



# AFJROTC News & Notes

## From the Director



It's already February 2015 and your HQ Staff has been very busy! We have some great news that we will share in this issue (our second newly revived AFJROTC Newsletter.)

I am very happy to inform you that the Holm Center has a new Commander and Senior Enlisted Advisor. Brig Gen Paul H. Guemmer took command in November 2014 and we also welcomed CMSgt William Harrington in December. They have both brought some great energy and support for AFJROTC. In fact, Brig Gen Guemmer, Chief Harrington, and I visited (FL-033) Niceville High School on 16 Jan! The cadets were super sharp and it is clear that FL-033 has a great program under the leadership of Lt Col Farmer & MSgt Hensley. So...know that the Holm Center Command team may just stop in and see you sometime. We are all out making visits and that is great news for the program! In December 2014, I enjoyed visiting the cadets and staff at (NJ-781) Cherry Hill High School & (NJ-20133) Camden County Technical School in Sicklerville, NJ. NJ-20133 is off to a very strong start in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year and has some outstanding support by the school administration. Great job to the cadets on all they are accomplishing even as new unit!

I do want to mention the importance of community service and community involvement. In 2013, AFJROTC cadets did more than 1.5 MILLION community service hours. I cannot overemphasize the importance of doing this great work and the impact that it has. I also want to ask that all units log those hard earned hours in WINGS! We all know the huge impact of this program and your HQ knows that you and your cadets are truly the "face of the USAF in communities all across the US and overseas." Thank you for making a difference in your school, your community and in our great nation! It is my hope that we can top the **1.7 MILLION community service hour goal** this school year! Help us reach that great milestone and be sure to log it! We don't know about it if you don't put it into WINGS.

Finance – HQ has pushed the remainder of the O&M money out to the units (another \$4.50 per cadet)! With the previous \$2.50 per cadet, that totals \$7.00 per cadet that we were successful in getting and then immediately sending out to each unit! Be sure to use these funds. We are working and there is a lot of behind the scenes things happening. I would rather "under-promise and over deliver," so I will stop there, but know that we are engaging and communicating our requirements up the chain.

Reimbursements / GPC – We are still working on the Reimbursements process. Our SDF (Support Directorate Finance) friends have been working on an AFROTC Cadet pay problem and that significant project has taken lots of time to correct and they are still working on the problem. What that means for us, is continued delays in getting Reimbursements through the system. We understand the frustration of submitting them and then having them returned for corrections weeks later. What you can do is ensure you submit accurate requests with all the required info to include "0 balance" or Paid receipts. The same is true with Credit cards. We are working the process and understand the frustration. We certainly appreciate your patience as we continue to address the problems and work the solutions with SDF. Credit cards – Expect to see an updated "How To" guide that should explain how to submit accurate GPC claims so you can get your money as quickly as possible.

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AFJROTC.COM!*

*...and on Facebook at  
"HQ AF Junior ROTC"*

*On the Horizon...*

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

Congrats to the following:

“Exceeded Standards” 2014 Unit

Evaluations:

AR-20001--Ben Eielson Junior Senior  
High School

CA-092--Arlington High School

CA-901--San Bernardino High School

FL-011--Melbourne High School

FL-034--Rutherford High School

FL-081--Hernando High School

FL-934--Avon Park High School

F.W. Springstead High School

FL-953--River Ridge Middle/High School

IL-20051--O'Fallon High School

IL-20083--Mascoutah Community High  
School

KS-061--Derby High School

NC-021--Dudley High School

NC-20062--East Montgomery High  
School

NC-9512--East Mecklenburg High  
School

OK-921--John Marshall High School

SC-064--Spring Valley High School

SC-20021--Edisto High School

SC-20022--Berea High School

SC-871--Lexington High School

SC-872--Wando High School

SC-873--Crestwood High School

TN-791--Heritage High School

VA-051--Indian River High School

VA-062--Western Branch High School

VA-20003--Great Bridge High School

VA-20081--Grassfield High School

Our credit card team, (SSgt Mafield, SrA Tanks, & SSgt Kalnin) see the same errors repeated again and again and we are going to provide some better guidance to you to prevent these recurring and similar errors. SSgt Mafield will deploy for 6 months starting in April so we will have 2 sharp Airman to help you while Rusty is away.

Personnel – The RD-7 position has closed and we will be looking at the applicants in the next couple of weeks. More to follow on this in the next Newsletter! This addition will offer some badly needed relief to the other RDs who are at 110% throttle.

UE Letter Process – Hopefully you have noticed a “much faster” turnaround on all UE letters! We have made some great process improvements to the UE letter process that has allowed us to turn letters in less than 2-3 weeks! So continue to expect to hear back from us pretty quickly following your UEs.

Unit Self Assessments – I am still seeing quite a few discrepancies regarding proper completion of Unit Self Assessments. Be sure to “thoroughly and accurately” complete your Unit Self Assessments each year and certainly **PRIOR TO** your UE. This is a “Director’s Special Interest Item.” Identifying an issue well in advance of an inspection might just save you a UE write-up. Believe me, we want all units to earn an “Exceeds Standards” evaluation and this will help you do it.

COF Academic Bowl - We had 7,056 cadets participate in the practice round and 1,308 cadets completed the Level I competition! Level II of the competition is ongoing now (1-15 Feb 2015) and will include 111 Air Force JROTC Academic Teams. GOOD LUCK to each team, study hard and do your very best cadets! The National Academic Bowl Championship is in late Jun 2015 where 8 of the top AFJROTC teams will compete against cadets from the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps JROTC programs. I think we can win it!

COF Organized “JROTC 5K” - There will also be a 99th Anniversary JROTC 5K coming on 25 April 2015 (25 Apr is race day...start time is 1200 noon (EST)). This 5K has the potential to break a Guinness World Record! I encourage as many units as possible to participate in this “worldwide” event! We have included a “World View” Start time map at the end of this packet which details the start times for each time-zone. We have some very dedicated cadets in the Pacific who will be starting as early as 0200! WOW! Very impressive. This will be a great event and I encourage each unit to invite everyone to participate, alumni, students, teachers, community members, etc.

CAP / AFJROTC MOA - We recently received the signed Civil Air Patrol (CAP)/AFJROTC MOA that was first step in getting CAP incentive flights for our AFJROTC cadets. We just received funding for the program and Capt Gaytan has sent out guidance on how to get money for the incentive flights.

JICC 2015 is scheduled for 13-24 Jul 2015! There will be more info on this as we get closer.

Your HQ is working hard for you but there is more to do! We have some good momentum now and our goal is to keep everything moving in a positive direction for the program. AFJROTC is an incredible program. Each of you is truly making a difference and we thank all of you for your hard work and dedication!

### Gold Valor Awards

IN-20051 -Owen Valley High School

- Cadet Dakota Benson

IN-20051- Owen Valley High School

- Cadet Tyler Benson

### Silver Valor Awards

FL-023- DeLand High School

- Cadet Carter Kolehmainen

MA-951- Peabody Veterans Memorial High School

- Cadet Ben Justas

PA-20062- North Penn High School

- Cadet Alexandra Arnold
- Cadet Michael Gain
- Cadet Mahadi Haque

### Humanitarian Awards

IL-941- Dupo Community High School

- Cadet Blake Crawford

NE-20091- Lincoln Northeast High School

- Cadet Casey Taylor

## AFJROTC Deputy's Corner



I hope everyone enjoyed their well-deserved holiday break! The good news is that Congress finally approved a Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA) for the entire fiscal year and AFJROTC should start seeing our funding restored in the next few weeks. This will allow us to fund the CAP flight program, push more O&M funds out to the units and provide limited transportation funding for the summer Cadet Leadership Camps (CLC). Additionally, Holm Center finance now has two people working full time on reimbursements and the Holm

Center Support Director is converting his secretary billet to a third full time JROTC reimbursement position. We will also have three more people checked out to help out SSgt Mafield with credit card payments (two are reservists) by mid-January.

We still need your help in following the procedures outlined in the finance guide to ensure timely reimbursement and credit card payments. There are currently 100 returned reimbursement packages, that weren't filled out in compliance with the finance guide, waiting for units to fix so we can process payment.

Upcoming suspense's that need to be on your radar are the Feb 10th PSR for 4X4 and trimester units, Apr 1st Outstanding Instructor Award Nominations, and the Apr 10th suspense for Unit Impact Submission for Goals, Setup of Academic Year for 2016, update of ADPE accounts, and validation of funding requirements for the rest of the year so we can redistribute any unused funds.

Thanks for all your hard work in developing citizens of character for America!



## Curriculum Materials Update 2015

During 2015 there are many projects being worked and completed in Holm Center AFJROTC Curriculum, so please let us provide you with what is currently taking place:

First, there is the much anticipated LE 100: *Traditions, Wellness, and Foundations of Citizenship* textbook, instructor guide, CPS files, and companion website. Currently the licensing agreement is different than ones used in the past and details have been resolved. Also, a companion website for LE 100 is still being developed and we have encountered a minor delay for the release. As of today

we are hoping to have the new LE 100 curriculum ready for release by March 2015 and mandated for the 2016/2017 school year. Due to budget constraints we are still limited to 40 textbooks (classroom set) and one IG. If you need more, then please contact Chief, AFJROTC Curriculum, Ms. Helms, email: [Vickie.Helms@Maxwell.af.mil](mailto:Vickie.Helms@Maxwell.af.mil) for further discussion.

Second, we are overseeing development of two new companion websites for AS 300: *Exploring Space; The High Frontier* and AS 220: *Cultural Studies; An Introduction to Global Awareness*. These new companion websites will provide



## Outstanding Performers of NJ-781



Cadet Maj Levy



Cadet SMSgt McQuade



Cadet SSgt Curran

additional technology tools for both in/out the classroom. As many of you know, we already have provided companion websites for AS 200: *Science of Flight; A Gateway to New Horizons*, LE 300: *Life Skills and Career Opportunities*, and the new LE 100.

Third, we are revising and updating the AFJROTC Curriculum Guide for 2015-2016, and the Curriculum Materials, Publications, and Forms, 2015-2016 (CMPF). Annually we provide the latest references for current and obsolete curriculum materials and Holm Center AFJROTC HQ's guidance. Once completed with the updates, all instructors will be notified via WINGS email. Please remember hard copies of the 2015-2016 Curriculum Guide and CMPF are no longer available but can be found in WINGS | Published Files | Curriculum.

Fourth, Ms Linda Sackie has started working the LE 200: *Communication, Awareness, and Leadership* rewrite. This revision has just started and expected completion is sometime during the next school year. The textbook, instructor guide, CPS files, and developing a companion website will all be updated and some created. Something new will be the inclusion of Common Core English-Language Arts Standards. Previously, this requirement was not written into the Performance of Work Statement for contractors; however, it has been added for LE 200.

Speaking of Common Core, we have just started cross-walking all curriculum to Common Core English-Language Arts Standards. We will focus on English-language Arts since this will meet the requirements across all curriculum content areas for states that have adopted common core and requiring this. We don't expect to crosswalk other common core content standards, since awarding core credit in areas such as Math or History is not nationwide.

Feel free to contact us via email or phone if you need clarification for curriculum. We also want you to take the time to read the emails we send out on HQ's Curriculum email with updates on curriculum and CPS Webinars. Please, take advantage of the CPS Webinars, they are there to help you learn the system and studies show cadets prefer this method of curriculum presentation!

Finally, in an office with only three individuals, we continue striving towards providing you the very best customer service available and world class 21<sup>st</sup> Century curriculum!

### Logistics Log October 2014

Thanks to all the units for your time and effort to keep the AFJROTC inventory organized & accounted for! We would like to share a couple of tips to assist with this organization and accountability.

This year, it has become mandatory that units have their **inventory by size**. When RD's come to visit for an inspection, they will be checking to see that the inventory in WINGS is organized by size.

Another important tip is to inspect the items that arrive in your packages. Please contact DLA at 1.877.352.2255 or [dlacontactcenter@dla.mil](mailto:dlacontactcenter@dla.mil) after 30 days of non-receipt for your ordered items. The DLA customer service representative will need the requisition number (the FG3037.... number listed in your order). The customer service representative should be able to tell you if an item is on back order, still being processed or has been delivered. If the item has been delivered, please be sure to ask who signed for the delivery to assist with tracking down the items. If questions arise please use the following email to contact us: [HQ-Logistics@afjrotc.com](mailto:HQ-Logistics@afjrotc.com)

***Please follow-up on ordered items to ensure we don't loose anything***

## Unit CA-953



Brigade Regulation Drill: CA-935, Scripps Ranch High School, San Diego, is one of 13 JROTC schools in the San Diego Unified District. These 13 schools include Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps units. Every year the schools compete against each other in regulation drill and color guard. There are eight events which include platoon drill, squad drill, individual drill for first through fourth year cadets, first year and varsity color guard. CA-935 dominated this competition, taking first place in platoon and squad drill, two first places in individual drill, first place in first year color guard, and two second places in individual drill. The Scripps High School cadets won the "Overall Best Drilled Unit" trophy. Not a bad record, placing in seven out of eight events!



Food Drive: Every year CA-935 spearheads a canned food drive to assist less fortunate individuals and families obtain food during the holiday season. The cadets worked hand-in-hand with the Associated Students Body, teachers, school administrators, and students to collect cans over a four week period. The goal of 5,000 pounds was far surpassed as almost five tons of food (9,802 lbs.) was collected which will provide 8,168 meals to the San Diego community.

## JA-931



5th AF CC Lt Gen Angelella visits JA-931 and addresses students in Misawa Japan.







## Unit AZ-20063

"As the only JROTC in a 87 mile radius, AZ-20063 (Prescott, AZ) is actively involved in the community. On 11/11 they marched in the Annual Veterans Day Parade around Prescott's picturesque downtown square. Immediately after they also had a heart touching flag folding ceremony at Las Fuentes (senior care

home) for all the veteran residents. An eight year tradition was continued with the "Veterans Honor Wall" erected and guarded by the cadets in the HS foyer. Continue to do great things! Check out more about Prescott JROTC at [prescottjrotc.com](http://prescottjrotc.com) <<http://prescottjrotc.com>> "



## Unit FL-802



A color guard commanded by Cadet Technical Sergeant Kyle Stanley along with Florida flag bearer, Cadet Senior Airman Christian Gaul, and rifle guards, Cadet Technical Sergeant Caleb Smith and Cadet Staff Sergeant Garrett Conner presented the colors for the 9th Annual Veterans Day tribute at the Health Central Rehabilitation Hospital in Winter Garden Florida. After the Mayor of Winter Garden opened the ceremonies, the FL-802 color guard presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. After the ceremony that honored all of the hospitalized veterans with a roll call, the cadets from the color guard had lunch with the veterans and their families. The veterans shared many of their active duty memories with the cadets and congratulated them on their superb color guard performance.



## Unit TX-863

23 Nov 2014 - Cadets from unit TX-863 pose for photo taken in front of Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C.



Cadets from Unit TX-863 take pictures if front of the 1903 Wright Flyer at the Wright brothers exhibit at the Air and Space Museum.





### **Unit CA-811** **December 15, 2014**

Cadets from Hiram Johnson High School's JROTC performed color guard duties before thousands of football fans at the Dec 7 "Battle of the Bay" between the Raiders & the 49ers. Dec 7 was also on the 73rd anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor survivors participated with JROTC cadets in a commemorative ceremony before the National Anthem. "This is a really positive event for us — a win-win. The cadets are standing a little taller and prouder" said Hiram Johnson JROTC teacher Sgt. Jim Rost

<http://www.kcra.com/news/sacramento-county-teens-perform-at-raiders-vs-49ers-game/30108430>



### **Unit FL-931**



FL-931 performed a Toys for Tots event sponsored by the local Harley Davidson club in downtown Ocala. They ended up with a great group picture which shows a Harley-themed Mr. and Mrs. Claus. In addition, FL-931 did their own toy drive which resulted in MSgt

Fletcher's classroom being overrun by all the toys collected. To add to their success they also collected about 3800 lbs. of canned goods for the local inter-faith food bank last month. Its really is amazing what happens when dedicated cadets work together to accomplish something.

-George M. Clarke, Major, USAF (Ret)





Salem High School had the honor of hosting the Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial. Salem High School AFJROTC Cadets were heavily involved in the series of events that took place on Oct 15-19th. Cadets posted and retrieved the colors daily during a formal military ceremony. Also Cadets Specht, Demers, and Griffin served as Masters of Ceremonies for several of the opening and closing ceremonies. On Friday October 17th Salem Schools visited the wall, while Cadets served as tour guides to answer any questions students had. Overall the Cadets were professional and performed in an outstanding manner. It was an honor for all the Cadets to have lent a hand in the Traveling Vietnam Wall Event.

-C/LtCol Daniel Poucher, Corps Commander



## JROTC OTS Leadership Exercise

During the Martin Luther King jr Holiday break we hosted the first ever inaugural JROTC OTS Leadership Exercise. OTS provided a mini-field training experience for 129 cadets from 14 different units.

All the cadets left braver, stronger, and more confident in themselves and each other as they formed new lasting friendships and bonds. The cadets underwent a real boot camp wake up call thanks to the Military Training Instructors. The cadets overcame the confidence courses which included a 5 story rappel tower. We also had them go thru project X which forced them to work as a team to overcome the same obstacles that all ROTC/OTS cadets go thru. To top this event off they even got to hear words of wisdom by our own Brigadier General Paul Guemmer.

We want to thank all the instructors and chaperons which sacrificed their own weekends to allow their cadets an opportunity to participate. The event was a huge success with cadets providing feedback as "we don't want to go home, please let us stay longer". We look forward to hosting more of these in the future so please stay tuned in.







## JROTC 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run Coordination

Start time: 12:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

