Ronald Reagan JROTC Honors Veterans

November 11 is the day each year we, as a Nation, pause to honor our men and women who have served our nation through military service. I believe it is significant that it is the one government holiday celebrated on whatever day of the week it falls.

Veteran’s day for the Reagan JROTC program is like the holiday season to the U.S. Post Office, we are in great demand and very busy. For the last six years cadets from Ronald Reagan High School have marched in either Greater Randolph Area Veterans Council (GRAVC) Veterans Day Parade or the San Antonio Veterans Day Parade. This year we marched in the San Antonio parade held on November 8.

A new challenge getting uniforms ready for this year’s parade was provided by the new cadet head gear, a grey beret. If you have never worn a military beret the explanation for the difficulty transitioning from a garrison cap to this new head gear will be hard to understand. First, it must be understood that a beret only has two loops on a soldiers head; “just wrong” and squared away.

By Saturday morning, November 8, it all came together, our buses were loaded at 10:00 a.m. and by 10:45 a.m. we were downtown, in position, waiting with our parent chaperones, for the parade to begin at Noon. For the San Antonio parade JROTC units are in the Vanguard, in front, and our position was number 3; the great news being no horses in front of us. We were able to relax, visit awhile, and with several hotels close by with guests new to San Antonio we were able to answer the same question, “Hey, what’s going on?” several times. The parade kicked off on time and as we passed in front of the reviewing stand we were announced and I remember thinking to myself, “Wish I had explained the pronunciation of a few cadet names”. Lots of viewers were in front of the Alamo clapping for everyone marching past.

The parade was just the first of our Veterans Day support challenges. November 11 was our big day with color guard support for six elementary schools, two middle schools one with three presentations, two assisted living communities, two ceremonies at Reagan High School, Education Service Center 20, and a ground breaking ceremony for a local business at the end of the day. And, we had to turn down 2 more requests.

It is wonderful knowing that so many schools and organizations took time on November 11th to honor our Veterans. As long as these celebrations take place the service of so many will not be forgotten.

Deliveries, from Page 14 noticed a letter in the mailbox without a stamp or an incomplete address, he’s known to pay the postage out of his pocket, to avoid any delay in delivery of the letter. Our residents have been so grateful to him for “taking care of it.” Sometimes residents transfer within the Independence Hill campus. Ernie always made sure the mail got in the correct box, even when it was addressed wrong. “I know them and where they are, so I make sure their mail gets to them,” Ernie comments. One of Ernie’s biggest fans is partially blind, so Ernie would let her know if it was a bill, letter, card, etc.

Independence Hill held a Farewell Party for Ernie where residents and staff joined to say “Thank You” and send him off with “Well Wishes.” People spoke and shared stories about their beloved postman. Ms. Schick, a 20 year resident, stated it best, “No one will be able to fill his shoes.” On his last day, Halloween, a couple employees even dressed up as ‘Ernie’ which brought much laughter!

In this new chapter of his life, Ernie is going to “throw away his alarm clock and go golfing, fishing and hunting...until the ‘Honey Do’ list gets too long!” We will forever miss, but never forget OUR Ernie and his “Special Delivery” era!

Independence Hill Retirement Resort Community is located at 20450 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78258. For more information, call (210) 209-8956 or visit www.independencehill.com.

Deliveries

Reagan and Lopez Volunteer At iWalk

Sunday, November 2, was a bright and sunny morning at Morgan’s Wonderland! The 1st Annual Brighton iWalk was kicked off with the Reagan HS JROTC Color Guard posting the US and Texas flags.

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The Reagan Diamond Dancers and Silver Stars cheered on more than 500 participants that attended the community event.

To learn more about the Brighton Centers go to www.brightontsa.org. For information on Reagan HS Clubs and organizations go to www.neisd.net/reagan.

Reagan Spirit Students Excel

R eagan High School Dancers and Cheerleaders lead school spirit with their enthusiasm, energy and excitement! Did you know they also excel in their academics and leadership?

Our Spirit Squad ladies have a rigorous schedule. They practice daily, before and after school. Over the weekends they perform at the Football games rallying our teams to victory! They also compete in local, regional, and national competitions showcasing their talents and skills.

Off the field or dance studio they are working hard as leaders in school organizations like Student Council, various Honor Societies and Winners Circle. Several of our cheerleaders and dancers also participate in activities outside of school such as youth group and community service.

Academics come first for our Spirit Teams, many of our young women are in the top 20% of their class, and they prove themselves successful both on the field and off. We have had several National Merit Finalists on our teams including senior Diamond Dancer Caroline Kaden. Our Dance team won the highest GPA award last year at competition, with aspirations to win it again this year. Our ladies continue to excel after graduating from Reagan attending institutions of higher education in places such as, Texas A&M, University of Texas, University of Oklahoma, Baylor University, and Texas Tech to name a few.

Congratulations to all the Ronald Reagan Spirit Dancers and Cheerleaders for their accomplishments in Academics, Leadership, Dance, and Cheer. They emulate the motto of our school, “Learning for Life - Learning for Leadership”. Go Rattlers!