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Recap

Hello Unit Troy! Although it's still summer our cadets have been busy competing and preparing for the upcoming year. With the start of the new school year almost here, we would like to introduce the 2021-2022 leadership who have been busy preparing for this school year. Keep reading to meet the new head staff as well as find out what Troy NJROTC has been doing this summer. For more updates please check the Facebook Group and the Unit Discord. Have a great first week of school!

5 on 3 for Our SNSIs

As we start the new school year we would like to introduce our new SNSI LT Cecil. We are honored to have LT Cecil as our SNSI and are excited to see where he will lead Troy's NJROTC. We would also like to thank Commander Lauper for everything he has done for our Unit for the past 5 years. Here are some last pieces of advice from Commander Lauper. We wish him the best of luck at Chaparral High School.



Commander Lauper

1. How would you describe your time at Troy?

Rewarding. Coming to Troy High School, I knew that I was going to have to live up to the reputation of Troy. The Cadets and staff are extremely dedicated. Excellence is expected. Anything is possible.

2. What was the most memorable part of your experience at Troy?

Opportunities. I truly enjoyed finding unique opportunities for our Cadets. The Video-teleconference and Pentagon visit with Secretary of the Navy Spencer was huge, as was our Color Guard for the Congressional Medal of Honor Circle of Honor luncheon in Beverly Hills. Since my arrival in 2016, Troy NJROTC, for the first time, went to the International SeaPerch Challenge, High School National Championship Tournament, and National Scholastic Championship. Troy NJROTC became the first and only NJROTC to build and compete in the International RoboSub competition. Oh, and Troy NJROTC is (so far) the only Honors JROTC program in the State of California.

Top 3:

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3. What will you miss most about Troy?

The Cadets. Despite all of the memories and accomplishments, it is the students/Cadets themselves that will be missed. Each one is unique and just like any Navy command...you can always go to another ship, always find a competition team...but you will never replace the unique relationships with the team (students) that make it happen. As a teacher, my success is graded on the success of my students. Oh...and basketball/basketbrawl.

4. Do you have any final advice for our cadets and parents in the program?

Anything is possible. Don't underestimate what you are capable of. Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone and try new things. If you refuse to adapt, you lose the edge and risk obsolescence. Be relevant.



Lieutenant Cecil

1. What are some fun facts about yourself that you would like to share with the cadets and parents?

I'm still just a big kid. I've always accepted the fact that I have to grow old, but I never have to grow up. I know when it's time to work, and when it's time to have fun. The cadets, former cadets, parents, and Instructors are family to me. My high school mascot was the Trojan so it's kind of like I am returning to my roots.

2. What are you most excited about in the coming year?

I'm most excited about finally getting back to normalcy after the pandemic. Especially to meet all of the cadets and their families. The last year and a half I really took time to reflect on the little things. There is nothing more rewarding than being around the cadets, parents, and fellow Instructors.



3. Do you have any plans you are hoping to implement?

I truly need to take time to observe how the unit is run and to see what I can add. Change is hard for everyone, especially without communication. I have some community service events I'm bringing with me and the annual Senior Trip which has been successful.

4. Do you feel pressure knowing that you are now the SNSI of the #1 unit in area 11?

This is a great question. I feel pressured every August when the new school year starts. I worry about the upcoming year and hope that I will do a great job for the Seniors. Troy is the #1 unit in Area 11, so as long as I do my part to take care of the cadets, the accolades and championships will be there.

5. What is something you hope to bring over from your previous unit(s)?

Most of what I have learned has been from other units. I first have to see if there are areas that can be improved upon. I truly hope to improve on the overall unit drill, physical fitness scores, overall unit GPA, and community service hours. Even though Troy is the best unit, there is always room for improvement. I'm sure there are ways to improve efficiency and communication.

6. What is your favorite season of the year?

Fall going into winter. I go all out for Halloween and it seems like the rest of the year is a blur until the new year. Looking forward to seeing cadet costumes.



Meet the 2021-2022 Head Staff



Commanding Officer- c/CDR Erica Lodenquai

“Greetings Unit Troy! I am c/CDR Erica Lodenquai and I will be your Commanding Officer for the 2021-2022 school year. I am very honored to be selected for this position and I know we are already hitting the ground running as there is so much for our unit to do! As we bring back all of our major events, I encourage all of you to stay involved and to inspire others to participate as well. There is so much I appreciate in our unit from our national-level teams to student-led departments, and everyone in between. Each cadet has so much potential to grow and lead others and I hope we provide an admirable environment to allow everyone to thrive this year. Some fun facts about me are that I have a cat named Tugar and I love playing Tetris in my free time! I look forward to working with each and every one of you to leading our unit into even more greatness. See you all in person this school year!”



Executive Officer- c/LCDR Zachary Dang

"Hello I am c/LCDR Zachary Dang, the next executive officer; I want to say thank you for the amazing opportunity to lead. I hope in the next two years circumstances will return to normal and cadets can experience the best the unit has to offer. I am most excited to see the new cadets and the leaders among them. People should get involved in NJROTC not just because of the leadership and the teams, but for the people you will meet in NJROTC."

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Master Chief Petty Officer- c/MCPO Alexander Bowman

“I am so excited to see all of our fresh new faces joining the unit this year! I hope that I am able to get to meet each and every one of you and share my experiences with you. I love the ROTC program because it has offered me a gateway to future plans. In addition, it has allowed me to make not only friends but family. I guarantee that if you immerse yourself in a team it doesn't matter which one that you will find yourself welcome and you will find your place in the unit. A few fun facts about myself for everyone is that I love to participate in many recreational sports some of my favorites being snowboarding and scuba diving. I also love making new friends so don't be afraid to come up to me with any questions about me or the unit or anything in general and I would love to help you.”



This year's Regimental Top 3 after Change of Command. Pictured from left to right, c/LCDR Zachary Dang, c/CDR Erica Lodenquai, c/MCPO Alexander Bowman

Meet the 2021-2022 Company Commanders



“Hi, I’m c/LT Hannah Choi and I’ll be one of your company commanders for the 2021-2022 school year. I’m very excited to be a part of the planning and execution of our battalion’s traditional events, including BLT, TAFM, Awards Night, and so on. This year, I’d definitely like to continue and strengthen the connection with the Korean JROTC Unit as well as contribute as much as I can to the Family Line Project. So look forward to an amazing and eventful year!”

- c/LT Hannah Choi



“Hello, my name is James Wofford and I am one of this year's company commanders. I am a senior this year and can't wait to get the unit back onto its feet. I am also this year's orienteering commander and medical co-commander. My favorite pastime is sitting in the park and watching ducks intermingle.”

- c/LT James Wofford



“Hello my name is C/LT Jaimie Kim and I am one of your company commanders for this year. We are super excited to get the ball rolling with the events we are organizing and I will do my best as one of your company commanders to help make these events fond memories to reminisce about. With that in mind, look forward to us bringing back classic events such as RDM, BLT, and TAFM along with some possible new events!”

- c/LT Jamie Kim



“Hello, my name is Cadet Lieutenant Tsi. I am one of this year's company commanders. Because last year was rough due to the pandemic, the unit was not able to put on as many events as past years. I hope to change that this year by bringing back events ranging from Basic Leadership Training to the Rookie Drill Meet. I personally loved participating in the Rookie Drill Meet as an NS1 and I hope the cadets this year will have the full experience.”

- c/LT Matthew Tsi

Meet the 2021-2022 Interventions Officer

"Hi I'm c/SCPO Amariah Peedikayil and I'll be your Interventions Officer for next year. I hope to foster a safe and healthy environment to ease your transition from online to in-person school this year. I'm looking forward to meeting and mentoring you all. A fun fact about me is that I'm British."

- c/SCPO Amariah Peedikayil



Meet the 2021-2022 Division Heads

Admin

"Hi, my name is Raul Godinez and I am the Administrative Officer for this school year. Over the next year, I plan on continuing the great work done by the Administration Department [in] the past year by ensuring that we continue to keep distributing awards at a satisfactory rate, keep CDMIS updated, and continue to improve passing rates on Advancement Exams."

- c/LT Raul Godinez





Color Guard

"My name is Joshua Ortiz and I am this years Color Guard department coordinator. As one of the first few coordinators for the new department, we plan on teaching our yeomen effectively and to make sure to ready up our yeomen to effectively teach new cadets to be involved in Color Guard details. We also plan on going to important events such as battleships and give them the best of the best. Our department should be expected to teach members and unit Color Guard chats how to work with Color Guard gear."

- c/LT Joshua Ortiz



Operations

"Hello, my name is James Wofford and I am currently the Acting Operations Head until further notice. I am a senior this year and can't wait to get the unit back onto its feet. As mentioned before, I am also this year's orienteering commander and medical co-commander. My favorite pastime is sitting in the park and watching ducks intermingle. I enjoy it very much"

- c/LT James Wolford



Public Affairs

"As the Public Affairs Department Head, some of my goals for this year include ensuring that all of our cadets are well informed of upcoming events, to create a better flow of communication within and outside our Unit, and to be the Liaison who represents our Unit at external events."

- c/LT Rohan Patel



Supply

"Yo wassup I am cadet Patrick Um and I will be the Supply Head for this year. My plans for this year for Supply is to make sure that at least this department reverts back to a normalized state and to make sure that Supply members can feel close to one another like the years before. So yeah if you have any questions about Supply or like inventorying uniforms make sure to ask me or anyone in Supply!"

- c/ LT Patrick Um



They can Sea First Place

This June two of our teams competed in the International SeaPerch Challenge. C Monkeys, consisting of captain c/LTJG Joshua Cho, c/ENS Supawat Pitaknarongphorn, c/SCPO Andrew Cai, and c/SN Sean Kim, placed 1st in the High School class for “Real-World Innovation”. Meka Sharccs, consisting of captain c/LT Rohan Patel, c/LTJG Anuj Patel, c/LTJG Andrea Florendo, c/ENS Jesse James, c/SCPO Amariah Peedikayil. Congratulations to the members of C Monkeys (pictured on the left) and Meka Sharccs (pictured on the right)



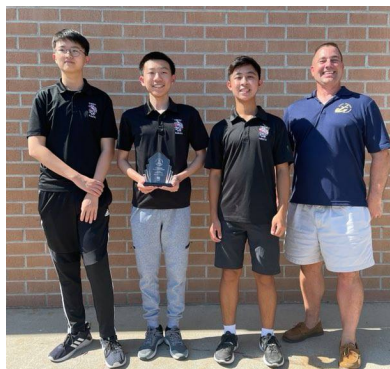
“This year’s digital competition was a new experience for all of us. The competition was no longer just about building a robot, but instead, we were forced to dive deeper into our engineering design process. Although I was not able to receive the award in person, I am very proud of all of Unit Troy's accomplishments in this year's SeaPerch competition.”

- c/ENS Supawat Pitaknarongphorn



“I was pretty surprised and excited. It was my first year competing in SeaPerch, so I didn't really know what to expect. Although we couldn’t experience competing in person the online platform allowed us to be more flexible with our schedules and work at weird times. I was really proud of my team and everything we accomplished.

c/LTJG Andrea Florendo



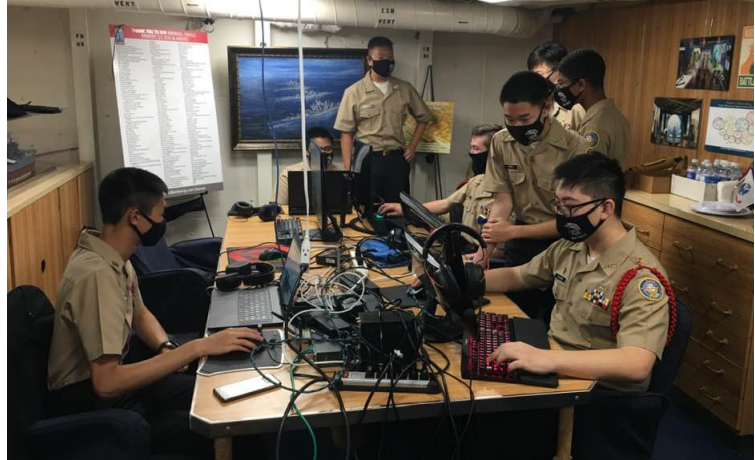
Legends on the Ocean

This summer our Troy NJROTC e-sports team visited the USS Iowa where they competed against the Navy e-sports team and also got to tour the ship. When the cadets first arrived on the boat, the competitors were sent to the captain's cabin to compete. In between each match, participants who were not competing could enjoy food downstairs and spectate the match on a projector. Everyone took several photos together before departing.



"My favorite part was the competition. I liked the matches where you could choose your own team because it seemed the fairest. One thing I learned while competing is to not worry too much because that just makes you play worse"

-c/PO2 Simon Godinez



A Message from the Booster Club

Dear Parents,

My name is Carol Ann Miller, and I am the Chaperone Liaison for the Troy NJROTC Booster Club. If you have not already, please fill out the Parent Contact Form (link below) so I can better inform you about volunteer opportunities at NJROTC events.

To be an overnight chaperone there are forms that need to be filled out. You may get these forms from the school's front office. Alternatively, you may visit the site below, scroll down and click on the CHAPERONE FORM link to access the volunteer assist request forms:

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) — Troy High School NJROTC](#)

Please join our Facebook page Troy NJROTC Booster Club where you can communicate with other parents/boosters of our amazing cadets and get updates on the many events. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to post your questions there. You can also send an email to troynjrotcbooster@gmail.com and we'll do our best to assist you.

Having a child in NJROTC automatically makes you a booster 😊. We are “boosting” our kids on to an enriching high school experience .

Click [here](#) to access the Parent Contact Form

Important links

- Click [here](#) for Quizlet with PI knowledge
- Click [here](#) to download the Health Risk Screening Form
- Click [here](#) to download the Standard Release Form
- Click [here](#) to download the Covid Form
- Click [here](#) to download the Opioids Form
- Click [here](#) to download the Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Form
- Click [here](#) to join the Discord server (cadets only)
- Click [here](#) to join the student Facebook group (current cadets only)

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

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