



Lieutenant Colonel Antonio Austin, US Army (retired) is Senior Army Instructor for Army JROTC at Merritt Island High School. This is his first year teaching Army JROTC.

LTC Austin teaches grades 9-12, motivating his cadets to become better citizens. He and First Sergeant, Juan Torres sponsor the following Mustang Battalion Teams: Color Guard Team, Drill Team, Raider Team, and Rifle Team. The US Army JROTC Program at MIHS is celebrating 31 Years of being an Honor Unit with Distinction.



First Sergeant Juan Torres, US Army (Retired) is the Army Instructor for Army JROTC at Merritt Island High School. This is his 19th year teaching Army JROTC and 16th year at Merritt Island High School and 3 years at Westwood.

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Our Teams Goals:

Drill Team: I am looking forward to creating a stronger battalion this year. Go Drill team! “

-C/CPT. Miller

Raider Team: “I am proud to have a competitive team this year and that we are bonded and stronger together. I hope to get us to states this year and lets beat Cocoa Beach!!”

- C/ CPT. Deptula

Color Guard: “The color guard team preforms at some ceremonies at the school, all the home football games and is apart of the drill team. This year’s color guard is already off to a great start!”

-C/CPT. Verpaele

Rifle Team: “I am very excited to get started and I hope we can make it to nationals this year! “

-C/ CPT. Charalambous

What we do as a Battalion:

As a Battalion we do many fund raisers to help the community. Throughout the year we do Adopt-an-angel, and help direct parking at our schools football games. As a whole, our battalion marches in the homecoming parade, and learns first aid techniques. We also provide cadets with the opportunity to join our various teams listed on this page. We teach our cadets core leadership values and useful knowledge that will help them, no matter what walk of life they pursue as adults. As a whole, our Battalion has a positive impact on the lives of our cadets, our school, and our community.