



Corps of Cadets Quick Facts 2023-2024 Academic Year

- **Corps Strength:** Over 2,300 in the fall of 2023, led by Brigadier General Patrick R. Michaelis '93.
- **Keepers of the Spirit:** The Corps of Cadets is the oldest student organization on campus, having been established with Texas A&M in 1876. Many of Texas A&M's most cherished traditions, including Muster, Silver Taps and Midnight Yell, rely on the Corps of Cadets. For 147 years, the Corps 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. In the spring of 2023, Brig. Gen. Michaelis reported an average GPA of 3.22 for the Corps – the highest on record.
- **Serving the Nation:** Texas A&M commissions more military officers than any other university, outside of the service academies. In May 2021, for example, 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.

“March to 3,000” Campaign

- In 2022, Texas A&M announced the “March to 3,000” campaign to support the goal of increasing enrollment in the Corps of Cadets to 3,000 by the year 2030.
- To support the campaign, two new scholarships were created to recruit future cadets: the ROTC Patriot Scholarship Program, providing room and board for more than 700 cadets; and the Maj. Gen. Raymond L. Murray Scholarship, covering the cost of out-of-state tuition and fees for out-of-state cadets.

- To accommodate the anticipated growth, two additional Corps dorms will be built. The completion for these is expected in the 2027-28 academic year.
- The Corps of Cadets organization was reorganized in the 2022-2023 academic year to account for improved span of control and anticipated growth. For the first time in decade, the Corps reintroduced minor units to the leadership structure.
- For the 2023-2024 academic year, the Corps structure includes **4 major united and 11 battalion/group units**.

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)