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From the Director..

The Transformative Power of Service

BOOM! And just like that...one fireworks display later, it's a whole New Year. The same way a fireworks show transforms the old to the New Year, "community service" is energy with transformative power. As we start a fresh new year together, I ask each of you to consider the "power" of your service. This power includes positively impacting the lives of others. As AFJROTC cadets, the power of your service is **transformative for those you serve...but just as important, it transforms you as an individual!**

Colonel Bobby C. Woods, Jr.
AFJROTC Director

Across our nation and the globe, YOUR service, selflessness, and leadership provides positive impacts in your school, community, and our nation. The 1.6+ MILLION hours of community service you perform each year truly makes a

difference! You have seen people who need help and things that need to be done, and you decided to do something about it. That is real power.

YOU are setting the example! First, by seeing what needs to be done (recognizing it), and second, by doing something positive (actions). When you decide to act, and decide to give of your time and talents, YOU make things better. You represent the Air Force and AFJROTC very well and all of us are very thankful for your example. Well done cadets and instructors!

Our Air Force second core value is "Service Before Self." As the second of only three Air Force core values, have you ever wondered "why" it's so important? Why is it so powerful?

1. **Service is action, not talk!** When we make the decision to act and do something positive, we take the first steps toward changing things for the better, steps toward making our nation and world better. **Your action in serving others sets an example and that example... is leadership.**
2. **Service is proof of unselfishness!** Selfishness or an unhealthy "inward focus" rather than having an "outward focus" on others is much too common in our world today. Unselfishness through service demonstrates that our "duty" takes precedence over our personal desires. It's confirmation that we care enough about something to give our time and efforts to support it.

3. **Putting others before ourselves reveals the high character trait of true HUMILITY and creates an honorable example others will want to emulate!** It is through our "quiet doing" over and over again

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From the Director...

that others begin to respect, appreciate, admire, and follow us. Know that when we first decide... and then act, we touch lives that we may not even be aware of. When we take time to be kind and offer a smile or an encouraging word to someone and then back it up with positive action that proves our concern, we connect as people in a way that is very powerful. **Service is powerful!**

4. **Serving others is personally rewarding!**

Knowing that we helped others and were part of something bigger than ourselves, gives us a sense of accomplishment that makes us feel pride to have contributed in a positive way! It feels good to help others. It also gets us out in our communities and helps build important relationships. It also proves social responsibility.

5. **Service transforms!**

Service positively impacts others and transforms schools, communities, neighbors, friends, our nation, and our world and it also teaches and transforms us at the same time. It's through our service and connecting with others and the life lessons we learn from it that helps make us better and our nation stronger. This is the power of service.

It is impossible to be a true leader without serving others! Leadership and service are tied together.

If you want respect... then humbly serve others. If you want to be a leader... then humbly serve others.

Our most revered and respected historical leaders were men and women of **humble character** who put service before self and chose to serve others. They led by

example! They were leaders and citizens who willingly sacrificed for the greater good. Always remember, no matter our background or family heritage, ALL of us are brothers and sisters as Americans!

Our core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do are the same values that **instill confidence, earn lasting respect, and help make us a team.** Our core values point to universal unchanging truths. When lived out day after day, our example is powerful and positively influences others. Leadership is in essence, influence! We all know that "rank" doesn't make us leaders. Rank and position never makes us a leader. So what makes a leader?

Regular exercise and practice of humility, genuine care for others, integrity, service, excellence, which is all welded together with personal high character...makes a leader! If you are this kind of a person, then you are a leader. It's much more than just knowing something to be true in your mind, only by "applying" what you know is true and consistently doing it (actions), is where our character is revealed and developed. Your 1.6+ million hours of service each year is proof that you are "do-ers!"

As AFJROTC cadets, you are a TEAM that is 120,000+ strong! Your service certainly transforms other people and places, but it also teaches and transforms YOU as well.

This is the transformative power of service and AFJROTC! Let's continue to be do-ers this New Year!



From the Deputy Director...



Mr. Scotty Lewis
AFJROTC Deputy

AFJROTC Outreach – New Beginnings

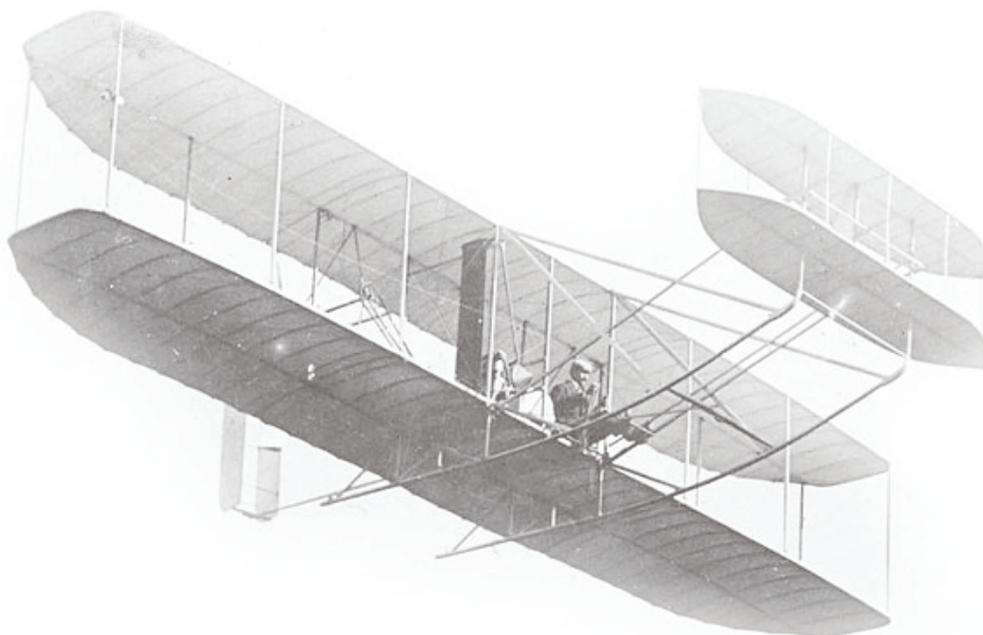
Your AFJROTC Headquarters for some time now has recognized the need for some form of Outreach to spread the message, value and impact of JROTC. In the past the headquarters has not been manned to accomplish anything beyond basic mission requirements. Over the last six months we have undergone a complete reorganization with the intent of becoming more efficient, effective, and service oriented. The results have been extremely positive and have placed us in a position to fully develop an Outreach Branch within the headquarters.

The purpose of the Outreach Branch is three fold: to develop states within which we are underrepresented, to recruit quality instructor candidates across the board and specifically for hard to fill locations, and to develop advocates for the overall program within and outside the Air Force. Each area has huge potential for the entire program. At the unit level it should mean minimized gaps in vacancies, improved funding, and greater levels of support for the program as a whole.

We would not begin to suggest these will be simple tasks, quite the contrary. The opportunities for this grass roots organization are nearly endless: travel to underrepresented states to develop relationships and trust with the hope of adding new units in those areas, reaching out to potential new instructors via Corporate Gray, AFSA, A/TA, AFA, TAP, Twitter, Facebook, etc. to broaden our recruiting efforts and means of advertising the mission of AFJROTC and the value of giving back as an instructor, and finally developing advocates within our service via an “Advocacy Council,” through the CMSAF, the Air University Board of Visitors, etc. Again, we believe there are tremendous opportunities for program growth in underrepresented states, instructor recruiting, and program advocacy.

Again, the primary focus of all of this is to “sell” AFJROTC...how easy is that! 1.6 million community service hours performed in nearly 900 communities around the world by an organization committed to excellence, community service, citizenship, and leadership development. 1.6 million hours representing unselfish, personally rewarding, transformational action. As we start down this “outreach” path to sell our program to various audiences expect correspondence from our new JRI Deputy Division Chief, Lt Col Warner White, in the very near future soliciting your support and ideas.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our program. My best and Happy New Year!



Instructor Management Corner



Mr. David Richerson
Chief, Instructor Management

Happy New Year! With the school year at the halfway point for most, I am hopeful that each of you are doing well and that your cadets are excelling.

As many of you know, back in the summer of 2016 we were fortunate enough to get Captain Jason Kitchen to begin our new Outreach Branch. Since then, Captain Kitchen has successfully gotten AFJROTC opportunities communicated via multiple means including AFPC Retirements, Troops to Teachers, and all Family Readiness Centers across the Air Force, as well as direct communications with numerous potential instructors. His efforts have paid off already and will certainly do so into the future.

We welcome Lt Col Warner White to the JRI team as our new Deputy

Chief of Instructor Management. He hails from Oklahoma and has an extensive background in Industrial Engineering and operational research. His main focus will be to take our Outreach efforts to the next level.

Transfers: As a reminder, existing instructors who meet all the prerequisites in Chapter 17 of AFJROTCI 36-2001 may apply for any vacancy at any time up to 1 June 2017. On that date new transfers are locked and any current instructor who is not already in the transfer process will be considered “on contract” for the upcoming year at their current school (signed DD Form 2767 or not). All interested instructors must receive specific approval from Holm Center/JRI to apply for a transfer. For many, a transfer will not be possible until completion of three years at the current school. Transfers will only occur in the summer months, once the school year is over (this includes overseas/DoDDS locations). Any transfer-approved instructor who accepts an offer at another school must send in a completed AFJROTC Form 98 within 15 days of accepting the new offer. Only then can we advertise for the pending vacancy the transfer would create. Please familiarize yourself with Chapter 17 to see all of the specific policies.

Outstanding Instructor Awards (OIA): The nomination process can be found in AFJROTCI 36-2001, Chapter 18. Please note: all nominations must be received by Instructor Management no later than 1 May 2017.

Planning is underway for the 2017 Junior ROTC Instructor Certification Course (JICC). All new instructors hired before 1 May 2017 are required to attend. Those hired on or after 1 May 2017 will likely be deferred to JICC 2018. Additionally, those instructors who received a “Does Not Meet Standards” Unit Evaluation score, or those who have been otherwise directed, are required to attend JICC 2017. For planning purposes, the date range is **10 to 22 July 2017**. If there are any humanitarian issues that would create a deferment need, please email HQ-Instructor Management early.

Seminar Leaders Needed! We expect to host nearly 200 JICC student-attendees, and we need 40 Seminar Leaders to make it happen. If any of you are interested in potentially being a Seminar Leader for JICC 2017, please get with your Region Director soonest. We cannot do it without you!

We hope you and your cadets have an exciting and safe spring!



Operations Update...from the RDs

RD's UE Observations/Tips

Thank you all for your efforts and hard work in accomplishing the AFJROTC mission. During unit visits, thus far this year, we have been impressed with the high quality cadets and programs that many of you are leading. A key to your success as an instructor is staying connected to HQ AFJROTC ... remember you are required to log into WINGS and afjrotc.com email at least weekly and staying plugged in has proven to be the best way to solve issues or get questions answered. If you haven't enrolled your email account for self-help (account.holmcenter.com) to enable you to reset your password or unlock your account if necessary, do it now!

The absolute best advice we can give all units is to do an **honest, very thorough, self-assessment** – it is key to the overall success of your unit. Go through the checklist in a detailed way (don't assume an item is correct) using the rubric and other written guidance (Assessment Checklist and Rubric 2017, AFJROTCI 36-2001, AFJROTC Consolidated Operational Supplement, Curriculum Guide, HQ emails and newsletters, etc.) Your self-assessment is now rated in the assessment report and must be completed and submitted in WINGS prior to a staff assistance visit (SAV), or unit evaluation (UE), or 15 March whichever is earlier. If your unit does not have a SAV/UE this year, your self-assessment must be completed/submitted by 15 March. If you find discrepancies, note them on your self-assessment and then correct them. The completed UE report may not necessarily be a mirror image of your self-assessment, but it should be readily apparent that you did a thorough self-assessment. It's a great idea to have another set of eyes (instructor from another unit and/or your cadet or school leadership team) help with your self-assessment. Be sure they understand the checklist, rubric, and requirements of the unit visit. Give your unit the best chance to shine by starting with and documenting in WINGS a thorough self-assessment.

Here are some reminders from various sections of the checklist where we have seen repetitive discrepancies across units so far this year:

Section II (Title 10/DOD/School Agreement) If your school is not meeting the requirements in any area, annotate that on your self-assessment and let HQ AFJROTC know about it whether you have an external HQ visit this year or not. Please know that HQ AFJROTC expects the SASI to lead and properly manage a compliant AFJROTC program,

to include voluntary enrollment and when necessary disenrollment decisions. We also expect the school administration to fully support those efforts. If a student is non-compliant, and instructors, school counselors, administration, parents or peers can't positively influence that student towards compliance, then that student "must be removed" from your program whenever during the school year it is necessary, as determined by the SASI. It's the SASI who is the decision maker in consultation with the other team members mentioned above. If the school will not support this process, then we expect the SASI to inform the HQ.

Section III (Instructor Performance) Item 3... reimbursement requests where units used O&M or MILPER for cadet transportation, lodging or meals and failed to include the MFR and cadet roster as attachments to the request (See Chapter 8 of the Ops Supplement). Additionally, ALL Credit card transactions must be followed up with required receipt documentation within 10 days of HQs payment to vendors.

Section III-Items 7 and 8 ... units did not include all required items in the course syllabus and 7-year curriculum plan. Both the course syllabus and the curriculum plan must indicate the AS and LE Units or Chapters taught by semester.

Section V (Co-Curricular) Items 4 and 5 ... these two items received more discrepancies than any other checklist items. An Exceeds Standards in Section V-1 is seven or more co-curricular activities. Most units have more than seven but fail to give themselves credit – during a UE don't forget to put these in the cadet mission briefing and brief the HQs inspector. Many units received an Exceeds on V-1 but, discrepancies in V-4 and V-5 due to errors/omissions related to entering co-curricular events in WINGS. Examples (not all inclusive) of co-curricular activities supported by more than one event ... (Color Guard, Flag Detail, Flag Folding Team, Flag Retirement Team, POW/MIA Ceremony Team, Drill Team, Multi-copter Team, RC Aircraft Team, Academic Bowl Team, Cyber Patriot Team, Stellar Xplorers Team, Spirit Team, AFJROTC Chorus, School Beatification Team, Community Cleanup Team, Stadium Cleanup Team, Adopt-a-Highway Team, Step Team, Raider Team, PT Team, APT Team, Recruiting Team, Rocket Team, Orienteering Team, Food Bank Team, Archery Team, Marksmanship Team, Tutoring Team, etc.) The list can go on and on.... be creative based on what your cadets can and want to do at your unit, school, and community.

Operations Update...

Section VI (Cadet Operations) Item 1 ... review the requirements such as grooming standards upon enrollment (that is day #1 when a student is in AFJROTC class) and 45 day requirement for all cadets to be in uniform, (with explainable exceptions). It was disappointing to see more than a couple of units with students that didn't look or act like cadets because they did not demonstrate minimum acceptable uniform wear and/or personal grooming standards well into the school year. Ensure guidance counselors know about the grooming and uniform wear requirements of AFJROTC. Have uniform standards in the cadet guide and detailed consequences for not wearing the uniform or wearing it improperly. Ensure the cadet staff monitor and uphold those standards. Additionally, cadet staff should be impeccable in uniform and grooming standards.

Section VII (Unit Operations) Item 8 ... PFT events not completed (this includes cadets added late into the class) and no Mass Assessment Report were completed into WINGS within first 45 calendar days of school. Also, do a thorough check of your 2017 Parental Consent Wellness forms, make sure it has been signed by the student and the parent and ensure "YES or NO" has been circled at the top indicating that the parent has given permission for the cadet to participate in the wellness program.

There is always a lot going on in AFJROTC, especially during the last half of the school year! Spring PSR is due 10 Feb as well as the annual ADPE inventory/certification. Be mindful of the upcoming CLC funding requirements and other budget deadlines. Work all the requirements sooner rather than later, and please do not miss a deadline!



Companion Websites

Aerospace Science and Leadership Education Courses



In 2012 the first-ever companion website for an AFJROTC course was created —*The Science of Flight: A Gateway to New Horizons*. The first leadership course to receive this exciting enhancement is the new *Leadership Education 300: Life Skills and Career Opportunities*. Since then, Companion Websites have been added for AS220: Cultural Studies, Global Awareness; AS300: Exploration of Space; LE100: Traditions, Wellness, and Foundations of Citizenship. Currently LE200: Communication, Awareness, and Leadership along with AS100: A Journey Into Aviation History are under revision. Once these two textbooks are completed they will also have a companion website. Additionally, any future revisions will have a companion website if not previously provided.

These innovative, engaging educational tools offer online resources to support classroom education. The websites are designed to provide students with study aids to help them master the material in the textbook, prepare for upcoming classes, expand the scope of the textbook, and grant them access to student resources and up-to-date information. Additional web links and resources are available for teachers only. Student resources include items such as crossword puzzles, interactive glossaries, interactive flashcards, checkpoints lesson reviews, quizzes, and web links.

Instructions for accessing each of the companion websites can be found in WINGS / Published Files / Directory / JROTC / AFJROTC Curriculum. After opening AFJROTC Curriculum folder, open the content folder for the companion website you wish to access. Follow the instructions provided for the instructor and separate cadet login and passwords. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CHANGE EITHER THE INSTRUCTOR OR CADET LOGIN OR PASSWORD!**

For additional questions concerning companion websites please contact:

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2016-2017 Academic Bowl Level 1 Results

Congratulations to each of the 248 teams that participated in the 2016-17 Air Force JROTC Academic Bowl – Level I. It was a difficult competition! The teams listed below (in alphabetical order) qualified to advance to the next level of competition. Level II will be held February 1-15 and will determine the eight teams (four from each division) that will participate in the Championship in June 2017. Good luck to all the teams!

Division 1

Alamogordo High School	Alamogordo, NM
Alan B. Shepard High School	Palos Heights, IL
Arlington Career Center	Arlington, VA
Brentwood High School	Brentwood, NY
Buena Park High School	Buena Park, CA
Central High School	San Angelo, TX
Christian County High School	Hopkinsville, KY
Cleveland High School	Porter, TX
Dupo/Columbia High School	Dupo, IL
Durango High School	Las Vegas, NV
East Mecklenburg High School	Charlotte, NC
East Paulding High School	Dallas, GA
Foley High School	Foley, AL
Greeneville High School	Greeneville, TN
Independence High School	Charlotte, NC
J. Frank Dobie High School	Houston, TX
Jacksonville High School	Jacksonville, AR
Jefferson High School	Shenandoah Junction, WV
Jersey Village High School	Jersey Village, TX
John F. Kennedy High School	Tamuning, GU
Kailua High School	Kailua, HI
Lancaster High School	Lancaster, CA
Leesburg High School	Leesburg, FL
Lockhart High School	Lockhart, TX
Lowell High School	Lowell, MA
Mainland High School	Daytona Beach, FL
Marion Center High School	Marion Center, PA
Medina Valley High School	Castroville, TX
Mitchell High School	Colorado Springs, CO
North Quincy High School	Quincy, MA
North Side High School	Jackson, TN
Northside High School	Warner Robins, GA
Oak Grove High School	San Jose, CA
Oak Ridge High School	Orlando, FL
Palm Springs High School	Palm Springs, CA
Patrick Henry High School	Roanoke, VA

Pensacola High School	Pensacola, FL
Pottstown High School	Pottstown, PA
Riverdale High School	New Orleans, LA
San Jacinto High School	San Jacinto, CA
Skyview Academy (Mapleton)	Thornton, CO
Springfield High School	Springfield, TN
Stonewall Jackson High School	Manassas, VA
Sunnyslope High School	Phoenix, AZ
United High School	Laredo, TX
Washington High School	Kansas City, KS
Wekiva High School	Apopka, FL
Western Hills High School	Fort Worth, TX
William Blount High School	Maryville, TN
William Fleming High School	Roanoke, VA

Division 2

Air Academy High School	USAF Academy, CO
Alvirne High School	Hudson, NH
Beebe High School	Beebe, AR
Bellbrook High School	Bellbrook, OH
Bellevue West High School	Bellevue, NE
Bitburg High School	Bitburg, Germany
Blue Springs High School	Blue Springs, MO
Blue Springs South High School	Blue Springs, MO
Byron P. Steele High School	Cibolo, TX
Clover High School	Clover, SC
Collins Hill High School	Suwane, GA
Beebe High School	Beebe, AR
Bellbrook High School	Bellbrook, OH
Bellevue West High School	Bellevue, NE
Bitburg High School	Bitburg, Germany
Blue Springs High School	Blue Springs, MO
Blue Springs South High School	Blue Springs, MO
Byron P. Steele High School	Cibolo, TX
Clover High School	Clover, SC
Collins Hill High School	Suwanee, GA
Crescenta Valley High School	La Crescenta, CA
Cy-Fair High School	Cypress, TX

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Cypress Woods High School	Cypress, TX	Old Bridge High School	Matawan, NJ
Desert High School	Edwards AFB, CA	Osan American High School	Seoul, South Korea
Earl Warren High School	San Antonio, TX	Owen Valley High School	Spencer, IN
Edward S. Marcus High School	Flower Mound, TX	Pasquotank County High School	Elizabeth City, NC
F.W. Springstead High School	Spring Hill, FL	Piscataway High School	Piscataway, NJ
Falcon High School	Peyton, CO	Ronald Reagan High School	Pfafftown, NC
Fort Dorchester High School	North Charleston, SC	Sand Creek High School	Colorado Springs, CO
Fort Walton Beach High School	Fort Walton Beach, FL	Sandra Day O'Connor High School	Helotes, TX
Franklin High School	El Paso, TX	Sandra Day O'Connor High School	Phoenix, AZ
Heritage High School	Maryville, TN	Satellite High School	Satellite Beach, FL
Hernando High School	Brooksville, FL	Scripps Ranch High School	San Diego, CA
James Bowie High School	Austin, TX	Shadow Mountain High School	Phoenix, AZ
James F. Byrnes High School	Duncan, SC	South Anchorage High School	Anchorage, AK
King's Fork High School	Suffolk, VA	Spring Valley High School	Columbia, SC
Klein Collins High School	Spring, TX	St Martin High School	Ocean Springs, MS
Klein Oak High School	Spring, TX	St. Paul's School	Covington, LA
Lafayette High School	Wildwood, MO	Taunton High Schools	Taunton, MA
Leander High School	Leander, TX	The Woodlands High School	The Woodlands, TX
Lincoln-Way Central High School	INew Lenox, IL	Timber Creek High School	Orlando, FL
Lincoln-Way East High School	Frankfort, IL	Utah Military Academy	Riverdale, UT
Lockport Township High School	Lockport, IL	Valencia High School	Valencia, CA
Lowndes High School	Valdosta, GA	Walter L. Sickles High School	Tampa, FL
McDowell High School	Erie, PA	Wando High School	Mount Pleasant, SC
Melbourne High School	Melbourne, FL	Washburn Rural High School	Topeka KS
Menchville High School	Newport News, VA	Washington Township High School	Sewell, NJ
Mira Mesa High School	San Diego, CA	West Aurora High School	Aurora, IL
Moanalua High School	Honolulu, HI	West Monroe High School	West Monroe, LA
Naugatuck High School	Naugatuck, CT	West Nassau High School	Callahan, FL
New Albany High School	New Albany, MS	West Orange High School	Winter Garden, FL
North Davidson High School	Lexington, NC	Westwood High School	Austin, TX
Northridge High School	Layton, UT	William Howard Taft High School	San Antonio, TX
Northwest Cabarrus High School	Concord, NC	Wylie East High School	Wylie, TX
Oak Ridge High School	Conroe, TX		

WAY TO GO!!!

News & Noteworthy...

GOLD VALOR AWARD, AY 2016/2017

Recognizes the most outstanding voluntary acts of self-sacrifice and personal bravery by a cadet involving conspicuous risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.

AR-20061 Cadet Jesse Clayton
TX-20062 Cadet Seth Huskey

SILVER VALOR AWARD, AY 2016/2017

Awarded to a cadet for a voluntary act of heroism which does not meet the risk-of-life requirements of the Gold Valor Award.

CA-954 Cadet Ryan Sorby
DE-941 Cadet Aidan Wilson
DE-941 Cadet Julie Dumont
IN-061 Cadet Charles Letson
MA-941 Cadet John Robles
NJ-20132 Cadet Aamore Richards
NJ-20132 Cadet Ayana Tapper
PA-20101 Cadet Henry Gaffey
TX-20018 Cadet Trevor Noel

HUMANITARIAN AWARD, AY 2016/2017

GA-081 Cadet Clay McFarland
GA-081 Cadet Cole McFarland
GA-20131 Cadet Giovanni Nieves

COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH EXCELLENCE AWARD, AY 2016/2017

NC-072 Cadet Noah Weaver

UNIT EVALUATION

"EXCEEDS STANDARDS"

FL-022 Choctawhatchee High School
IN-20011 Terre Haute North Vigo High School
FL-822 Northeast High School
WV-953 Nitro High School
WV-951 South Charleston High School
MA-20001 Taunton High School
PA-20052 Swenson Arts and Technology High School
CO-20071 Sand Creek High School
CO-20031 Falcon High School
LA-072 Airline High School
LA-073 Bossier High School
TX-881 Edward S. Marcus High School
NV-031 Rancho High School
IA-20051 West High School
UT-20141 Utah Military Academy
UT-931 Northridge High School
ID-20141 Kuna High School
AZ-083 Peoria High School
AZ-20064 Sandra Day O'Connor High School
GA-066 Perry High School
WI-951 Greenfield High School
MD-901 Eleanor Roosevelt High School
MD-091 High Point High School
MD-801 Oakland Mills High School
IL-981 Alton High School
GA-942 Bainbridge High School
GA-946 Mitchell County High School
GA-051 Tift County High School
SC-821 Socastee High School
SC-922 James Island Charter High School
GR-081 Kaiserslautern High School
OK-20151 Broken Arrow Senior High School
NC-032 Terry Sanford High School
AZ-20062 Higley High School
IL-941 Dupu Community High School

AR-20061 CADET AWARDED GOLD VALOR AWARD & KEY TO THE CITY

When Cadet Jesse Clayton of Westside High School/AFJROTC in Jonesboro, AR (AR-20061) went on a mission trip to Nicaragua with his church last summer, he had no idea the life threatening danger he would encounter or the recognition for his bravery that would follow.



On what was supposed to be an “off day” on an otherwise very busy trip, Cadet Clayton and other members of his group were swimming in the ocean near San Juan del Sur, when they were caught up in a rip tide. While most of the group was able to easily make their way safely back to the shore, two women in the group, including the wife of group’s translator, were swept out into the ocean. Cadet Clayton and another member of the group quickly swam out to the women. While his friend was able to rescue one of

the victims without much of a problem, Cadet Clayton and the second woman, who did not know how to swim, were swept even further out into the ocean. Despite being pulled under water, he was able to hold onto her and swim close enough to a nearby dock to call out in Spanish for help. Men working on the dock threw out a rope and life preserver and Cadet Clayton was able to attach it to the woman and have her pulled to safety, before himself being pulled onto the dock.

In recognition of his heroic efforts, Cadet Clayton was awarded the Air Force Junior ROTC Gold Valor Award. Region 6 Director Mr. Wayne Barron presented the award during his Staff Assistant Visit to AR-20061 in November, but that wasn’t the end of the recognition for Cadet Clayton. When Mayor Harold Perrin of the City of Jonesboro heard about Cadet Clayton’s actions, and that he had received the highest award in all of AFJROTC, he wanted to make a presentation of his own. In December, the mayor issued a proclamation declaring December 6th, 2016 as “Cadet Jesse Clayton Day” in Jonesboro, AR and presented him with the “Key to the City”.

As for Cadet Clayton, he has taken all of this recognition in stride simply saying that he was “at the right place at the right time and only doing what anyone else would have done”. He has already completed another mission trip to Africa and will be returning to Nicaragua with his church group next summer. 🇺🇸

NC-072 CADET WEAVER AWARDED COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH EXCELLENCE RIBBON

By Sonia Dickerson, Communications Director

Though only eighteen years old, Surry Central High School student Noah Weaver, has a deep respect for military veterans, both past and present. Over the past several years Noah and his father, Stephen Weaver, have taken it upon themselves to honor veterans in a very special way. In Noah’s sophomore year, he and his father began to scout Surry County for veteran gravesites. They found twenty cemeteries in the county where veterans were buried. Some of the cemeteries were abandoned and completely overgrown. They found many of the grave markers and headstones overrun with grass and weeds. They killed the weeds and trimmed the grass at all the sites which needed it, including those of veterans who served as far back as the Revolutionary War. They didn’t stop there. Out of their own pockets, the Weavers paid for hundreds of flags. They placed small flags on the individual sites and large flags at the entrance to each cemetery. For his initiative and patriotism, the United States Air Force awarded Cadet Weaver the Community Service with Excellence Ribbon. Weaver, an Air Force Junior ROTC cadet from Surry Central High School is only the second cadet in the history of the school’s program to receive such recognition. Recently, he received the ribbon in front of his fellow cadets. Retired MSgt Greg McCormick, Noah’s JROTC instructor has known Noah for many years.



“We are very proud of Noah; he exemplifies what it means to serve others. He is an outstanding cadet and a wonderful person.” Noah has already received an appointment letter from Virginia Military Institute. 🇺🇸

TX-20062 CADET RECEIVES GOLD VALOR AWARD

Cadet Seth Huskey, of The Woodlands, received the Air Force Junior ROTC Gold Valor Award during the Conroe ISD JROTC Salute to Veterans parade Nov. 11.



The Conroe ISD JROTC Programs took a moment at the annual Salute to Veterans Parade Friday, Nov. 11, to recognize Cadet Seth Huskey, of The Woodlands, and present him with the Air Force Junior ROTC Gold Valor Award at the event.

In his introduction, Lt. Col. David C. "Chris" McMartin, AFJROTC teacher at The Woodlands High School, shared that on Saturday, May 14, 2016, Huskey was serving as a lifeguard for an annual Ironman triathlon. During the race, he noticed a man struggling in the open water of the lake and calling for help during the swimming portion of the event. Huskey took immediate action by jumping off his kayak and swimming to rescue the man who was roughly twice his own body weight. He risked his own life to grab the man, take him to a nearby kayak for assessment, and keep him safe and calm.

"Cadet Huskey voluntarily assumed great personal risk and demonstrated a level of bravery in keeping with Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do," McMartin said.

The Gold Valor Award is the highest honor the AFJROTC can bestow on a cadet and recognizes the most outstanding voluntary acts of self-sacrifice and personal bravery by a cadet involving conspicuous risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.

Lt. Col. Mary Catherine "Catie" Hague, commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 003, University of Houston, presented Huskey with the AFJROTC Gold Valor Award along with the accompanying ribbon, certificate and a personal letter of congratulations from the AFJROTC National Director, Col. Bobby Woods. 

NC-951 CADET DOWELL RECEIVES AF ACADEMY NOMINATION

Cadet Trace Dowell of NC-951 received his US Air Force Academy Nomination Certificate from Senator Thom Tillis in a ceremony in Charlotte, NC.

Senator Tillis came to the ceremony in Charlotte directly from observing USMC Field Training exercises in the Jacksonville, NC area. It was a great evening for Cadet Dowell, his family, and NC-951. We are all proud of him. 



WAY TO GO CADET DAUGHTRIDGE!



On September 12, 2016 Cadet Second Lieutenant Sydney Daughtridge was recognized by Edgecombe County Board of Education for her efforts in collecting school supplies for

the children of Edgecombe County during this past summer. Her community spirit and effort allowed nearly 300 students to start the 2016 – 2017 school year with adequate supplies and the opportunity to succeed in the classroom. This superstar is an esteemed member of NC-945 Air Force Junior ROTC program and an outstanding student for Southwest Edgecombe High School. 

FL-881 CADET EARNS HIS WINGS!

Cadet Major Jordan Szeto, an AS3 cadet at FL-881 (Dr. Phillips High School, Orlando, FL) attended a flight camp this past summer at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University to pursue his dream - to fly!!

Cadet Szeto made the commitment to attend the prestigious camp this past summer. While there,



he met people who shared his passion for flying. They worked as a team as they tackled the challenges of ground school, flight lessons, oral exams and multiple "check rides." It took

Cadet Szeto 52 hours of practice flying time before he climbed into a plane at the Palatka Municipal Airport by himself. With his instructor watching from outside the plane, Cadet Szeto taxied down the runway, took off and flew solo for the first time! Cadet Szeto says, "That was probably one of my biggest accomplishments." When he landed, there were congratulations and handshakes all around.

Cadet Szeto, a junior, is currently a Squadron Commander in FL-881. He has been active in the corps since he was an AS1. He is a member of the Honor Guard, Drill Corps and Kitty Hawk Air Society. So needless to say, Cadet Szeto is busy and dedicated to Air Force JROTC. After his time here at Dr. Phillips High School, Cadet Szeto is planning to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He hopes to become either a commercial pilot or to fly as a tanker pilot for the United States Air Force.

When asked about his experience at the flight camp at Embry-Riddle, Cadet Szeto will tell you that it was a fantastic experience and he highly recommends attending the camp if you have a desire to fly. Admittedly, the cost to attend the camp is quite high, but it's worth it if your ultimate destination is to fly among the clouds!!



AL-936 CADET COLONEL MCMILLIAN ATTENDS 2017 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Cadet Colonel Myia McMillian was selected to attend the inauguration celebration and Oath of Office of the 45th President of the United States by the Envision High School Summit Scholars Program. She spent five splendid days in Washington, D.C., January 18 – 22, 2017. Cadet McMillian is currently a senior at Wilcox Central High School and Squadron Commander for AL-936 in Camden, AL. She witnessed history as the President delivered the Inaugural Address on the National Mall. Cadet McMillian enjoyed exclusive early morning access to the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History to warm up before leaving for the Mall to experience the Inauguration Ceremony. She met and exchanged



with world-renown thought leaders, influencers, and celebrities including Malala Yousafzai, 18 year old student from Pakistan and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Cadet McMillian also enjoyed an evening of music, dancing, mingling and more at an Inaugural Black Tie Gala at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. Myia had the incredible opportunity to lead conversation as she and other Summit Scholar leaders presented and discussed critical current event issues within a real-world democratic environment. Cadet McMillian is the daughter of Sharon and Kevin McMillian of Camden. The outstanding accomplishments of Cadet McMillian reflect great credit upon her family, school, and community. Congratulations to Cadet Colonel Myia McMillian.



Unit News...

AFJROTC GR-083 BITBURG HIGH SCHOOL, GERMANY ATTENDS THE JOINT SERVICE CADET OLYMPIAD

On 22-24 April, the Cadets of AFJROTC from Bitburg MHS Germany had the rare opportunity to travel across the Atlantic to compete in the Joint Service Grand National Championship Olympiad in Orlando, Florida. They took a team of twelve Cadets, and despite their relatively small roster, they competed in a wide range of events, including Academic Brain Bowl, Color Guard (male, female and mixed), Drill (Inspection and Regulation), Marksmanship, and Athletics, with each Cadets participating in multiple events. Overall the planning, preparation and training paid off:

- 2nd Place, Academic Brain Bowl against 31 teams.
- 2nd Place Unarmed Drill Inspection against 93 teams
- 3rd Place Female Color Guard
- 3rd Place Unarmed Drill Regulation



GR-083 Mixed PT Team, L-R Cadets Matthew O'Connor, Vivian Mensch, Jarrell Cooper, Francesca Gatterburg, Jordan Soles

This was a once-in-a lifetime opportunity, allowing these cadets to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the JROTC program. In preparation for the trip, the cadets did a significant amount of fundraising and there was a generous outpouring of support and donations from the Spangdahlem-Bitburg community. These Cadets are the sons and daughters of American Military and DoD personnel stationed in Germany, and for many it was the first time in years that they have visited the States.

AL-961 RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Cadets representing Southside High School AL-61 in Selma were on hand to receive the 2016 Governor's Award for their work in the Alabama Adopt-a-Mile Program. Presenting the award, from left, are Mr. Jeff Helms, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Alabama People Against a Littered State (PALS); Lt Col Steve Ruiz, SASI; Cadets



Keundrik Peterson, Alyssa Thicklin, Jer'Markiaus Hall and Toneesia Atkins. Southside HS AL-961 competed for the Governor's Award against high schools organizations from across the entire state of Alabama. This also marks the second year that AL-961 has earned this award, the first being the year 2000.

UK-20021 PERFORM SABRE CORDON FOR GENERAL TOD D. WOLTERS, USAFE/CC



General Tod D. Wolters, Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe visited Alconbury RAF, UK and the cadets from UK-20021 performed a sabre cordon for him. After he walked through the sabre cordon, he turned around and came back through and shook each of their hands. The cadets then literally had a front row seat to listen to his talk to the wing. Great experience for all!"

CA-956 AFMC COMMANDER HELPS KICK-OFF SCHOOL'S STEM PROGRAM, VISITS SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL, CA

By Phil Berube

42nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – The commander of Air Force Materiel Command visited a California high school Oct. 7, 2016, to help launch a STEM program initiative and to visit the school's Air Force Junior ROTC unit.

AFMC Commander Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski visited San Pedro High School in Los Angeles to take part in the school's kickoff celebration, announcing a **\$923,557** Department of Defense grant to launch the National Math and Science Initiative's College Readiness Program. The program focuses on science, technology, engineering and mathematics classes.

Pawlikowski delivered the event's keynote speech, emphasizing to students the importance of math and science classes. She also shared how her education in STEM has influenced her own career.

"This kind of outreach by the DoD, Air Force, and partnering foundations like the Northrop Grumman Foundation to high schools supporting STEM initiatives is certainly making positive impacts toward not only inspiring students toward STEM careers, but it's also helping to create opportunity for students and cadets who may otherwise not have it." said Colonel Bobby Woods, Director of Headquarters AFJROTC at Maxwell.

Given AFJROTC's size and scope (more than 120,000 high school cadets) and because STEM is already an important component of what is taught in AFJROTC,

the recent partnership between AFJROTC and the Air Force K-12 STEM Program "...hopes to inspire even more of our youth toward these exciting career opportunities and service to the United States." he said.



STEM concepts are taught in the AFJROTC classroom and practiced in popular and critical co-curricular activities. STEM tools like classroom flight simulators, model rockets, and remote controlled aircraft have been used for years to enrich the learning opportunities and provide immersive learning and experiential learning tools that reinforce what is taught in the classroom, said the colonel.

"The AFJROTC program has a 58-percent minority and 38-percent female enrollment." said Woods. "With this kind of diversity, AFJROTC is a 'fertile field' that is inspiring talented students toward critical STEM career fields." 

SD-061 PARTICIPATES IN MT. RUSHMORE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The AFJROTC unit at Douglas High School, Box Elder, SD, was an active participant in Mount Rushmore's 75th anniversary ceremony on Thursday, 8 September 2016. Mount Rushmore National Memorial is located near Keystone, SD and is sculptor Gutzon Borglum's iconic presentation of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, T.F. Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. The entire SD-061 cadet corps took an hour school bus ride to the national monument in order to take part in this celebration. Besides performing a color guard for the opening and closing of the ceremony, cadets ushered and observed the entire event emceed by Scott Wolter, host of History Channel's *America Unearthed*, which was hosted by the Masons of South Dakota.



SD-061's Mt. Rushmore 75th Anniversary Color Guard (from the left): C/SSgt Mason Amaral, C/2d Lt Nick Kochutin, C/MSgt Caleb Lansdowne, C/SMSgt Josh Allen, C/SMSgt Aaron Dickinson, C/MSgt Meranda Klein, C/Lt Col Tristan Fletcher, and C/SSgt Isiah DuBray.

9-11 MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

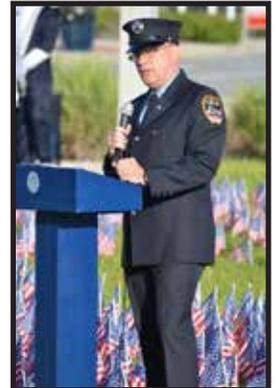
By Cadet Major Shannon Brown, FL-881 PA

On 9 September 2016, Dr. Phillips High School (Orlando, FL), led by its Air Force JROTC program (FL-881), held their 4th Annual Memorial Tribute to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the tragedy and sacrifice that occurred on September 11, 2001. During the ceremony, Dr. Phillips High School had the opportunity to showcase many of our local heroes. The Orange County Sheriff's Office, the Orlando Police Department, the Orange County Fire Rescue, and the Orlando Fire Department were represented at the ceremony. In honor of those fallen, numerous first responder vehicles were also present--Police and Sheriff Motorcycles, and Orange County and Orlando City Fire Engines, as well as numerous personnel representing each agency. We also had a Mounted Patrol and a Bomb Squad vehicle lined up, but they had to be re-assigned at the last minute.

As the ceremony began, the FL-881 SASI, Lt Col (ret) Richard Proctor, explained how we all came together that day and why it was important to continue to pay tribute to the fallen heroes. A FL881 Color Guard raised the Stars and Stripes to half-staff in respect to the lives lost, while the Dr. Phillips High School Band played the National Anthem.

As we continued to remember that tragic day, the keynote speaker, Mr. Jimmy Brown, spoke of his experience on 9/11. Mr. Brown currently works in Orlando in the Evidence Unit at the Orange County Sheriff's Office. But before coming to Orlando, he spent more than a decade defending New York City, first as a police officer, then as a firefighter. On that fateful day, he was a Probationary Firefighter--a probie--on a training rotation assigned to Engine 10/Ladder 10. He had completed about 10 weeks of his 14 weeks of training when he heard the first plane crash into the North Tower, just blocks away from his fire station. Very quickly, he became one of the many who went into Tower One. As he was going up the levels of the tower saving as many people as he could, he heard the second plane hit and believed it had hit their tower. The consensus among his group of firefighters was to evacuate. As they were doing so, in the midst of ash, dust, sweat, and blood, he felt the ceiling begin to crumble and found that the tower was collapsing. Amazingly, he survived! He was one of the few who did. His words were heartfelt, yet inspirational, at the same time.

As the ceremony concluded, trumpet players from the Dr. Phillips High School band played TAPS about the time the first plane had crashed, 8:46 am. It was a beautiful ceremony and we had a great turn out. In addition to the 175 cadets in formation, we had a few hundred students, faculty and staff, as well as the First Responders. Two local TV stations also reported on the event. The 4th Annual Memorial Tribute did well to honor the fallen heroes of our country.



Mr. Jimmy Brown, former FDNY firefighter and 9-11 survivor, was the keynote speaker for the FL-881 4th Annual 9-11 Memorial Tribute.

VETERAN'S CEMETERY WREATH LAYING



Cadets with the Nansemond River High School Air Force JROTC VA-20021 participated in the annual wreath-laying ceremony, Wreaths Across America, at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, December 10. Forty cadets laid wreaths to honor veterans, to support their families, and to educate the community. The Horton Wreath Society is a charitable organization that works year-round to raise money to purchase a fresh evergreen wreath, embellished with a red bow, to adorn every gravesite during the Christmas season. This year, close to 7,200 wreaths were laid at the veterans cemetery by hundreds of volunteers. The cemetery is located on Milneers Road near the Isle of Wight County line. For more information, contact the school at 923-4101.

KS-961 ENORMOUS JOINT JROTC VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

By Eric Yeager, MSgt, USAF, (Retired)



The 22nd District JROTC Veterans Ceremony showcased KS-961, AFJROTC KS-962, plus five Army JROTC, one MCJROTC and 10 middle school leadership programs. The cadets formed by group/battalion prior to conducting a pass in review. In all, **2300** high school and middle school cadets attended the event.

Convention center in downtown Wichita Ks, called the Century II Expo Hall.

FL-023 VETERANS AWARENESS MARCH

By Bill Conley and Tino Garcia

On Friday, 11 Nov, FL-023 cadets participated in a Veterans Awareness March...an event planned and executed as part of our Management of Cadet Corps curriculum. What an AMAZING day! Both MSgt Garcia and I could not be more proud of the cadets and families of FL-023. The event included having the cadets march 22 laps around our track, to draw awareness to the 22 suicides taking place each day of our vets lives (you may have seen the 22 push-ups for 22 days on Facebook...this is a spin off). Cadets asked for people to sponsor them for \$22 and businesses to sponsor the event for \$122

We were honored to have Mayor Apgar and Councilman Cloudman on hand to kick-off the event, in addition to our Asst Principal, several teachers, and the local paper.

Because of the efforts of the entire FL-023 family, cadets raised in excess of \$10K and we were able to donate \$4,500 to Cristina's Closet--a local non-profit focused on taking care of vets.



CADETS IN ACTION ON VETERANS DAY

By DANIEL S. MCNULTY, Colonel (ret), USAF

On 11 November 2016, the King William High School, Virginia, VA-20013 Cadets led the opening ceremony for the VFW Post #8356 Veteran's Day ceremony. The five seniors pictured are C/Capt Zac Coulter, C/Lt Col Daniel Dobbs, C/Col Lacy Pemberton, C/Capt Shariece Gaines, and C/Maj Will Herndon. This event was organized to honor all men and women who have served in the US armed forces for their unflinching dedication and devotion to our great nation.



CA-20001

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE

On December 7, 1941 at 7:55 am, the United States was attacked by the Empire of Japan in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. 75 years later, cadets from the Air Force Junior ROTC Program at Oxnard High School, CA hosted a tribute to honor the sacrifices of the 2,403 men and women who gave their lives in the defense of our country.

This attack triggered our resolve as a nation, our can-do attitude, resourcefulness, and an unmatched commitment to the defense of freedom.

Cadets posted the colors and hosted several guest speakers, including the Oxnard Police Chief, Mr. Scott Whitney, the Principal, Dr. Eric Riegert, Major Dale Weaver (SASI), and Cadet Bryan Strasser. More than 100 students and teachers attended. Taps was played to end the ceremony.



KY-071 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE

On December 7th, 2016, at 11:48 Central time, 7:48 Honolulu time, Cadets from KY-071, Apollo High School, gathered at the School's flag pole to remember the 75th Anniversary of the attack at Pearl Harbor. Cadet Captain Jalyn Burroughs and Cadet Captain Anna Rutland lowered our flag to half-staff to honor the men and women who lost their lives on that fateful day. Cadet Colonel Michaela Thompson is Commanding the Group.



WA-952 COMPLETES A 791 MILE RUN IN 24 HOURS

By Woodrow, Andrew Lt Col (Ret) WA-952



The Battle Ground High School Air Force Junior ROTC completed its 2016 Jog-A-Thon this fall, clocking in close to 800 miles ran in the 24-hour event.

Eighty-nine cadets of the Battle Ground local JROTC chapter started running at 5 p.m. Nov. 18 in the Battle Ground High School gym, ending 24 hours later Nov.

19. After taking part in running shifts throughout the event, for the last few minutes all the cadets took to the track to run the final lap.

The Jog-A-Thon is one of the biggest fundraisers for JROTC, though there are other ways the boosters help the group.

LA-062 BRAVE GOLF TOURNAMENT

By MSgt. Mark K. Thomas (ret)
East Jefferson High School in Metairie, LA provided our nation's colors with an armed escort and military cadence provided by the units drum corps for the 2016 Birdies for the Brave Golf Tournament at TPC Louisiana which hosts the PGA tours Zurich Classic every year in New Orleans Louisiana.

This event has lifted the units community service totals to over 700 hours for the year with an anticipated school year total of 1700 hours, surpassing the previous two years combined.



OUTSIDER PERSPECTIVE ON THE JROTC PROGRAM IMPACT ACROSS THE SCHOOL

Ms. Hannah Edstrom is a senior at Lincoln Northeast High School and wrote this article for her school paper after observing friends in the AFJROTC program, NE-20091. She said she "noticed how special this class/program was just by observing and thought it deserved to be talked about." HQ AFJROTC extends a special thank you to Ms. Edstrom for writing a great article! Well done!!

-Col Bobby C. Woods, Director AF Junior ROTC, Maxwell AFB, AL

AFJROTC Impact on Students and the Community

By: Hannah Edstrom

There is no doubt about the impact Northeast's AFJROTC program has made on students and the community. There is so much to learn and be a part of in this class. Sometimes JROTC is even considered more than just a class; it gives cadets a chance to learn life and leadership skills that are essential for their future. Students have a platform for success, they gain confidence, self-discipline, and a sense of belonging. Sergeant Trent Woodruff, one of the primary teachers in the AFJROTC class, is a major part of the learning that his cadets do. He has had many jobs in this field, but he says this is "The best job I've ever had," and that he "gets to be a part of the cadets' growing up." It without a doubt is a strong group of people who have come together in something they all love.

The students that join this class can range from individuals who are interested in joining the military to those who aren't at all interested and have found a place to fit in. Sergeant Woodruff says that his students are "usually extremely high achievers even when not interested in the military." Even this makes the class so much more important. It brings students from every background, race, and point in life. Together they build this strong and united program. Some of the biggest goals of AFJROTC are things like reducing dropout rates, improving academic achievement, and preparing students for military careers. There are a lot of ways these cadets have the opportunity to learn to be able to take charge. Sergeant Woodruff says the class "gives them leadership positions," and that a "large portion of cadets have command over major parts of JROTC."

This proves that AFJROTC is able to build character and life skills.

It is well known JROTC makes students grow and become better people. It gives them a chance to earn potential and greater mindsets. It is more than just a goal to make sure the students become better than they thought they could, that they are able to make a difference in what they do. Community service is a major part of what this class achieves. The AFJROTC here at Northeast completed about 3,200 hours of service just last year. They try their hardest to give back to the community they care about. Some cadets in the program do community service for people they know or even people they have just met. Things ranging from helping at church to going to a shelter and serving food. It's beyond true they become engaged citizens in local communities and around the nation. They learn responsibility, respect for others, adaptability, and a willingness to listen to what others have to say. When given the chance, these cadets and the officials above them try their hardest to make a difference here in Lincoln.

Another very important part of JROTC is their weekly uniform. This class teaches the students how important attention to detail is. It helps build self-discipline and being able to stand for something.

They are able to develop sound work and life skills that are extremely valuable. Even after all the things JROTC does, it's an extreme resume builder for college. JROTC can prepare future students and help them go where



they wish to be in life. They can compete for Scholarships & Service Academy appointments. If it so happens that they choose a military career, they may enlist at higher ranks. There is a very big increase in enforcing good leadership and an increased community presence and engagement. AFJROTC is one of the top programs a school can have. These students and cadets are involved and doing a major part for their futures and even more importantly for others. There is no doubt that there is a gratifying feeling to being a part of this group of these amazing people, no matter what status you hold. Trevor Murphy, Advisor to the SASI, proves it by saying "I feel like I'm actually making a difference in society, like I'm a part of something much bigger than myself."



CADET MATTHEW LEWIS

By Col (ret) Joe Reich, SASI, LA-932

AFJROTC Cadet Matthew Lewis of LA-932 is the Student of the Year for the Destrehan High School Class of 2017. Cadet Lewis is an outstanding student leader at Destrehan High School, both in the Corps of Cadets, the school, and the greater community. Inside the Cadet Corps, he has been active and has led both armed, unarmed, and exhibition drill teams. He has marched in numerous parades, and has helped our senior citizens at numerous functions. He is our top academic cadet, and is the recipient of the National Sojourners, American Legion, and Sons of the American Revolution Medals.

Academically, Matt is an honors student and is in the upper 2% of his class, and is a member of numerous honor societies. Not confined to the drill pad or his books, Matt is the goalie for the varsity soccer team and is on the school swim team. The football coach was so impressed with Matt's kicking ability on the soccer field that he recruited Matt, as a senior, to kick for our varsity state-ranked football team!

Off campus, Matt is highly involved in the Boy Scouts, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout last summer. Additionally, he travels to Mexico each summer to perform mission work with his church youth ministry.

Cadet Lewis has applied to both the Air Force and Naval Academies for his higher education and a commission. 



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The mission of AFJROTC is to "Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community."

The objectives of JROTC are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill ideals of responsibility, character, and self-discipline, and provide instruction in air and space fundamentals.

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