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## Welcome to The Cadet Times!

The Cadet Times is a brand new edition to the Cary High School NJROTC unit! This is where you can stay updated on everything that goes on in the life of the cadets and the unit itself. We hope you enjoy!



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## **Cary High School NJROTC Conducts Annual Military Inspection**

### **Cadet Ensign Stuart Bell**

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On October 11, 2017, the Cary High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps prepared for their 22nd Annual Military Inspection. This inspection evaluated all administration, logistics and academics for the unit. It included a personnel inspection, review of all administration and programs, a cadet brief and a Ceremonial portion. During the personnel inspection, each cadet was graded on military bearing, attention to detail and overall uniformity. These cadets worked tirelessly, since the beginning of August, learning basic drill and naval knowledge.

After the inspection, the Cadets prepared for the Ceremonial portion of the inspection. This consisted of drill routines, awards, and the Pass in Review which was viewed by parents, students and military service organizations. These organizations included Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7383, The Cary American Legion Post #67, and The Marine Corps League- Tarheel Detachment.

The Pass-in-Review was received by Area SIX Manager Commander Griffith Jones and Assistant Principal Mr. Jamal Woods and led by Cadet Lieutenant Commander Keith Tran. As a unit, Cary High Cadets worked hard to look professional so that they may represent not only the young men and women of the Cary High School but also the United States Navy. Cadet Chief Petty Officer Daniel Free said, “We came together as a unit to achieve outstanding results on this years AMI”.

Cary High School’s NJROTC Unit has received the “Distinguished Unit Award” for the past 17 years in a row. Bearing the title of a Distinguished Unit means that the unit has been evaluated in the top 30% of the Area. Cary High School is part of Area SIX, which is comprised of units in both North and South Carolina. The Cary High School NJROTC hopes to maintain and uphold this tradition of honor and excellence.

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## Cary NJROTC takes on Adopt a Highway!

Cadet Petty Officer 3rd Class Amanda LaTorre and Cadet Ensign Arianna Vives

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On November 20, 2017, the Cary High School Navy Junior Reserve Training Corps recruited twenty cadets to volunteer at an Adopt a Highway, which was led by Cadet Chief Petty Officer Alondhra Vazquez and supervised by Commander Gregory Erickson. This community service event allows the cadets to give back to the community by picking up litter on roadsides to improve the quality of the environment. The twenty cadets who volunteered were driven to Apex by Commander Erickson, then proceeded to walk along the roadsides picking up litter and other pieces of debris. This was the second Adopt a Highway the cadets participated in this school year. Cadet Vazquez said, “We work as a family inside and outside of the community the best that we can.” The Cary High School NJROTC

unit uses teamwork and dedication to keep our mile long strip of Laura Duncan Road in the most pristine condition.

Over the past two years, our cadets have spent over 4,000 hours devoting themselves to volunteering for our community. The cadets walked two miles back and forth along Laura Duncan Road with recycling and trash bags, gathering garbage and other scraps that are not environmentally friendly. Cadet Timothy Phillips commented that “It was fun. We had a good time and we did a lot of good for the community!” All the cadets that attended the event have praised the event because of the lively and enjoyable occasion. In the future, we hope to conscript more cadets to volunteer at Adopt a Highways.



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## **What Everyone Should Know About Myrtle Beach**

Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Amanda LaTorre

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On December 2, 2017, the Cary High School NJROTC drill team participated in a sanctioned Drill, Academics and Athletics meet at Myrtle Beach High School. The team engaged in an academics test, a personnel inspection and a drill and athletics competition. The academics team placed third overall in the category while the drill team received third place on their Unarmed Exhibition routine which was led by Cadet Master Chief Petty Officer Ryan Wood. The team also received third place on their Armed Regulation routine which was led by Petty Officer First Class Joseph Cruz. The drill team received fourth place on their Unarmed Regulation and Armed Exhibition routines. The athletics team received fourth on situps and the 16x100 yard run. Overall the teams came in fifth place and qualified for the Area Six Drill Meet.

## **What Is Quarters and How Does It Work?**

Cadet Ensign Arianna Vives and Cadet P02 Amanda LaTorre

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Quarters is a formal ceremony where cadets are rewarded for the work they have put into their time in the unit. This would be where cadets are ranked up or awarded for their achievements. The event is closely related to the ceremonial part of the Annual Military Inspection. Quarters lasts for approximately 20 minutes during lunch and cadets are highly encouraged to attend, but it is not necessary. Something as simple as attending multiple events or attending team practices can award you ribbons to add to your uniform. Even if you don't get a ribbon and you get to see your fellow cadets commemorated for their achievements and it motivates the cadets to get that ribbon and positively compete with their counterparts.

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## Cadet Extracurriculars

### Cadet Seaman Carlos Izquierdo

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Cadet life in the unit is fun but it also comes with responsibility. A majority of cadets are put in positions that set them up to gain valuable leadership traits. They learn about leadership, being good role models, and about military knowledge. The cadets also learn about Navy ranks, the phonetic alphabet, uniform preparation, the U.S. Government and Military chain of command and military time. Cadets have teams inside the unit that they can join and compete for trophies such as: orienteering, athletics, drill, academics, marksmanship, cyberpatriot, sea perch and sail team. All these teams are run by senior cadets who are enrolled in Naval Science 3 and 4.

Cadet Ensign Zachary Jobe, who is in NS3 and is the logistics officer does athletics, drill, orienteering and academics. He says that he was influenced to join the unit by both of his parents and that the unit has taught him many things. Cadet Jobe declared, "Success isn't given. It's earned and this unit is the epitome of that". Cadet Lieutenant Ingrid Segura who is in NS4 and

is the Executive Officer of the unit said she was influenced to do JROTC because of friends and she wanted to get out of her comfort zone. She noted that the best benefits that she received from the unit was that it helped her grow as a person and made her more confident. Cadet Segura participates in the units drill, academics, athletics and orienteering teams. Her motto for not only her school life, but personal life is to never quit on your dreams.

Cadet Petty Officer 3rd class Aydan Gibbs, who is in NS2 and involved with the marksmanship, athletics and academics teams joined the unit to challenge himself and he expressed that he has benefited from the relationships that he has made and will continue to make in years to come. Cadet Seaman Anna Ferro, an NS1 was influenced to join by senior members of JROTC, and she is involved with the drill and athletics teams. She says that the benefits to joining the unit and being involved are the relationships that you build with other people. Most cadets are on one of the units 8

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teams, but if they're not, there are many opportunities to find a leadership role to succeed in.

## **A Guide to Jeremiah Thomas: Training Officer**

Cadet Ensign Arianna Vives

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The Cary High School NJROTC would like to introduce our newest member to staff, Cadet Chief Petty Officer Jeremiah Thomas! Jeremiah has been appointed with the position of Training Officer. The duties of the Training Officer consists of taking care of promotions for the cadets, educating platoon commanders on protocols for collecting promotion paperwork and tests, verifying and checking said paperwork/tests, grading them, entering the information into the computer and sending the list to Commander Erickson so that those cadets who scored well on their tests and finished their paperwork may be promoted. Not only is Jeremiah on the CHS NJROTC Senior Staff as a junior, but he has been involved with the Cary High School band for three years! His favorite thing about ROTC is that he “has the opportunity to excel at things that fit your skill set and you have the opportunity to teach and help others.” His advice to others are to start early and stay consistent! Jeremiah said, “Find something early on that you’re good at and establish yourself a role in the unit. Find something you like to do or participate in and consistently keep working at it. If it's in an existing billot, then work your way up in that billot, but if not, create a necessity for it. It can be anything you want. You can have as long as you put in the work for it.” Welcome to staff, Jeremiah!



