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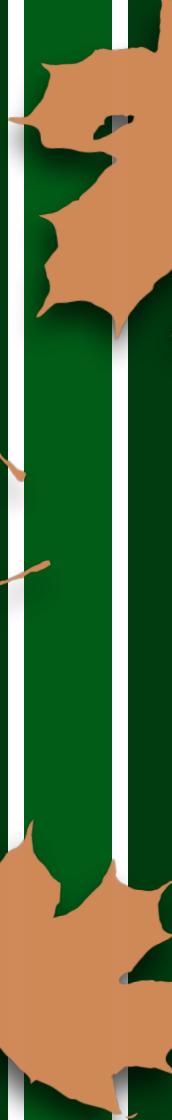
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# MESSAGE from your ASI

Greetings to all of my wonderful cadets! As your ASI, It is an honor and a privilege to continue to work with all of you and to be a part of such an important mission of developing citizens of character. This simply put means, making you the best version of yourself! Over the course of my career as an instructor, I have had the pleasure of visiting many JROTC units and have spoken to several instructors from across the country and overseas.

That said, I will also tell you, it's clearly evident to me that we have a highly motivated senior staff of 9 exceptional professionals, 16 enthusiastic class leaders and 40 energetic General Staff leaders leading the charge every single day! They are working hard for each of YOU to ensure that you have an outstanding experience in our program.

As an Air Force Junior ROTC cadet, you are truly part of something special! Although it was 100 years ago, LOL! It really doesn't seem like too long ago that I was in high school trying to figure things out. What did I want to do with my life? What were my dreams and my goals? How do I go about achieving those dreams and goals?

Throughout your time in this program whether it's one year or four, you will develop unique and special skills that will help you answer these questions and set you on an upward path for success no matter what you choose to do in life. YOU will lead...YOU will follow...YOU will also learn from failure... and YOU will learn how to handle and grasp success!

Once again, I am always thankful for this opportunity to work with all of you and I continue to be extremely humbled by the trust and confidence all of you and the Air Force has placed in me to help carry on our legacy of excellence at CA-935! Be proud and know that you are all the best!

*LEAD ON!*

*sincerely,*

**MSgt Toledo**



# MESSAGE from your SASI

As we close out the first full month of the school year I'm excited to see the energy, passion and dedication all around our great unit!

## **AFJROTC Competition Team Tryouts: A Path to Excellence**

Every week we've held training or tryouts and the focus at all levels has been tremendous. In speaking with the various leaders I've heard how serious they take their roles in selecting cadets to proudly represent us. From new cadets trying out for the first time the passion and excitement to join a team that has a reputation for excellence and they are willing to put in the time and effort to be a crucial part.

A special shout out to the team leaders who take the leadership roles willingly and dedicate themselves to making those under them the best they can be. This is a special opportunity to instill teamwork, discipline and a winning mentality in their team members.

## **Passion and Dedication: The Heart of Competition**

When we set our sights high and take care of those around us the only option is to succeed. Already the challenges are being met with our Academics team winning their first round and being tied in the Brigade for 1st place. More great challenges to come for them and soon our CyberPatriot, StellarXplorers teams will begin their yearly competitions.

As we prepare for competitions, embrace the experience and the thrill of soon performing in front of an audience, demonstrating the results of your hard work and discipline.



To succeed on any competition team, passion and dedication are essential. These qualities drive cadets to push their limits, improve their skills, and support their teammates. It's not just about winning; it's about the journey, the camaraderie, and the invaluable life lessons learned along the way. Those who join a unit team will discover the importance of perseverance and resilience, traits that will benefit you far beyond the AFJROTC.

Bring your enthusiasm, readiness to learn, and commitment to excellence!

*AIM HIGH*

*sincerely,*

**Maj McLouth**

# MESSAGE from your Group Commandar

## *What's up everyone,*

September has been a whirlwind of... well, pretty much everything: classes, clubs, driving tests, drill team tryouts, special team tryouts, APT and Kitty Hawk applications, and more. I promise October will be a little more chill, but there are still some exciting events to anticipate, most notably our first monthly BDI and COM competition! And since we also took home first place in Round One of the Brigade Academic Bowl, we're also on the right path to achieving one of our ultimate goals for this year—Stilwell.

Speaking of goals, we're now officially in the midst of our fundraising season! You guys have kept up an insane fundraising pace so far, so keep doing what you're doing and you might get to see some freshly shaved heads in the Grinder. In the meantime, keep racking up those other personal, flight, and corps incentives as well—every donation means a ton.

To end things off, I'd like to talk about the huge announcement that was made just a little while ago: Sgt T has been promoted to fill a much-needed role as a JROTC unit inspector, and will be leaving the unit at the beginning of November. It'll be a new experience for all of us, even us seniors, but while the corps won't be exactly the same, I'm confident we can continue to push forward and build upon the legacy this unit has. Remember our customs, our courtesies, and our culture of dedication and success, and we'll continue to thrive. And if you haven't gotten the chance, make sure to say congratulations to Sgt T and make the most out of our time with him before he departs!

*Keep up the grind!*

c/Col Ryan Min



# TWO WEEK TRAINING

## C/TSGT SAANVI KOWDA



The chatter of excited voices echoes through the wind tunnel as cadets round the corner, walking out of the grinder to fall in for Two Week Training. An exhilarating experience not only for the new first-years in CA-935th, but also for the dedicated Operations Staff that trained them, the early September event brought many motivated cadets together to learn and build on the fundamentals of Drill and Ceremonies. From mastering drill movements like Count-Off to Countercolumns and participating in highly competitive Tap-Outs at the end of each week, the first-years worked extremely hard to showcase their learning and take the extra step forward to excel in AFJROTC. Chloe Jiang, our Week 2 Experienced Tap-Out winner, expresses that “[it] was a memorable and super amazing experience! [She] really enjoyed learning new drill and meeting so many wonderful people, including [her] flight staff and other [first-years].” The last day of Two Week Training featured detailed demonstrations of the drill teams’ hard work, motivating cadets for the upcoming drill teams tryouts. As the school year commenced, this two-week cultivation of cadets’ motivation, dedication, and skills enabled people to bond and become more involved!



# TEAMS DEMOS/DAY

c/TSGT SOL PHAM

Rifles spinning, guidons rising, sabers twirling, and stomps echoing—Teams Demos threw first-year cadets straight into the whimsical wonderland of CA-935th drill teams! After the excited buzz of Two Week Training tap-out, the Armed, Unarmed, Saber, and Color Guard teams performed sharply-honed routines to wide-eyed first-years, hoping to lure in recruits with their blazing skill. Not soon after, first-years and upperclassmen alike were granted the opportunity to try their hand at each drill team on the awaited

Teams Day!



Teams Day is the ultimate event for cadets to decide which drill team they want to try out for. With an interactive environment being taught moves and meeting upperclassmen, getting a taste of each team's dynamic, and a fully hands-on experience with weapons— it's a day many first-years will not forget as they move into tryouts! For c/A1C Alyssa Ju, “Teams Day was really fun! It allowed [her] to decide which team to try out for. Though some teams seemed intimidating at first, [she] was grateful for the kindness from the teaching upperclassmen.” Moving forward, the corps awaits a shining line-up of new drill team cadets, motivated by passion for their drill and camaraderie with their teammates.



*Fly high,  
Falcons!*

# CADET PICNIC

C/2D LT CRYSTAL HOOI

## Rise & Grind

fellow cadets because

the first Brigade event of the year is upon us! On September 14th, 2024, CA-935th took part in the annual Cadet Picnic, where cadets from all 14 JROTC units in the San Diego Unified School District joined together to have fun, make friends, and compete in a series of picnic games. These events consisted of tank tube, sack relay, relay race, egg balance, hot shot, and tug-of-war. The cadet picnic was a momentous day filled with amusement, take c/A1C Haasini Akurathi's words, a cadet picnic attendee who competed in all the events: "I think I tripped by running backwards seven times in one event, but it was still very fun. I probably gained abs because I laughed so much." Furthermore, our very own c/TSgt Saanvi Kowda, c/TSgt Jadelynn Doan, and c/A1C Kaylee Nguyen performed in the talent show, proudly representing Scripps Ranch High School with their splendid dance moves! Although CA-935th did not place in the cadet picnic events, we placed first in having the most fun!



Up Falcons!



# MIRAMAR AIR SHOW

C/2D LT HAILEY SHIN

The roar of engines and sharp smoke trails across the clear blue sky signaled the start of the *Miramar Air Show*.

Bright rays of sunlight illuminated the air base as hundreds of mesmerized eyes traced the synchronized movements of the jets. Cadets from all units milled around a sea of tents, eagerly exploring the merchandise along with the opportunity to make valuable connections with each person standing under a canopy. As the cadets of CA-935th traipsed throughout the event, aircrafts and artillery exhibited all they had to offer: dropping flares, and executing jaw-dropping aerial performances such as “the Blue Angels”, which were “stunning to watch in person” noted by c/TSgt Ryan Mansour. The previously mentioned special guests, the Blue Angels, drew all eyes to the sky as they performed their precise aerial presentation of skills as the grand finale of the day-long event.

The sun began to set over the cadets of CA-935th, as they shared laughs over lanyard jump ropes and the endless mischief that each person brought forth, drawing the event to a close with drowsy eyes and tired smiles. The excitement died down, and each cadet made their way home with only a few things to remember the Air Show by: the photos, the merchandise, and the memories.



# ACADEMIC LEAGUE

## Round 1

c/2d LT KAITLYN LY

*Tick! Tick!* Chest thumping, brain spinning, facts running and sprinting through your mind; you try to remember anything under the heat of the competition. Tick! Tick— and all of a sudden, you remember: utter and absolute. Whether it's on the field, across the blacktop, or within the daunting seats of an academic challenge, CA-935th comes on top. In a battle of wits, hard work, and utter excellence, c/2dLt Yoonah Lee, c/TSgt Kamryn Liu, c/Col Ryan Min, and c/A1C Alyssa Zhao competed against two other schools in the first round of the Academic League on September 18, 2024. The competition was fierce against Patrick Henry and Mission Bay, but our determined cadets pushed through. Their win was an accumulation of tremendous team effort, talented cadets, and wonderful planning. Not only was team passion evident in their win, it was also evident within their cadets. Take outstanding first-year c/A1C Alyssa Zhao, for example: “Working together to beat competent opponents felt amazing, and I hope that this unit will continue to win.” We do too, Alyssa! Congratulations to our academic team, and be sure to look out for many more of their *victories!*



# SCAVERGER HUNT

## *What's Up Falcons!*

As many of you guys know, c/Col Ryan Min is our Group Commander for the academic year 24-25.

For an opportunity to get **free candy or snacks**, find this image of Ryan which is hidden in this very newsletter you just saw!

He could be hidden on any page so keep your eyes peeled!



To win the prize take a picture or a screenshot of where the image of c/Col Ryan is located and directly message your picture and your flight to c/Capt Valencia Dinh, keep in mind there can only be **ONE WINNER PER FLIGHT**



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