



Cadet Life

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Raider Invitational Success

On October 14th, 2017, Hobart High School host-

ed the Brickie Battalion's annual Raider Invitational Competition! The chilly morning began with the battalion's JROTC Band playing the national anthem beautifully for the visiting teams and army instructors to hear. The competition was kicked off with each team heading to their assigned events. The competition was tough for our Hobart cadets; however, both teams earned a trophy for their school! Hobart Team A placed at least top three in each event, bringing home five individual event trophies, and topped off the competition with the first place champion trophy! As for Hobart Team B, in their very first competition they place second in one of the rigorous trials the day had to offer: the Fitness Obstacle Course, where six cadets had to drag a tire, haul a fifty pound dummy, and carry two jugs full of water across the football field! Despite the difficult challenges and harsh weather the day threw at them, Hobart's cadets are able to brag that they did their best to show off their strength and how well they worked together as a team.

Junior Achievement

Between the months of October and November, our sophomore, junior, and senior ca-



dets have tirelessly prepared for a special leadership event: Junior Achievement! The goal of Junior Achievement is to teach elementary students simple economics and work readiness skills. On November 24th and 30th, over eighty cadets successfully taught one hundred and thirty five lessons to first through fifth grade students at the Ridgeview and Liberty Elementary schools! The cadets were extremely professional in their presentations and received compliments from each teacher. Mrs. McKee, a fourth grade teacher for Ridgeview Elementary, described the event as an "overall great learning experience" for her class. The benefits for cadets seem even greater, however, as the preparation period taught extensive leadership skills. As senior cadets are regularly taught in JROTC, people often overestimate the event and underestimate the process. In the Junior Achievement exercise, cadets were shown the importance of practice for development of confidence and knowledge. The process is proven to be more difficult than the event as cadets are tested on how thoroughly they understand their materials and how effectively they can present the lessons. Despite everything, our cadets took the challenge head on and did a wonderful job, while having fun with it too! We are so proud of you, cadets!



Cadet of the Quarter

The very first cadet of the quarter for the year is Drew Gearhart! Throughout his four years in JROTC, Drew has established himself as a talented leader. Drew has shown great dependability and efficiency in every job he is given. From competing in Raider meets to commanding a Color Guard team, Drew always puts forth his best effort and never quits on his fellow cadets. Wherever Drew goes, our instructors can trust that the task will be completed correctly and efficiently. Congratulations, Drew! We're so proud of what you have accomplished!



Front, left: Various events from the Raider Competition

Front, Middle: Cadet Nathan Wright working with two students

Back, Top Left: Cadets Jahnke and Salinas unload a truck full of goodies

Back, Middle, Left: Cadet Makere shooting at the Marksmanship Competition

Back, Middle, Right: Marksmanship Team posing with their winnings

Back, Bottom, Left: Colonel Buhmann presenting rank to Cadet Gearhart

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Stocking The Shelves!

Every year, the Hobart Kiwanis Administration hosts its spectacular food drive to restock the food pantries of Hobart. Similarly, the JROTC Cadets volunteer to attend the food drive annually, making it one of our largest community service projects of the year! This year was no different as dozens of cadets spread empty paper bags across Hobart over a period of a week, attempting to increase the number of participants. The next weekend, then,



cadets again ran up and down neighborhoods and hauled the filled bags from front porches and driveways and back to the pantry. Cadets still stationed at the pantry then sorted the new arrivals and packed them away on the shelves. Each food delivery held well over twenty bags chocked full with canned goods and non-perishables. Thanks to our cadets, families across Hobart will be fed for many months ahead! Great job, volunteers!

Marksmanship Triumphs!



The marksmanship season in the Brickie Battalion was extremely eventful this year as our team brought home two trophies! For the first time in the battalion, the marksmanship team brought home a team-earned trophy, ranking fifth of twenty-two competitors. Cadet Justice Greenleaf was our top shooter, scoring a 247!

Cadet Alex Decker earned an individual trophy, ranking as the third highest prone position shooter with a score of 94! Amongst these accomplishments, seven cadets improved their previous scores during the competition. Cadet Rebekkah Hunter beat her personal record and earned an expert badge! Our cadets did a wonderful job representing our battalion and brought a strong ending to the 2017 marksmanship season!



As a dedicated cadet who holds many accomplishments, in-

cluding winning Best Battalion Commander and Distinguished Cadet at JCLC for two years in a row, Drew Gearhart has been promoted to the new Battalion Commander for the second semester. Former Battalion Commander Aaron Buhmann happily passed command of the battalion to Cadet Gearhart, stating that he is "proud to be a part of the process of recognizing someone's stellar achievements." Cadet Buhmann gave thanks to LTC Buhamnn for "everything he has taught me."

New Year, New BC

