

AY 2024-2025 AFJROTC DATES TO REMEMBER

Current As Of: 17 OCT 24 (changes since the 17 SEP 24 version are in YELLOW highlight)

**** Mandatory Events are in BOLD for Cadets, and they include Commander's Calls (each month, usually the first Thursday after school), Awards & Promotion Ceremonies (held once a semester), and Veteran Day events (to include parade practices). The other events are opportunities for service, social, and leader development. Dates, locations, and events may change. Changes will be communicated through the Cadet Corps.**

- **Uniform Distribution for Returning Cadets**
 - When: 7 August 1200-1500 hours
 - Where: Smiley Classroom 622
- **First Years Welcome**
 - When: 8 August 1200-1500 hours
 - Where: Milburn Gym
- **1st Years' Parent / Guardian Orientation (1st Years Cadets included)**
 - When: 20 August @ 1830 - 2030 hours
 - Where: Milburn Auditorium (followed by the foyer area for cadets)
- **August Commander's Call ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 22 August @ 1530 hours
 - Where: Smiley South Gym (Activities Bus from Milburn)
- **OTHS Blue & Gold**
 - Who: AFJROTC Color Guard (names selected by the CG Commander)
 - When: 23 August (showtime established by CG Commander)
 - Where: OTHS Football Field (meet at Smiley classroom 622)
- **O'Fallon City Fest & Parade (Volunteers + Color Guard)**
 - When: 24 August 1200-1800 hours (in two-hour shifts), Color Guard @ 1700 hours (Showtime @ 1530 hours)
 - Where: Family Sports Park
- **O'Fallon City Fest Clean-up and Smiley Street Clean-up (Showtime 0830 hours)**
 - When: 25 August
 - Where: Family Sports Park
- **September Commander's Call ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 5 September @ 1500 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panther Center (activities bus from Milburn)
- **70th Annual Shiloh Picnic (Volunteers, Community Service opportunity)**
 - When: 6 September 1600-2100 hours (fireworks at 2100 hours)
7 September clean-up (time TBD)
- **VFW Baconfest (Volunteers, Community Service opportunity)**
 - When: 14 September 1000-1600 hours, in 2-hour shifts
 - Where: O'Fallon VFW Hall
- **OTHS Connects Night (Volunteers, AFJROTC recruiting and education opportunity)**

- When: 17 September
- Where: OTHS Smiley Cafeteria
- Scott AFB POW/MIA Event
 - Who: AFJROTC Color Guard
 - When: 19 September
 - Where: Scott AFB
- Special Olympics Illinois Region J annual bowling competitions (Volunteers, Community Service)
 - When: 22 September 0800-1500 hours
 - Where: St Clair Bowl
- VFW POW/MIA Ceremony (Volunteers, Community Service opportunity)
 - When: 28 September
 - Where: VFW Post 805 O'Fallon
- **October Commander's Call ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 3 October @ 1500 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panter Center (activities bus from Milburn)
- John Wilt Foundation 5K (Volunteers, Community Service opportunity, Esprit de Corps)
 - When: 5 October
 - Where: O'Fallon Veterans Memorial
- Garden Club (Volunteers, Community Service opportunity)
 - When: 5 October
 - Where: O'Fallon Community Garden
- Homecoming Parade
 - When: 16 October @ 1745 – 1845 hours (Showtime: 1715)
- Curriculum in Action (CIA) Field Trip
 - When: 22 October 1000-1330 hours
 - Where: Fulton Junior High School
 - Who: Awareness Presentation Team
- Curriculum in Action (CIA) Field Trip—all cadets invited to attend
 - When: 25 October 0930-1400 hours
 - Where: Scott AFB First Responders
- Halloween Movie Night
 - When: 25 October @ 1800 – 2000 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panther Center
- **Veteran's Day Parade Practices **MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 28 October @ afterschool-1630 hours for first & second years
 - Where: Smiley North Gym (Smiley Cadets); Milburn Aux Gym (Milburn Cadets)
 - When: 4 November @ 1430-1530 hours 1st Years and 1530-1700 for all Cadets (Rain Date: 6 November) [Pizza Party after practice 4 Nov]
 - Where: Milburn Campus West Parking Lot & Aux Gym
- **Inspection Preparation **MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS** (formerly parade practice)
 - When: 29 October 1500-1700 hours
 - Where: Smiley South Gym
 - UOD: Service Dress (Professional Civilian Attire for 1st Years)

- Special Olympics Illinois Region J annual bowling competitions (Volunteers **Needed!**)
 - When: 3 November 0800-1500 hours
 - Where: St Clair Bowl
 - This event is an excellent way to earn community service hours!
- Curriculum in Action (CIA) Field Trip for Veteran's Day
 - When: 7 November
 - Where: Dawn Elser Elementary School
 - Who: Color Guard
- **Fitness Assessment** (tentatively planned, weather dependent)
 - When: THURSDAY 7 November (1 mile walk/run) & FRIDAY 8 November (1-minute sit-ups & 1-minute push-ups) during class period
 - Where: Campus Facilities
- **November Commander's Call ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 7 November @ 1500 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panter Center (activities bus from Milburn)
- **Veteran's Day Ceremony ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 11 November (Time TBD)
 - Where: First Baptist Church
- **Veteran's Day Parade ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 11 November (Time TBD)
- **AFJROTC Headquarters Inspection ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 15 November during school hours
 - Where: Smiley & Milburn Campuses
 - UOD: Service Dress 2nd-4th Year Cadets; Professional Civilian Attire 1st Years
- Orienteering (Ribbon Awarded)
 - When: 16 November @ 0800 hours (Showtime: 0730) {date change from 26 OCT}
 - Where: Rock Springs Park
 - Families welcome
 - Booster Club supporting
- Cyber Patriot Competition
 - When: 24 October
 - Where: Smiley Classroom
- Drill Meeting for all cadets interested
 - When: 31 October 1500-1600 hours
 - Where: Smiley Classroom 622
- 1st Drill Practice
 - When: 6 November 1500-1700 hours
 - Where: Smiley North Gym
- Cyber Patriot Competition
 - When: 14 November
 - Where: Smiley Classroom
- Drill Parents / Guardians' Orientation
 - When: 21 November 1800 hours

- Where: Smiley Cafeteria
- Booster Club Meeting to follow
- CIA Field Trip supporting an aeromedical evacuation exercise
 - When: 19-21 November
 - Where: Scott AFB 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron
 - Who: All Cadets Invited to Participate in an exercise shift
- CIA Field Trip to SWIC Aviation & Aviation Maintenance
 - When: 22 November
 - Where: SWIC Alton & Belleville Campuses
 - Who: Aviation Flight
- **December Commander's Call ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 5 December @ 1500 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panther Center (activities bus from Milburn)
- Cyber Patriot Competition
 - When: 12 December
 - Where: Smiley Classroom
- Christmas Movie Night (TBD)
 - When: ? December, 1730 hours
 - Where: Panther Center
 - Popcorn and drinks will be provided, bring your own favorite candy if desired
- Flight Olympics
 - When: 20 December 1200-1600 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panther Dome
 - Pizza and drinks will be provided
 - Great way to blow off some steam and have fun during finals week!
 - Freshman will take the activities bus over & meet in the cafeteria
- **Promotion Ceremony ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 12 December 1830 hours
 - Where: O'Fallon VFW Post 805
- Local Drill Meet
 - When: 14 December 0800 hours
 - Where: Mascoutah High School
- **January Commander's Call ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 9 January @ 1500 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panther Center (activities bus from Milburn)
- Military Ball (hosted by OTHS)
 - When: 11 January 2025
 - Where: O'Fallon Regency
- 8th Grade Parents Night—Corps Community Service (held by Guidance Department)
 - When: 15 January 2025, 1745-2000 hours
 - Where: Milburn Campus
- Corps Olympics (hosted by Mascoutah)
 - When: ? January 2025

- Where: Mascoutah
- Local Drill Meet (hosted by OTHS)
 - When: 30 January 2025, 1500-2000 hours
 - Where: Milburn Campus
- O’Fallon Shoot-Out—Corps Community Service -- **all cadets** asked to serve this 2-day event
 - When: TBD February 2025
 - Where: Smiley Panther Dome
 - **Largest Booster Club Fundraiser**, *requesting Parents/Guardians support*
- **February Commander's Call ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 6 February @ 1500 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panter Center (activities bus from Milburn)
- Corps Movie Night
 - When: TBD February 2025
 - Where: Smiley Panther Center
- Local Drill Meet
 - When: 4 March 2025
 - Where: Milburn Campus
- **March Commander's Call ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 6 March @ 1500 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panter Center (activities bus from Milburn)
- **April Commander's Call ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 3 April @ 1500 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panter Center (activities bus from Milburn)
- Gateway Drill Meet (hosted by OTHS)
 - When: 5 April 2025
 - Where: Smiley Campus
- **Promotion Ceremony ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 30 April 2025, 1830 hours
 - Where: Milburn Auditorium
- **May Commander's Call ** MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**
 - When: 1 May @ 1500 hours
 - Where: Smiley Panter Center (activities bus from Milburn)
- Senior Banquet
 - When: 15 May @ 1700 hours
 - Where: Panther Center
- OTHS Graduation Color Guard
 - When: 31 May
 - Where: OTHS Panther Dome (meet at the classroom)