

Roswell JROTC October & November Newsletter



BIG, GREEN, QUICK TO STING!

Special points of interest:

- Veterans Day Breakfast
- Orienteering
- Drill & Sabre
- Practice schedule

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Veterans Day Breakfast

By: Eric Ferreira

November 11th, 2008 is a day set aside to commemorate the thousands of men and women that have dedicated their lives to protect the freedom that those in the United States have enjoyed. These men and women, our nation's veterans, have many valuable leadership experiences and insights.

The cadet leadership at Roswell High School decided to host a breakfast to celebrate the contributions

of our local veterans. The cadet staff invited some of our local veterans to J. Christopher's to share a meal with the best of the Hornet Battalion. The cadets prepared a list of questions to ask these veterans who came, concerning their experiences in the armed forces. The cadets learned what it takes to become an effective leader. Through the interview,

cadets were able to learn from their experiences while serving in the armed forces. Following the interviews the cadets were assigned an essay about their veterans. These cadets shared their findings with the rest of the battalion in class the following day.



Raider Team

By: Danielle Harden

On October 11, 2008, the Roswell Raider Team competed in the North View Raider competition. During the raider completion there was also the Academic Bowl in which Robby Jackson, Jason David, Amanda

Fagan and Danielle Harden competed, receiving 2nd place closely behind North Springs who received 1st.

Brian Fagan received 1st in the front-lean and rest position knock-out competition against all other schools.

Congratulations to all who competed!



Orienteering 101

On November 1, 2008, the Roswell Hornet Battalion competed in the annual Night-O orienteering event at Cochran Mill Park. This event included team work, communication, and of all things FUN!

Starting at sunset, the orienteering event included a series of points scattered

on a map in which every team had 90 minutes to find as many it could.

Though the night was cold, all who attended had a great time and learned how to find their way through the wilderness using just a map, a compass, and a flash light, work as a team, to achieve a common goal.

Thank you to all who attended and we hope to see you at the next Hornet Battalion Orienteering event.

By: Amanda Fagan

Drill Team

By: Eric Ferreira

Since last year, the Roswell High School Hornet Battalion has greatly expounded on its competition drill team, both in size and in ability. The Hornet drill team practices weekly in order to perfect the routines and obtain a high level of skill. The members follow an extravagant drill pattern led by the highly experienced drill commander, Cadet Major Eric Ferreira, and by Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kyan Angelo and Alpha Company Commander Malcolm Safo. All three of the cadets who direct the practices have endured extraneous training in order to achieve their precision and accuracy in performing all

kinds of drill. Eric Ferreira, a third year cadet, is the primary leader for most drill activities. Kyan Angelo, another third year cadet, and Malcolm Safo, a fourth year cadet, take over whenever Ferreira cannot. By doing so, it is guaranteed that the drill team always has proper guidance when training or practicing the standard routines. Recently, the Hornet Battalion drill team has embarked on the task of in-

structing the first year cadets in proper execution of the standard armed squad and armed platoon routines. The cadets are expected to acquire the necessary knowledge through observation of the demonstrations provided by the leaders and through their own attempts to perform the moves. The cadets are then checked for crispness and accuracy by the drill leaders.



Cadet of the Month

By: Danielle Harden

Amanda Fagan has shown leadership throughout this years 2008 Hornet Battalion. For this she is being awarded Cadet of the Month.

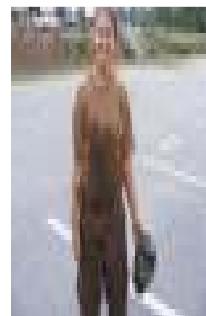
Amanda has participated in usher duty at the football games, color guard, Orienteering, Raider team, Drill team, Academic

Bowl team, Veterans Day breakfast, and she was also chosen to be the S-1 assistant.

Though she has had to deal with large amounts of responsibility in such a short amount of time, she has still demonstrated that she is capable of much more.

We are proud to say that this issue's Cadet of the

Month is Amanda Fagan. Congratulations Amanda for all of your hard work and contributions to this years Roswell Hornet Battalion.



Words from the SAI

JROTC highlights in the last month include the competitions at Northview, the night orienteering competition, and the beginning of the first-ever college curriculum option taught in the classroom.

During the October 11 competitions at Northview High School, The Hornet Battalion finished 2nd among nine schools in the Academic Bowl testing the cadets knowledge of the JROTC curriculum. This is quite an accomplishment considering we did not have juniors or seniors competing. The Hornet Battalion also took third place in the rope bridge and 4th place overall for the day. The fourth place finish was in spite of the fact we did not field a color guard team—something the cadets had addressed and should not happen again. Cadet Brian Fagan won the individual Raider 'knockout' competition outlasting all other cadets in the front leaning rest position, without moving. Overall the cadets had fun and performed well.



On 1 November, the Hornet Battalion took over 20 cadets to compete in a night orienteering competition. They were put in teams with a map and a compass once it was dark and sent out to navigate the woods in Cochran Mill Park to find as many points as possible. The good news is that all eight teams made it back. A teams stated they found points, yet one of them lost their sheet verifying the points they had found. The evening ended with a late night snack and a follow up adventure on the way back to the school—the bus ride.

This month, the cadets were all given a choice in regards to curriculum received—traditional finance classes that are taught every year or a college course (LEAD 140) with the University of Colorado Springs on American Veterans—46 opted for the college course! For college credit, the cadets are required to do a service learning project and 19 got up early in the morning on 11 November to buy veterans breakfast that morning before school started. They interview veterans from the First Baptist Church and shared their stories with the rest of their classmates that day. It was a good event for both the cadets and veterans.

Upcoming events for the Hornet Battalion include the annual inspection on 2 December and the annual JROTC military ball January 10, 2009. This is an event that parents are encouraged to attend, although many cadets may not let them know.

Battalion Formation

On October 17th, a battalion formation was held and awards and promotions were handed out. These cadets have shown leadership through achieving merit points by spending their free time doing activities for the program.

Some of the cadets that receives their first promotion were Trevor Goodfellow, Brianna rouse, Ardel Jones, and Mitch Martin. Amanda Fagan and Marvin Copeland were both promoted to sergeant. Danielle Harden has

been promoted to master Sergeant, and Jason David, Tyler Pledger, and Robby Jackson were promoted to first lieutenant.

Congratulation to all who were promoted.

Practice Schedule

Rifle Team

Monday- After School

3:50-4:50

Tuesday- Morning 7:05-8:00

After school 3:50- 4:50

Wednesday- After School

3:50-4:50

Thursday- Morning 7:05-8:00

Afternoon 3:50- 4:50

Drill Team

Every Wednesday-

3:45- 4:50

Raider Team

Monday- After School

3:50-4:50

Tuesday- After school

3:50-4:50

Thursday- After school

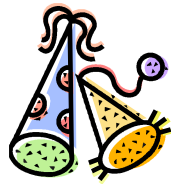
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Happy Birthday!!!!



October

Fuentes
Pedraza



November

Castro
Hawthorne
McDonough
Nguyen
Tria

