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Welcome to The Cadet Times!

This month, we will be welcoming our new staff members to the unit and we will be celebrating Commander Erickson's first year with us. We hope you enjoy this month's edition! Unfortunately, The Cadet Times will be halting its production



until the upcoming school year, where the new Communications Officer, Amanda LaTorre, will take charge of the monthly newsletter!

2018-2019 Staff

CO	Jobe, Z
XO	Loyack, C
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Training Officer	Cruz, J
Assistant Training	Izquierdo, C
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Community Service Officer	Castano, B
School Service Officer (Shore Patrol)	Davis, D
Recruiting Officer	Phillips, T
Public Affairs Officer	Free, D
Drill Team Commandant	Piccione, L
Marksmanship Team Commander	Evans, A
Academics Team Commander	Gibbs, A
Orienteering Team Commander	Conley, S
Athletics Team Commander	Conley, S
Color Guard Team Commander	Davis, D
Sail Team Commander	Barringer, E

SeaPerch Team Commander
CyberPatriot Team Commander

Mehta, S
Player, C

The New and Improved Command Triad
Cadet Ensign Arianna Vives

We would like to recognize Zachary Jobe, Charles Loyack and Josegabino Escamilla as the 2018-2019 Command Triad. In a personal interview with each of the cadets, all three were asked the same questions. What is your leadership style? How do you plan to better the unit? What is a piece of advice that you have for the underclassmen? Zachary Jobe, the new Commanding Officer started off the interview with his response. “I am both an authoritarian leader and a participative leader. I adjust my leadership style to what the situation entails.” For those who do not know what authoritarian means, it means that the power is in the hands of a leader that is not constitutionally responsible to the body of the people. Authoritarian leaders make decisions independently with little to no input from the rest of the group. Although Cadet Jobe describes himself as an authoritarian leader, the other half of his leadership style represents the more tolerant, inclusive side of what a CO should be. Participative leaders often encourage group members to participate in the final decision process. These leaders tend to make followers feel like they are an important part of the group, which helps develop commitment to the goals of the organization.

In response to the question “How do you plan to better the unit?”, Cadet Loyack, XO, said “I believe that in order for the unit to succeed, we need to empower those that are apart of the unit. I hope to encourage the cadets to become more involved and become the best cadets they can be.” Charlie plans to raise the participation percentage of the cadets by the end of the year.

Jose Escamilla gives this advice to the rest of the cadets: “Do your work, pay attention in class and have self control. Help others who seem like they might be having trouble and also be nice! It always feels good to do the right thing.” Jose plans to be someone who you can come up to with any issue and feel safe to do so. He wants to be your CMC and someone you can consider a best friend at the same time. Welcome to the staff Zach, Charlie and Jose!

Commander's First Year

Petty Officer First Class Amanda LaTorre

Commander Erickson started teaching at Cary High School approximately one year ago. Commander described his first year at Cary as, “an exciting experience and I am very proud of the progress our unit has made since I arrived.” He added, “The thing I like best about working at Cary are the people and the community.”

“In the future I would like to see more cadet involvement, be more competitive, develop all of our teams, and bring more focus onto teams such as Cyberpatriot and Seaperch. For the upcoming school year I am looking forward to having the opportunity to bring in new NS1's into the unit, and conducting trips such to places like Pisgah and Parris Island, and a possible trip to NYC for Fleet Week.”

When asked about what he would like to see from the staff and individual cadets, he said, “I would like to see more cadets being involved in the unit and for them to take more initiative when things need to be done. There is a lot of untapped talent in the unit and I don't want to see it go to waste. I expect for the upcoming staff to be competent, take the initiative, and talk to their predecessor about any concerns with taking over the billet. The qualities I looked at to select the new staff members were their involvement in the unit, their aptitude for the job they wanted, and how they fit in within the other staff members. The advice I would give to all the cadets would be to get involved, even if its coming to a Coffee House once a semester, get involved.”

“I handle conflict in the unit by having the cadets act professional by putting their personal issues aside, handling the issue in the lowest level so the issue doesn't have to affect the unit, and if I need to intervene, I will, to come to a solution. I would like to see the unit being cadet led, the cadets to be more active in general and in decision making, and for cadets to take even more initiative.”

- Commander Gregory Erickson



Quarters

Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Carlos Izquierdo

On April 26, 2018, the NJROTC unit came together to celebrate its semesterly Quarters. Quarters is a formal ceremony where cadets are rewarded for their achievements. Several cadets were promoted and awarded with uniform exemptions for stepping up and taking initiative in the unit. Also, the Cadet of the Month agulletes were awarded to Cadet Seamen Sean Lowe and Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Miller Harris. Congratulations to all the cadets that were awarded at the ceremony.

What Four Years in NJROTC Has Taught Me

Cadet Ensign Arianna Vives

At the age of eight, I was certain that I was going to be in the Air Force. I loved going to air shows with my brother and my dad and I thought that the Air Force commercials on the television were so cool! I wanted to be a pilot, but as a second grader who has no experience or knowledge of anything that pilots go through to actually become one, my future would turn out entirely different. As indecisive as I am, I also wanted to be a fashion designer, anthropologist, neurosurgeon, veterinarian, and a princess. Obviously those are great career choices for a second grader, but ten years later as an eighteen year old high school senior, "Princess Studies" isn't a legitimate college major. Even though I wanted to be a Princess, being an Airman sounded more hard core. I started to get serious about joining the service when I was fourteen years old. For years, I watched my older brother and sister parade about in their khaki uniform and live the life of a Cary High School NJROTC cadet. I knew that was going to be me. The next four years were the most interesting, emotional and important of years my life.

In August of 2014, I first attended the New Cadet Orientation. That's where I met Colonel Feight (for the second time) and some of my closest friends to this day. I was so enthusiastic about everything that was introduced to me. I studied my ranks, chain of command, and my orders to the sentry and had it memorized before I even started school. My brother used to be on the drill team and he was friends with the Drill Team Commandant my freshman year, so I was already introduced to drill. I even went home and practiced basic movements, marching around the kitchen.

In the past four years, I have been to various military bases from Virginia to South Carolina. I've been on helicopters, planes, boats and military tanks. Not only has past 4 years in NJROTC given me the leadership skills I need for the real world, but it has taught me so many other things. I have met so many new people, all with very different personalities. From learning how to be a follower to learning how to run a billot, Cary High School has prepared me for the next four years in a public institution. But before I talk about college let's talk about how I got there. For years, I was certain that I was going to join the military and serve my country. I realized that not everything that you're certain of is what is going to happen. Have a back-up plan and a back-up to your back-up plan because you never know what life might throw at you. When it dawned on me that joining the service wasn't the path that I was supposed to be on, I was devastated. I was for sure that I was going to join. It was everything that I wanted. Despite the fact that I changed my career choice from pilot to neurosurgeon (because of Greys Anatomy) to veterinarian to journalist, there was a constant in all of those equations. I wanted to do whatever it was, in the military. I didn't want to spend my whole life resenting the military for not accepting me, so I got up and started thinking about the next best option; college.

Let me tell you one thing and one thing only. College Applications are a pain in the butt. When I started my college application process I had the most unrealistic goals. I wanted to go to college in Hawaii. Here's the thing. The heat is not for me, and why did I want to go to college in Hawaii? Who the heck knows. After approximately 9,754 hours (an exaggeration) spent researching colleges, staring at quantities of money that I know i'll never be able to pay, I settled on a few colleges in North Carolina that I wanted to apply to. I am going to none of those colleges. I was introduced to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke when they sent me a letter in the mail saying that I can apply with no fees, no recommendation and no essay. I jumped on this offer, not planning to get accepted, not planning to visit the college and fall head over heels in love with it, and definitely not planning to do none of the things I wanted to do since I was a little girl. I never expected to end up where I am today, planning on majoring in Elementary Education, because for years, I wanted to do something that wasn't right for me. Something that didn't make me as truly happy as teaching my little kiddos do.

As my high school career ends, I start to realize everything that I have learned within the past four years has prepared me for the real world. There is always going to be drama. There are always going to be people that talk bad about you and people that don't like you. But here's the thing, the people you meet in high school are either going to stay with you for a very long time or they're going to be irrelevant to you. Stop wasting your time on people who won't mean anything to you in the future. Bringing your personal drama into your place of work isn't professional and in the future you won't have a job for very long. My advice to you? It's high school. Leave the drama at home and make the most of it. It goes by so quick and you won't have time to enjoy the little things if you're too busy spreading rumors or arguing with someone about something so trivial. Your time in high school will pass with the blink of an eye. One minute you're the newbie, just starting out, not knowing where you'll be in four years and the next you're walking across the stage donned in a kelly green cap and gown, preparing for your introduction to your adult life. Make the most of it, and if you don't, I can promise you that you'll regret it.

Summer Leadership Training

Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Carlos Izquierdo

Summer Leadership Training is a voluntary after school event that takes place every Tuesday and Thursday. The cadets are put through stressful scenarios in the classroom and go through intensive PT procedures that help prepare them for Leadership Academy at The Citadel. Only the most qualified and dedicated cadets are chosen for this week long course, which is academically and physically demanding. The Head Cadre is Cadet Lieutenant Commander Keith Tran with his Assistant Head Cadre as Cadet Lieutenant Ingrid Segura. Cadets that have previously attended Leadership Academy, help train the cadets and prepare them for the strenuous week long Academy.

Cary High School Participates in the Ride For Kids Event!

Petty Officer First Class Amanda LaTorre

On Sunday, May 6, 2018, 15 cadets volunteered at a Ride For Kids event. The Ride For Kids mission is to raise funding for research for childhood brain tumors. The cadets who volunteered at the event helped set up the VIP tent, count the motorcycles, prepare lunch for all the attendees, with parking, and anything else they were asked of. The VIP tent was for all the STARS of the event and was setup by a couple of cadets. These cadets helped blow up balloons, put up streamers, put toys and jewelry on tables,

and much more to make sure the STARS had a good time. Also, one of our cadets volunteered to face paint the children's faces. Overall, it was a fun event to be apart of.



Farewell From the Old CO/XO

Cadet Lieutenant Commander Keith Tran and Cadet Lieutenant Ingrid Segura

“The tradition carries on and the torch has been passed. To our retiring seniors, thank you for all of your hard work. The development throughout the school year has not only helped you grow as a student but also as a person and a leader. We wish you all the best of luck in the future and on your adventures through life. To our rising staff, the foundation has been laid and it is your duty and responsibility as a whole to work together and progress towards the goal while building upon this foundation. A long journey lies ahead, but I am sure with your unwavering will, you will all walk firmly along this path with honor, courage, and commitment.”

- C/LCDR Keith Tran (CO) and C/LT Ingrid Segura (XO)



Words From The New CO/XO

Cadet Lieutenant Zachary Jobe and Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade Charlie Loyack

“Hello I’m Zachary Jobe and I’m excited to be your CO this up and coming school year. My plans for his unit will make it a positive place where people can grow in a safe environment as leaders and carry out the mission of NJROTC. I hope to see most of you, if not all of you at extracurricular events and teams that we have to offer. My name is Charlie Loyack and it is truly an honor to even be appointed as XO of this fine unit. I hope in the next year, we can all work together to make the unit better than ever, and excel in every class we undertake.”

- C/LT Zachary Jobe and C/LTJG Charlie Loyack

