

Roswell JROTC October Newsletter



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Special points of interest:

- Rifle Team
- Raider Team
- Saber Guard
- Pre-Inspection

SAI Notes

It is a busy time for the Hornet Battalion. The annual inspection that JROTC programs have every three to four years to evaluate the program compared to all the programs in the nations occurs this week—Wednesday, 4 November 2009. The staff has worked endless hours preparing their individual sections and putting together a Battalion Brief. This will be a big day for the battalion as a long history of achieving Honor Unit with Distinction or ranking among the top 10% of the programs in the nation will be on the

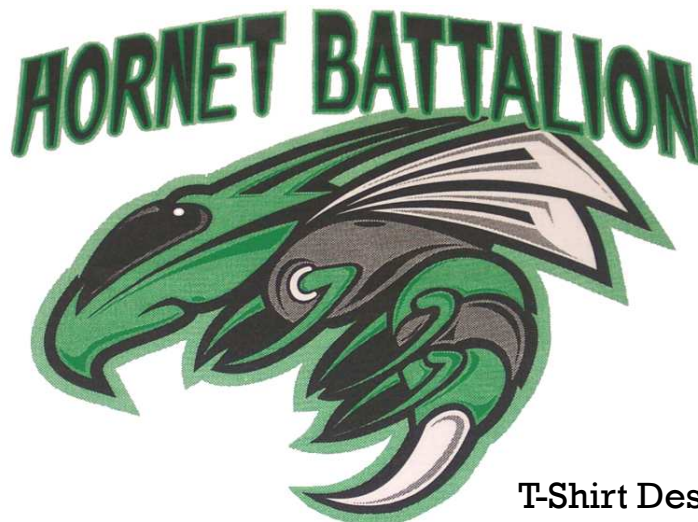
line. Regardless of the final outcome, all the cadets in the program have stepped up and assisted in preparation for this big event.

The Battalion competed in a district raider meet recently and finished in the top three schools. While some of the cadets were disappointed they did not come in first, they all performed really well. We had 2.5 teams competing as one combined with Centennial—yes, we had the most cadets participating which was terrific. This last weekend, we had twelve cadets compete in

an orienteering competition at night. Each one of them thoroughly enjoyed the event. Finally, the academic team has been formed and is registering this week for competition that will take place next week.

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T-Shirt Design
for SY 2009-2010

Raider Meet at Northview

By Amanda Fagan

Saturday, October 24, the Hornet Battalion's Raider Team competed in a meet hosted by Northview High School. This past meet has had the largest participation for Raider team in a long while. Three teams were able to represent Roswell and compete. The teams all worked diligently in the weeks prior to the competition, having had practices daily. This diligence was rewarded with Roswell placing 3rd overall and taking 2nd place in Litter Carry.

The day was filled with a mixture of fun and seriousness. This Raider meet was different from those in previous years because the events focused more on teamwork. Instead of focusing on endurance and fitness, the teams had to work together in order to get across obstacles in the litter carry course. The team run was also an exercise of teamwork and communication. The teams had to remain close together while running about two and a half miles. One of the other events at the meet was Rope Bridge, which Roswell did excellent

facing new challenges in an area never before competed in for Rope Bridge. To end the competition was a front-lean-and-rest knockout competition. The Hornet Battalion's Cadet SGT Matvey Sinyayev did extremely well in this competition. Roswell JROTC's Raider team exemplifies the core military values of teamwork, leadership, and perseverance. All who attended the meet had a fabulous time, and the Raider team plans on competing again in December.

Saber Guard at Homecoming

By Oscar Padilla

The 2009 Saber Team was composed of fourteen cadets, most of them were LET 1s, or freshmen, and were totally new to saber and JROTC. Our Battalion Executive Officer, Eric Ferriera, who is also the Saber Commander, told the team they had a week to prepare for the big event, homecoming, where the whole school would be watching the Saber Team perform. The first day of practice, everyone was issued sabers to use during practice, and because of the large turnout for the team, some had to use the alternative, a metal tube, as a saber. At practice, the cadets learned how to drill, with the saber, in two

squads and learn the correct steps.

Friday, the last day of practice, Eric told the team not to be nervous because the whole team was ready for their debut on the football field in front of 4000 students, parents, teachers, and fans. Nobody showed signs of nervousness until the minute before marching out onto the field; no one wanted to be embarrassed by making a mistake. The team marched out onto the field and gave a saber guard to the homecoming court. Overall, the team did great! After practicing for a week and the team consisting of mostly new cadets, it was a major success. Minor mistakes were made, but that was inevitable and the next saber guard, at the military ball,

there will be no mistakes and no new-comers.



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Rifle Team Starts Matches

The Rifle Team has been practicing since September. In order to prepare for the actual season in January, the team has started shooting "in-house" matches every other Thursday. These "in-house" matches consist of a usual match, all three positions are shot, but it is just between the Roswell Team. The team is divided into two teams, Roswell Red and

Roswell Blue, and the both teams shoot and the losing team has to do push-ups. Although this is friendly competition, this allows the shooters to get comfortable shooting under pressure, along with shooting in all three of these positions, prone, standing, and kneeling, which can be uncomfortable for some. The team starts right after school and goes for about two and half

hours. The team is also fed with pizza and drinks. This past match, the whole team did quite well. Although the previous shooters did not shoot their top score, new shooters did exceedingly well and will be a force to be reckoned with in the near future. By January, this team will have their sights on playoffs and possibly state competitions.

Pre-Inspection

The Roswell Hornet Battalion has their Annual Inspection on November 4th, This inspection is the one that is done every four years by Cadet Command and determines if we keep Honor Unit with Distinction or go down, for the first time in history, to Honor Unit. One way the staff and the battalion has prepared is to have a pre-inspection, performed by Colonel Wheeler, the District Area Instructor, and Command Sergeant Major Washington. Overall the inspection went well. The staff was criticized in everything from their brief to each staff position's checklist. This was very helpful to the staff because this allows everyone to not just prepare, but to fully prepare and now everyone knows what to work on; a 100 percent is now within reach. The real inspection will be done by Colonel Wheeler and CSM Washington again, along with an inspector from the Army so the battalion is working hard to make everything squared away. Haircuts, uniform, attendance, and knowledge base questions are key for all the cadets. A practice mass formation with the whole battalion will take place on November 3rd during the STING period so all the cadets know where to be and to minimize confusion as much as possible. The in-ranks inspection is crucial and a major part of the grading for the whole inspection and most people haven't had a mass formation, so it is sure to be a nerve wrecking day in all.



Honor Unit with Distinction



Honor Unit

Practice Schedule

<u>Rifle Team</u>	<u>Drill Team</u>	<u>Raider Team</u>
Monday thru Thursday 3:50 - 4:40	Wednesdays 3:50 - 5:00	Monday thru Thursday 3:50 - 5:00
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 - 8:00 A.M.		

Happy Birthday!!!!



October

- Ayisa Abere
- Raegen Baiamonte
- Kyle Maloy
- Haleem Muhammad
- Rafael Pedraza
- Damian Rubalcaba-Sanchez
- Emily Swedorski
- Philip Weglarz

