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# UNIT TROY NEWSLETTER



picture from last year's Annual Military Inspection

## QUESTIONS?

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## Recap

Hello Unit Troy! After the Winter Break, it is safe to say that it has been an eventful past two weeks. With all that is going on, we continue to adapt, improvise, and overcome! That being said, there are a few announcements to share. Please note that online learning has been extended an additional two weeks from today (see [the Superintendent's letter](#) for more info) but team practices continue as listed in the Team Practice Schedule. Additionally, please refer to c/CDR Seth's post on Facebook for cadets to fill out the Cadet Ball Interest form with a parent's permission. Lastly, a general reminder to look out for upcoming details on pre-ordering our annual Cruise Book! Thank you and enjoy your three day weekend!

# Alumni Spotlight: Michael Guerra

I am very excited to introduce this new segment, Alumni Spotlight, which will feature an interview with a different Troy NJROTC alumnus in each issue. This week, the spotlight is on Michael Guerra, a graduate of the Class of 2019. This what he had to say about his experience:

## How were you involved in the unit at the time?

Throughout my four years in the unit I was involved in the Supply Department (the best department), the Orienteering Team, over 350 hours of unit service, and I was the Regimental Commanding Officer for the first trimester of 2018.

## What is a fond memory you have from ROTC?

It's hard to choose just one memory. Every Orienteering Nationals or even that one time I was spontaneously tapped to be a red shirt for BLT would be good contenders. However, my favorite memories would have to come from the time I spent with the freshmen (aka the "Babies") in 5th platoon during my senior year. The numerous socials we had, the long hours spent practicing for the Rookie Drill Meet, and even the family tree we made will always be my fondest memories of high school in general.

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

After my four years were up, I found myself to be exponentially more confident and outgoing than I was prior to joining the program. I made connections with some of the most amazing people who I know will do even greater things in the future! But most importantly, I learned that if you approach every challenge with optimism, confidence, and a smile, nothing can stop you.



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# From the NSI's

Hear from our Naval Science Instructors!

CDR Lauper:

"Welcome to Second Semester! For some of our Cadets, this is their last semester of high school. There is still much uncertainty about the remainder of the school year, but one thing is certain...our Cadets continue to shine. Our Cadets continue to excel in CyberPatriot. We hosted a trial virtual Brain Brawl and we are preparing to host a qualifier. Our Robosub Team continues to conduct outreach with coding instruction to middle schoolers. Marksmanship is ready to compete in Area 11 Championships when they are allowed in the classroom. Drill is ready to compete following months of distanced practices. Orienteering is itching to run. Decisions on College Applications will soon be arriving for our seniors. These are still exciting times and the Troy NJROTC program is in outstanding condition compared to many programs at other schools. Not only will we survive this pandemic, we will come out of it ready to compete and demonstrate who we are.

On January 20th, Troy High School will conduct its Open House. Normally, this event is held in the North Gym and our Cadets work hard to recruit future Cadets. This year, it is virtual. Our reach is somewhat limited to those who choose to join one of our informational sessions. It is vitally important that our parents and Cadets reach out to their friends coming to Troy and talk about our program. I am also working to finalize a date for our virtual AMI. Due to COVID, there will not be a Personnel Inspection or Pass in Review this year.

Many of our Cadets have seen the news, in particular the assault on our Nation's Capitol last week. This has provided the opportunity for many to discuss what Honor, Courage, and



Commitment means. As expected, we have diverse opinions in the program. Although not all of our Cadets choose to join the military, it is important to remember that the NJROTC program is modeled on the Core Values of our Navy. I am providing the statement made by all members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with their guidance with respect to this issue. I expect that our Cadets, as part of this Citizenship Development program, read this statement. While Cadets are entitled to their own political opinions and beliefs, they must ensure that they do not advocate politically while in uniform or while representing NJROTC. Any criminal activity may be grounds for removal from the NJROTC program. Stay safe and healthy!

## Team Schedules

- Saturday 1/16:** Drill - Armed (0800-1200) \*virtual  
Drill - ACX (1500-1600) \*virtual by Zoom
- Sunday 1/17:**
- Monday 1/18:** Drill - Unarmed (1500-1730)  
Drill - Armed (1500-1730)
- Tuesday 1/19:** Drill - CG (1500-1730)  
Drill - PT (1500-1730)  
Cyber (1700-1900) \*virtual by Zoom  
Orienteering (1500-1630) \*virtual by Zoom  
Robosub (1530-1630) \*virtual by Zoom
- Wednesday 1/20:** Drill - Unarmed (1500-1730)  
Drill - Armed (1500-1730)  
Cyber (1700-1900) \*virtual by Zoom
- Thursday 1/21:** Drill - ACX (1500-1600)  
Drill - CG (1500-1730)  
Drill - PT (1500-1730)  
Orienteering (1500-1630) \*virtual by Zoom

- Friday 1/22:** Drill - PI (1500-1630)  
Drill - PT (1630-1730)  
Seaperch (1530-1630) \*virtual by Zoom
- Saturday 1/23:** Drill - Unarmed (0800-1200)  
Drill - Armed (0800-1200)  
Drill - ACX (1500-1600) \*virtual by Zoom
- Sunday 1/24:**
- Monday 1/25:** Drill - Unarmed (1500-1730)  
Drill - Armed (1500-1730)  
Robosub Outreach (1530-1630) \*virtual by Zoom
- Tuesday 1/26:** Drill - CG (1500-1730)  
Drill - PT (1500-1730)  
Cyber (1700-1900) \*virtual by Zoom  
Orienteering (1500-1630) \*virtual by Zoom  
Robosub (1530-1630) \*virtual by Zoom
- Wednesday 1/27:** Drill - Unarmed (1530-1730)  
Drill - Armed (1530-1630)
- Thursday 1/28:** Drill - ACX (1500-1600)  
Drill - CG (1500-1730)  
Drill - PT (1500-1730)  
Orienteering (1500-1630) \*virtual by Zoom
- Friday 1/29:** 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>