

# Roswell JROTC February & March Newsletter



BIG, GREEN, QUICK TO STING!

## Special points of interest:

- Drill Team at State
- Rifle Team Season Ends
- Practice Schedule for JROTC Teams
- Academic Team
- Upcoming Raider Meet

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## From the SAI - Major Weis

The Hornet Battalion has been pretty busy in all associated extra curricular activities since the last publication—including the rifle team, drill team, and academic team.

The rifle team finished the regular season in a three way tie for second in their sub region. They went on to compete in a shootout with the two other teams in the tie and won the shoot-off taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the sub-area. Unfortunately, the season ended in the first round of the playoffs against White County High School. The team had a real good score shooting a season high score of 1118. The problem is our opponent also shot their

best score of the season and we lost a close match. On the upside, we have a team that has only one junior and a very talented group of underclassman. Next year, the team will be ready to make some noise trying to take home the state competition. Congratulations to the rifle members that completed a very good season—Eric Ferreira, Jason David, Danielle Harden, Tyler Pledger, Robby Jackson, Sarah Pledger, Roberto Reyes, and Trevor Goodfellow.

The drill team competed in the area drill competition at Westlake High School and the armed platoon team qualified for the state competition. Additionally, we had one cadet qualify for state in the individual exhibition

(spinning rifle) competition. The Battalion sent 15 cadets to complete in the state competition in Augusta, GA and while they did not finish in the top three, it was a good experience for the team for competitions in the years ahead.

The JROTC academic team comprised of Eric Ferreira, Robby Jackson, Kyan Angelo, Danielle Harden, and Jason David will be representing the Hornet Battalion competing for the national championship in Washington D.C. this Summer (26-30 June). The team has made it through two rounds going up against thousands of competing teams in the two phase preliminary competitions leading up to this point. Fifty percent of the teams were knocked out in

round one, and only twenty four team from across the nation including overseas programs advanced past stage two. The team now gets an opportunity to compete against the best of the best.

Upcoming events for the Hornet Battalion include the district raider competition which we will be hosting on 25 April. The event will be at Big Creek Park off Old Alabama Road in Roswell starting at 0800. Our end of year awards banquet is tentatively scheduled for Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May at 630pm.

This summer the cadets will be going to Summer Camp in Fort Knox Kentucky from 12-17 June where they will take part in training activities that should exceed anything they have ever experienced.

## Upcoming Raider Meet

The Hornet Battalion is hosting a raider meet for the Fulton County Brigade. It was planned last year and now the desire has been reached. The raider meet will take place on April 25th at Big Creek Park in Roswell. The raider teams from nearly all the Fulton Brigade schools, including North Springs, West-

lake, Tri-Cities, Banner, Centennial, along with Roswell, will compete in this event. Each raider team will participate in the normal raider events including a physical fitness test, consisting of push-ups, sit-ups, and a two mile run, and also will compete in a litter carry and rope bridge. Some new events that

Roswell will begin is a tug of war competition and a relay for all the teams. Concessions will be available for everyone at a fair price. The meet will begin at eight in the morning. The closing ceremony will include trophies awarded to teams who have placed in the events.

## Drill Team/XO Notes

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009, our very own Roswell High JROTC Hornet Battalion Drill team competed in the Area 6 state drill meet. Roswell placed third in the regulation armed male/mix platoon at the qualifying meet two weeks beforehand. Drill meets are comprised of at least ten categories (Male/mix and female color guard and male/mix and female armed and unarmed regulation squad and platoon). There is a

fixed routine for each category, and each category has a separate plot on the field to perform the routine. The commander and his or her squad, platoon, or color guard must practice the routine prior to the meet, and upon arrival of the scheduled time to perform, the commander and his unit enter the field and execute the routine as practiced. The Roswell drill team members were excited to participate, as it was

their first chance at competing in the state level competition. The Roswell dream team had a very wonderful experience.



# Rifle Season Comes to an End



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

This year's rifle team had a great season. The team started off to a great start, beating Cross Keys. The team played out the rest of the year only losing two matches, one against Northview and the next against Parkview. They advanced into a three

way tie for second place in the rifle team's sub-area. Winning this, the team went straight into the playoffs but unfortunately losing to White County in the first round of the playoffs. Although the rifle team lost in the first round, the team shot an amazing match, shooting their top score for the season of a 1118. This is definitely a season worthwhile and will start up again next September.

# Academic Team Goes to Nationals

After advancing through two phases of competition, the Roswell High School JROTC academic team, composed of Kyan Angelo, Eric Ferreira, Robby Jackson, Jason David, and Danielle Harden, will compete in the final Championship round of The College Options Foundation's 2009 JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl in Washington, D.C., on the campus of George Mason University, June 26 – 30, 2009.

Roswell's JROTC team competed in two rounds of competitive online play against thousands of JROTC students from across the world to win its place in the championship and the trip to DC. In these rounds, students were tested on standard HS curriculum; Math, Science, English, and leadership

skills, specifically what they will see on SAT and ACT tests. The team is one of only 24 in the nation to advance to the finals out of over 1100 teams that competed nationwide.

The JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl is a nationally recognized academic competition created exclusively for JROTC students. By participating, cadets learn the values of citizenship, academic competition, and college opportunity. The competition creates tremendous opportunities for JROTC and its cadets by demonstrating the academic abilities of JROTC students.

The College Options Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the academic development of high school students and assisting them in their preparation for higher education. Using academic competitions, college exam study guides, college admissions tutorials and personalized counseling, College Options Foundation has assisted the nation's 1.1 million Department of Defense - JROTC programs worldwide.



# Practice Schedule

## Raider Team

Monday— Thursday

3:50-4:50pm

Meet on April 25th

## Drill Team

No More Drill!

## Rifle Team

Season Over!

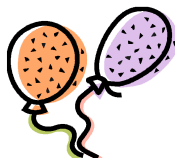


# Happy Birthday!!!!



## April

- Shane Clarke
- Molly Derso
- Elliot Dibble
- Fernando Negrete
- Dante Nieto
- Ian Palmatier
- Jorge Perez
- Matvey Sinyayev
- Pedro Souza
- Marquis Thompson
- William Wursluk



## May

- Brianna Banks
- Brian Fagan
- Jessie Hoialmen
- Robby Jackson
- Brandon Perez
- Roberto Reyes
- Yordi Rosales
- Justin Sutton