

Sul Ross Group (SRG) Special Bulletin



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Howdy Ags,

Here is the Sul Ross Group's Bulletin 105. The SRG Board hopes you enjoy this bulletin and find it informative. We encourage you to distribute it to your classmates, Aggie buddies, and friends. Thank you.

Gig 'Em!

Sul Ross Group Board

2026 Sul Ross Group Reunion

The Reunion will be held Monday, March 2nd, through Wednesday, March 4th, at the Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center, next to the MSC and Kyle Field.

If you want to register online, the registration site is a little hard to navigate, so here is how you do it:

1. Go to this website <https://www.aggienetwork.com/events/2026/sulross.aspx>
2. The First Screen contains all the [Basic Information about the reunion](#), including the Agenda.
Once you have reviewed the content, click on the "Register Here" button at the top of the screen.
3. The Second Screen contains [Information About All the Sessions](#).
*Click the date under the "All Sessions" header to review the sessions for that date. Be sure to click the "View All Sessions" button at the bottom.
The map showing the hotel's location is also at the bottom of this screen.
Once you have reviewed the screen, click on any button (Get Tickets or Buy Ticket).*

4. *The Third Screen allows you to **Choose the type and Number of Tickets**. Click on the (+) and (-) signs to select the number of registrations you want to purchase.
Then click on “Continue” at the bottom.*
5. *On Fourth Screen, enter the **Details About yourself and any Guests**. Be sure to scroll down if you have any guests.
Then click “Continue” at the bottom.*
6. *On the Fifth screen, choose the **Sessions You Want to Attend**. Remember to scroll down for any guests.
Then click on “Continue” at the bottom.*
7. *On the Sixth Screen, enter your **Contact and Payment Information**.
Then click “Place Your Order”.*

LTG. Chip Bierman’s speech to the Corps – January 5, 2026

At the beginning of the spring semester, LTG. Bierman spoke to the entire Corps of Cadets. Here are excerpts from his speech.

Howdy,

Good to be here with all of you. It's always very striking to see the entire Corps together in Rudder.

Welcome back. I hope all of you and your families had a very special and meaningful holiday break. Among other things, tonight I'm going to say a prayer of thanks that our Corps is back safely- each of you. Sadly, the same can't be said in our larger University family. In due course, we'll take the lead in honoring and remembering a number of our fellow Aggies at Silver Taps.

I'll say it's been motivating to see the Cadre assemble and prepare for Spring Orientation Week. 40 young men and women accepted the challenge and were sworn in Saturday afternoon. Those are good mid-year numbers. The Transfer Outfits are keeping faith with all of you and doing it the right way. Welcome to our newest fish.

The purpose of this brief is for the Corps Commander and I to talk about

priorities and set the stage for a great semester. Most of this morning's brief will be forward-facing. We'll get there in short order, but first I need to take a little bit of time to talk about last year. It was a good semester.

Collectively, all of you wrote a strong chapter in the history of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Cadet Corps. My basis for that statement is the conversation the Corps Commander had with all of you back in August. Back then, John was clear on his priorities. He said he wanted the Cadets leading the Corps. He said he wanted to double down on traditions. He said he wanted to maintain the Corps as a tough, respectful, and merit-based organization. John also charged all of you with doing this while maintaining a focus on grades and academics.

From where I'm standing the mission has been accomplished so far- and then some. My hat is off to John and his commanders for their purposeful leadership, and my hat is off to all of you for buying in. I talked to all of you about ownership back in August. Thanks for being invested.

You continue to hold yourselves and each other to high military and physical standards. You continue to spin lots of plates as you take care of each other and push through long and challenging days. Rough tough real stuff, but with balance. Last semester the Corps posted the highest fall GPA in its history. The senior class of 29 posted a record high term GPA. Well done to all. Grades are a function of hard work and discipline.

The Corps wanted a tough and gritty fish system. It's been that. Attrition in the class of 29 has been the highest in five years. I'm never happy when a fish punches; I want every single man or woman who comes here to succeed. But it's going to happen because this is a hard place. To that point, I'm proud of the Class of 29. Not everyone belongs at Texas A&M, but all of you who are here belong. I'm equally proud of the upperclassman who kept the standards tight but did it the right way. Tough and respectful. Demanding but not demeaning. We need that to continue. Our reputation and credibility remain very closely tied to how the fish system is administered.

All things considered, I've been particularly impressed by the way all of you have upheld the spirit of Texas A&M. Over the last five months I've learned a lot more about what that really means. I saw it last semester in the midst of the best football season in 34 years. I saw it during the first Corps march in Austin in over a decade. I saw it at the first Texas A&M appearance in the

College Football Play Offs. It was a great football season, it was a lot of fun, and the Corps was dead center in all of it.

Just as significantly, I was proud of the way our Corps kept the spirit when the chips were down, and it was harder to do so. There were some turbulent periods at both the University and in our Nation last fall. The Corps never stopped keeping the spirit and setting the example throughout. You stayed positive. When you voiced your opinion, you kept it civil and respectful. You were steady when your fellow students needed to see steadiness.

So, let's talk about the way forward this semester. In the best organizations, leaders at every level keep each other informed, and they feed off each other's motivation and purpose. With that in mind, I've got four issues I want to discuss with all of you before I hand it off to the Corps Commander. John and I are on the same sheet of music. He has been a part of every discussion and decision; he's fiercely represented all of your equities at every turn.

The first topic is leadership selection. All of you have a level of familiarity with this subject at this point. In December, John completed a series of briefings for all of you with a stake in the new process. He's going to talk about some more key details and requirements in a few minutes.

Thanks to a lot of hard work from a picked group of former and current Cadets on the Leadership Selection Task Force, all of you have gotten the sturdy, fair, merit-based, and Cadet-led process you've been asking for. In the new process no one votes but Cadets. The recommendations by the Task Force have been thoroughly scrubbed by the Corps Cadet leadership. Minor tweaks and corrections were made.

The plan is solid; now it's up to all of us to execute it well. It will require more from each of you in terms of preparation, participation, and thoughtful deliberation. It will be as good as the effort you put into it. Nothing is written in stone. As we go through it for the first time, I welcome your feedback. You need to be all-in. The continued success of our Corps depends on getting the right kind of tough and effective leaders in place.

On that note, I'll also mention that I've tasked my Operations Team with looking at how we take the Spring Commanders, Sergeants Major, and 1st Sergeants course to the next level. With the Corps Commander, I'll take a

brief on that before the end of the month.

The second topic is standards, discipline, and accountability. All of you have messaged that you want a Corps with high, fair, and consistent standards. That came out loud and clear in the climate survey; it comes out repeatedly in individual and small group discussions and conversations.

I've heard you and it resonates. Discipline and adherence to standards have always underpinned our Aggie Brand... and I'll say success in life. In this auditorium right now there are future senators, surgeons, lawyers, captains of industry and sales, generals and admirals, educators, and pilots... fathers and mothers. We owe all of you a Corps experience that burns in respect for those habits of thought and action that make a disciplined lifestyle.

My staff and I are doing everything we can to set conditions for the Cadet leadership to maintain a tough, standard-based and disciplined Corps. To that point, I'll tell all of you that last week I had one of the tougher days I've had as your Commandant. I sat down with my staff and the ROTC Department leadership for the application review process. Positively, we readmitted a number of Cadets back into the Corps who had been previously dismissed or left for a particular reason. These are good men and women who got the message and have worked hard to earn their way back. *Fall seven times and stand up eight.* Welcome back to all of you.

Many more Cadets were dismissed for failing to maintain standards- far too many. Height and weight, PFT failures, failure of required SOMs or ROTC classes, failure to maintain academic requirements, and unserved punishment (RDUBs). Very few exceptions were made, and then only for the most compelling factors. Keep faith with all these men and women. I hope we see many of them back.

This month will see the return of the traditional afternoon Bull Ring to the Quad. Marching tours will be served Friday afternoons while marching around the Quad with a rifle. Don't worry about a shortage of rifles; we bought 40 De-MILed Springfield rifles back in November. Cadets in the Bull Ring will be inspected first, then march for two hours. Marching tours will not be fun; they will suck. They're not supposed to be fun, but once they're served, they're over.

The last thing I'll mention on the subject of standards and discipline is evening formation. This semester, beginning tonight, there will be uniformity at

evening Corps formations. Everyone in the same uniform. We'll accomplish that by having some special units form and march separately, or in the case of members of the Cav, they'll fall in at the back of formations. In exceptional cases, and with the approval of the Outfit Commander, individuals unable to be in the prescribed uniform will be permitted to fall in at the back of the formation.

To be clear, I remain committed to the very special Outfit and Special Unit culture that exists within the Corps. It's a tool for cohesion, leadership, and training. It will be protected. At the same time, the Corps matters. When we form up or march as the Fighting Texas Aggie Cadet Corps, we're going to look like it. I want to thank the Special Unit Commanders of the Cav, the RVs, and the FDT for working with the Corps Commander on this issue.

We're stepping on the gas regarding Family Style Dining. Planning continues. This semester we'll buy the equipment and materials we need to execute family-style dining safely and effectively. I'm talking about things like rolling ovens and heating units, steel pitchers and covered steel serving trays, platters, and utensils. We're working with our Teammates at the University to achieve cost-neutrality in your meal plans. Cadets will be servers. We're going to move out on standing the storied Duncan Volunteers back up- we'll probably need between 60-70 Cadets per meal. Those Cadets will be paid. The current goal is two evening meals per week served family-style.

I think all of you understand why we're bringing this back to the Corps. Families that eat together stay together. Bonding over bread. This will also allow us to leverage some of the time saved and use it for better communications - Corps leadership announcements with the entire Corps all in place. Better communications is another issue you raised in the Climate Survey. I'm excited. We will continue further pilots again in February. The goal is to feed the entire Corps once a week before the end of the year.

The last subject is Recruiting. I'm going to cover this one in short order, but it's critically important. This year we brought in 722 fish. That's the smallest number in seven years. We have to do better this year than we did last year. People ask me whether quality or quantity matter more. My answer to them is 'yes.' We're working on both.

My bottom line is this - no one sells the Corps better than all of you do. I

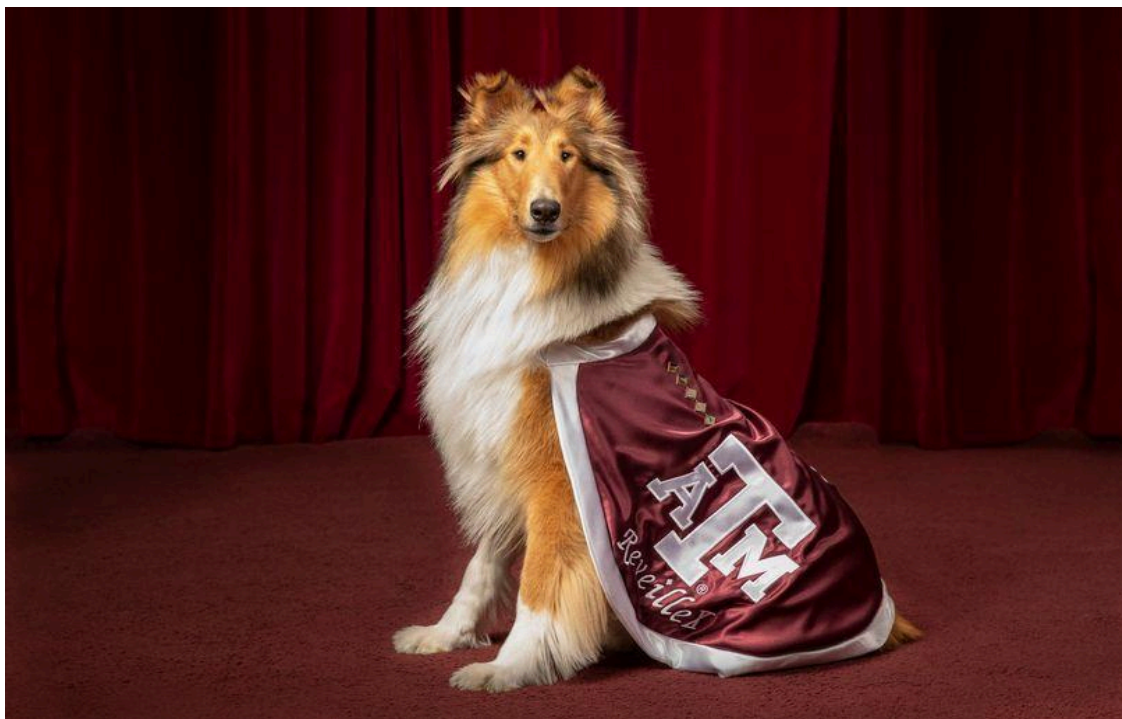
need every one of you to step up and be a recruiter. During these critical late winter and spring months please don't fail to personally engage with someone from your high school, family, or friend group who's thinking about it. You know who they are. In your conversations, be straight forward about the tough challenge. This place is not for the faint of heart. It's tough and gritty, but it's also fun and rewarding. Tell both sides of our story. Like we say in the Marine Corps, *"Every formation is a family reunion, and every meal is a feast."*

Now a couple of final thoughts. We're entering the Spring Semester. More often than not this second semester can be a mentally and emotionally challenging period. In and of itself it's just not going to be as much fun as an exciting fall woven in with an 11-2 football season. That said, there are still lots of good, fun, and motivating challenges ahead. Corps competitions, March to the Brazos, leading the way in honoring our fellow Aggies at Muster, different and special rites of passage for each Class, and Cadets preparing for and stepping into new roles.

Without a doubt life will throw some curve balls at us in the process. There will be things we can't anticipate that challenge all of us, individually and as a Corps. No matter what happens, we're going to take care of each other and keep it cheerful and positive. You've all heard me talk about this before. Stay tough, control the things you can, and always keep a smile on your face. In the SEAL TMs, they talk about something they call the three-foot rule. That means concentrating on the things you can control in your immediate three-foot world (primarily your own attitude and actions), and ignoring the things you can't control.

Finally, I ask all of you to continue to play your position... until the last day. Care enough about the Fighting Texas Aggie Cadet Corps and the Cadets who follow you to not drop your pack. We need you in the fight until the fight is over.

It's your Corps, and it's bigger than just you. Honor all the hard work and sacrifice to this point (by you *and* your families) by running through the tape. Thank you. I'm proud as hell to be your Commandant. I'm all in. God bless and Gig 'Em.



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The Sul Ross Group (SRG) Board of Directors (BoD) are solely responsible for producing the SRG Bulletins. We do so in keeping with one of our four charged SRG Constitution's purposes, which is to ensure our represented SRG Membership is kept informed on pertinent topics in a timely manner.

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SRG Board of Directors' Resolutions for: 2024 – 2026

- To keep the Sul Ross Group (SRG) membership informed of pertinent topics and activities on campus through periodic SRG Bulletins.
- As investors of A&M, to continue to meet with and to offer our support and assistance to the leadership of TAMUS, TAMU, the Association of Former Students, A&M Foundation, the Commandant, the Corps Commander, and student government leaders.
- To support A&M's Core Values and traditions and share these with all we meet, especially students, stressing unity of purpose and effort within the A&M community.
- To continue the ongoing review, execution and improvement of new student integration and assimilation into TAMU, working with and assisting the V.P. of Student Affairs, if invited, by periodically observing new student orientation – avoiding “not too much nor too little” oversight of student run organizations.
- Be it resolved that the SRG support their strategic goal of preserving what sets TAMU apart as distinctive and transcendent, as elder statesmen, and in accordance with the SRG's four established Constitutional objectives while serving TAMU, the Association, and our membership.