



WEST MESQUITE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Wrangler Battalion" JROTC Instructors At West Mesquite

School Year 2021-2022

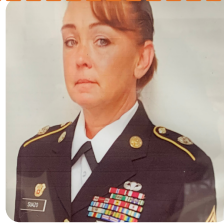


Colonel James C. McGrory, Jr. assumed duty as the Senior Army Instructor, West Mesquite High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) on 8 August 2016.

A native of Hockessin, Delaware, Colonel McGrory attended the University of Delaware, graduating in 1967 with a commission in the United States Army Infantry. During his 28 years of active duty, he has commanded at every echelon from platoon leader to brigade commander with duty in Vietnam, Germany, Saudi Arabia, and the United States. He also became an Army Aviator specializing in attack and special operation missions.

His extensive Army career prepared him to be a JROTC instructor making young people better citizens. His first assignment as a JROTC instructor was at Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore, Maryland where he served from 1995 until 2003. When the position of Senior Army Instructor at Atholton High School became available, Colonel McGrory assumed that position. He served in that position until 30 June 2014 when he resigned and moved to Texas. In August, 2016 Colonel McGrory assumed the Senior Army Instructor position at West Mesquite High School in Mesquite, Texas where he continues to make young people better citizens.

Colonel McGrory's academic background includes earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Delaware and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U. S. Army War College.



I retired from the Army in 2012 and began working as a Leadership Cadet Corps (LCC) Instructor for Balch Springs Middle School. I worked there for a year and then got moved up to teaching at a High School. My first High School was L.G. Pinkston HS, in Dallas. I worked there until 2-15, when the Colonel and I started here at West.



Sergeant First Class Lyons was raised in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from Central Texas College with an associate in criminal justice, from Cameron University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration, he also completed two masters from the University of Phoenix, the first being a Master's in Education focus on Curriculum and instruction, Finally a Master's in Business Administration.

Sergeant First Class Lyons enlisted in the Army in 1986 as a Mechanized Infantryman (11M). His additional training included completion of mechanized advanced training, the Primary Leadership Course, Basic NCO Course (BNCOC), and Survival School in Weingarten Germany, Master Gunner Course, Drill Sergeant School, and Advanced Noncommissioned Course (ANCOG).

Sergeant First Class Lyons military career span for 20 years where he was stationed in rapid deployment units in Germany, Fort Hood, Teas, For Benning, Georgia. He was forward deployed to Camp Casey Korea and finally a Drill Sergeant at Fort Sill Oklahoma.

Sergeant First Class Lyons deployments include the first gulf war, desert Shield and Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Camp Able Sentry in Macedonia.

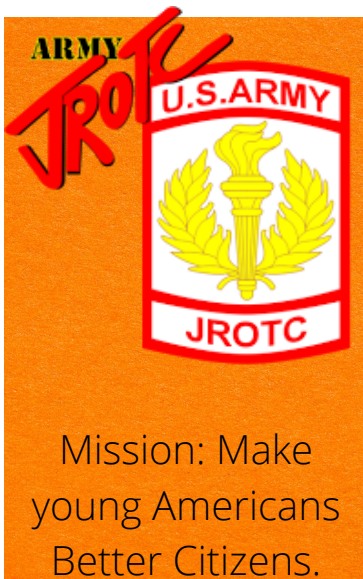
Sergeant First Class Lyons has been an Army Instructor for 15 years. He was with the Phoenix Union High School District for 14 years, Served as a Senior Army Instructor for 3 years. He enjoys traveling and being active striving to live a complete healthy lifestyle. He takes great pride in supporting the local community by motivating cadets to provide community service hours to food banks to help feed the community. He has been a member of the American Legion in Phoenix Arizona. He is now teaching at West Mesquite High School.

MESSAGE FROM BATTALION COMMANDER AND COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR



BATTALION COMMANDER

I am Lieutenant Colonel Isaiah Andrade and I am the senior cadet officer of the West Mesquite Wrangler Battalion. I've seen this program develop into something even more challenging as the years go by. The better we get, the higher we raise the bar and the higher we raise the bar, the more we challenge our cadets. When we see an opportunity for growth, we take it and create room for more. Everybody's goal is my goal and if someone has a vision, it becomes mine too. This year, we aim towards the development of our young leaders and set the foundation for the future of this program. As I and the other seniors leave this program we want to leave behind a cadre of trained leaders to continue our legacy of excellence and strengthen the battalion even more because to us, it's not good if it can be better and it isn't better if it can be the best.



UPCOMING DATES

10/1-2/15 ~ JLAB Practice
10/11-10/15 ~ Cadet Challenge
10/11-10/12 ~ No School
10/22 ~ Battalion Organization Day Picnic
10/23 ~ Senior Night
10/30 ~ Robotics Scrimmage
11/1 - 11/20 ~ JLAB Level 1
11/6 ~ Cowtown Classic Competition
11/07 ~ Parkside Baptist Veterans' Day
Ceremony
11/16 ~ ASVAB
11/22 - 11/26 ~ Thanksgiving Break
12/20-1/2 ~ Winter Break



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

I am CSM/Command Sergeant Major Tavian Burley I am the senior enlisted cadet with the battalion. My goal is for our program is to ensure good morale, and as well as having memorable experiences in all drill and ceremony are just some of the events. I do expect every uniform day to produce a 100 for every company's inspection. Every male cadet must have a haircut that does not touch ears, collars or eyebrows, There should be no facial hair (including hair under the chin or on the neck). Females must wear a bun while in uniform, low enough to fit the beret properly. Uniforms must be cleaned and pressed. Battalion wide marching is expected to be mastered and executed properly. I am always open to questions and concerns directly. Best way to contact me is to message me at (817) 350 5276. I am also responsible for y'all this year so if anything is bothering you you can come and talk to me. As a cadet you are an example of our wonderful program. So as long as you wear the uniform you will represent West Mesquite's JROTC program with the upmost respect and discipline. Let's have a year to remember cadets!



THOUGHTS OF THE YEAR

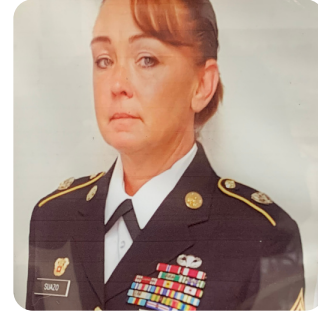


COLONEL
MCCRORY'S
THOUGHTS

"We're off to a slow start this year. We could not do our new cadet orientation due to a technical glitch in the scheduling software. Our Leadership Development Course at Mount Lebanon Conference Center was disapproved because it was an overnight trip less than 50 miles from the school. On a positive note, we visited the Military Heritage Collection of North Texas with 49 cadets and three instructors. What a great visit. Cadets learned about how our country grew as we fought wars all over the world. Mark, the director, provided lunch in the form of Meals Ready to Eat combat rations. He also took the cadets on HUMVEE and tank rides.

For the rest of the year we are going to concentrate on preparing for the 5th Army JROTC Program Assessment to be conducted on 8 February. After that it's time for the military ball and spring trips.

Hope you enjoy the journey we are on together as one big family."



FIRST SERGEANT
SUAZO'S
THOUGHTS

"My expectations of you Cadets, is that you live by the Cadet Creed, hold yourselves and your peers to the high standards that are expected from JROTC, and ALWAYS do your Best. I hope to see all of you become leaders and responsible young adults. I wish ALL of you great successes in life, and I am looking forward to hearing about all of your many achievements along the way. I am looking forward to our Camps, Battalion Picnics, Military Ball, Award Ceremony, and many other exciting things we will finally get to do this year."

