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Hobart Teams On The Road

Quarter 3 is a busy time for the Color Guard and Drill teams who, just like the Raider team last quarter, have been working very hard at performing polished routines in drill meets at Purdue West Lafayette and Indianapolis! Pictured in the left column are various scenes from the Purdue University drill meet.

The Purdue group was comprised of one color guard team and one drill team. The group traveled at 4AM to the Purdue University JROTC Fieldhouse where both the color guard and drill teams performed a routine they've been practicing since the beginning of the year. Though neither team took home a trophy, both teams placed well, with drill coming in fourth out of eighteen and color guard coming in sixth out of twenty two! Cadet Natalie Atkosh also took home second place out of almost 400 in individual knockout.

The Indianapolis group was also comprised of one color guard and the same group of drill cadets who attended the competition at Purdue. This group travelled to an Indianapolis high school a month after the Purdue drill meet to compete in similarly styled events with drastically different routines. Both teams placed incredibly well, with the drill team coming in third out of eighteen and the color guard coming in fifth out of twenty-eight, and the drill team even brought in a trophy! In addition, two of our cadets placed in the top five out of a similarly large group in individual knockout.

Hobart Cadets in Washington

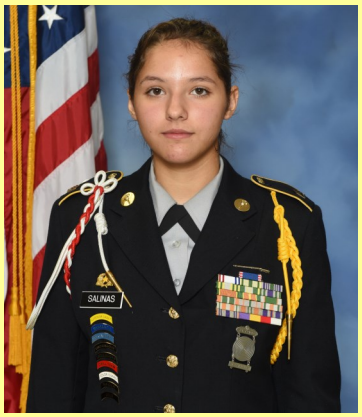
The Hobart Brickie Battalion is incredibly excited to announce that the 2016-2017 JLAB Academic team has qualified for nationals and will be travelling this summer to Washington, D.C. to participate in an academic-bowl-style buzzer game with 24 other finalist teams from around the United States, Asia, and Europe!

For those unaware, J-LAB is a series of SAT-style tests taken competitively in a group. The tests focus on a broad range of topics, from mathematics to grammar to current events to the JROTC curriculum. This year's Hobart team consists of sophomore and junior cadets Natalie Atkosh, Jacob Powers, Eric Jahnke, Drew Gearhart, Brooke Harter, and Ariana Brewer (pictured below). Four of these six cadets will take an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June of 2017 to sightsee and show off their knowledge in head-to-head competition against other top teams from around the world. Cadets have the opportunity to stay on the campus of The Catholic University of America, see some of the country's most beautiful and pertinent historical landmarks, and prove their academic prowess in our nation's great capital. Their battalion and school could not be prouder of them!



Cadet of the 3rd 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 Trinity Salinas!

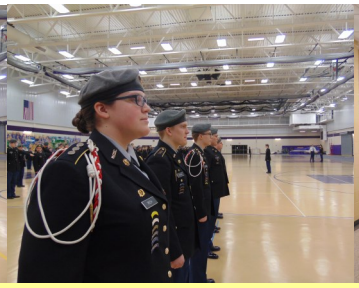


Sophomore Trinity Salinas has been a JROTC cadet since her freshman year and is a squad leader. Cadet Salinas has shown incredible commitment to the JROTC program, participating in nearly all of our after-school teams and showing exceptional growth in all areas of the JROTC curriculum. She takes pride in all of her work inside the classroom and out and has an unmatched drive and motivation to continue to develop as a leader. It becomes increasingly difficult with each passing term to speak highly enough of this cadet's accomplishments and strength of character. Great job, Trinity!

Inspection 2017

The inspection of the 2017 Brickie Battalion was, as always, a smashing success! Cadets were excused from between three and five classes throughout the school day to be inspected by several ROTC Instructors from the University of Notre Dame. The event consisted of an in-ranks inspection (during which the entire 136-cadet battalion was in formation together in the fieldhouse), a marching performance from each of six platoons, a color guard performance by the Indianapolis competition color guard team, individual portfolio inspections and cadet interviews, and two briefings by battalion juniors and seniors over the battalion's Continuous Improvement and Service Learning projects. This year the battalion earned a 99%, only missing two out of a possible 200 points! Incredible job, cadets!



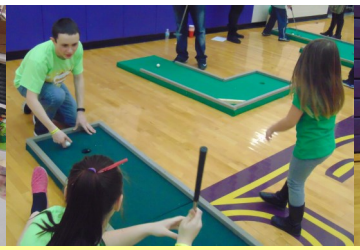




Hobart Cadets at Springfest

Another March, another Springfest come and gone! For those unaware, Springfest is Hobart High School's largest fundraiser and community event. Running for four hours on a Friday night, the festival includes food, games, performances, entertainment, and advertising. The event is also a major service learning opportunity for the cadets in the Brickie Battalion, who put aside their Friday night to help the festival run smoothly. This year, Springfest also fell on St. Patrick's Day, making the service of Hobart cadets—who make up an estimated half of the volunteer force, or more—that much more crucial. Cadets serve in nearly all aspects of the festival, from set-up at the end of the school day to tear-down until nearly ten o'clock that night! After the event, LTC Buhmann received a special thank you from Christine Duggan at Central Office, who expressed that the event could not have functioned were it not for the service of our Hobart cadets. That's something to be proud of!







Front left column: Various scenes from the Purdue drill meet.
Front bottom: The JLAB academic team.
Back top left: Cadet Powers finishes the inspection of his platoon by saluting the inspector.
Back top middle: Battalion staff in formation and awaiting inspection.
Back top right: Battalion Commander Kaitlyn Kruszynski poses for a picture with 1SG Marshall just before the inspection takes place.
Back bottom left: Cadet Koch paints the face of a young girl at Springfest.
Back bottom middle: Cadet Jahnke teaches a young Springfest attendee the ins and outs of miniature golf.
Back bottom right: Cadets Lewis, Cavasos, Kuntz, and Zimmerman run a prize table in the Springfest gym.

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