



Cadet Life

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Awards Banquet 2017

Well, cadets and families, with the close of another year comes another successful end of year awards banquet. Let's recap some of the most important information for those unable to be in attendance: first and foremost, congratulations to cadet Aaron Buhmann for being promoted to the coveted rank of Battalion Commander! It is the sentiment of all the seniors that the battalion is being left in capable hands. In addition, cadet Jacob Powers received the title of Battalion MVP, an honorable award decided by a vote amongst the cadets of the battalion. Sophomore Ashley Alcala, junior Drew Gearhart, and senior Dylan Horn each received a leadership award, and this year's Superior Cadets were Dylan Jaskulski, Trinity Salinas, Aaron Buhmann, and Kaitlyn Kruszynski. Congratulations to everyone, and thank you for a wonderful year!



Raiders on the Road

Once again, Hobart Cadets took to the open road to participate in a series of high-activity physical events. The Raider competition team competed at Marion High School in the late weeks of April in an invite much like the one hosted at our own high school early this year. Events included trials such as the litter carry, tire push, buddy carry, rope bridge, and more - and our cadets did very, very well! In addition to bringing home second place overall, the raider team did not place lower than third in any individual event, and more than one individual competitor received an award. As al-

ways, we could not be prouder of these cadets, and wish them well in all their endeavors forward as Brickie Raiders!



Cadet of the 4th Quarter

Cadet of the Quarter is a quarterly award presented to cadets who show exceptional leadership ability, work ethic, academic achievement, and pride in the work they put into the program. This quarter, the award was presented to cadet Jacob Powers!



Junior Jacob Powers has been a JROTC cadet since his freshman year and was a platoon leader for the 2016-2017 school year. Cadet Powers has shown incredible dependability and commitment to the JROTC program, participating in every one of the after-school teams and even being co-commander of the Color Guard team. Jacob has accumulated more than 150 hours of community service during his time with Hobart JROTC as well as grown from a wily freshman to a mature leader in just three short years. We couldn't be prouder of you, Jacob!

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Good Luck, JLAB Team!

We would like one last time to wish good luck to cadets Natalie Atkosh, Brooke Harter, Jacob Powers, and Drew Gearheart, who will be traveling to Washington, D.C. this summer to participate in an academic-bowl style JLAB competition. Good luck, cadets, and have fun!

Brickie Battalion Service

This year, HHS JROTC cadets participated in several during- and after-school service learning opportunities, and it seems that work has really paid off! For those wondering, we as a battalion accumulated over four thousand hours of community service just this year alone - and that's not all. The 2016-2017 battalion as a whole represents a career total of a whopping twelve thousand hours of service outside the classroom! Where did all those hours go? Well, when asked, cadet Dylan Horn felt that the battalion's biggest service learning excursions were Springfest, Pack Away Hunger, football games, and food drive bag pickup - but that doesn't even scratch the surface of just how much work our cadets have put into their community this year. Every participant should feel very proud!



"The Mattress Fundraiser"

Calling all cadets! Over the summer,

the HHS JROTC battalion is hosting a large fundraising event selling beds and mattresses at prices up to 50% off retail. The event will take place on July 8 in our own Great Hall, and for every bed sold, the Hobart JROTC program gets several hundred dollars to put towards uniforms, PT equipment, classroom materials, the end of year banquet, and more! If we do well enough on this fundraiser, it may be the only fundraiser the battalion needs for the whole year. To promote the event, follow the links and hashtags listed below and join, share, and invite friends to the digital events! We know that, on average, people buy one bed every ten years, so we're not trying to sell to everyone - we're just asking those in need to come to us first!



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Front side column: scenes from the EOY Banquet and the raider trip to Marion.

Front top: cadets Aaron Buhmann and Jacob Powers, the new Battalion Commander and Battalion MVP respectively.

Front bottom: scenes from the raider trip to Marion.

Back left: cadet of the 4th quarter, Jacob Powers.

Back top row: scenes from Springfest, Pack Away Hunger, and food bag distribution/pickup for the local food drive, respectively.

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