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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 would like to introduce our newest reporter Cadet Seaman Haley McNeil to The Cadet Times. We hope you enjoy this months edition.



Cary Wins It All!

Cadet Petty Officer 2nd Class Amanda LaTorre

On April 3, 2018, Cary High School NJROTC hosted the third annual Area Six Brain Brawl. The Academic team split up into 2 teams and competed as Cary A and Cary B team and competed along with other teams from schools in North and South Carolina. Throughout the day there were 3 rounds: the Semi Finals, the Brainiacs, the Final round, and the Award Ceremony. The overall winners of the Area Six Brain Brawl is our very own Cary A team who will be going to Nationals in Phoenix, Arizona on April 28. The Cary A team consisted of the Academic Team Commander Charlie Loyack, Ryan Wood, Robert Bowers, Victoria Sanderson, and Aydan Gibbs. In the last minute of the competition, the team was behind by 5 points but cadet Seaman Victoria Sanderson answered the last question, which was worth 10 points, putting the team in a 5 point lead beating Western Alamance. Congratulations to the Academic team and good luck at Nationals!



Seven Huge Mistakes You Can Make During Your Time in NJROTC

Cadet Ensign Arianna Vives

1. **Fraternization**

Dating can be messy and let's be honest, high school relationships don't always work out. It would be seen as unprofessional if a Senior was dating a Freshman in the unit and it could be treated as favoritism if that cadet gets treated better than the others. If you are going to date, keep it professional! Honestly, we don't want to see you kiss in the classroom. Take it somewhere outside of the JROTC spaces.

2. **Not being involved**

One of the biggest mistakes you can make in NJROTC is not being involved. You can get so many benefits out of just coming to a few community service events or shore patrols.

- A. It looks great on college applications
- B. You're most likely to get a leadership position if you're involved
- C. You feel great after doing something good for your community
- D. You look good in the eyes of other people if you show up to a lot of events

Just showing up and investing some time into the unit can have some very good effects on your future as a Cary High School NJROTC cadet.

3. **Not joining a team**

Being apart of a team gives you a sense of community and family. Each team is like a small brotherhood of cadets that share a common interest. Involvement in these teams can have positive

effects on your bring. The feeling of being wanted and involved in something that earns trophies and awards can ultimately make you a happier, more positive and motivated person.

4. Avoiding leadership positions

Avoiding leadership positions is a big mistake that you can make. NJROTC is built on cadet leadership and Commander Erickson and Chief Heath pride themselves on teaching cadets on how to be effective leaders. When you avoid leadership positions it looks bad on you and if you want a big position later on in life, it is very important that you're able to say that you've had experience in a leadership position.

5. Not wearing the uniform right or wearing it at all

As cadets in a Navy JROTC program, we are expected to wear the uniform and to respect it. Not wearing it right not only looks bad on you, but on the whole unit. Males, keep your face shaven, your uniform pressed and your hair in regulation. Ladies, wear your hair correctly, don't wear too much makeup and keep your uniform looking sharp. To the person with a wrinkled uniform and an unshaven face, you look shabby.

6. Insubordination

Insubordination is a big NO NO in the unit. This is probably the largest mistake you can make. Cadets are in charge of certain aspects of the unit to make it run as smooth and effective as possible. For example, XO is in charge of making sure the staff is doing their job and running staff meetings, so Admin can't start to take over running meetings. Disrespecting higher ranks and authority can get you written up and possibly cause consequences in the future.

7. Bringing things that don't need to be into the unit

People have a tendency to bring their personal lives into their professional lives, and we've all done it at one point, but try to stray from that path. It doesn't matter if your mom's, cousin's, brother's, nephew's goldfish died, we don't need to know it. We're here to do our jobs and kick butt

doing it, not to tell everyone that you don't like motorcycles because your ex liked them and that's why you can't do a Ride for Kids community service. Leave your personal issues at the door and do what you're supposed to.

10 Things a Cadet in JROTC Should Know in Order to Succeed

C/Seaman Haley McNeil

1. **Going to the ROTC class alone, won't rank you up.** You can go to the class but if you want to rank up you need to go the events that ROTC has such as NC State games, Coffee Houses, drill and other teams and activities.
2. **Commitment.** When you enter the JROTC Program you are committed, but if ROTC not for you that's fine, you leave no problem. But if you decide to stay, you are saying "I will wear my properly groomed uniform every thursday", "I will show respect to my higher ranks including Chief and Commander", "I will learn the material and do my best on tests and do my best to know terminology". If you go into a team, you are even more committed, you will attend practices and actively participate.

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3. **Respect.** Of course respect is very important in JROTC, you can be friends with higher ranks of course but when it comes down to business, you are to respect them and their demands. You most importantly respect Chief, Commander, and yourself. If you don't respect yourself you will get nowhere in the program.
 4. **Self Control.** Sometimes you will see other cadets not behaving as they should, you must maintain self control and tell yourself that you will not follow them and do as you should. You also may be tempted to do something that you know is not allowed in the unit, again you must maintain self control and do nothing that may make the unit bad.
 5. **Leadership.** In JROTC there are many opportunities for you to be a leader, weather it be drill, PT, or just in class, you should take these opportunities as it will help you be a better cadet and be more successful in the unit.
 6. **Manners.** As you go throughout the program, it is important that you use your best manners and act as if you were really in the military.
 7. **Volunteer.** A cadet should volunteer for extra activities. Not only does it make you a better cadet and rank you up faster, but it makes you stand out to higher ranks and recruiters.
 8. **Responsibility.** You are responsible for yourself, what you do will always be on you because JROTC cadets are expected to make good decisions.

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9. **Listen to higher ranks.** If your PC or MPO tells you to do something you do, don't argue back because that MPO and PC were chosen for a reason, because they want the best for the unit and themselves.
10. **Do your best!** Commander always says "Effort outweighs skill" because if you have the skill to do something but you are lazy then you are nothing compared to someone who may have no skill but works hard. If you work hard it will pay off in the end, like one of our own Keith Tran who was accepted in the Naval Academy because of all of his hard work.

Do's and Don'ts of Military Ball

Petty Officer Second Class Amanda LaTorre

Military Ball is coming up soon cadets so follow these guidelines and you will have an enjoyable experience! Remember this is a formal ball and there are rules and regulations set.

- DON'T drink alcohol and abuse controlled substances. These are forbidden and you will be kicked off the premises.
- DON'T have public displays of affection
- DON'T use foul language
- DON'T dance inappropriately
- DON'T push or shove anyone
- Ladies, DO walk in on the right side of their dates
- Gentlemen, DO introduce yourself and your date during the receiving line.
 - For example, "I am cadet Chief Petty Officer Smith and this is my date Amanda LaTorre she's very dedicated into becoming a veterinarian."

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- Females, DO wear a long gown or dress at or below knee length.
 - DO take one plate at a time
 - DON'T be greedy.
 - DO use the silverware that will be provided
 - DON'T use your hands to eat.
 - Gentlemen, DO stand up next to your seat when any lady leaves and returns
 - Do make sure the back of your dress is above the small of your back.
 - DON'T wear a strapless dress
 - DON'T wear a dress with excessive cleavage
 - DON'T wear a dress with sheer sections revealing inappropriate areas
 - DO NOT take off footwear until dancing begins.
 - Gentleman, DO wear uniforms at all times
 - DO have a proper haircut and clean shave
 - DO make sure your uniform is neatly pressed
 - DON'T wear any type of boutonniere with your uniform
 - DON'T wear any type of street shoes with the uniform
 - Male Guests must wear a black tuxedo or suit with a tie or bowtie

- DON'T wear baggy clothing

If everyone follows these simple guidelines and behave using proper manners the night will be fun and memorable!

The Life of a Supply Cadet

Cadet Seaman Carlos Izquierdo

Being a supply cadet is not an easy job. It is a hard job to do, especially for the logistics officer. The Logistics officer's responsibilities include keeping supply organized and clean and making sure the uniforms aren't ripped or damaged. Supply has its upsides. Supply is also a very important part of a successful NJROTC unit. Being able to supply cadets with the right uniform and having the uniform in good condition is also important because if we don't look good we aren't respected by others. Also being a supply cadet shows that you're responsible because of all the steps that have to be done to issue a cadet a uniform.

West Lincoln Academic and Marksmanship Meet

Cadet Seaman Carlos Izquierdo

The Academic and Marksmanship teams went to West Lincoln High School to compete on . The Academic team divided into teams of 3 named Cary 1, Cary 2, and Cary 3. Cary 1 was composed of cadets Keith Tran, Ryan Wood and Charlie Loyack. Cary 2 consisted of cadets Zachary Jobe, Joey Cruz and Aydan Gibbs and Cary 3 included cadets Robert Bowers, Victoria Sanderson and Carlos Izquierdo. All 3 teams faced 2 rounds before the quarterfinals and unfortunately teams 2 and 3 were eliminated. Cary High School competed against other high schools in the region which included: West Lincoln, Western Alamance, Page, Mooresville and Newton-Conover. The Marksmanship team also competed against other

high schools with the shooters Riley Martinez, Claire O'Reilly, Aydan Gibbs, Andrew Evans, Jose Escamilla and team commander Charlotte Galt.

Area Six Marksmanship Meet

Cadet Seaman Haley McNeil

On January 13th, the Cary High School NJROTC Marksmanship team traveled to North Augusta, South Carolina to compete in the Area 6 Marksmanship Meet. The next day, the team drove over to North Augusta High School and prepared for the competition. Each individual cadet lined up in their lanes and started in their first position. They had 25 minutes to shoot 20 targets in prone kneeling and standing. After the 25 minutes was up, they would switch over to their next position. The team placed 15th out of the 20 teams that were competing. We are proud of this year's marksmanship team and hope to improve for next year!



Words from CO/XO

Cadet Lieutenant Commander Keith Tran and Cadet Lieutenant Ingrid Segura

“As a leader, when your team feels like quitting, remind them why they started and that together we can and will get through this. Hold On Pain Ends (HOPE).”

- Cadet Lieutenant Commander Keith Tran (CO) and Cadet Lieutenant Ingrid Segura (XO)

