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City Corps Staff Commissioning Ceremony!



Mr. Rick Mills

The leaders of the Chicago Military Schools and JROTC Corps of Cadets start their year by being commissioned into the City Corps Staff. This important event occurred on September 15, 2005 at the South Shore Cultural Center. The ceremony began with an opening video that showed pictures of both the Summer Camp and the Leadership Camp. The video illustrated the hard work of all of the JROTC cadets.

Following the video the Color Guard from the Chicago Military Academy— Bronzeville posted the colors and everyone stood up for our national anthem. The Director of Military schools and JROTC Mr. Rick Mills welcomed the guests. The City Corps Commander introduced the evening's special guest the Honorable Jesse White. After Jesse White's speech he along with Mr. Mills commissioned the City Corps staff.

The City Corps staff members each received their rank, insignia, certificates, and the AMVETS medal. Then the Bronzeville band played all of the Military songs. The night was concluded with the cake cutting ceremony, where the cake is cut with a saber. The guests enjoyed their cake along with refreshments.

C/COL Guzman, Alexis



C/BG Jillian Lucansky



CMA-B Color Guard



Hon. Jesse White



Cake Cutting Ceremony

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POSITION	RANK	NAME	SCHOOL
Commanding General	Brigadier General	Jillian Lucansky	Steinmetz
Deputy Commander	Colonel	Mayra Hernandez	Hubbard
G-1	Colonel	Beata Kalata	Hubbard
G-2	Colonel	Omar Arreola	Lane Tech
G-3	Colonel	Amie Vargas	Steinmetz
G-4	Colonel	Eric Gonzales	Lincoln Park
G-5	Colonel	Alexis Guzman	Lane Tech
Assistant G-1	Lieutenant Colonel	Mariya Hushchyna	Steinmetz
Assistant G-2	Lieutenant Colonel	Myisha Davis	Lindblom
Assistant G-3	Commander	Margo Napoles	Whitney Young
Assistant G-4	Lieutenant Colonel	Micah Stavrou	CVCA
Assistant G-5	Lieutenant Colonel	Lakeithia Butler	Hirsch
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major	Frederick Coleman	CMA-B
Sergeant Major	Master Chief Petty Officer	Andrew Parro	Whitney Young
NCOIC G-1	Master Sergeant	Charlene Harris	Bowen
NCOIC G-2	Senior Master Sergeant	Jonah Bryant	Phillips
NCOIC G-3	Master Sergeant	Alesisia Cobb	CVCA
NCOIC G-4	Senior Chief Petty Officer	Evan Sitt	Whitney Young
NCOIC G-5	First Sergeant	Wendy Guzman	Curie

Assigned Tasks:

- ◆ City Corps Staff Command Briefing to Mr. Rick Mills.
- ◆ City Corps Staff Command Briefing to Mayor Richard M. Daley.
- ◆ Chicago Military Schools & JROTC Cadet Command and Staff Leadership School.
- ◆ Chicago Public Schools High School Fair.
- ◆ The Citywide Drill Competition.
- ◆ The Department of Military Schools and JROTC Military College Fair.
- ◆ Orienteering Competitions.
- ◆ The Middle School Cadet Corps Drill Competition.
- ◆ The Middle School Cadet Corps Color Guard Competition.
- ◆ The Middle School Cadet Corps Sports Challenge.

Chicago Military Schools & JROTC Service Learning Project!

The City Corps staff decided that this year’s citywide Service Learning Project is to raise money for Chicago Public Schools’ homeless students. It is a proven fact that there are many homeless students in the Chicago Public Schools. The goal of the City Corps staff is to raise 50,000 dollars at the minimum for these students.

The City Corps staff wants to encourage all of the JROTC programs in the city to raise as much money as possible to help those in need. There are homeless students in every school. These students’ homelessness not generally known. The City Corps staff wants all cadets to relies this is an important issue.

The City Corps staff asks that all JROTC programs put effort into this project. We hope that this project is successful. The success of this project does not only depends on us, but it also depends on all of the JROTC programs throughout the city.

C/COL Guzman, Alexis
City Corps G-5

Service Learning Project by Lincoln Park High School and Curie High School!

It was a very hard day for the JROTC cadets from Lincoln Park High School. On September 24, 2005, nine cadets went to help set up a family fitness walk-a-thon. Even though it was for many of the families in the neighborhood, we all participated as well.

Our day started when we arrived at our school at 6:30 in the morning. When everyone arrived we left to the walk-a-thon. As soon as we arrived, the woman in charge gave us all the jobs that we had to complete. We also had help from the Curie High School cadets. Everyone worked together to set up the tables, tents, flowers, balloons, ribbons, and activities. Once everything was set up we were left with a bit of free time.

After our free time we had to help pack up so that we could leave. Many of us learned that it is very hard to put on such a small event like the one that we attended. Finally we would all like to thank Cecilia for inviting us to participate in the event.

C/COL Gonzales, Eric
City Corps G-4

Where we were, where we are, where we plan to be, here at Whitney Young!

Unity, honor, discipline, respect, and leadership are the most important things a cadet can learn in being part of an NJROTC unit. Being a cadet is a great honor and the unit fully recognizes it.

Physical Training is a very important component to the cadets’ weekly schedule. They run fast, push hard, and jump high. Sometimes they want to give up but with verbal support from their fellow cadets they would try harder and harder. Physical Training made them sweat hard, and made them hurt, but the burning of stretched muscles felt good the next day. Drilling was another thing the cadets often do. The newest additions to the unit practice drill until they are squared away. The same move is done over until it is executed perfectly. Drilling has come second nature to the older and more experienced cadets. They have precision, and they can even remember left from right. Drilling with rifles seem like a challenge for some cadets, but for others is as easy as walking. Doing PT and drilling gives the cadets discipline. They have discipline with their bodies and they learn to respect authority.

The unit has come together for the Annual Inspection. The cadets had their uniforms squared away, and they recited the answers to Commander Clifford’s questions, with great accuracy. The cadets drilled with precision and concentration. The teams did well also. The unit expects to come away from the Annual Inspection with a “Distinguished Unit” award. At the unit’s annual Commander’s Cup, Alpha swept the board in unarmed drill, armed drill, PT, and exhibition. Military Ball was in a very exclusive location last year. This year the cadets expect to have an exceptional Ball. Cadets are currently in the process of fundraising. The unit intend on marching in the Memorial Day parade once again. The unit also plans to send as many cadets as possible to Basic Leadership Training this year. As a fun and learning experience, the unit is planning to go to Hawaii over spring break.

Without the unit the cadets could not march in a parade, they could not learn survival skills, they could not have a ball, and they would not know the meaning of honor and respect. The cadets are dedicated to the excellence and future of their unit. They want to remember the victories of the past. They strive to make this year, the best that it could possibly be. They also look towards the future with open hearts, bright eyes, and hope.

C/Blancas
Whitney Young Public Affairs Officer

CPS High School Fair!



Curie High School



CMA-Bronzeville



Hubbard High School



The High School Fair took place on Saturday, Oct. 1st at McCormick place. All of the JROTC programs made their way there to recruit 8th graders into the JROTC program. Not only did the JROTC programs recruit 8th graders but they were also there to provide information about both the program and the school as well.

The day started out with the set up of all of the booths. The City Corps staff had a huge booth with two screens that played different videos. The City Corps staff members ran the booth by answering questions and giving out pamphlets and candy. There were some schools that did presentations for the people. Whether it was Color Guard, Exhibition drill, Honor Guard, or Drill, the performances were surely entertaining.

The High School Fair was extremely packed with people. Each JROTC program had its own booth to provide information about anything the 8th graders might want to know. The High School Fair is a great way to recruit JROTC cadets. After all, some of the 8th graders at the fair are the future leadership in the JROTC program.

C/COL Guzman, Alexis
City Corps G-5



Taft High School



Harlan High School



CMA-Bronzeville



City Corps Staff



Do you feel that the High School Fair is a good way through which students can be recruited into the JROTC program? Why or why not?



Lane Tech High School

“As far as being a recruiting officer, the High School Fair is an okay way to recruit students into the JROTC program. It is also good because it shows people that the program’s primary mission is to motivate young people to be better citizens by instilling leadership and discipline into cadets.”

C/MAJ Lopez, Ana Maria
Lane Tech High School Recruiting Commander



Bronzeville

“Yes, I do feel that the Fair is a good way to recruit. I feel that it is good because we can teach future students about the JROTC program.”

C/MAJ Cotles
Schurz High School S-3



Schurz High School

“ I think that the High School Fair is a great way to recruit students into JROTC I feel this way because it is their first look into the different programs that high schools have to offer.”

C/LTC Guzman, Lizette
Steinmetz High School B.C.



Phoenix

“ Yes, the High School Fair is a great way to inform students about JROTC. It gives students an opportunity to see the things from different perspectives. At the same time it allows parents and students to understand that JROTC does not require a military obligation.”

C/CPT Palencia, Joe
Benito Juarez High School Company Commander



Steinmetz High School

“Yes I feel that the High School Fair is a great way for students to learn about JROTC. It also tells the students about the program so that they have a better understanding of it.”

C/CSM Thompson, Yohance
Phoenix CSM



Senn High School



Prosser High School



Lane Tech High School



City Corps Staff

Lane Tech at Columbus Day Parade!

It was a perfect Monday morning for the Columbus Day Parade. The sun was out and it was a little colder than expected. Lane Tech JROTC cadets woke up early on a day of no school to accompany Jim Ascot in the parade. Lane Tech's Brigade Staff accompanied by the Honor Guard and the Color Guard put together a wonderful march.

It was October 10, 2005 at 9:15a.m., when the day began for the cadets. They were told the day before to meet in the Lane Tech drill hall to get everything ready. The Honor Guard had about 30 cadets. Nine of them were in Desert Storm BDU's marching with M16's and M1's. Others were in Tiger Stripped BDU's and BDU's from World War II. They marched simultaneously while holding flags. After getting everyone in their spots, the cadets got on the bus and went downtown.

Jim Ascot was the person who invited Lane Tech to be part of the parade. He is running for Congress and is an Alumnus from Lane Tech. He graduated from Lane in 1969 and was also part of the JROTC program back then. Ascot asked Chief Grant, who is the Senior Military Instructor at Lane, if the cadets could be a part of the parade. As soon as he found out he told the Brigade Commander, C/COL Muniz and the XO C/COL Daniel about putting together a detail. After everyone was informed, cadets began working together to figure everything out.

First, there were two cadets holding the Lane Tech banner and right behind them was the Color Guard in Dress Blues. Next came the Brigade Commander and the XO followed by the Brigade staff. After the staff came the Honor Guard commander marching aside with the guide on carrier, and the Honor Guard marching behind. After waiting until about 2:00 p.m. to begin, the parade did not require too much marching. Once the parade finished everyone headed back to Lane Tech where Chief Grant bought everyone lunch.

At this time, Lane Tech would like to thank Mr. Jim Ascot for letting us be part of the Columbus Day Parade. It was a wonderful experience for all of us, and we hope to hear from him in the future. Thank you!

C/COL Muniz, Jazmin
Lane Tech High School Brigade Commander



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Curie High School