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Rising Above The Competition



The Raider team was successful once again at the annual Marion Raider Championship! On April 28, Hobart cadets took home second place overall out of eighteen competing teams! The team also placed in eight of the ten events: third place in the Buddy Carry, Litter

Carry, Spider Web, Boardwalk, and the two mile Cross Country Run, and second place in the Gauntlet, Tied Together and Rope Bridge. The day of the competition was intense, lasting over eight hours. Cadets were tested on their strength and teamwork with each passing event. For four seniors, cadets Buhmann, Gearhart, Jahnke, and Atkosh, this was their final Raider State Championship. Junior cadets Salinas and Wehmeyer will return for their senior years and work towards beating the Marion home team with sophomores cadets Greenleaf, Murphy, Olson, and Wright. For freshmen cadets Ford and Johnson, it was their first Raider competition of many. The team, despite the different levels of experience, gave their best throughout the whole day and earned their trophy!

Just two weeks later, on May 12, cadets returned to Marion to attend the Marion Biathlon, which involved running up to four miles and shooting fifteen small targets. The performance was incredible! Cadets Murphy and Wright partnered together and were the fastest male team, while Cadets Greenleaf and Salinas took home second place for the female teams! Cadets Gearhart and Wehmeyer also earned second in the coed category!

The Raider season ended with wonderful accomplishments and one important announcement: cadet Salinas is passing the torch to cadet Greenleaf, handing down the title of Raider captain! Raider Captain and the other members are bound to make the battalion proud next year!



2018 Awards Banquet

Cadet of the

Fourth Quarter

The cadet recognized for the fourth quarter is Natalie Atkosh. As a senior, Cadet Atkosh has involved herself in all possible competition teams in JROTC. This year, she competed on the Color Guard A Team that earned first place in the Indianapolis State Championship! Her proudest achievement, however, was competing on the Raider team and helping bring home second place at the 2018 Marion Raider Meet! She also puts a great amount of effort into academics. She was honored as a part of the Hall of Scholars, ranking in the top fifteen students of her class. Cadet Atkosh takes great pride in her accomplishments and experiences in JROTC. Congratulations, Natalie!



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The 2018 Award Banquet was as eventful as always with many new surprises and suspenseful announcements! First, the winners of the Honor Platoon competition were announced, going to the platoon of platoon sergeant Victoria Wehmeyer and platoon leader Ashley Alcala! Then, cadets impressed all in attendance with the amount of academic awards received. This year, over seventy cadets made their way onto the Honor Roll with 3.0 cumulative grade point averages. Twenty cadets had 4.0 GPAs, and fifteen had 4.0 cumulative GPAs. The highest GPA in the battalion, earning Distinguished Cadet for the second year in a row, went to cadet Natalie Atkosh, who held a 4.6 GPA. Overall, more than half of the battalion received academic awards! Not only that, but this year JROTC had an abundance of exciting community service awards. Sixteen cadets were recognized for their first one-hundred hours of community service, while nine were awarded for having two-hundred hours. However, the largest award for community service was given to cadet Arron Buhmann, who has accumulated over five-hundred hours of community service! The cadets have given a great deal of time to community service this year, and those who benefited could not thank them enough!



The night came to a close with multiple exciting awards. Every year four cadets are recognized as the superior cadets of their class. This year, the recipients were freshman Samantha Patterson, sophomore Justice Greenleaf, junior Victoria Wehmeyer, and senior Drew Gearhart. The most exciting event of the evening came down to the nail-biting reveal of who earned Cadet of the Year and who would be promoted to Battalion Commander. It was revealed that Trinity Salinas was both Cadet of the Year and Battalion Commander! As the senior cadets prepare for graduation, they can vacation easy knowing the future of the battalion is in good hands. Congratulations to all cadets, and we hope to have another great banquet next year!



Sunshine at Springfest



As usual, the annual Springfest was a success thanks to the involvement of JROTC cadets! This year, one-hundred and thirty cadets volunteered to participate in the event. Cadets set up games and tables around the school starting at three o'clock. When people started arriving at five that evening, JROTC members were there to run the games and supervise the bouncy houses. Even after the day was over, cadets stayed until ten at night to clean the gym and field house. Overall, the event was a success thanks to the efforts of JROTC students!

