

From The Desk of . . .

Major Kellett

I'd like to start off by stating how proud I am of what the rifle team has accomplished this year. 1SG Holcombe took over as rifle team coach this year and has done an outstanding job. We have also have more cadet interest this year—8 team members. Scores are up significantly. Excluding the score for our first match, our lowest score this year is higher than our highest score last year. The team average is 24 points higher than last year's highest score. Improvement was what we were looking for at the start of the season, and the team certainly did that. Congratulations!!

We have a lot going on in ROTC right now. Our next big event is truly a big event—our Formal Inspection. It takes place on 7 Mar and involves all cadets and all aspects of the JROTC program. Everyone needs to remember that 7 Mar falls on a Wednesday. That will be uniform day for that week—NOT THURSDAY. Parents, please make sure your student is at school on 7 Mar and in uniform. Absentees and cadets not in uniform will cause us to loose points. The following week, we will go to Dobbins ARB for a field trip. Unfortunately, we cannot take all cadets. The Air Force has limited us to 50 flight slots. On 16 Mar, our cadets will play the Columbus High cadets in softball at Jordan. After that, we will be able to throttle back quite a bit for the rest of the year.

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1SG Holcombe

It has been a great season for the Rifle team; the team has done very well this year. We have 8 cadets on the team, 3 cadets returning for another year and 5 rookies. The Rifle team has done every well and the scores this year are way up from last year. We will start working on the Drill Team and Color Guard on 20 Feb and begin getting ready to go to state on the 24 March. It has been a very busy year for JROTC, which is a good thing. The kids have been great as well as support from the parents.

Word Scramble

These words are all associated with

Self-Awareness

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Cadet Challenge



Dalton Parker and Kenyatta Mealing
A Company's Top Male and Female
Cadet Challenge Winners for
1st Semester.



Ackevia Lutrell and Nick Kokoles
B Company's Top Female and Male
Cadet Challenge Winners for
1st Semester

PROMOTIONS



Tiffany Pfferrman is promoted to
Cadet Major



Cadet Major Pfferrman promotes both
Zack Edwards and Jake Wood to
Cadet 1st Lieutenant

I have received and reviewed the February 2007 Newsletter - - Please return this section to Major Kellett or 1SG Holcombe

Cadet Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

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(parents only) _____



Chris Hernandez is promoted to Cadet Staff Sergeant



Nick Kokoles is promoted to Cadet Sergeant



Ehren Robinson is promoted to Cadet Corporal



PFC promotions in A Company by Battalion Commander Ray Marcum and A Co. Commander Kyle Walker



PFC promotions in B Company by B Co. Commander Jake Wood and S-1 Zack Edwards

NOTICE : Drill team and Raiders
Practice for Drill team begins 20 Feb
YOU MUST BE AT EVERY PRACTICE TO PARTICIPATE AT THE STATE DRILL MEET. Raiders will be having tryouts with in the next few weeks

**JROTC Military Ball 2007
Tiffany Pferrman JVHS Queen**



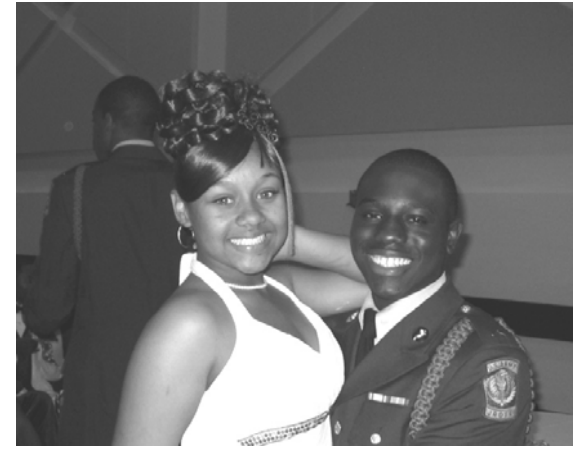
Tiffany is escorted by Jason Michaud



Ackevia Luttrell and guest Tony Burk



Hanah, Jake, Brittany, Chris, Josh and Ray in the foreground



Kenneth Tarrance and guest



1SG Holcombe talks with Cadets Bailey and Marcum



Miller and Upshaw

A lot of time and work go into publishing this newsletter. The RED JACKET BATTALION newsletter is to inform Cadets of upcoming events, and to show their parents what is going on in JROTC at Jordan High School.

Cadets are required to return the parent signature section on the front of this page. No extra credit/merits are given.

JVHS JROTC Essay Winner

Every year JROTC cadets are required to write an essay on varying topics. For the second year in a row a LET 2 has won this essay contest at Jordan.



How JROTC Differs From Other Classes by Nick Kokoles LET 2

The melting pot: the nick-name that America is known for. This is what makes JROTC a distinct class; it is an all-American class. What other classes in school combine such a wide array of subjects, activities, and experiences for students? JROTC not only focuses on military and physical aspects, but it mixes varying subject matter. As I have pointed out, JROTC is different from other high school courses for various reasons.

There is one common misconception about this class. This misconception consists of the thought that this course is only trying to recruit students into the military. It is more about making each JROTC cadet a better person, which is what this course has already taught me. It teaches you discipline and important leadership skills.

My experiences of JROTC have challenged me mentally and physically. My academics have greatly improved

since last year. Most courses do not require you to do well in other classes, but JROTC does. I am more athletic now than I was last year, and that started with the Cadet Challenge and Raiders.

Cadet Challenge made me more competitive. This caused me to push myself physically and take pride in my accomplishments. I found some of my talents in Cadet Challenge and Raiders. It is hard to achieve such accomplishments in other classes. Raiders challenged me mentally, physically, and taught me teamwork.

As for the actual classroom activities, they are extremely interactive, which slightly differs from other classes and activities. We discuss everything that we do, and if you have a problem with an assignment, you can get help from the teacher or another cadet. There is a sheet that lets you know what cadets are going to be doing the next day so it is easy to be prepared.

All of the given reasons tied together show exactly why JROTC is different from other classes. Though vigorous at times, JROTC molds a cadet into a well-balanced person; this is just like the melting pot. Americans are around different cultures, and JROTC cadets are instilled with multiple subjects, learning experiences, and morals.

Congratulations Nick on an essay well written. Nick's essay will now move on the JROTC HQ for District Competition. Way to go Nick !

Rifle Team News



Pictured L-R

1st Row- Jason Golden, Stephanie Murphy, Hanah Quesenberry and Jake Wood
2nd Row- Kyle Beasley, Wendy Waites, Zack Edwards, Troy Clark

Jordans Rifle Team had a pretty good year. This year they had 3 returning team members and 5 rookies. As of 14 FEB 07 their record is 6-3 which puts them in 3rd place in their division. On 8 March they will compete in the Area 1 finals.

As you may not know, Riflery is probably the only varsity sport where the captain is chosen not only for his or her leadership skills but also by their shooting score. Hanah Quesenberry and Jake Wood have both had the honor of being Captain of the team this year.

Riflery takes teamwork, personal dedication, and most of all good grades. Because Jordans Firing Range is very small, not everyone gets to practice everyday. Waiting for your turn to practice is not fun, but it is part of team work and personal dedication. This year, with 5 new team members, practice time was at a premium. Some of our team

members drove to Fort Benning a few days a week to practice at the AMU (Army Marksmanship Unit) shooting complex. 1SG was able to focus on the Rookies and get them more practice time. It paid off with better scores overall. Not everyone was able to practice everyday, but they were expected to be at practice everyday, which showed dedication to the team. Last year the teams highest score was 1007, so far this year it is 1072 of a possible 1200. Our team has worked hard to improve. Individual scores have improved approx. 40 points since the beginning of the season.

Last year at the JROTC Awards Night, Jake Wood earned the Association of the United States Army Medal for most improved score. Who will it be this year? Time will tell.

The 06-07 Rifle team had a good combination of Juniors ,Sophomores and Freshmen. 1SG may be looking for a few good cadets for next years team. Do you think you have a good enough aim to shoot the center of a target the size of a quarter from 30 feet away? Come to the tryouts next October and prove you have the right stuff for the Jordan Rifle Team.

More pictures of the team can be seen by going to our internet website

WWW.Picturetrail.com/jordanjrotc

SENIORS: It's time to apply for the **Bill Watson Scholarship**. This year will be the first year we award it. It will be at least \$1000.00 for college.
The deadline is 16 March.
Apply today ! For more information see Major Kellett or 1SG Holcombe.

**From LET 3
Cadet 2nd LT. Kyle Walker**



“How it feels to be in ROTC”

ATTENTION ! . . .
RIGHT FACE.
Every color, every race all turning the same way. No discrimination, one family flying together high and heavy like a C-130,

and we aren't scared of getting dirty. Proudly wearing 'the green' with our heads raised up with glory. . . . like the glorious flag we raise high. . . we see it . . . farther, up up past the sky. When one of us falls down we are all there standing ready to catch you and bring you back up! Leaving no one down. I love this class. . . My heart beats a mile a minute as soon as I step in the door. A great way to begin my day, and this is the way its gonna be, this is nothing more than How It Feels To Be In ROTC.

NOTE: Before each newsletter is printed, Major Kellett & 1SG Holcombe ask for editorial contributions from each LET level. We ask that all entries be of a positive nature. All entries will be approved by Major Kellett or 1SG Holcombe

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**From LET 2
Cadet CPL Keith Oliver**



“Troubles”

Woke up late, missed the bus, relationship issues, on top of all that everyone is getting on your case about something. We all don't have the same pain, but, everyone has troubles. Even if

you're having a perfect day, someone will do something to 'irk' you in a way that throws you off your 'game' and makes you want to go home and sleep the day away. I have had those days. The sad part is, I would thrive off the negative things in my life. I would anticipate the negative events that were going to occur to ruin my day. If it wasn't over sleeping, it was a crappy mood; the people I hung around with; my. Soon, I realized things were only as bad as we make them. For instance- lets say someone made you mad by doing something you didn't like. Honestly, if you want the situation to blow up then you might confront the person in an inappropriate manner. But, if you wanted the situation handled better you would try to explain why what they have done has put you in an irritable state. The point is. . . solve the bad events with good choices. If there is something bothering you, do something positive to counter-act it and you just might get into a better state of mind. Everything may seem like it is going wrong today, but you can make it better by doing the right thing.

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.** The scholarship awarded this year will be at least \$1000.00. Membership levels vary. For more information ask your cadet to bring home a membership form. (Available from Major Kellett and/or 1SG Holcombe).

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. 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



Additional pens may also be purchased for \$2.00 from Mrs. Wood, Hanah Q'berry or Jake Wood

Booster Club Meeting

An open member meeting is scheduled for Monday March 12 at 6:30 (location to be determined) Our agenda will be to review the budget and propose changes, ask for volunteers for committees that need to be formed. At this time we do not have any committees to plan or organize events. We would like to have a committee for fundraisers, welcome picnic, year end social, team support, 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.

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