

From The Desk of . . . Major Kellett

At this point in the school year, I am very pleased with all that has been accomplished. As you will read later in this newsletter, the Drill Teams had what would have to be described as a successful season. We had both a male and female drill team for the first time in four years. That alone was quite an accomplishment because it enabled so many cadets to participate. The number of trophies that the teams won made things even sweeter. I believe that many of the cadets started the season with a lot of self-doubt, but they quickly realized that a little hard work could pay off. More work lies ahead when we have to start practice again in late February or early March to prepare the State Drill Meet.

As you should know by now, we took our JROTC photos on 2 Nov. The pictures are here and will be given to the cadets on Monday. Photos can still be ordered, but they must be ordered directly from the company. Please contact me if you are interested in placing an order.

We had rifle tryouts two weeks ago, and we had a lot of interest. Unfortunately, the team is limited to eight members, so some who tried out did not make the cut. With the increased interest over last year, I believe competition for starting positions will make for a better team.

From the Desk of . . . 1SG Holcombe

At the first of November we had Rifle team tryouts. All the students that tried out for the team did very well for their first time. We have eight team members, as you will read about later in this newsletter. Every member on the team has to work hard to get better at shooting. Being on the Rifle team is going to be fun, but it's also going to be a lot of hard work too. It's going to take a lot of hard work to become a competitive team, but we can get there. The first match is going to be on December 6, 2006 (full match schedule is at the end of this newsletter)



1SG and Major after having the water coolers dumped on them in celebration of placing in many categories at AREA 5 Competition.



Mr. Tovey even came out to greet the cadets as they got into formation. (notice all of the trophies at Mr. Tovey's feet)

From the Cadets . . .

Cadets were asked " what does it mean to be in JROTC?" Below are two essays turned in.

From LET 1 Kenyatta Mealing –
JROTC is a program where I feel accepted and respected. Students develop leadership, discipline, and a positive attitude about themselves. It really is a great experience for me. Being a part of JROTC where the students make me feel welcome and important. The mission of JROTC is for the students to become better citizens, not getting ready for the military. This is my first year in JROTC and I am a junior; I wanted to try something new. The drill team was fun and the girls are going to state (competition) in March for armed and unarmed squad drill. Teamwork is what helped us come this far. I believe in myself and the JROTC drill team believes in one another; we are in this together. JROTC is the place to learn and the place to be.

Miss Kenyatta Mealing
Junior, Class of "08"

LET 1 – Ryan Ratliff

What does it mean to be in JROTC? Well, it means a lot to a lot of people. If you want to serve your school, your family and your country, this is for you. If you want to go in the (military) service after graduation then this will prepare you for that. We are proud of what we stand for every time we put that uniform on. The uniform means a lot. When a retired military or an active duty person see us, they know we are carrying on the legacy with dignity. We live by the Cadet Creed and what it stands for. Rank is not given it is earned. Respect is earned with years of seniority and wisdom.

Ryan Ratliff

Fundraising information

Our Raffle did not happen as planned due to lack of ticket sales. We will focus on the smaller fundraisers until we have a larger membership group that can support a large once a year fundraiser.

At this time we are selling Christmas Ornaments for \$3.00 each. There are 3 choices,
A- Red Jacket mascot
B- Marbleized Carmen and Gray
C- Your favorite team colors.

Orders will be taken until the week after Thanksgiving and delivery will be the second week of DEC.

If you are interested in ordering, please send your payment to Major Kellett, 1SG Holcombe, or the cadet representing your student's homeroom.



Cadets are also selling 16 month 2007 wall calendars for \$3.00 each.

Drill Team News

Jordan JROTC had 2 Drill teams this year. The male drill team was commanded by Battalion Commander, Ray Marcum and the female drill team was commanded by the Battalion XO, Tiffany Pferrman.



The format for drill competition was changed this year to be more in sync with the State Drill Competition. There were several new categories in which our cadets could compete. Along with the standard, Regulation and Exhibition platoon drills, armed and unarmed, squad level armed and unarmed drills were added. This change gave way to many more cadets participating this year.

Our drill teams focused only on the Regulation Drills in the armed and unarmed categories and squad teams. Each drill had a different set of drill sequences and by focusing on just two drills our commanders hoped to be very competitive against the other schools. This line of thought paid off for them. The added areas of competition also brought the responsibility of learning new drill sequences. This brought about a shared leadership for our cadets. Tiffany commanded the female platoons in both the armed and unarmed categories.



For the male platoons, Ray commanded the armed platoon and Jake Wood commanded the unarmed platoon.



The Female armed squad was commanded by Rickeyta McCoy.



The unarmed squad was commanded by Hanah Quesenberry.



The Male armed and unarmed squads were both commanded by Zack Edwards.



Drill season has ended with quite a bang. This year Jordan JROTC Drill Teams won a record 15 trophies.

The last Drill meet was at Kendrick High School. It was the competition for City Championship.

Jordan JROTC earned 2 placement trophies that day. The Male Drill Team, commanded by Ray Marcum earned 3rd place.



The Male Color Guard, commanded by Jake Wood, earned 2nd place.



This was quiet an achievement for our cadets. Records show that Jordan JROTC has never earned placement in the City Championship.

The Area 5 Drill Competition, 21 OCT 06, was hosted at Hardaway High School. This competition was also a great day for our cadets, female and male.

The Male Regulation Armed Drill team earned 2nd place. The male armed and unarmed regulation platoons both earned 2nd place.

The Male color guard placed 3rd.

The Female Regulation Armed and Unarmed squads both earned 3rd place.

Below is a picture of all the trophies won this season (06-07)



**The majority of our drill team members will be going to state drill competition, provided they maintain passing grades in 3 of their 4 classes.
GOOD LUCK to all !**

Riflery Season is here!

Did you know that Riflery is a varsity sport? You can actually earn college scholarships if you are an excellent marksman. High School Air Rifle is one of the fastest growing sports nationwide. The sport promotes:

- Good sportsmanship
- Focus and Self-discipline
- Safe use of precision and sporter class air rifles

Here is what returning Rifle Team member, Hanah Quesenberry has to say about the team.

Last year the rifle team only had four people on the team: Robert Jones, Stephanie Murphy, Hanah Quesenberry and Jacob Wood. Head Coach 1SG William Watson had to start from scratch with the new shooters. Robert (a senior) was the only experienced shooter, but had not shot in competition since he was a sophomore. We won three matches and worked really hard to get where we were. However, this year is going to be a lot different. With new coach, 1SG Carl Holcombe, five new shooters and three returning shooters (*) there is no doubt this year is gong to be a good year for the team.

This year's team members are:

- *Jacob Wood, Captain
- *Hanah Quesenberry, *Stephanie Murphy
- Jason Golden, Zack Edwards, Wendy Waites
- Troy Clark and Kyle Beasley

A rifle team season usually consists of nine matches. In each match, the shooters will shoot three different positions (standing, kneeling, prone) with in a certain amount of time.

Each match usually lasts about two hours. Returning shooter Stephanie Murphy says, "Rifle team is real fun but at the same time you have to work really hard. With a new coach this year I think that it will open a lot of doors for the shooters and pique a lot of interests from the other students."

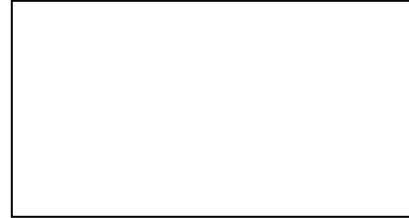
Some of the team members also participate in the Junior Shooters program at the Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning.

2006-07 Rifle Team Competition Schedule

- 06 Dec - Jordan vs Upson-Lee (H)
- 14 Dec- Jordan (H) vs Shaw
- 06 Jan- **JROTC Tournament @ Ft. Benning**
Jordan (H) vs Central
- 11 Jan- Jordan vs Northside (H)
- 18 Jan- Jordan (H) vs Rutland
- 25 Jan-**JROTC Memorial Tourney @ Ft. Benning**
- 31 Jan- Jordan vs Harris (H)
- 08 Feb- Jordan vs Shaw (H)
- 14 Feb-**Exchange Club Tourney @ Ft. Benning**
Jordan(H) vs Upson-Lee
- 22 Feb- Jordan vs Spencer (H)

Below are random photos taking during Rifle Team tryouts.

Rickeyta, Zack, Brittany, Wendy, Dalton, Josh wait for their turn to shoot



Hanah helps Wendy and Troy prepare

Alora talks to 1SG while Jake checks the target

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| Cadet Command | Kellett | Holcombe |
| Frusha | Rumsfeld | Winfield |
| Shoomaker | Bush | Chain of Command |
| Honor | Wallace | Knauff |
| Plummer | Vanantwerp | Harvey |
| Cadet Creed | Leadership | Citizenship |

Booster Club Information

We are still accepting new members.

(We can never have too many).

If you are a member of the booster club each year your child is in JROTC, they will be eligible to apply for a scholarship during their senior year. This scholarship **will only be available to Jordan JROTC cadets**. Our plan is for the scholarship awarded this year to be \$3000.00. We would like to increase the scholarship each year until we reach \$10,000.00 and maintain the scholarship at \$10,000 each year. Membership levels vary. For more information ask your cadet to bring home a membership form. (available from Major Kellett and/or 1SG Holcombe).

We would also like to replace some very old equipment. Many of you may not know that JROTC programs don't receive any funding from the school district and very little from the US ARMY. Our cadets work very hard to be competitive with other schools, but they can only be as good as their equipment. Some of the equipment is older than the cadets. Our Booster Club would like to help replace the older equipment. You can help by joining the RED JACKET BATTALION BOOSTER CLUB today!

Membership levels vary

- \$ 5.00 Basic
- \$ 25.00 Bronze Level
- \$ 50.00 Silver Level
- \$ 100.00 Gold Level
- \$ 250.00 Battalion Level
- \$ 500.00 Brigade Level
- \$1000.00 Saber Level

With your membership you also receive this very nice engraved booster club pen



Booster Club Meeting

In Dec (date to be determined) the booster club will have its first open meeting. This meeting can be attended by any member of the booster club.

Our agenda will be to review the budget and propose changes, ask for volunteers for committees that need to be formed. At the present time we do not have any committees to plan or organize anything. We would like to have a committee for fundraisers, welcome picnic, end of year social, team support, State drill chaperones, Raiders picnic, newsletter

PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED TO JOIN OR TO BE A COMMITTEE MEMBER. STEP UP AND ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP. Our cadets need all the support we can give them.

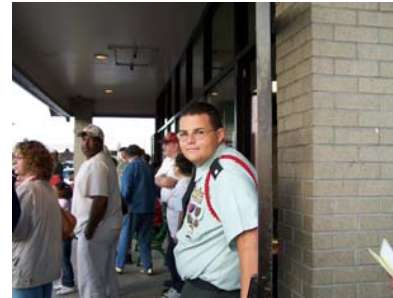
We have an internet scrapbook !

Are you interested in seeing pictures of our cadets and teams? Go to

www.picturetrail.com/jordanjrotc and see the many photos of our cadets from the past two school years. There are mostly team photos but there are also pictures from the JROTC Military Ball and the Cadet Awards ceremony. If you are interested in joining a competition team (i.e. drill team, rifle team & raiders) go to the web site and take a look at the various pictures for each group. They will give some idea of what each team does.

For more information email –
JordanJROTCmom@aol.com

The photos below are from the Veterans Day dinner at Golden Coral. Our cadets helped seat over 300 people that night.



Not pictured is Cadet Oliver- he was seating people so fast, he couldn't be caught on camera.