

Roswell JROTC

December & January Newsletter



BIG, GREEN, QUICK TO STING!

Special points of interest:

- Saber Guard at the Military Ball
- Rifle Team Matches and Schedule
- Practice Schedule for JROTC Teams

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From the SAI - Major Weis

The Hornet Battalion has been very busy since the last newsletter as the Christmas break was sandwiched between our annual inspection and the JROTC military ball.

The inspection was early this year and the staff and company leadership worked hard to prepare for this inspection. They came in on many of their days off from school (specifically the Thanksgiving break) and stayed late into the evenings to prepare. In their end, their performance was admirable as the Battalion scored and 89 ranking in the middle of the brigade. The areas the battalion performed very well in were operations, curriculum review and the staff briefing. The end goal of this

leadership team is to score a 95--especially next year for our annual inspection to retain Honor Unit with Distinction (HUD) status. Unlike all the other programs in Fulton County, this year's version of the Hornet Battalion is led completely by underclassman. In fact, there are no seniors on staff and the Battalion should reach their ultimate goal next year with only a little hard work and effort—something that can always be counted on by our Hornet cadets.

The military ball went very well as all eight of the Fulton County Army JROTC programs had cadets in attendance, and the event was put on by six of the programs. The Hornet Battalion led the way in attendance—

Hoo-ah!. One of our administrators in attendance said this was her very favorite school activity of the year and it was every bit a quality event this year as it has always been in the past. The Hornet Battalion had eight seniors recognized during the senior walk and performed the saber guard duty for this main event.

Two of our big events (our annual awards night being the other) are behind us. However, the weeks ahead is a very busy time as we start to execute our recruiting plan for next year, finish up the rifle season, and compete in the state drill competition.



Raider Team

The Raider Team has been in a up and down hill road. We have gotten more productive members, but are still struggling to find a really good team. Our Raider Team Captain, Brian Fagan, quoted that, "We are still looking for anyone out there that's interested on joining our team, and we are here to help you get more fit!" In the Raider Team, we teach you Litter Carry and Rope Bridge. If anybody is interested on joining our Raider Team, we are having practice every Tuesday and Thursday after school. Lets keep our Raider Team alive, and go to practice! HOOAH

BC Comments

By: Kyan Angelo

On the previous Tuesday, January 27, 2009, and Thursday, January 29, 2009, we as a battalion held an orientation for the upcoming 9th graders. These recipients were coming from 2 of our feeder schools; Elkins Pointe Middle School, and Crabapple Middle School. As they came to

visit Roswell High School, we welcomed them to our classroom and to our program. During this orientation, we showed the 8th graders a video summary of what our program, JROTC, is all about. We told them about all the privileges that JROTC offers for their students. We are hoping that by doing this, we would get

a major turn out for our upcoming years. We are planning to get more motivated, and dedicated students into our program. HOOAH!!!

Saber Guard/XO Notes

By: Eric Ferreira

On January 10th, 2009, the Roswell High School JROTC battalion participated in the annual military ball, held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. The military ball is held once a year by one of the local high school battalions. It is meant to serve as not only a great team-building activity, but also a fun event to motivate the cadets. At the military ball, cadets went through a receiving line and, after greeting and being greeted by the battalion commanders of the attending battalions, took their seats at previously agreed upon table arrangements.

The cadets were served a gourmet meal and listened to an inspirational speech by a guest speaker. Following the speech, the graduating seniors from all of the participating high schools were honored with a sabre guard provided by none other than the Hornet battalion. The Roswell Hornets masterfully provided the sabre-arched walkway for the seniors and did a spectacular job at giving them the honor they deserve. The senior walk was preceded by a brief address by the District Army Instructor, Lieutenant Colonel Wheeler. And shortly after her speaking, the dancing began. Cadets enjoyed a playlist of songs

of their own submittal. All in all, the ball was a great success, and all who went to the ball surely got what they expected.



Matches are a Go!



Robbie Jackson, in standing position, during a Rifle Team Practice

By: Jason David
Rifle practice starting in September 2008, teaching new riflemen the techniques on how to shoot air rifle and letting the veterans

brush up on their shooting. Although practice started nearly six months ago, the rifle season just started on January 8th, 2009. Our first match was

against Cross Keys, which we won. Our next match was on January 22nd against Parkview, the best team in our sub-area, and we lost. The following match was at Northview, and it was a very close match. Every shooter had to shoot their best potential. Unfortunately, we lost, but only by around 15 points. The next matches we are shooting are against North Springs and Lithonia which are two matches we need to win to have a chance to get into the playoffs.

The Dress Blues Mystery

On January 10th, 2009, a military ball took place. The ball was formal with men in uniform and women in dresses. Sergeant First Class Ortiz wore his dress blues and Dairen Woodall pointed out the fact that the jacket was darker than the pants. This bothered Darien and I. During JROTC one day, I brought up that the jacket was darker than the pants, expecting to get an answer. Was I wrong? I was told to find out and write a three paragraph essay on why it was this way.

In the research process, which was long and laborious, I found my answer. During the 1800s, in the Civil War, the men fighting wore dark blue uniforms. In the temperature they were fighting in, this

was too much to bare. The men decided not to wear their jackets, but they continued to wear their pants of course. If they had not, the enemy would have laughed in their faces.

Since the pants were always being worn, it began to show. From all the fighting and the occasional washing of the uniform, the pants began to lose its color. Since the jackets were not worn, they didn't fade. Nothing was causing them to fade, so the jackets kept their color. This is why dress blue pants are lighter than the jackets.

by Jessie Hoialmen



Practice Schedule

Raider Team

Tuesday

3:50-4:50pm

Thursday

3:50-4:50pm

Drill Team

Wednesday

3:45- 4:50pm

Rifle Team

Monday

3:50-4:45pm

Tuesday

3:50-4:45pm

Wednesday

7:05-8:00am

3:50-4:45pm

Thursday

3:50- 4:45pm



Happy Birthday!!!!



December

Emmanuel Gomez

Leticia Jarvis

Ardel Jones

Brad Peacocke

Tyler Pledger

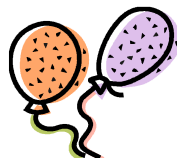
Sarah Pledger

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Bara Tillman

Ben Wareing



January

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