



Cadet Life

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Physical Fitness to the Max

Saturday, October 29th saw the 8th annual Hobart Raider Invitational hosted at our own Hobart High School. Ten teams from schools all around northwest Indiana and Illinois visited to push themselves to the maximum in six different harrowing, Army-based physical fitness events. Hobart's own team consisted of cadets Seth and Noah Payne, Jay Murphy, Jack Olson, Drew Gearhart, Eric Jahnke, Ashley Alcala, Trinity Salinas, and Tori Wehmeyer, alongside the Raider captain Aaron Buhmann. Several other cadets came to log some community service hours and help make the event run smoothly, including Hobart JROTC alumni Erica Campos, Michaela Bauman, and Chris Prue. The day held many victories for the Hobart Raider team, who placed first in four of six events as well as the competition as a whole. In addition, Noah and Seth Payne received second and third best male Raider respectively, and Tori Wehmeyer earned third best female Raider.

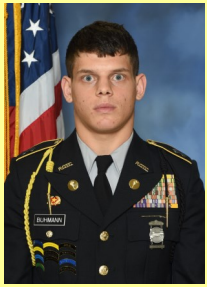
The ceremony opened with a presentation of the colors by cadets Kaitlyn Kruszynski, Dylan Horn, Brooke Harter, and Kary Long. The color guard marched alongside music played by the Hobart JROTC Band consisting of cadets Kelsey Rich, Melynie Koch, Alexander Williamson, Joe Larem, Charity Kirk, Amanda Cicillian, Brian Hammond, Armando Bernal, and Brian Corbeille.

All around, the Invitational was incredibly successful, and the Raider team can't wait to take their skills to an away meet in the spring!



Cadets of the 1st 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 two of our cadets:



Junior Aaron Buhmann has been a JROTC cadet since his freshman year, and is

both the captain of the Raider Team and a platoon leader. Cadet Buhmann has shown incredible commitment to the JROTC program and always takes pride in his work in and outside of the classroom. He's always there to lend a hand and to be a leader.



Junior Alex Decker has also been in the program for three years and is currently a

platoon sergeant as well as the battalion's Color Captain. Cadet Decker was chosen to be the Color Captain for his flexibility and impeccable leadership skills, and it is no doubt he received this award for the same reasons.

November 11, 2016



Every year, Hobart High School hosts an emotional Veteran's Day assembly to honor the men and women in our community that have made personal sacrifices to protect the integrity and freedom of an entire country. As always, the ceremony went off without a hitch, with contributions from Hobart's band, choir, and JROTC programs, which respectively played a service medley, sang the national anthem, and presented the colors. This year, several cadets also presented some sentiments they had prepared beforehand. More than 30 veterans from several different wars and battles attended the event, including two who served in World War II. Each veteran was escorted either by a Hobart student they are related to or by a JROTC cadet volunteer and received front row seats to the ceremony. As always, the veterans and community members who attended commended the High School's beautiful tribute.



From sports to politics, 2016 has been a historical year!

As our own 1SG Marshall will jump at the chance to brag about, this year the Chicago Cubs won the World Series. The last time the beloved baseball team accomplished this task was 108 years ago, meaning that there are surely people who lived full lifetimes without seeing this achievement. More than 5 million people gathered in Chicago later in the week to attend the celebratory parade - nearly double the population of Chicago. In addition, 2016 saw one of the most colorful and historic presidential elections in American history. The election of republican candidate Donald Trump has spurred a brand new sense of American pride and nationalism for some, and a deep intrinsic motivation to activate and protest for others. Either way, it's difficult to say this election (and this year) didn't rock the nation for better or for worse.

American History in 2016



Front column: Various shots from throughout the day of the Invitational.

Front top row: More shots from the Invitational, the JROTC Band and the aftermath of the Tire Event and Litter Carry.

Front bottom: The Raider competition team in its entirety, with the various awards the cadets won throughout the day.

Back top left: Nearly the entirety of the JROTC program in the stands, applauding the incoming veterans

Back upper right: Rows of veterans sitting with their family members or the JROTC cadets to volunteered to escort them.

Back lower right: 1SG Marshall holding all of his Cubs merchandise after the big win in the World Series.

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