

CA-935th JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

CADETS VOLUNTEER FOR BAY BRIDGE RUN

On May 15, 2011, around twenty cadets from Scripps Ranch High School's JROTC program volunteered at the 25th Annual Coronado Bay Bridge Run/Walk. This was Scripps Ranch High School's JROTC's first time volunteering at the Annual Bay Bridge Run/Walk and the cadets were very enthusiastic about it.

The cadets met up at the school at 0530 and arrived at the event site around 0615. They were split into several groups with each group in charge of different tasks. Over ten-thousand runners/walkers attended the event. After the first thousand or so runners crossed the finish line after the long 4-mile run, some of the groups of cadets were freed to enjoy the event's festivities and even acquire some of the free goods that were given at most of the booths.

Overall, the volunteering was a success and all volunteers got an event t-shirt, a thank-you certificate, and a San Diego Padres Game Ticket at Petco Park on May 21, 2011. We hope we are able to volunteer at the 26th Annual Coronado Bay Bridge Run/Walk next year because the cadet certainly had a great time helping out.

- c/2nd Lt. DJ Soriano



OF BEARS AND TRIUMPH

On April 30th, 2011, CA-935th's Drill Teams Squadron assembled in the Grinder early in the morning, eager to depart for the biggest drill competition of the year: Golden Bear West Coast Nationals Invitational Drill Meet, this year held at Los Amos Mall. c/Captain Kariza Labrador fell the teams in, calling attendance and ensuring that each cadet was there. After everyone's name was called, the teams piled onto the bus and headed north.

The first team to perform was Unarmed, who immediately donned their iconic white and red uniforms and commenced practice, heading to the drill pad as soon as they were ready. Tearing the drill pad up in their signature cacophonous routine, they earned a respectable 6th place trophy in the Unarmed Exhibition Category.

Upon Unarmed's return from their performance, Varsity Color Guard departed from the base camp to observe their competition, eventually performing their routine. Though they did not place, they put up an impressive

fight, sharply executing each command as they had been taught to do. Freshman Color Guard performed later in the day, performing at their best and landing an impressive 6th place on their pad, proving that they knew what they were doing.

Saber Team started practicing as soon as they returned from watching Unarmed's performance, and converged upon the Saber Pad at their assigned timeslot. After an impressive display in all three categories (Inspection, Regulation, and Exhibition), they landed a very impressive 1st Place Overall victory, trumping the favorite, Mira Mesa, as well as all the other Saber Teams in attendance.

Armed Team also performed, commanded by c/2d Lt Nguyen... but not Chris Nguyen. Chris' cousin, Y, commanded the team to ensure that there were enough cadets present for Armed Team to qualify for a trophy. Though their team performed, they did not place in the full team category.

There were also a slew of victories from the 'special teams' categories – smaller Saber, Armed, or Unarmed teams competing for medals or for the sheer joy of competition. An Unarmed four-man commanded by Olivia Nguyen got a commendable 3d place, an Armed dual got third, and Saber team brought home a lot of hardware, with a 1st place four-man, a 2d place dual, and a 5th place dual.

c/2d Lt. Jose Cuevas



FALCONS TAKE HOME THE GOLD!

Saturday, May 21st began bright and early in the morning in the grinder at 0645, as all cadets in the unit lined up for roll call by their new Group Commander, c/Bryan Salinas. The group was rounded up and boarded two buses heading to Patrick Henry High School for the annual Pass in Review ceremony, in which cadets from all 13 schools in the San Diego Unified School District's JROTC brigade attended.

The event began with presenting much-anticipated awards to individual cadets, teams, and units. Medals were given out to individuals of each year for YPF, academic excellence, or superior achievement in ROTC. Following that were awards given out for brigade events such as YPF, BDP/BDS, and BDI/Color Guard competition. After was the announcement of the winners from the Brigade Competition that took place the previous week. Both Armed and

Unarmed 4-mans placed in the top three. The Armed Fancy Drill Team, as a whole, also celebrated placing for the first time since 2009.

The highlight of the event, however, was the announcement of the winners for the annual Stillwell competition. This award is given out to JROTC units who show outstanding performance in competitions and other JROTC activities. The victor, who took home pride, honor, and a tall trophy symbolizing achievement, was none other than Scripps Ranch High School's CA-935th AFJROTC unit. "I would like to extend my congratulations to Colonel Hogan, Master Sergeant Toledo, and all of the SRHS AFJROTC cadets for winning the Stilwell trophy," states Principal Kurt Madden. "This was not an easy accomplishment and I have been thoroughly impressed by the persistence, passion, and dedication of all stakeholders to strive for excellence in all endeavors and continue to demonstrate a high level of integrity

and honor. Congratulations again on a job well done."

After awards, all the cadets from the 13 schools organized into column formation on the football field. A change of command was done from Brigade Commander c/Col. Kevin Huynh to c/Col. Chalisa Sims of Madison High School. Afterwards the groups drilled past a reviewing party to have their units evaluated.

CA-935th's cadets left Patrick Henry with a lot of awards and a good sense of accomplishment. Feel proud of yourselves for being distinguished as one of the top schools in the brigade! Go Falcons! c/2d Lt Taylor Bey



BRIGADE WRAPS UP THE YEAR WITH VICTORY

The annual Brigade competition marks the end of the year as Unarmed and Armed drill teams from San Diego Unified School District's 13 schools compete against each other. On May 14th, UFDT and AFDT set out for Kearny High School bright and early.

This small competition only had inspection and exhibition categories. Unarmed was up first, with their visual inspection marked with an "Outstanding", and their performance commendable. Following were 4-mans by Darrione Soriano and Olivia Nguyen, which also had an inspection. Last but not least was Armed team's performance, commanded by Saber Team Commander Bryan Salinas.

All of the teams' hard work was rewarded with a trip to Sunrise Buffet. The winners of the competition were not announced until Pass in Review the following week. Overall, Unarmed got 4th place and Armed got 2nd. The 4-mans also proved successful, with Nguyen's placing 3rd and Soriano's placing 2nd. "I am really proud of my 4-

man for bearing with me the entire year," states Soriano. "The medals we won not only represent us getting second place, but also all the hard work we put in to getting it.

c/2d Lt. Taylor Bey

AWARDS BANQUET MARKS A BITTERSWEET GOODBYE

As the end of the year quickly approaches, the 18th annual Awards Banquet was in line to take place on May 28, 2011. The gratifying evening, consisting of CA-935th cadets and special invited guests, was kicked off with a Presentation of the Colors and the National Anthem, sang by Marielena Teng. Before long, the Invocation and Moment of Silence took place.

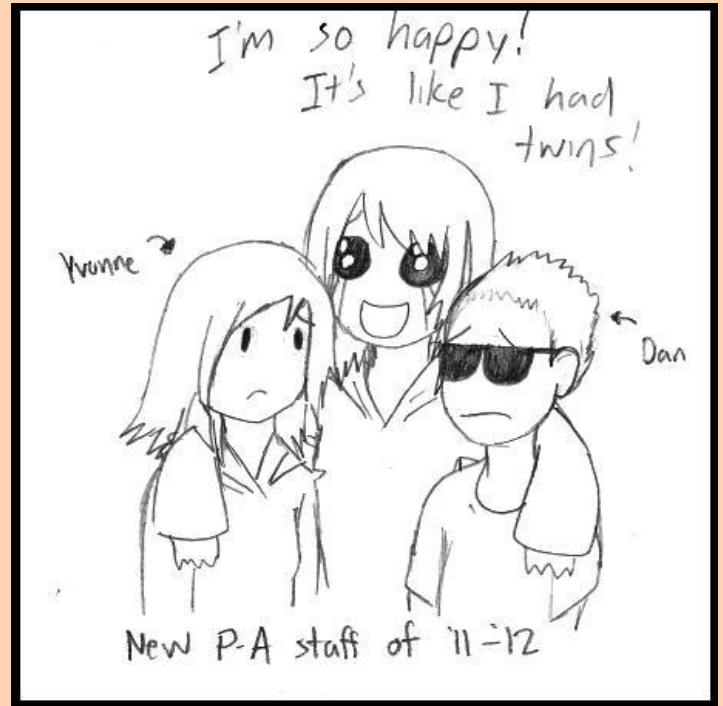
But how about the rewarding event everyone was looking forward to? Award presentations! From national and special awards to certificates and badges—including the honorable Military Order of the Purple Heart and Distinguished Cadet Award—these tributes were presented first. A ten minute intermission later, the awards

presentation quickly resumed. This time, however, it was for special recognition. These nobilities included Air Force-sponsored teams' honors, individual recognitions, and the long-awaited announcement of Honor Flight, ultimately given to Delta flight.

A heart-warming Outgoing Commander Speech from c/ Kevin Huynh transitioned into the Change of Command to c/ Bryan Salinas. After reciting a yet another encouraging speech, c/ Bryan Salinas made his way to his New Staff Announcement; a special moment for new incoming officers and NCOs, filled with roaring cheers and enthusiastic applauses. To conclude the festive night, we heard motivating closing comments from Colonel Hogan. A nostalgic Video Year Book, put together by Carmel and Charmaine Lansangan, topped off the night with genuine smiles, heartfelt laughter, and even left some in proud tears.

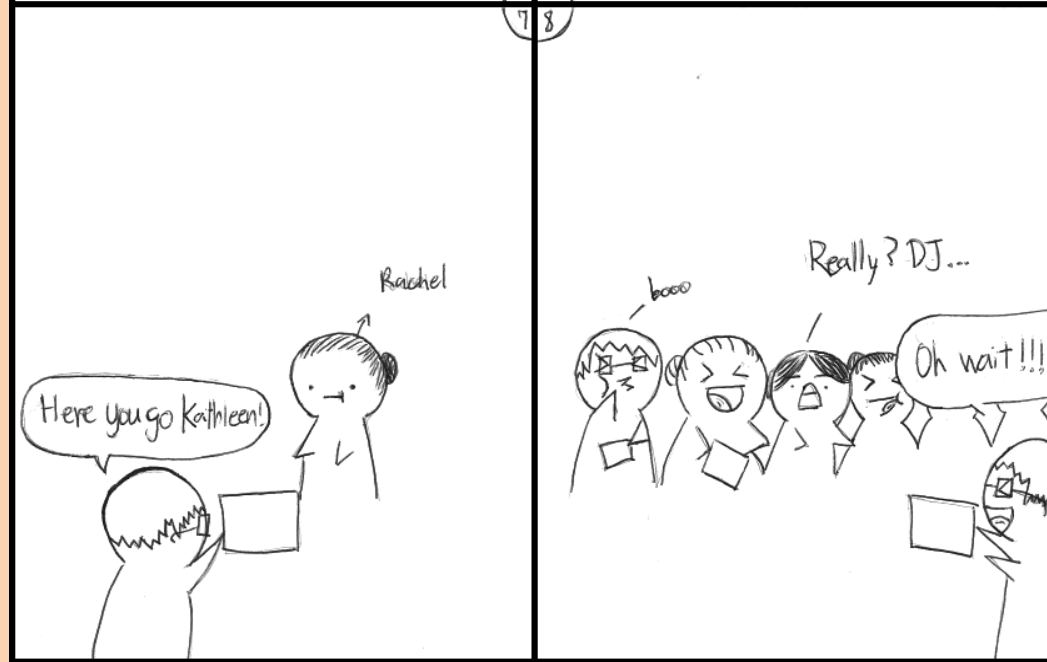
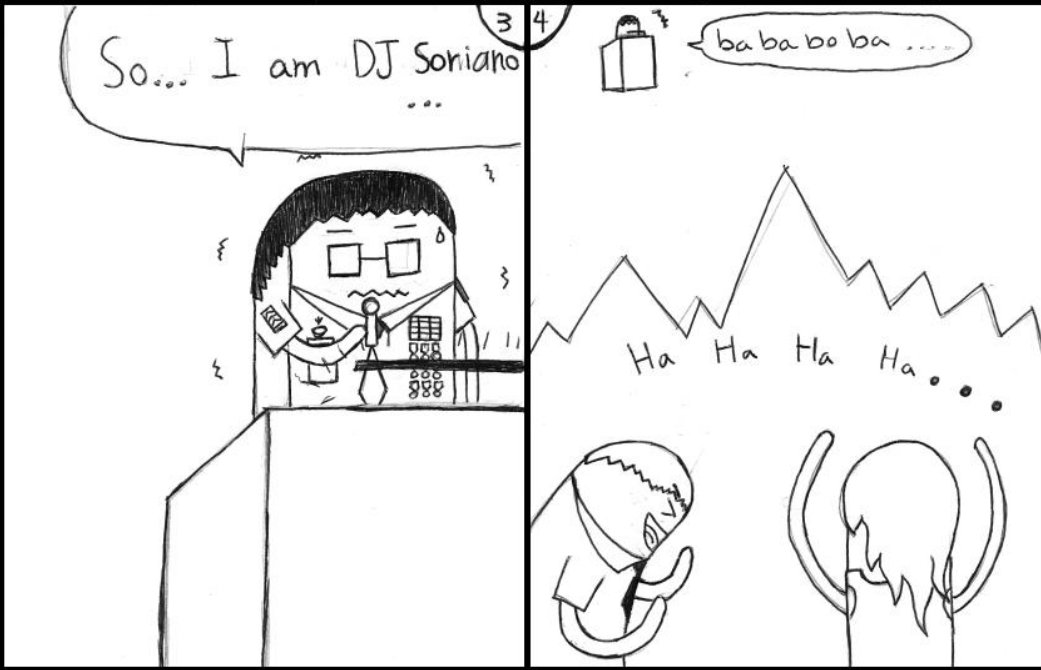


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By Diana Thavong





By Jim Shen

SENIORS SAY GOODBYE



Group, I never thought our unit could be a Distinguished Unit with Merit or the San Diego Unified Stilwell unit, but it all changed when I met your smiling faces and saw your falcon pride during our yearly activities. I can still remember how clumsily some of you were drilling during One-Week Training back in September. I can still remember how nervous the flight commanders and sergeants were at the opening of the school year. I can still remember how all of your uniforms were still bare without ribbons or medals, let alone nametags. Though by now, if there has ever been a more successful year at Scripps Ranch CA-935, it surely wasn't before this year. Take pride in the fact you and I were a part of Scripps Ranch history. It has been a huge honor and pleasure to be your cadet commander during the school year 2010 to 2011. The best of luck to next year's staff and group. I will miss you all when I enter college. I hope you will miss me terribly much too :) -c/ COL Kevin Huynh



Wow! We made it to the end! It was a rough start, followed by rocky roads that eventually led to success. I joined ROTC with little expectations and considered it as merely a class to gain P.E. credit. Little did I know that it would later become the biggest influence in my high school career. Little things such as being part of a flight, laughing together during RO Day, and feeling queasy before going up for a saber team performance have become few of my most cherished memories. I will never forget the day I won BDY, or first sweepstakes with my team at Golden Bear. I want the underclassmen to realize that it isn't the bad experiences that stick, but the good ones. Use what knocks you down to stand back up. This year was been amazing, and I am honestly going to miss everything. Good luck to next year's staff! You will do as good, if not better than 2010-2011, but never forget us! -c/Capt Christine Pham



It has finally come, the ending of our high school years, and for being such a huge part of it, thank you CA-935th. From being a freshman cadet to being a sergeant and a commander, joining ROTC for that “lame-IDUNWANADOP.E.-reason” was worth it. To you incoming s’mores, don’t live up to your name “wise fools”, learn from your mistakes and grow. To the juniors, you guys are on the countdown out of here, take your time and don’t try to hurry things up, it will come; you should make it worth it. And don’t forget to take a breather since junior year is “rumored” to be the hardest year in high school. Incoming seniors, just think about it a year from now you’re going to be writing something like this, bwahaha. *YWhy*, you evil person making fun of my cheeks. I hope your senior year brings you a lot of laughter and less stress (yes SS can be fun too even with the stress) and thank you for our hyena laugh track duet. *Derrick*, I’ve seen you changed over the years and I hope that you continue this positive growth, don’t hold grudges and don’t overthink! *Mimi* dearest, thank you for your great sergeant service, take care of the team and yourself! If you need anything, I’m only one text away. To my Unarmed Team, I’m grateful for getting the chance to know all of you. Each day that we’ve practice, I thank you for the patience, the hard work and the love. I’ll miss you guys the most and I *might* visit, if I feel like it, bwahaha. Once again, thank you Ca-935th, you’ll always have a huge space in my heart. Your 2010-2011 Drill Teams Commander signing off with love, until we meet again! –c/ Capt Kariza Gregoria Labrador ♥



Greetings CA-935 cadets! It has been a pleasure being with you all this year. We've had some fun experiences throughout our year such as cadet picnic to awards banquet. Congratulations on getting Stillwell this year Scripps cadets! I am very proud and honored. I hope next year will be a blast for you guys and I hope you guys will have as much fun next year as you did this year. I am so proud of my ROTC family, thank you all for everything and I hope for the best of luck for you guys! Goodbye! –c/CMSgt Jiaye Wang



I can't believe this time has come. This year has been amazing. It exceeded my expectations. I'm going to miss everyone. I'm surprised that my four years of high school and JROTC are over. They have been the greatest years so far. The great friends I made, the amazing memories we shared. I guess this is how all the other seniors felt before, excited for the future but sad about leaving all of you great people and future leaders behind. I have faith that you all will become great leaders no matter what happens. I'm so happy that I'm ending my high school career on a really great note, with Stillwell and distinguished unit with merit in the same year. Anyway, the time has come to say those tearful farewells, but I'm not saying it. I might cry, but I'm not saying bye to those of you still at Scripps Ranch. I'm just going to SDSU so I'll stop by every once in a while just to say "hi" again. Keep in touch with me please! -/c Capt "Mother" Megan



Everyone did an amazing job. You all created the success that manifested itself into prestige and trophies. Keep it up!! -c/Lt. Col Allen Tran



I'm going to be blunt, I don't think we could have done any better this year if we'd tried to. As my final year in the Corps, I couldn't ask for a better ending with Stilwell and our amazing esprit de corps. The positive outpouring of energy from all the cadets has been outstanding, and it made my final awards banquet truly special - a night to remember. For those who are coming back for another year, fight on! Let's keep the Scripps Ranch name in the papers and remind everybody else that CA-935 is a force to be reckoned with. -c/Capt Zucker

GOODBYE SENIORS

Dear seniors:

It's been three amazing years with all of you! You've all worked hard your entire high school life! Then you added r top of it which we know sometimes isn't the easiest! But you did it and were amazing ... at it! Thank you! You all are such great friends! You have without a doubt left behind a legacy that people will be referring back to you guys for a long time! Hahaha I LOVE YOU ALL! Congratulations on finishing! Be proud!

--Haylee Holm (11)

Seniors, it'll be tough filling your shoes. Good luck in the real world!

--Jennifer Ngo (11)

Allen, Kevin, I'll watch the Brigade for you!
Cameron, I'll make sure the Color Guard babies don't blow anything up.

--Jose Cuevas (11)

Seniors: Ah, What a great year I've had with all of you. From team to flight, you've all inspired me and made this year amazing. I can't believe how fast the year has gone, but I'm glad to say you all are role models to me :). Congratulations and good luck in college :D!

--Erica Santo Domingo (9)

Although it may be something very hard to believe, these great people, our friends, are finally leaving us. It may be very sad seeing so many of our dear friends finally getting out of school, but look on the bright side: we should be happy knowing that they actually are graduating right here in front of our faces today. You wonderful seniors should be looked up to because you are the best of the best. You are the future. Thank you for your time.

--Jacob Stephen (9)

I LOVE YOU, OLIVIA. YOU DA BEST.

--??????? (Not Olivia)

To Olivia Nguyen, OMG, ALL OF OUR NGUYEN-NGUYEN UNARMED JOKES ARE FOREVER GONE. - _____ - this seriously sucks >[Nobody to walk me to my lonely periods either! Anyways, I just wanna say that even though I got to know you late, better late than never! :D All those times you called me and we talked for the longest times o.O I wonder what it was even about...ANYWAYS, I know you'll miss my fobyness :D YOU'LL MISS ME. Wherever you go, I know you'll be successful! Don't beat yourself up too much over every mistake you make! Have fun in college and come back and visit us! :D WIN-WIN

♥ Y WIN (11)

To Kariza Labrador: You suck. I couldn't write anything on facebook because of you. I'm writing this the day you chopped off all my hair and gave me prettiful layers (: ANYWAYS, thank you for all the food and the rides and the advice and the talks and the experiences I've gained from watching and listening to you. :D I've honestly learned so much from you! Thank you for all the things you've done for the team without asking for anything in return. We're all expecting you to come back and visit us - _____ -" You have no excuse to not to. Jun Jun is not an excuse homey. I would say I miss you, but I'm probably gonna see you a lot anyways LOL. Maybe? o.o Have fun at SDSU and and and, pay attention in class? HAHHAHA IDK. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, ALWAYS ALWAYS REMEMBER, I'm cooler than you :DDD ♥ WHYWHYWHYWHEREANGUYEN