHSU Branch Day – below are the details of this event. Our Cadets are looking forward to hearing the experiences of our Alumni, so they are better prepared to make their branch preferences. In closing, we hope to see everyone during the Inaugural SHSU Branch Day. Thank you for the continued support!

ACTIVE DUTY

Escamilla, Andrew
Gerlach, Jacob
Kennard, Ty
King, Prescott
Leasure, Brett
Lewis, Hunter
Lopez, Samanta
McEnroe, Andrew
Melkovitz, Alec
Morrow, Kaitlyn
Oviedo, Shyanne
Pham, Jordan

NATIONAL GUARD


Allen, Kahlil
Hernandez, Amri
Lopez, Zaira
Padron, Abraham
Webb, Morgan
Weinbel, David

RESERVES


Alvarez, Ismael

Strength and Honor!

Lieutenant Colonel Joe Contreras



Inaugural SHSU Branch Day (6 DEC 2019)



WHO:
The Military Science Alumni Club (MSAC) with a combination of current and former officers support SHSU Cadets

WHAT:
Inaugural SHSU Branch Day

WHEN:
6 DEC 2019, 1000-UTC

WHERE:
SHSU ROTC Buildings E and F
☐ Force Sustainment Division will be located in Building E, Room: 102

- AG
- Finance
- Transportation
- Ordnance
- Quartermaster
- Logistics
- EOD


☐ Combat Arms Branches will be located in Building E, Room: 108

- Air Defense Artillery
- Aviation
- Field Artillery
- Engineer
- Armor
- Infantry

☐ Operations Support (along w/other branches) will be located in Building F, Room: 107

- Signal
- Military Intelligence
- Medical Services
- Military Police
- Chemical

WHY:
SHSU ROTC Alumni provide Cadets with their experiences/information of each specific branch to educate Cadets and assist them in their branch preferences.




COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
☐ Branch reps available throughout the day for questions.
☐ Branch reps allotted a 30-minute scheduled timeframe for a spotlight brief (does not need to be PP).
☐ Lunch is provided by SHSU R.O.T.C.
☐ Please RSVP to CPT Cody Holmes cch046@shsu.edu and CDT Hunter Lewis hgl002@shsu.edu NLT 15NOV2019
☐ Please contact Emily Elkins efe001@shsu.edu for a parking pass NLT 22NOV2019

TIMELINE FOR SPECIFIC BRANCH SPOTLIGHTS:
1000: START
1000-1030:

- AG, ADA, SC
- 1045-1115
 - FL, AV, MI
 - 1130-1200
 - TC, FA, MS
 - 1215-1245
 - OD, EN, EOD

1245-1430:

- Lunch with Cadets
- 1430-1500
 - QM, AR, MP
 - 1515-1545
 - LG, IN, CM



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Cadet BC Comments

As someone who aspires to be better than the man I am today, I am constantly seeking experiences to shape my character and broaden my perspective. I firmly believe that the Army is the perfect organization to assist in accomplishing my goals. I have immensely grown as a person these past few years that I have been a proud member of the Bearkat Battalion. In addition, this program has provided me with a myriad of opportunities to grow and become a better person.

During my time here at Sam Houston State University, I have been offered many opportunities to shape my character and develop my leadership abilities. During my freshman year, I rushed a fraternity, Delta Tau Delta; since then, I have held 6 officer positions within the fraternity. I also attended Basic Camp in Fort Knox, Kentucky, where I received vast exposure to the Army and Drill Sergeants. I also completed: Air Assault School, Cadet Troop Leader Training in South Korea, Advanced Camp, Ranger Challenge, the Bataan Death March marathon in White Sands, New Mexico, and the Army Ten Miler in Washington, D.C. I am very grateful for the training opportunities the Army has provided me, and I am eager to graduate and receive more training.

There has been a lot of hard work invested into the success of the Bearkat Battalion, and the current senior class has been working tirelessly in planning all training events for the Battalion; we plan to ensure that we are upholding the standard the preceding Cadets have set for this program. I believe that servant leadership is the highest form of leadership, and my primary goal this year is to continue to show what great leaders Sam Houston State University's ROTC program is capable of producing. Finally, we hope you can support the 2nd Annual CPT Rowdy Inman, as we honor his legacy.

To register please visit,

https://events.shsu.edu/event/2nd_annual_cpt_rowdy_inman_5k#.XZzB-ehKjIU



CDT King while in South Korea for CTLT.



CDT King receiving the MOAA scholarship




SCAN ME

RUN/WALK/RUCK

2ND ANNUAL CPT ROWDY INMAN RUN 5K

Eowers Stadium Sam Houston State University

- * Registration online or in person
- * \$20 per person
- * Includes T-shirt and snacks
- * 5 Kilometers around beautiful Sam Houston State campus
- * Dog friendly run

SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2019

0930-1100



REGISTER AT: https://events.shsu.edu/event/2nd_annual_cpt_rowdy_inman_5k#.XZzB-ehKjIU

CPT ROWDY INMAN RUN 5K

Sponsorship levels

<p>2nd Lieutenant</p> <p>\$100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Race day recognition -One free individual entry -Business name on back of race shirt -Invitation to provide promotional item(s) at event 	<p>Captain</p> <p>\$200</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Race day recognition -Two free individual entry -Business name on back of race shirt -Invitation to provide promotional item(s) at event
<p>Major</p> <p>\$300</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Race day recognition -3 free individual entries -Large business logo on back of race shirt -Invitation to provide promotional item(s) at event -Invitation to set up promotional table/tent at event 	<p>Lieutenant Colonel</p> <p>\$500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Race day recognition -5 free individual entries -Largest logo on back of race shirt -Invitation to provide promotional item(s) at event -Invitation to set up promotional table/tent at event

Please contact CDT Abraham Padron at axp076@shsu.edu for any questions, Register at link below or scan QR code
gettieapp.com/getties/2nd-annual-cpt-rowdy-inman-5k-911mh65n



Visit from Kyongi University Cadets

The Bearkat Battalion welcomed three cadets- Hannah, Eddy, and Howard- from Kyongi University, South Korea, for one week to provide them a glimpse of the Bearkat Battalion. These cadets were immediately immersed into our program by attending our physical training sessions, field training lab and classes, as well as going to eat with cadets at the many food places Huntsville has to offer. Hannah, Eddy, and Howard were selected by their ROTC program for this opportunity, because they were eager to learn how the U.S. military develops their future Army officers.



Bearkat Battalion Senior cadets take Korean cadets to breakfast.



South Korean cadets attend land navigation field training.



CDTs Oviedo and Hannah exchange their national flags.

Kyongi Cadet Experience

"I felt that the cadets in the program were so alive! In Korea, we don't have the opportunity to speak in class, we can only listen. If you have questions, you're only allowed to ask the instructor after class. It is believed that asking questions during instruction is a form of disrespect to the class and instructor. I didn't realize how this method of teaching prohibits us from development until I came here. You all were able to come up with amazing ideas, and I think that is why your country's military is so successful. You guys talked more than your professor, communicated with each other, and didn't hesitate to express your opinions. I will admit, and I think I speak for Howard and Heather as well, this was a huge culture shock for us and I've never enjoyed being in a class more than this one. When I become an officer, I plan to teach my soldiers like your class, because I believe that everyone has valuable input to bring to the table. I learned so much from you all, and I will tell the instructors in my ROTC program of everything that I learned here. Thank you all so much. I hope you can come visit us in Korea!"

-Cadet Eddy from Kyongi University



New Balance Running Shoes



Celebrating the beginning of our Fall 2019 Semester, we were able to outfit over 100 Cadets in the Bearkat Battalion with New Balance running shoes. Cadets were able to choose between four different color shoes to further enhance their performance. These new shoes provide the cadets with the means to have successful runs, and most importantly, prevent injuries from improper footwear. With weekly Battalion runs, the upcoming annual Rowdy Inman 5k, and physical fitness tests, cadets are now able to train in style for the best results at these events.

Cadet of the Month for September

Cadet Alyce Dunn is a lateral entry Junior cadet that has shown exemplary dedication in developing and improving herself, as well as those around her. She has perfect attendance for field training labs as well as the physical fitness sessions; she was also very successful as the NCOIC of the 2019 Bearkat Safety Bash. She shows much promise to becoming a quality Army Second Lieutenant.

Congratulations Cadet Dunn!

“Prior to my thirty days in Fort Knox, Kentucky at Basic Camp, I did not have any experience or knowledge of a military lifestyle. The skills and training I learned has empowered me with confidence to continue my pursuit of becoming an Army Officer. After Basic Camp, I returned to Huntsville and became a proud member of the Bearkat Battalion. I am in active pursuit of completing this goal, because I am passionate about improving my leadership skills and overall attainment of a healthier lifestyle. I believe that my training in here in ROTC is preparing me to have a positive impact in the world.”

-Cadet Alyce Dunn



CDT Dunn posing with Sammy the Bearkat.



CDT Dunn with other cadets at the 2019 Bearkat Safety Bash.



Cadet Gonzales (MSIII – Junior) – Commitment to Service



CDTs Chudej, Cissna, Gonzales, Marcuccio, and Webster 's contracting ceremony.

I recently rejoined the program, because I realized that every day that I was not in it, I genuinely missed it. I left thinking that I did not want to join the Army, because I was not sure whether it was the true path that I wanted to take. It took self-reflection for me to realize who influenced me the most- my father. I had a strong military presence in my home because of my father, who was a U.S. Army Special Force Ranger. I looked up to him tremendously because of his work ethic and passion for his profession. My father's influence gave me the urge to seek a career in that same profession, the U.S. Army.

This past summer at Basic Camp was a real eye opener for me, because I was completely immersed into a military lifestyle during this training period. I loved being able to wake up every day and have the opportunity to wear the uniform and train. It was after Basic Camp that I knew I wanted to finally make the decision to contract as a U.S. Army Officer once the semester began.

The day I contracted, I knew that I was making one of the best decisions of my life, because of the pride I felt during the ceremony. I want to become as involved as I can in the program to ensure that I develop in all aspects of this new profession. I am currently a member of the Ranger Challenge team and Push-up Crew; I was also a member of Schuder's Ranger Company last semester. These teams have significantly helped me gain a better knowledge in tactics, and to become more physically fit than I have ever been. I plan to one day follow in my father's footsteps and become a U.S. Army Special Force Airborne Ranger, and that can only happen if I develop and improve myself now with the opportunity I am given within the Bearkat Battalion.

The decision to contract was a big thing for me, considering that I quit the program my freshman year. My advice to other cadets who are unsure of whether they want to contract as a U.S. Army Officer is that there is no need to rush the decision. Be willing to take the time to self-reflect, and evaluate on whether that decision aligns with the personal goals you have set for yourself. I have no regrets about the decision I made to finally commit to serving.



CDT Gonzales heading to Basic Camp.



CDT Gonzales at Basic Camp graduation.



CDTs Lewis and Gonzales conducting land navigation.



Cadet Brock (MSII – Sophomore) - Finding Motivation



CDT Brock at BCT graduation.

I began this program in Spring 2019 with the mindset that this would be easy, and that I would knock it out of the park; indeed, I was wrong. As the semester progressed, I became mentally and physically exhausted attempting to manage being an active scholar in the Smith-Huston Scholarship program, studying for my classes, maintaining a secure relationship with God, working 26-30 hours a week, and making time to go to the gym. I knew the person that had been slowly giving up those past couple months was not who I was, and I realized then that I needed to find some motivation. I decided that I would join the Simultaneous Membership Program through the Texas Army National Guard; I went to Basic Combat Training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri with the hopes that I would find some motivation.

Basic Combat Training was an amazing opportunity for me, because of the newfound respect I developed for the profession I decided to join. My Drill Sergeants instilled into me a sense of pride when wearing the uniform, because it is a way of respecting those who

served before me. During my 11 weeks at Fort Leonard Wood, I was pushed mentally and physically in ways that I had never been challenged before. I watched myself and my battle buddies grow not only as individuals, but as future leaders in the U.S. Army. I was also shown good leadership qualities, and the importance of being a follower. Of course, I had days when I really wished that I was not there, but when I was throwing live hand grenades and shooting my M-4, the thought no longer crossed my mind. I am beyond grateful for the experience and opportunity I was given to better myself. Now that I am back home, I will continue to learn and grow from those who are around me in the Bearkat Battalion. I am now ready to dive in head-first into the academic environment. I finally found my motivation!



CDT Brock qualifying with her M-4 at BCT.



CDT Brock doing the obstacle course at BCT.



Cadet Dene (MSI – Freshman) - Freshman Scholar

I have officially been a college student for a little over a month now, and I will admit this adjustment has been great being that I am already a member of an organization on campus. I have only been a part of this fantastic Battalion for a little over a month now, and I must say it has been a great experience! I have a long way to go being that I am an MSI, but the little I have been exposed to I have enjoyed very much. I am currently a proud member of the Ranger Challenge team and Push-up Crew. These teams keep me busy, but I ensure that I still maintain plenty of time for class work and recreation.

My favorite part of ROTC thus far is without a doubt Ranger Challenge! This team is an entire class and sport by itself, but it is really fun and it constantly pushes me to be better.

I will admit that the Bearkat Battalion is far from what I expected it to be before I came in. The upper classmen and Cadre members are approachable, responsible, and very patient with the freshman cadets. Physical training every morning has been very challenging, but the junior and senior year cadets ensure that we stay motivated and hydrated. I believe that in every aspect of the program, we are going to be pushed to our limit, and often beyond it, which will eventually make us better. In the words of Cadet Edo-Terradas, "We should always be proud, but not satisfied". I view ROTC as not just being another university organization, or a group of cadets training to be officers in the Army. I view this organization as a close-knit family of well-rounded students working towards a common goal. I am proud to be a member of this organization!



CDT Dene conquering his fear of rappelling.



CDT Dene learning rope climbing during the first lab.



This Month in Pictures:



CDT Greco learns rappel skills from CDT BC King.



MS1 Cadets learning Drill and Ceremony.



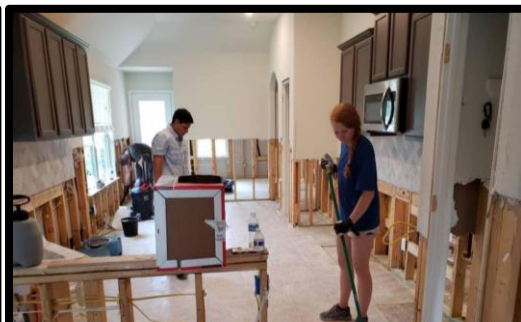
CDTs Cardenas and Weeks contracting ceremony.



CDT Chamberlain practicing the Sprint Drag Carry exercise.



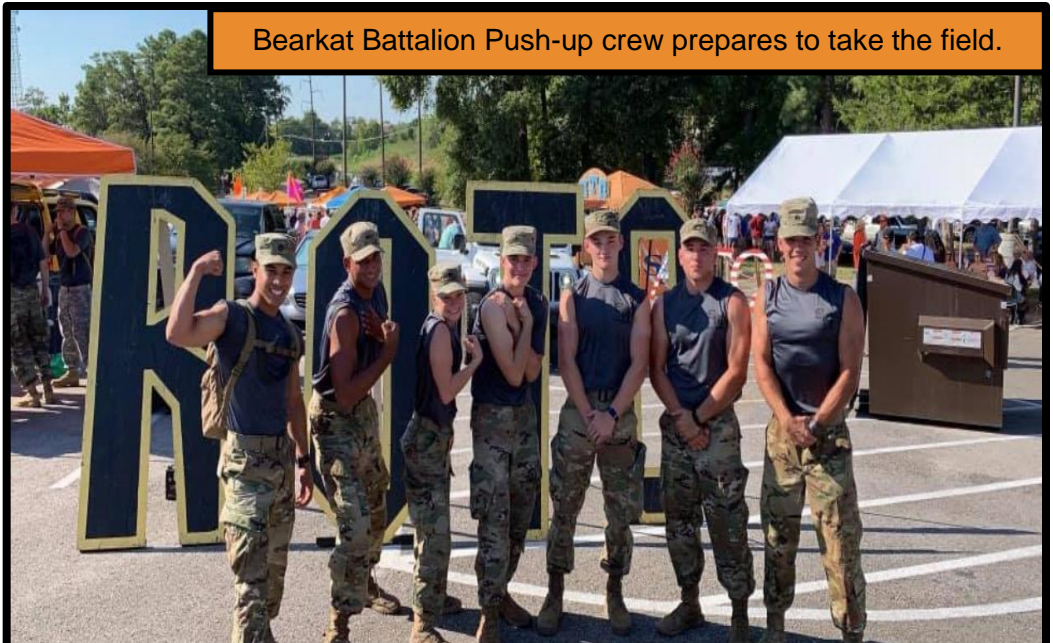
MS4 Cadets complete the Combat Water Survival Test.



CDTs Valentin and Stone assisting in flood recovery New Caney.



CDT Hulse at her first lab as a contracted cadet.



Bearkat Battalion Push-up crew prepares to take the field.

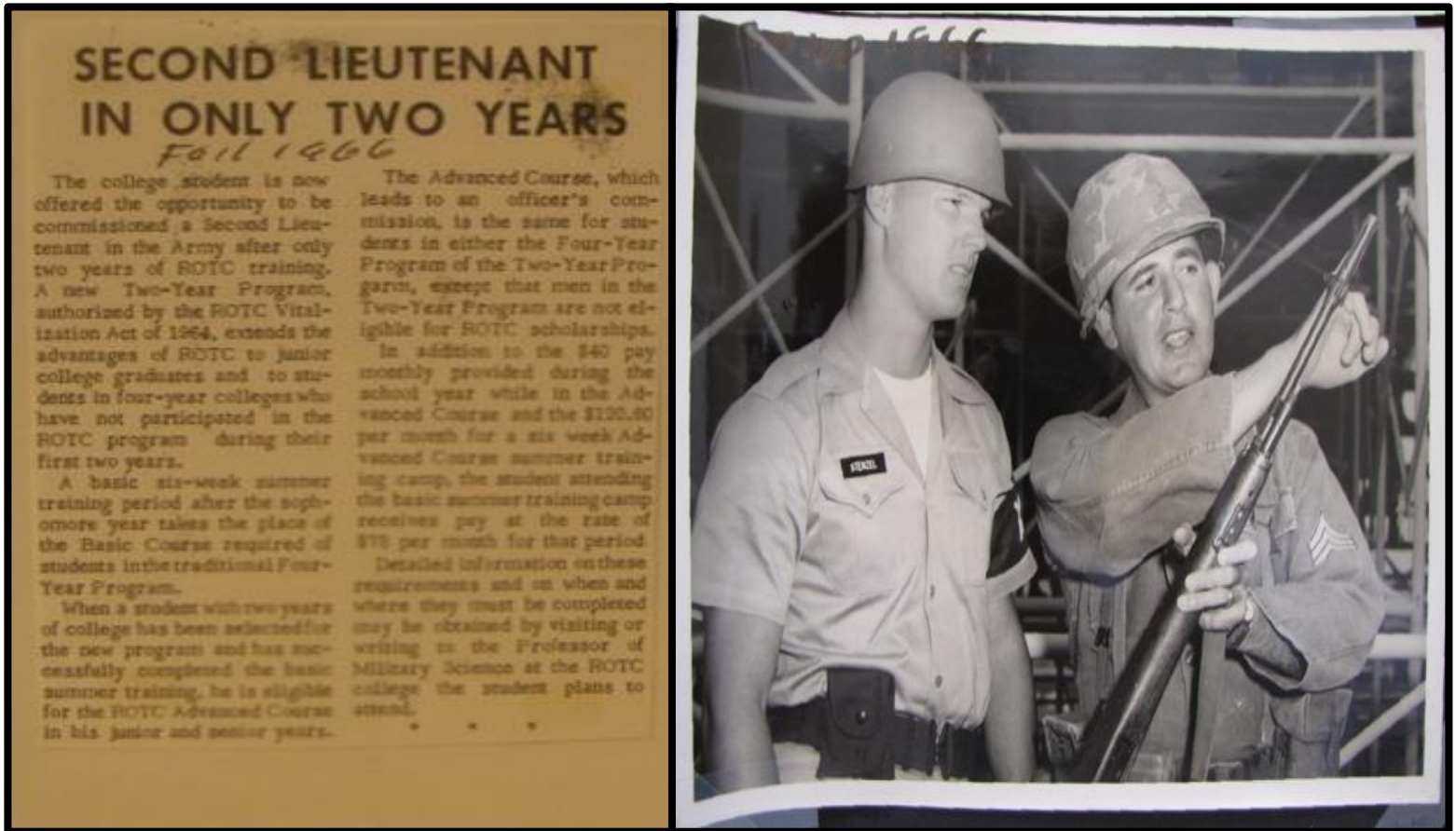


Upcoming Events:

Battle of the Piney Woods	NRG	5-Oct
SHSU vs. Lamar - Pink Out	Bowers	12-Oct
Bearkat Bolt Run	Bowers Stadium	13-Oct
Army Ten Miler	Washington, D.C.	10-13 Oct
Homecoming Parade	Sam Houston Ave	17-Oct
Regional Ranger Challenge	SFA	18-20 Oct
Distinguished Alumni Gala	LSC Ballroom	18-Oct
Homecoming Game vs Nicholls	Bowers	19-Oct
Scholarship Board	ROTC Building	22-Oct
Fall FTX	Gibbs Ranch	25-27 Oct
Halloween Run	Campus	30-Oct
MSAC Scholarship Board	ROTC Building	1-Nov
BRM	HPD	8-Nov
Sat @ SAM	SHSU	9-Nov
HEARTS Veterans Day Dinner	HEARTS	11-Nov
Veterans Day	Campus	11-Nov
Veterans Lunch	Carriage House	11-Nov
Elkins Lake CC	Elkins Lake	11-Nov
OPAT	ROTC Building	12-Nov
Fall Ring Ceremony	Fountain	18-19 Nov
SHSU vs. Northwestern State	Bowers	16-Nov
BDE Ranger Challenge	Camp Bullis	16-19-Nov (T)
Record APFT	Bowers	18-19 Nov
Face to Face Scholarship Luncheon	LSC Ballroom	19-Nov
Contract Scholarship Board	ROTC Building	22-Nov
SHSU vs. Houston Baptist - Fan Appreciation Game	Bowers	23-Nov
Thanksgiving Break	Campus	27-29 Nov



Blast From The Past: Second Lieutenant In Only Two Years (1966)



The above article reads: The college student is now offered the opportunity to be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army after only two years of ROTC training. A new Two-Year Program, authorized by the ROTC Vitalization Act of 1966, extends the advantages of ROTC as junior college graduates and to students in four year colleges who have not participated in the ROTC program during their first two years.

A basic six-week summer training period after their sophomore year takes the place of the Basic Courses required of students in the traditional Four-Year Program.

When a student with two years of college has been selected for the new program and has successfully completed the basic summer training, he is eligible for the ROTC Advanced course in his junior and senior years.

The Advanced Course, which leads to an officer's commission, is the same for students in either the Four-Year Program or the Two-Year Program, except that men in the Two-Year program are not eligible for ROTC scholarships.

In addition to the \$40 pay monthly provided during the school year while in the Advanced Courses summer training camp, the student attending the basic summer training camp receives pay at the rate of \$78 per month for that period.

Detailed information on these requirements and on when and where they must be completed may be obtained by visiting or writing to the Professor of Military Science at the ROTC college the student plans to attend.

