

NO MILITARY COMMITMENT (LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM)

- This year, VMA had its first class of AF JROTC cadets, 15 in total
 - o The current course is a full-year elective consisting of Aerospace Science (Aviation History), Leadership Education (including military customs and courtesies and military marching), and Fitness.
 - o **For next year (2020-2021), we will add a Global and Cultural Studies course that will confer a social study credit, taking the place of World History, for freshmen and sophomores.**
- All students who play a sport can STILL take JROTC (75% of cadets do play a sport)
- Just a few mandatory events outside of school
 - o Marching in Erie Veterans' Day Parade in November
 - o Military Ball in April
 - o Annual Awards Ceremony in April

JROTC REQUIREMENTS

- Small activity fee of \$35 collected in the beginning of the year
- Air Force uniform valued at over \$500 provided at **no cost!**
 - o Worn once weekly (no tie required in September and May) and other special occasions
- Participate in two JROTC-sponsored events each quarter

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

- Community Service Projects
 - o Adopt a Highway
 - o Support at U.S. Citizenship ceremonies
 - o Poppy Sales for Vets & Bowling for Vets
 - o Color Guards at Prep/Villa and professional sporting events
- Extracurricular Activities
 - o Military marching precision drill team
 - o Volleyball and Dodgeball
 - o Cyber security competitions
 - o Academic competitions
 - o Rocket Model club
- Field trips
 - o Major Military Installations (Washington DC, Virginia Beach, Military Academies, Hawaii)
 - o Military Aircraft Flights
 - o Civil Air Patrol Flights
 - o Erie Corrections Facility
 - o PA National Guard Armory
 - o Summer Camp Opportunities

BENEFITS OF JROTC

- o Smaller class sizes
- o Great introduction to military values and discipline, and the possibilities of military careers
- o Opportunity to earn 6 college credits through University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

FACT: Most students who join *JROTC* stay all four years in the Corps of Cadets