



Orange High School MCJROTC

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AGENDA

- Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Overview
- The Orange High School (OHS) Marine Corps JROTC (MCJROTC) Story
- OHS MCJROTC in the 2021-2022 School Year
- The Way Ahead



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WHAT JROTC Is

JROTC is Leadership Education

- The OHS Marine Corps JROTC Program is a character development and leadership education program that stresses ethics, service, personal responsibility, and self-discipline.
- Through classroom education and targeted extra-curricular activities, the program focuses on developing and enhancing foundational leadership skills as well as civic service to individuals and communities throughout Orange County.
- The ultimate program goals are to generate improved student academic performance, physical fitness, leadership skills and ultimately, civic-minded, self-reliant adults.



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WHAT JROTC Is Not

JROTC is not a military recruiting tool!

- There is no military obligation associated with JROTC. Nationwide, less than 2% of JROTC cadets choose to enlist in the Armed Forces.
- Studies have shown that JROTC cadets have higher grade point averages, better attendance, graduation rates and lower levels of disciplinary infractions than the general student body.
- Graduating JROTC cadets are more likely to pursue higher education than the average high school student.
- If a cadet with at least two years of JROTC enters the Armed Services, they can receive a meritorious promotion upon the completion of recruit training (boot camp).



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MCJROTC HISTORY

- OHS has the only Marine Corps JROTC Program in Orange County.
- The program was established in 1996 when former Orange Unified School District School Board member Master Gunnery



Sergeant (MGySgt) James Fearn, USMC (Retired), flew to Washington DC and waited for 2 days to see the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and left the meeting with a charter for the Program in hand.



Because of MGySgt Fearn's efforts, thousands of students have benefitted from the program.



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MCJROTC – 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

➤ Our Challenges

- ❖ COVID-19's legacy
- ❖ Low JROTC enrollment (initially)
- ❖ Disproportionate percentage of first year cadets
- ❖ HQ Marine Corps Inspection



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MCJROTC - 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

➤ Our Accomplishments

- ❖ Doubled our initial enrollment in the first month of school through aggressive recruiting and with the support of the OHS Administration
- ❖ Passed the Headquarters Marine Corps Inspection
- ❖ Fostered a family atmosphere within the unit through field trips, picnics and other team building activities
- ❖ Participated in JROTC Color Guard, marksmanship and physical fitness competitions
- ❖ Established the program's first Cyber Security Team which advanced to Round III of a national competition
- ❖ Formed our inaugural JROTC Joint Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB) Team and qualified for the 2022 National Championships
- ❖ Provided over 1,000 hours of service in support of OHS, the City of Orange, and the surrounding community.



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THE WAY AHEAD...

- We are finishing the year with momentum. We have a strong group of emerging leaders returning next year to carry the program forward
- The vast majority of current cadets say they will return to JROTC next year
- We feel we had a productive recruiting effort when Yorba and Portola Middle Schools visited OHS this spring
- Both our Senior Marine Instructor and Marine Instructor are returning next year, providing critical continuity
- We have an action packed year planned out!



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TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES

After over a year indoors due to COVID-19, we made it our goal to bring our program together by not only offering exciting opportunities for our cadets, but that were also educationally enhancing such as...

- Paintball
- Rappelling
- An intramural field meet
- A visit to the Holocaust Museum
- Red Cross 1st Aid/CPR Certifications
- Opportunities to become part of our Color Guard and Raiders team
- Opportunities to join our Cyber Security Team



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CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY

We as a program realize that to grow responsible citizens it is important to serve our community. To do this, we have contributed over 1000 hours of community service by supporting the following:

- OHS Class Registrations
- OHS Track Meets
- A Beach Clean-Up
- Decorated Veterans' graves as part of the "Wreaths Across America" program
- Set up and took down over 2,500 flags in support of the "Fields of Valor" Veterans Day recognition event
- OC Triathlon



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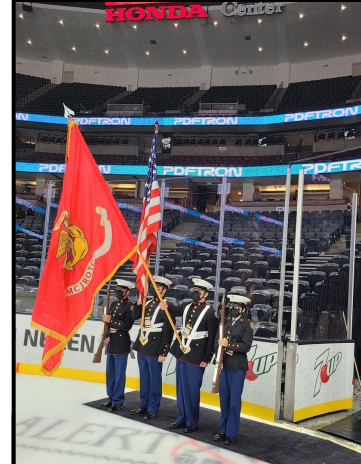


COLOR GUARD CONTRIBUTIONS

Throughout the year, our Color Guard has performed 27 separate times for the following events:

- Anaheim Ducks' Games
- Various Conventions
- OHS Assemblies
- OHS Football Games

We are proud to say that our community service and Color Guards are only made possible by the perseverance and enthusiasm of our cadets.



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TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Over Spring Break, 10 current and future cadet leaders were offered the opportunity to participate in an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. They were able to...

- Tour the U.S. Naval Academy
- Visit Marine Barracks 8th & I
- Meet Congressman Correa and receive a personal tour through the Capitol
- Visit the National Mall
- Visit the Museum of the Marine Corps

Due to the success of this year's trip we hope to make this an yearly event to provide this opportunity to the future leaders of our program.



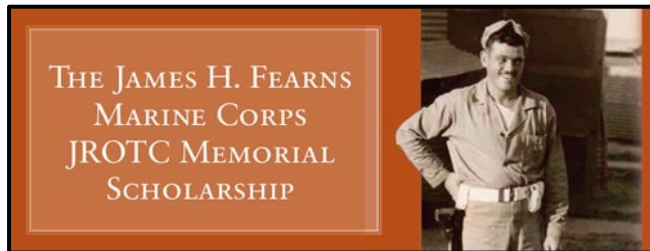
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OHS MCJROTC HISTORY

MGySgt Fearn's' legacy continues to this day through the Orange High School Marine Corps JROTC Association which is run by his son, Mr. Geoffrey Fearn's. Through the Association's support, OHS cadets have the opportunity to:

- Participate in life changing field trips and other educationally enhancing events with all expenses paid
- Have access to the best uniforms and equipment available
- Benefit from the James H. Fearn's Memorial Scholarship



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