

The Cadet Times



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Welcome to The Cadet Times!

The Cadet Times is a cadet led newspaper that highlights events and topics that we would like to share with everyone. In this months edition, we are recapping on all the big events that we have been involved in this last month. We hope you enjoy this months edition!

Come Join The Communications Billet

Cadet Chief Petty Officer Amanda LaTorre

The Communications Billet is the main resource for information in the unit. We communicate information up and down the chain of command, including to parents and to the cadets as well. We also run all of the social media accounts with the help of Public Affairs, and we frequently update the Cary High School NJROTC website and google calendar. Another task of the Communications Billet is to write, edit and publish articles in the cadet-led newspaper, “The Cadet Times”. To be involved in the Communications Billet all that is asked of you is to write 1-2 articles a month on anything NJROTC related and to help update the Marquis twice a month. The articles you will be writing will be published in our monthly newsletter, “The Cadet Times.” When updating the Marquis you will get School Service hours. Also, we work very closely with Operations and Public Affairs. If you like taking pictures but also want to write for “The Cadet Times,” you should join the Public Affairs Billet.

Being on the Communications Billet will help you improve your writing, communication, and time management skills. If you like writing or if you are looking for a way to become a better writer, Communications is the billet for you. Also, this billet will help you learn to communicate with others positively. If you are interested in joining our billet please get in contact with me (Cadet Amanda LaTorre) at carynjrotccommunications@gmail.com. Thank you!

The Importance of Unit Service Events

Cadet Chief Petty Officer Cody Broughton

Unit service events are the lifeblood of our unit. From Drill Meets to student trips, the vast majority of our activities that help us achieve Distinguished Unit year after year are funded by participation by our cadets in fundraisers, especially N.C. State Games during football season. In the past, our cadets have risen to this responsibility in outstanding fashion, and it is our responsibility to do so this year as well. To continue doing the competitions, trips, and other excursions that we can excel in, we must be ever-vigilant that our cadets engage in an overlapping attitude of fellowship and teamwork in making it possible for these things to happen.

Especially for cadets new to the unit, if you already know that this program is going to be a focus of your dedication within your high school career, you should make sure that you are actively contributing not only to Unit Service within ROTC, but also Community Service and School Service as well. And for upperclassmen in the unit, it is your responsibility to incentivise and actively promote participation in these events, both in your grade as well as your underclassmen peers. Even past providing us with revenue, these events provide opportunities for both cadet leaders and their unit to combine their skills toward a common goal.

Our outstanding work and levels of participation at both N.C. State Games and beyond is one of the many pillars that allow our unit to be one of the top NJROTC units in the nation. It is now our generations responsibility to continue the principles of excellence that are passed down to us by previous cadets in the Cary NJROTC Unit.



NJROTC Volunteers at the Salvation Army Cadet Ensign Daniel Free

One of the many activities that we do in the unit is volunteer for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army is an organization that does constant community charity events and humanitarian aid. Cary High NJROTC gets involved with the Salvation Army every winter to take part in their Christmas community charity. Our unit helps by sending small groups of cadets first to their distribution center a few weeks before Christmas to help sign families up for the program and get them registered for the process. The second and more large scale portion of the charity is we send a large group of cadets to their distribution center a week or two before Christmas and aid families in getting toys for their children. Families are brought in and paired up with a cadet and guided through the process. Cadets will make conversation with the family they are paired with and ask them how many kids they have, their kids ages, and if they are a boy or a girl. The cadet then brings the parent first to either the boy side of the room or the girl side, and then brings them to the age section of their first child to get a toy that best suits their kids age group. Throughout this process over the years, I have met many amazing people and learned many valuable things about many peoples lives. The whole process is fun for both the families and the cadets, and you make great memories.

9 Ways To Stay Successful On The Drill Team

Cadet Seamen Recruit Jada Futrell

My fellow Cadets, would you like to be apart of something amazing? Well you should join the Drill Team, here are some ways you can stay successful when you join:

- 1) Discipline is such an important part of the Drill Team, you will need to be able to get right back into action and focus.
- 2) If you aren't sure or are confused about a movement, make sure to ask. Don't just try to "figure it out" it's better for everyone if you take 2-3 minutes to properly learn the movement.
- 3) Even if you aren't a leader in NJROTC, you can still learn drill for future purposes so we can all look sharp.
- 4) If someone corrects you, don't take it personally we just want to make sure everyone is doing what they need to correctly.
- 5) Make sure you show up to as many practices you can and when you come to practice make sure you're focused.
- 6) If you make a mistake, own it and correct yourself when the Platoon Commander instructs you too.
- 7) When going to competitions your uniform needs to look sharp, which it always should, because you will be representing The Cary High School NJROTC Unit.
- 8) Always bring a water bottle because it gets very hot.
- 9) Wear shoes that you don't mind getting dirty because we usually do drill in the 500 graveyard.

I hope to see you at future Drill Team practices and that this list helps you become successful on the team.

A Busy Day For The Cary High School NJROTC Unit

Cadet Chief Petty Officer Amanda LaTorre

On Friday, September 21, the Cary High School NJROTC Unit took part in several events, such as, an Adopt-A-Highway, a Cookout, and a Shore Patrol for the Home Football Game. An Adopt-A-Highway allows cadets to give back to the community by picking up litter on roadsides to improve the quality of the environment. Our unit uses teamwork and dedication to keep our mile long strip of Laura Duncan Road in the most pristine condition. After the Adopt-A-Highway, Commander Erickson safely drove all the cadets back to the high school for the Cookout. Every cadet who was participating in one or both events that day were allowed to attend the Cookout. Our NJROTC Booster Club were kind enough to provide hot dogs, snacks, and beverages to each cadet. After the cadets were done eating everyone helped clean up the area we were picnicing in. Afterwards, cadets changed into their uniforms to than Muster for the Shore Patrol for the Home Football Game that was taking place that night. A Shore Patrol begins an hour before the football game begins and ends 10 minutes before half time. The purpose of a Shore Patrol is to watch for people jumping fences to watch the game for free. Cadets do not approach those delinquents but take their description and give it to security working the game. About twenty cadets participated in each event and they all spoke of having a great time. In the future we hope to see more of you cadets at these great volunteer and fun activities.

Words From CO and XO

Cadet Lieutenant Zachary Jobe and Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade Charlie Loyack

“In regard to our new cadets, make sure to come and join some of the many teams that our Unit has to offer. There are many opportunities for all of you and I am positive that you will find your place in NJROTC.” ~XO

“The first month of the school year has been okay, but we definitely have many areas on which we can improve but overall I think the sky's the limit this year.” ~CO



Important Upcoming Events

October 2018

- 4 Salvation Army
- 6 N.C. State Game
- 9-12 Parris Island Orientation Trip
- 12 Homecoming Parade
- 12 CHS Home Football Game - Shore Patrol and Color Guard
- 13 Southeast Guilford Drill Meet
- 18 Advancement Cycle
- 20 Umstead Orienteering Meet
- 25 Cadet Photos
- 25 Quarters
- 26 CHS Home Football Game - Shore Patrol and Color Guard

November 2018

- 3 N.C. State Game
- 8 N.C. State Game
- 9 Coffee House
- 17 Cape Fear Drill Meet
- 26 AMI Rehearsals
- 28 AMI Pass and Review

December 2018

- 1 Myrtle Beach Drill Meet
- 7 Coffee House
- 15 FBLA Conference Color Guard