UTSA ROTC Takes Second at the Army 10-Miler

Earlier this month 7 UTSA Cadets piled into a minivan provided by the wife of LTC Scott Sonsalla. Twenty-six hours and 1600 miles later, the team arrived in the outskirts of Washington, D.C. Over the course of the next 72 hours, the team would enjoy the social life of Middleberg, VA, tour our national monuments, visit Arlington Cemetery, receive a personalized tour of the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Sentinels quarters that lie beneath . . . and compete in the Army 1-Miler along with 35,000 other entrants.

It is believed that this is the first Roadrunner team to compete in this event, and they represented us well. When the scores were tallied, the team recorded the second fastest time for any ROTC unit from the state of Texas. Not bad for a team that didn’t exactly focus their training on the event.

A special thanks to the family of MS IV Kyle Draisey. They Draisey family opened their doors and provided beds, showers, food and hospitality to the team. A special thanks also goes out to alumnus John Garcia (’09) whose donation provided the gas money that got us to DC and back.

2011 Army 10-Mile Team
Christian Koscinski
Joseph Deleon
Kyle Draisey
Matt Klein
Juan Gongora
Larry Peacock
Jamaal Sarhani

Roadrunner Cadet Signs Semi-Pro Contract

While the rest of the country is out recruiting smart, college athlete’s, UTSA has once again out done them. MSIII Larry Peacock recently tried out for and was signed by the Texas Fuel, a local ABA semi-pro basketball team.

CDT Peacock originally attended college in Oregon, went on to play basketball in the Philippines and then returned to the US to open his own dance studio. Cadet Peacock is currently a member of the UTSA Honors College and carries a 4.0 GPA.

NBA strike got you down? No San Antonio Spurs to watch? Stop by and see Cadet Peacock play alongside former Spur, George Hill. Games start in November.

PMS Comments

Another month. Another newsletter. I’m running out of superlatives. September and October saw some of the biggest accomplishments so far. September saw the Cadets completing the Combat Water Survival Test and October saw a transition to Land
Navigation. I showed up to the Day Land Navigation training at Camp Bullis and the Battalion XO reported “161 Cadets present for training.” Anyone else remember a training event that large for UTSA? It was phenomenal.

September is also that month that all Cadets dread – Accessions month. UTSA continued its recent strong trend with 9 of the Cadets being selected as National Distinguished Military Graduates. UTSA has put an astounding 40% or more of it’s Cadets on the DMG list over the last 3 year’s. That’s more than twice the National average. Leading the way for the Roadrunners was C/LTC Christian Koscinski who finished in the top 5% of the country.

Tired of reading about the Cadets? Log on to Facebook and find the UTSA Army ROTC page. You’ll find it loaded with tons of videos of the Cadets in action (look under videos on the left hand side). The site has been redesigned by CDT William Brown, a masters student in Public Affairs. Last month the site had 30,000 hits. Help the trend continue by checking it out. Better yet, hit the like button.

October 27 marks a new era in the Roadrunner Battalion. At 1130 we will host a ribbon cutting event opening our new battle space in the newly constructed North Paseo building. The ceremony will start at 1130 and will be followed by an open house tour of the facilities and a light lunch. Stop by and join us.

Last, I’ve got to make my annual appeal for alumni support. I need your help. The performance of the Cadets is among the best in the state. I am asking for the best they have, and they are giving it. But we are doing it with smoke and mirrors. In the months ahead our Cadets will be entering multiple teams in the Gulf Coast “Tough Mudder” (an 11 mile obstacle course) and in the Bataan Death March. Help me provide opportunities for as many Cadets as we can to participate. Our current plans involve Cadets funding their own travel and the teams spending their nights in the homes of family and friends.

Our campaign for the year is the “Drop and give us $10” campaign. We have just short of 500 alumni. If each alumni would contribute a mere $10, we would have close to $5000 and we can do things right. If you would like to help, you can send a contribution to armyrotc@utsa.edu via Paypal or you can find us at: 1 UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249