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On the Horizon...

- 1 Feb to 15 Apr 15 –
   Instructor Open Season
- 25 April JROTC 5K
- 13-24 July 2015 JICC 2015
- Dec 2015 AdvancED
   Accreditation Visit to HQ and several select units.



GA-931 cadets & Col Woods

### The AFJROTC Newsletter

#### From the Director



Hello and welcome to the first edition of the newly revived AFJROTC Newsletter! Great things are happening and in the works for AFJROTC. Here are just a few things we are working for the cadets and you.

Finance / Reimbursements / GPC - Your HQ team has been working hard to improve key process and provide some

needed guidance for you. We are absolutely committed to providing the best possible support to the field. After designating the reimbursements/credit card processes as special interest items for this school year and to ensure timely funds transfers to the units, our Holm Center working group that has identified ways finance can improve communications with the field and how we can help speed up the process to get your schools reimbursed more quickly in the future. Please read and follow the guidance in the new Financial Guide...following it will make your reimbursements and GPC requests process much more quickly with minimal delay. We welcome MSgt Johnson and SrA Tanks (IMA Reserve help) to the JR team. They are getting spun up on the critical GPC support job and will work alongside SSgt Mafield.

New AFJROTC Deputy - We also welcome our new AFJROTC Deputy - Col (Ret) Pete Gray! We will advertise the open RD position soon, so please be on the lookout for that at USAJobs.

Director Unit Visits – I am out and visiting units! It was great visiting the cadets and instructors of GA-931 Mount Zion High School (Lt Col Graves, MSgt Wilson and MSgt Davis) and FL-20062 Booker T. Washington High School (Col Spearman and TSgt Williams). I was truly honored to be with each unit, I am very impressed with the caliber of our cadets and instructors. Keep up the great work!

Manning - We welcome the arrival of our newest Regional Director, Mr. Wayne Barron, as well as Capt Gaytan (JRO- Unit Evals and Admin Support), SSgt Kalinin (JRO – Ops Support), and TSgt Singleton (JRI) returned from deployment! So...the Calvary has started to arrive.

UE Letter Process - We have made some great process improvements to the UE letter process that has allowed us to speed all of the letters in less than 2-weeks! So expect to hear back from us pretty quickly following the UEs.

Unit Self Assessments - I do want to remind all units to thoroughly and accurately complete your Unit Self Assessments prior to your UE. This is a "Director's Special Interest Item." Please DO NOT pencil whip this. Identifying

Congrats to GA-931 Superior Performer Award winners! Keep up the great work there at Mount Zion HS!



an issue ahead of time and asking for a waiver (if required) prior to a Unit Evaluation will save you a possible write-up(s). We want all units to earn an "Exceeds Standards" evaluation and this will help you do it.

COF Academic Bowl - We are working a contract with College Options Foundation (COF) that will allow 8 AFJROTC teams to compete at the National Academic Bowl Championship in late Jun 2105.

COF Organized "JROTC 5K" - There will also be a 99th Anniversary JROTC 5K coming on 24 or 25 April 2015 (25 Apr is race day...start time is TBD). This 5K has the potential to break a Guinness World Record! I encourage as many units as possible to participate in this "worldwide" event!

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So...as you can see some great things are happening in AFJROTC! But there is still a lot of work ahead. Thank you for what you are doing every day to lead, guide, and mentor our future leaders through this great program and for making your unit strong and the very best it can be. Know that our focus is the cadets at the 865 AFJROTC and the 16 NDCC units across the globe and you!

#### **Deputy Corner**



Thanks for taking time out of your busy "start of the school year" schedules to complete the very important Program Status Report (PSR) suspense, we had a 96.5% completion rate! The good news is that report will allow us to start funding your units with \$2.50 per cadet in O&M funding, \$90 per cadet in EMALL and \$35 per cadet in MILPER. We are

working to fund a total \$7.00 per cadet in O&M. That will hopefully happen in the coming months.

#### **Congrats to the following:**

#### <u>"Exceeded Standards" 2014 Unit</u> Evaluations:

TX-948--Lake View HS, San Angelo TX

GA-931--Mount Zion HS, Jonesboro GA GA-934--Newnan HS, Newnan GA VA-20067--Freedom HS, Woodbridge VA LA-932--Destrehan HS, Destrehan LA LA-934--Riverdale HS, Jefferson, LA MS-934--Bay HS, Bay St. Louis MS VA-821--Arlington Career Center, Arlington VA OR-20121--McNary HS, Keizer OR FL-951--Mount Dora HS, Mount Dora NC-20066--NW Cabarrus HS, Concord NC NC-20063--Jay Robinson HS, Concord NC TX-936--Central HS, San Angelo TX TX-947--Elsik HS, Houston TX FL-20021--North Marion HS, Citra FL FL-023--DeLand HS, DeLand FL FL-041--Leesburg HS, Leesburg FL FL-931--Forest HS, Ocala FL FL-941--Pine Ridge HS, Deltona FL FL-20022--Belleview HS, Belleview FL FL-20041--Timber Creek HS, Orlando FL IN-20051--Owen Valley HS, Spencer IN SC-933--Ft Dorchester HS, N Charleston FL-936--Flagler Palm Coast HS, Palm Coast

#### **Gold Valor Awards**

NH-2001--Salem HS Cadet Daniel Poucher

#### **Silver Valor Awards**

Cadet Martin Stiller TX-934--McNeil HS

Cadet Ben Justas MA-951--Peabody HS

Cadet Andrew Sharadin TX-20055 Central HS

Cadet William Owen TX-20105 Saginaw HS

Please review the new financial guide in wings published files to make sure any items you are purchasing are reimbursable, especially since we haven't had O&M funds for a couple of years and there are very strict guidelines on their use. If the financial guide doesn't list your proposed purchase as an authorized item then assume you will not get reimbursed.

Additionally, we will have some O&M funding for Regional Directors to use within their regions, limited transportation funding for Cadet Leadership Courses (CLC) (which is the new name for SLS/ LLA), meal money for CLC, a small amount of money to help out with transportation to national competitions, and are working to get funding for the Civil Air Patrol flights.

More good news is that the new RF CPS units have started shipping, along with drill rifles, model rockets, and our new multi-copters. I hope the additional funding/equipment will help in your critical mission of developing citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community!

#### **News from JRO**

It has been difficult to manage the transitions within the last year. Often times, with a PCS, a retirement, or a prolonged vacancy there have been a gap in experience or expertise in an area. We found ourselves apologizing a lot for these gaps. We are fortunate that one of the major focuses Col Woods has led the charge on is additional manpower for this critically short Headquarters staff. His efforts have been successful in bringing a great deal of new faces within JRO.

If I could walk you around our new offices within building 835, you would see a host of new faces within operations. Down the hall, there is 1Lt Kempton who took over as the Deputy of Operations Support as 1Lt Brock PCS'd in May. Across the corridor, there is Chief Royce "Wayne" Barron who recently joined us in September as the new RD for region #4. In an office further down the hall sits our most recent arrival, Capt Gaytan, who joined our team in October and will focus on Unit Evaluations and Administration Support. Additionally, MSgt Johnson and SrA Tanks, Reservists from the 908th AES, will sit beside SSgt Mafield to assist with credit card transactions. Finally, we are projected to have one additional team member this month, SSgt Kalnin. He will also work within Operations Support. The additional faces mean more support to you.

Additionally, as we re-structure the organization and align functions in the appropriate places, please know we are making a directed effort to support and serve your units better. We continue to partner with the programing experts within the Support Directorate to make progressive improvements within WINGS because we have you in mind. As we continue seek to find ways

#### **Humanitarian Awards**

Cadet Bailey Dunlevy TX-793 C. Clark HS

Cadet Jason White MD-20051 North Point HS

#### **Community Service with**

#### **Excellence Awards**

Cadet Mallori Hopper NC-072 Surry Central HS

Cadet Dylan Linderman
NE-20091 Lincoln Northeast HS

Cadet Sakston Tesch UT-20061 Dixie HS

Cadet Ansley Lubriel and Cadet Whitney Martin CT-20021 Torrington HS

Cadet Gabriella Biedinger FL-952 Springstead HS

to process your requests and awards quicker, know that we are focused on providing you better service.

Finally, I join every member within HQ AFJROTC in saying thank you for what you do every day. We all recognize that lives change and young men and women are positively impacted because of what you do every day. Thank you! We can never tell you this enough. If there is anything I can do to support you don't hesitate to contact me.

#### **JICC 2015!**

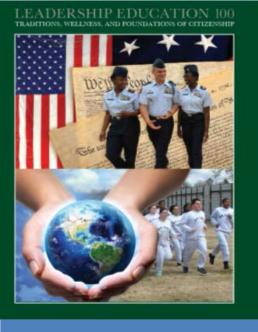
Our Junior ROTC Instructor Certification Course for 2015 (JICC 15) has been approved which is awesome news for AFJROTC. The course has been completely revised to ensure new instructors leave with the tools and training they need to be successful. This year each seminar was led by a team of handpicked SASIs and ASIs. The feedback on the use of experienced seminar leaders was tremendously positive and will be a permanent part of JICC from now on. Anyone interested in leading a seminar can contact their respective Regional Director and let them know you are a volunteer. The Regional Directors will make the final call on which individuals will be asked to lead a seminar.

JICC 15 is scheduled for 13-24 July 2015. All newly hired instructors and those instructors who have not yet attended an in-resident certification course are expected to attend JICC. In addition, instructors at units receiving a Does Not Meet Standards Unit Evaluation or instructors identified by their Regional Director will also be expected to attend JICC. The intention in both cases is to provide quality training and hopefully give instructors the tools needed to set them up for success. Expect additional, detailed information concerning JICC 15 early next spring.

JICC is ever evolving based upon feedback from the field. Please don't hesitate to provide any suggestions you may have to boost the overall quality of the course. A high quality AFJROTC instructor corps is a continuous process and one we are committed to. We are excited about the qualitative changes already planned for JICC 15 and we look forward to the results next summer.

#### **Leadership Education 100 Revision Update**

The revised *LE 100: Traditions, Wellness, and Foundations of Citizenship* is in the final stages of completion and should be ready for order by January 2015. Originally slated for an October 2014 release, some issues arose beyond our control forcing a new projected release date for January 2015.



The new material embraces previous content and enriches learning by adding Thinking Maps, study and learning tools, and information about other service JROTC programs. By providing information about other service programs, cadets will gain a deeper understanding of how other JROTC programs contribute to leadership and citizenship. You'll also notice the new vibrant color schemes used in all previously revised curriculum and combines the 21st century lesson plan format used in the new science of flight and life skills and career opportunities curriculum with the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy and WIDS® model. As with the LE 300 (2013), learning will be further enhanced by the addition of a companion website. This new student-centered LE 100 course is capable of satisfying elective credit and may be able to satisfy health, civics/government, and/or wellness credit requirements. The new curriculum is aligned with recognized, national standards. They include the McRel Standards and the ISTE National Educational Technology Standards for Students (NETS. S). Each lesson includes a "Quick Write" exercise at the start of each lesson. A "Learn About" box tells the cadet what they should take away from the lesson. A vocabulary list ensures that cadets will understand the terms they encounter throughout the text. This textbook will increase awareness of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to succeed in high school and beyond.

As stated earlier, the expected release date is January 2015, so please don't expect information for this revised material to be uploaded into WINGS until mid-December 2014.

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#### **Newsletter for JROTC GPC and Facebook**

Welcome back to school from your local Credit card office! I am SSgt Rusty Mafield and have the challenging job of working credit card transactions for our 870 AFJROTC units. Help has arrived and being trained up to help out this fiscal year, but ask for your patience with transaction times especially during the busy start and end of fiscal years. Also as a reminder, we cannot cross fiscal year funds as it becomes a legal issue. If you have any questions feel free to give me a call or send me and email. (334)953-5035, DSN 493-5035, Rusty.Mafield@us.af.mil

Did you know that the AFJROTC HQ has an official Facebook page?

Check us out at: "HQ AF Junior ROTC"

Pictures from AZ-931 Assisted Living Prom. Great work cadets!







Please let your cadets know about our page, we are always updating and posting about all the great things that your AFJROTC units are doing. If you have a specific story that you would like posted, such as drill and marksman competitions or other great things your units are doing, contact me at <a href="mailto:Rusty.Mafield@us.af.mil">Rusty.Mafield@us.af.mil</a>

## FEATURED UNITS Mesa High School AZ-931

The student cadets at Mesa High School's Air Force Junior ROTC program recently hosted a homecoming dance for the residents of an assisted living facility in Mesa, AZ.

Participants took a stroll down memory lane during the event as they enjoyed student-made decorations, balloons and music provided by a deejay.

The students orchestrated this service learning project to hone their leadership skills. This was the second year the cadets hosted the event. Last year the cadets reached out to the assisted living community to see if they could provide community service for the residents and the effort turned into a homecoming dance.

According to Lt Col (Ret) Brian Walker, senior aerospace science instructor, "The first prom dance was fantastic so it was an easy decision to participate again this year."

The cadets planned, organized and executed the event with guidance from their instructors. Once their mission was completed, the class debriefed to ensure they continuously improve the process.

AFJROTC Cadet Captain Travis Willey, a senior at Mesa High School, said "The event was a humbling and exciting experience. It was an honor to meet and express our gratitude to those who served our community such as veterans and teachers."

#### Hampton High School VA-041

On Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, the 756th Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) hosted eleven cadets from Hampton High School AFJROTC and took them on an adventure they will not soon forget. The cadets were able to participate in an air refueling sortie aboard a KC-135 Stratotanker.

Pictures from Unit VA-041 observing a KC-135 Stratotanker air refueling sortie. A truly amazing opportunity!









The cadets left Hampton High School at the challenging hour of 5:00 a.m. for the trip to Andrews Air Force Base located in Maryland. After arriving at 8:45 a.m. the cadets were met by 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Jason Burrows, a pilot assigned to the 756<sup>th</sup> ARS. Lieutenant Burrows escorted the cadets into the squadron for their preflight briefing which was provided by Boom Operator Technical Sergeant Casey Hall.

After the briefing concluded, Lieutenant Burrows took the cadets out on to the flight line and helped them board the aircraft. The aircrew met the cadets and helped them get situated on the airplane for takeoff which was not long in coming. The KC-135 (Call sign DC 42) took off at exactly 10:00 a.m. to rendezvous with four F-15E Strike Eagle Fighter Aircraft from Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base located in North Carolina.

After flying for about an hour on a southerly heading the tanker set up in its air refueling track out over the ocean just off the coast of North Carolina. During the flight, the cadets got an inflight tour of the aircraft and were able to see all of its inner workings from the cockpit to the cargo bay to the boom pod where the air refueling occurs. All of the cadets were able to move through the boom pod which is big enough to hold the boom operator and two observers. Two of the cadets who had never even been on an airplane were able to sit in the cockpit for takeoff and through the use of extra headsets monitor the communications between the pilots and air traffic control.

Finally, the big moment came when the Strike Eagles arrived and assumed pre contact position behind the tanker prior to refueling which occurred at about 22,000 feet and over 300 mph. One Strike Eagle refueled behind the tanker while the other three aircraft in its flight flew off the wings of the tanker in formation. It was an amazing sight to see. Each aircraft took its turn attaching to the boom and refueling.

Mr. Anthony Grimes, the Assistant Principal who oversees AFJROTC, accompanied the cadets as a chaperone, said, "It was an outstanding, life changing experience"

Cadet Rocio Meza said, "It was Awesome and I learned what many of the instruments in the plane are for and how they are used"

Cadet William Rascoe commented on the flight, "It was the best experience I've had in AFJROTC in the four years I've been in the program, all day long"

The great adventure concluded after a long ride back to Hampton High School but left the cadets with memories that will last for a lifetime.