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UNIT TROY NEWSLETTER



picture from last year's Annual Military Inspection

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Recap

Hello Unit Troy! While our NS4's count down less than 100 days until graduation and cadets approach Spring Break in three weeks, the unit remains busy with events and competitions lined up. Please see Cdr Lauper's input for details but here is a recap of what we've been busy with so far! Last week, we had our first all-hands uniform day, wearing our NSU's! This allowed us to go over the proper way to wear the uniform (ex: males having regulation haircuts!). Drill workshops have been ongoing to certify cadets in Color Guard which is extremely beneficial as certification allows cadets to be able to sign up for future Color Guard events and earn unit service within the unit! Lastly, congrats to cadet Lois Um for receiving an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy! This is

a huge honor and Unit Troy wishes her nothing but the best in her future there. Have a great and safe weekend everyone!

Alumni Spotlight: Jeremy Vega

Our last spotlight is on Jeremy Vega, a graduate of the Class of 2016. Currently, Jeremy is a direct input officer stationed at NNPTC in Charleston, South Carolina. This means he was commissioned directly out of college and then went to Officer Development School. Jeremy graduated from UC Davis in June of 2020 with a BS in Electrical Engineering, and during the times he wasn't studying, he was racing on the school's club rowing team.

How were you involved in the unit at the time?

Back at Troy (2012-2016), I was predominately a drill team member, but I also participated in lots of brain brawls. During my third year, I was the AX commander of Team Red. This was during the transition from being team two, the junior team to build field meet experience, to Team Red, a team that couldn't be taken lightly in area 11. During my NS-4 year, I was the Command Master Chief during the third quarter, mainly in charge of making sure the unit performed as well as possible at the Superbowl. I personally think that positions in the unit were more of a formality, and your impact was proportional to the effort you put in at all levels.

What is a fond memory you have from ROTC?

The fondest memories I have come from drill camps and weekend practices. Controversial answer, but the field meets end up blurring in your memories from the stress associated with them. What really stands out to me now is the motivation and progress that we had on these tough weekends. No competition is ever won in a day, it takes a sustained effort that can't be faked in the night before.



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How has your experience from ROTC helped you post high school?

ROTC forced a level of interpersonal communication that not every student gets to experience. The main way it helped me post high school is the emphasis of communication through a chain of command. A student-run program can't have every kid running up to the NSI to complain about tiny details. Conflict resolution needs to happen at the lowest level possible before moving its way up. A cadet could go to a squad leader, then up to an upperclassman, then a department head before talking to an NSI. Breaching the chain of command reflects a lack of trust between levels and overall lowers efficiency of the unit.

The six P's never left me after graduating. Proper prior planning prevents poor performance. I know that Troy's M.O. tends to be waiting until the last second to get it done. Unfortunately, during high school we tend to get away with it 9/10 times. But of course that doesn't fly after a certain point, or sometimes life gets in the way. A little bit of action a day prevents a whole lot of headache later on.

Overall, I wouldn't trade my high school experience with ROTC with any other activity because it gave me some core experiences that I could use later on in life, and friends that I'll never forget.

From the NSI's

CDR Lauper:

"It's the end of February! It is now time to pack a year's worth of activity into the last three months. Where to begin? There is so much that I am certain to forget some important news...

Congratulations to our Quizbowl Team for taking first place in our annual JROTC Quizbowl Tournament. They are qualified to compete in the NAQT High School National



Championship Tournament, May 24-26. Troy High School NJROTC is hosting the first JROTC e-Sports tournament, starting on March 5, with teams from across the country. Congratulations to our College Options Team for advancing to Level II, which is next week. Our Brain Brawl Team is competing on Saturday in the Pacifica Virtual Brain Brawl.

Troy High School NJROTC will be representing Area 11 at the NJROTC National Academic, Athletic, and Drill Championships. Normally held in Florida, the event will be virtual this year. Our CyberPatriot team will be competing in the National Finals, March 18-20.

Our Color Guard has been asked to present at Troy's three home football games on March 19, March 26, and April 9th.

Our SeaPerch teams are preparing to put their robots in the water in hopes of competing at the International SeaPerch Challenge, June 4-5.

The annual inspection is coming up. If we can coordinate schedules, Rear Admiral Nowakowski has agreed to be our guest inspector.

I am very proud of our Cadet leaders who volunteered to participate in the Student Advocate Committee, which is sponsored by the Orange County Department of Education. See their intro video [here](#).

Kudos to Cadet Masinsin on developing our initial data call to create a database of those Troy alumni who are currently serving or have previously served in the Armed Forces.

The longer term goal is to create a Troy NJROTC Alumni database and/or Alumni Association to connect alumni and current Cadets. If you know a Troy alumnus (even if they didn't participate in NJROTC), please have them complete this [form](#).

Lots going on...It's great to be a Warrior!"

Team Schedules

- Saturday 2/27:** Drill - Armed (0800-1200) *virtual
Drill - ACX (1500-1600) *virtual by Zoom
- Sunday 2/28:**
- Monday 3/1:** Drill - Unarmed (1500-1730)
Drill - Armed (1500-1730)
- Tuesday 3/2:** Drill - CG (1500-1730)
Drill - PT (1500-1730)
Orienteering (1500-1630) *virtual by Zoom
Robosub (1530-1630) *virtual by Zoom
- Wednesday 3/3:** Drill - Unarmed (1500-1730)
Drill - Armed (1500-1730)
- Thursday 3/4:** Drill - ACX (1500-1600)
Drill - CG (1500-1730)
Drill - PT (1500-1730)
Orienteering (1500-1630) *virtual by Zoom
- Friday 3/5:** Drill - PI (1500-1630)
Drill - PT (1630-1730)
Seaperch (1530-1630) *virtual by Zoom
- Saturday 3/6:** Drill - Unarmed (0800-1200)
Drill - Armed (0800-1200)
Drill - ACX (1500-1600) *virtual by Zoom
- Sunday 3/7:**
- Monday 3/8:** Drill - Unarmed (1500-1730)
Drill - Armed (1500-1730)
Robosub Outreach (1530-1630) *virtual by Zoom
- Tuesday 3/9:** Drill - CG (1500-1730)
Drill - PT (1500-1730)
Orienteering (1500-1630) *virtual by Zoom
Robosub (1530-1630) *virtual by Zoom

Wednesday 3/10: Drill - Unarmed (1530-1730)
Drill - Armed (1530-1630)

Thursday 3/11: Drill - ACX (1500-1600)
Drill - CG (1500-1730)
Drill - PT (1500-1730)
Orienteering (1500-1630) *virtual by Zoom

Friday 3/12: Drill - PI (1500-1630)
Drill - PT (1630-1730)
Seaperch (1530-1630) *virtual by Zoom

***Note that practice schedules are subject to change after the release of the issue by the respective team commander. Stay alert for these changes from your respective team page. Thank you!*

**What Makes Troy NJROTC
the Best in Area 11?**

click here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2n9ewam>