



Corps of Cadets Quick Facts 2021-2022 Academic Year

- **Corps Strength:** Over 2,300 in the fall of 2021.
- **Keepers of the Spirit:** The Corps of Cadets is the oldest student organization on campus, having been established with Texas A&M in 1876. For 145 years, it has developed well-educated graduates prepared to lead the nation in the military and public/private sectors.
- **Academic Excellence:** For the last five years, the Corps of Cadets has posted an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. At the end of the Spring 2021 semester, 241 cadets posted a perfect 4.0 GPA. The graduating seniors of the Class of 2021 posted a cumulative GPA of 3.27 – the highest GPA ever posted by a graduating class in the Corps.
- **Serving the Nation:** Texas A&M commissions more military officers than any other university, outside of the service academies. In May 2021, United States Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley commissioned 159 cadets into the U.S. military as officers.
- **Developing Leaders:** The Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership awards more than 130 Certificates in Applied Ethical Leadership to cadets each year. These students enter the workforce with a thorough understanding of the concepts of ethical leadership and decision-making.

Specialized Units

- **Ross Volunteer Company** – formed in 1887, the Ross Volunteers (often referred to as RVs) is the oldest honor guard and drill team of its kind in the State of Texas. The company serves as the official Honor Guard of the Governor of Texas and performs 3-volley, 21-gun salutes at Texas A&M's Silver Taps ceremonies and the annual campus Muster ceremony.
- **Parson's Mounted Cavalry** – formed in 1973, Parson's Mounted Cavalry is comprised of more than 40 horses and four mules, and represents Texas A&M at

parades, home football games, and other equestrian events throughout the state. The cadets are trained in basic horsemanship skills, as well as care and feeding of the stock.

- **Fish Drill Team** – the Fish Drill Team is an all-freshman precision rifle drill team that represents the Corps of Cadets and Texas A&M at military drill meets across the country. The Fish Drill Team has won numerous national championships at drill competitions, making it one of the most highly decorated and recognized organizations in the Corps of Cadets.

Fightin' Texas Aggie Band

- Known for its precision military marching formations on the football field, the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band is the largest military marching band in the nation.
- With over 300 members, the Band provides music for University and Corps functions and presents spectacular halftime performances at home football games.
- The Band also performs at several away football games, parades, and other events. It is one of the most traveled collegiate marching bands in the nation, with a resume including the inaugural parades of many U.S. presidents and Texas governors.

Information for Future Cadets

- The Corps of Cadets is a large, diverse leadership program with 46 units, each with a unique identity. Students are assigned to a unit based on their interests, academic major and ROTC choice.
- While many members of the Corps of Cadets go on to serve in our nation's military, membership in the Corps carries no military obligation.
- The Corps of Cadets offers a variety of programs designed to introduce potential cadets to Corps life and Corps programs.
- To register for or learn more about the Corps recruiting programs (listed below), visit corps.tamu.edu.
 - Aggie Eagle Program
 - Spend the Night with the Corps
 - Spend the Day with the Corps
 - Junior Cadets Accessions Program (JCAP)