

# Roswell JROTC August & September Newsletter



BIG, GREEN, QUICK TO STING!

## Special points of interest:

- Freshmen Orientation
- The first Raider and Drill Team meet
- Practice Schedule for JROTC Teams

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## New School Year, New Cadets!

A new year, new cadets. JROTC has been waiting for new cadets all summer. Wait no longer!

On August 11th (8/11/08), there were new cadets joining the Roswell Hornet JROTC battalion. Many of them not knowing what JROTC was about, showed up at the Freshmen Orientation at Roswell High, to be informed about various things concerning JROTC.

In this year's Freshmen Orientation, the cadets were taught the JROTC Rank System, how to fold the American Flag,

how to get into formation properly, and much more.

After the old cadets got acquainted with the new cadets, there was yet the traditional Mountain Park



Camping Retreat to orchestrate.

Once arriving at Mountain Park, located

next to the Mountain Park Police Station, the new cadets were scheduled for many entertaining activities.

During the Camping retreat, the cadets enjoyed a swim, football games, and the opportunity to set up their own tents, while getting to make new friends in the process.

Over all the Freshmen Orientation was a great success! The new cadets learned the purpose of JROTC, what teams we had to offer, how the ranking system works, and more. Welcome to the battalion!

## Raider and Drill Meet!!!

On Saturday September 13th the Roswell JROTC Raider team participated in the Raider/Drill competition. The events in which the battalion placed were the Cross Country Litter Carry, Rope Bridge, and the Two Mile Team Run. There was also a drill competition, but because of unfortunate circumstances, Roswell could not compete.

Over all the competition went well because we got to see the level of ability of the cadets. During the award ceremony the team was awarded with third place in the Litter Carry event. The team placed in the top 50% in the Rope Bridge and the Two Mile Team Run. For personal awards Ian Ritchie took second place for the male push-ups. In the female division, Danielle Harden took second in the push-ups and second in sit-ups. Sarah Pledger took first place in the personal two mile run. Overall, the competitive meet was a great success.



# God Bless America!

By: Kyan Angelo

September 11, 2001 was one of the hardest days in the history of America. On this fateful day, two planes encroached upon and attacked the twin towers in the city of New York City. There was pandemonium while confusion came to the minds of all Americans and people of the world.

We, along with the loved ones of the victims, will never forget the day.

On the 7th anniversary of that eventful morning, the battalion staff went to the First Annual Patriot Day Breakfast set in downtown Atlanta. During this breakfast, we honored all the lives that were lost during the tragedy.



There were various speakers who gave presentations about their experiences during the day of the attack. The battalion staff got to see an extraordinarily talented painter who created a portrait of an eagle flying in front of the American Flag. The battalion would like to reach out to all those families who lost their loved ones.



# Words From the XO

By: Eric Ferreira

The Roswell High School JROTC program has got it! Our Staff is now complete, along with many cadets trying out for assistant positions. At the start of this school year, the members of the staff included the S-1, Robby Jackson; the S-3, Tyler Pledger; the S-4, Brian Fagan; the S-5, Jason David; the Executive Officer, Eric Ferreira; and company commanders, Ian Richie and Pedro de Souza. The staff was missing not only a Cadet S-2, but also assistants for all the

existing staff members. After about a week into the school year, the Staff decided to change that. The SAI and AI put out among the cadets that the position was open for anyone who would like to apply. Within a couple days, there were four applications for the position. The applicants were told to produce a résumé and explain why they think they deserve the position. After some considerable thought and assigning a test project, it was time for the decision to be made. Cadet Danielle Harden was chosen. She was not only chosen

because of her impressive résumé but also because of her extraordinary leadership skills and potential for success. Cadet Danielle Harden has a great future ahead of her in JROTC and in life.



# Rifle Team



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

By: Tyler Pledger

The Hornet rifle team is off to a great start this year. With last year's top shooters returning there will be

no lack of experience. Also this year's LET 1s are showing great potential. There are high hopes for this

year's team. The turn out this year has been phenomenal. There is a large number of cadets hoping to be part of the team. The combination of experience and talent on this year's team will make it a season to remember.

## 2008 battalion

By: Major Weis

We have started the year with the strongest leadership we have had in place since my arrival. Contributing factors include the fact that almost the entire leadership team returns from last year and they all went to summer camp together combining experience with teamwork. The result of this will be a stronger battalion this year and years to come.

The one area of concern for the battalion is the overall enrollment. We did start

the year over the required initial enrollment of 100 cadets; however, our numbers are lower than last year. Contributing factors include an increase in the number of credits cadets need to graduate, as well as losing a population of students that do not get transported to our school. Even with the 10% decrease in students from last year, participation is up in all events—a sign of a stronger battalion with improved cadet leadership.

Upcoming activities include the kickoff of our annual cheesecake fundraiser that the cadets execute to pay for events throughout the year to include the military ball to be conducted at the end of January and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Raider and Drill Team competition scheduled for October 11. There will also be an academic bowl challenge competition on this date. All competitions on this date will take place at Northview High School.

The last thing I would like to highlight is the initiative of the cadet leaders in the program who will be paying for and completing a college class and incorporating this within the JROTC curriculum to set the stage for future cadets earning college credits while taking JROTC.

# Practice Schedule

## Raider Team

Tuesday  
3:50-4:50pm  
  
Thursday  
3:50-4:50pm

## Drill Team

Wednesday  
3:45- 4:50pm

## Rifle Team

Monday  
3:50-4:50pm  
  
Tuesday  
7:05- 8:00am  
3:50- 4:50pm  
  
Wednesday  
3:50-4:50pm  
  
Thursday  
7:05- 8:00am  
3:50- 4:50pm

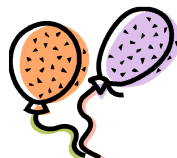
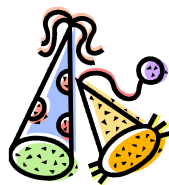


# Happy Birthday!!!!



## August

Juan Cajero  
Richardo Castillo  
Jennifer Clemente  
Kevin Cruz  
Jason David  
Nicolo Fusato  
Trevor Goodfellow  
Tasia Massey  
Juventino Pedraza  
Ayhkim Pogue  
Jonathon Renteria  
David Singh  
Johnathan Soto  
Anthony Trevino  
Darien Woodall



## September

Kyan Angelo  
Gavin Arias Espinoza  
Marvin Copeland  
Felipe Dos Santos  
Bernave Gervacio  
Davontae Jones  
Yasin Washington