Texas A&M New Faculty Orientation
The Corps of Cadets develops well-educated leaders of character who are fully prepared for the global leadership challenges of the future.
History of the Corps of Cadets

• The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas opens in 1876. Established as an all-male institution and remained so until 1964, when women admitted. First Cadet Corps to admit women in 1974.

• Members of the Corps of Cadets have served in every conflict fought by the United States since the Spanish-American War in 1898.

• Over 2,000 Aggies served in WWI – 55 of whom are known to have lost their lives.

• During WWII, 20,000 Cadets served in combat, over 14,000 were commissioned as officers.
History of the Corps of Cadets

- Over 300 General or Flag Officers
- Seven Medal of Honor Recipients
- Corps of Cadets—often called the “Keepers of the Spirit”—began many of the university’s most cherished traditions, including Midnight Yell Practice, Aggie Muster and Silver Taps.
The Corps of Cadets of Today

• All Cadets select a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and enroll in ROTC courses their freshman and sophomore years. Those who want to pursue non-military careers, whether in the private sector or in public service can enroll in the Academic Certificate in Leadership Studies Program.

• The Corps remains one of the largest uniformed bodies of students in the nation. A four-year leadership development program based on a military framework of organization; however membership in the Corps carries no military obligation.

• The Corps consistently commissions more officers than any other school outside of the Military Academies.
Corps Special Units

- Ross Volunteers
- Parsons Mounted Cavalry
- Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band
- Fish Drill Team
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