

Happy New Year

Monthly News

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Jan 9** – Enrollment for Class 24-1 ends
- **Jan 13** – Class 24-1 begins

WALL OF FAME

Incoming cadets can earn a **“Recruitment”** Ribbon by referring someone else as a potential candidate. If their referral is accepted into the academy, the cadet’s name will be displayed on our **“Wall of Fame.”**

WANT TO BECOME A MENTOR?

Mentoring plays a crucial role in supporting youth during challenging life transitions, proving invaluable guidance as they navigate stressful changes at home or transition into adulthood. **To become a mentor visit:**

<https://www.battlebornyouthchallenge.org/mentors>

“At BBYCA, we’re thrilled to usher in the new year with the arrival of our new cadets for Class 24-1. As cadets embark on their journey here, our curriculum revolves around eight fundamental components:

1. **Life Coping Skills**
2. **Service to the Community**
3. **Academic Excellence**
4. **Physical Fitness**
5. **Health and Hygiene**
6. **Responsible Citizenship**
7. **Job Skills**
8. **Leadership/Followership**

Our approach mirrors a quasi-military model, providing a structured and top-quality educational experience for cadets and students hailing from across the state of Nevada.”



STAFF DEDICATION!!!

We pursue our path driven by passion, not solely for compensation. Our top priorities are the care and safety of cadets. It’s our unwavering commitment, dedication, and positivity that truly shape our impact. Your unique talents contribute significantly to our cadets’ success, and we deeply value each of you. Together, we form and indomitable force! What we do, adds value to the state of Nevada, the National Guard and the students we serve.

TAKE-AWAY TESTIMONIALS CLASS 23-2

- “The cadre making my life worth living for.”
- “People I have met and the experiences and memories.”
- “Structure, discipline, self-motivation, bearing and when to be a professional.”
- “Time management and planning.”
- “Learning how to deal with people.”
- “I am not my mistakes.”
- “Knowing I can do anything if I put my mind to it.”



MONTHLY MOTIVATION

“Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.”
 John Wooden