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# UNIT TROY NEWSLETTER



Picture from 2021 Veteran's Day parade

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## Recap

Hello Unit Troy! I hope everyone had a restful Thanksgiving break. This past month we had our annual Veterans Day parade on 11/11 where our CO had the honor of being the commander of the troops and staff. Many of our teams have also started competing in competitions. Keep reading to find out more about the Veterans Day parade how our teams have done in their competitions. For more updates, please check the Facebook Group and the Unit Discord. Good luck on next week's finals!

# Drill Comp

On November 13th, our very own West Coast Warriors drove over 200 miles to compete at Reedley High School's drill meet. A drill meet is when one school hosts a competition where different NJROTC drill teams compete and are judged by other instructors and Marines. Our cadets competed in PT (curl-ups, pushups, 16x100m, and 8x220m), Academics, Personnel inspection, Colorguard, Unarmed Basic, Armed Basic, Unarmed Exhibition, and Armed Exhibition. Our warriors placed 3rd in Armed Basic, 2nd in 8x200m, and 1st in all of the other events. From early PT to afternoon exhibition routines our team's hard work and dedication payed off when they finished 1st overall qualifying them for the Area 11 Superbowl!



“Reedley was the first official drill comp after COVID. I was very excited to feel the competition hype in a while, especially with our new team members! I can still remember cheering for sprint runners who were sprinting through the thick fog. There was a lot of tension and excitement at the same [time], so it was very different from regular sprint run-throughs! The overall support and teamwork that we had at Reedley was incredible. We were very successful in [bringing] home victory, but we still have a long way to go.”

- c/ENS Claire Kang

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“Drill meets are absolutely invigorating. Even as a supporter, I felt the excitement in the air as we watched the various drill performances. From the moment we woke up to the moment we stepped back on the bus, trophies in hand, I absolutely loved my drill meet experience. One of my clearest memories from the event was when I was cheering my team on for the 100m sprint. Fog was everywhere, but I [was] able to see my team so distinctly among the other runners. [I was] so proud of each of them. My experience at Reedley has got me fired up for ECR, which I will actually be competing in. I can’t wait to make more memories with my drill team!”

- c/ENS Joshua Oh

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# Smart SharpShooters

On November 6th, our Marksmanship team competed in their first shoulder to shoulder since Online learning. Congratulations to our team of 4 shooters for placing 2nd overall and to Jenna McBratney who placed 2nd in the prone position. Below are the individual rankings of the team out of the 39 competitors.

- 4th- Andrea Florendo
- 8th- Jenna McBratney
- 16th- Samantha Lu
- 18th- Chen Young Lin

Marksmanship had another competition on the 20th at Orange Glen High School. This time they took 2 teams of 4 shooters (Team 1: senior Andrea Florendo, senior Jenna McBratney, junior Chen-Young Lin, and sophomore Samantha Lu, Team 2: senior Edison Tseng, senior Ivette Chen, junior Henry Kim, and sophomore Lauren Gao). Troy finished 2nd overall in this competition.

"I felt pretty excited to be able to compete again and a little nervous because I really wanted to do well. [After the competition] I was pretty satisfied with how we shot. It also made me more motivated to improve because I could see that I definitely have room for improvement. My favorite part of the competition was the car ride and getting food after the competition. It's a lot of fun to hang out with the team and Lt."

- c/ SCPO Jenna McBratney





Although I was excited, I was extremely nervous since it was my first time competing. [While shooting] I was trying to keep calm. It was a little hard to stay composed after shooting a bad shot, but teammates nearby helped me keep my spirit up. I'm glad I got the opportunity to compete. It was really fun, especially getting to spend time with my teammates. My favorite parts were probably the car ride to and from the competition. We had a lot of fun talking about the most random things. My teammates were what really made the competition especially memorable.

- c/ PO3 Lauren Gao

# Cyber Round 1 and 2

On October 23rd and November 13th, teams in NJROTC CyberPatriot competed in Rounds 1 and 2. In both rounds, multiple Troy teams placed high on the national leaderboards, a product of weeks of hard work and extra effort outside of the after-school practices. Thus, most of our teams will be advancing to the Platinum tier competition for the State round on December 11th; the teams that place in the top 25 percent of scores in the State round will progress to the Semifinals, and the top 12 teams in Semifinals will be able to compete at Nationals.



"Round 1 for my team went pretty well, although we did end up taking more time than we expected. In a way, it was a wake-up call and it definitely changed how we did in Round 2. My team came into Round 2 as prepared as we could be, arming ourselves with scripts and checklists which helped us push through and become the #2 team in our division (without Cisco). Overall, we did great. We're hoping to lessen the amount of time it takes to find most of the vulnerabilities, which will hopefully land us a spot in the semifinals."

- c/ SA Puru Jain



"Most of my team are instructors, and we worked very hard to teach our students everything we know to help them succeed and become the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. We learned a lot from these rounds which tested our teamwork for the first time since returning from virtual competitions. [One thing] we can improve on thinking outside the box. The best moment in competition this year was hearing my teammate say "let's try something" ten minutes before the end of the competition and having it actually work. We will be coming back more creative than ever for round 3."

- c/ PO1 Chan Chung

# Veterans Day Parade

Veterans Day is a day we know to give thanks to our troops, but did you know it was formerly known as Armistice Day. The day was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, on the eleventh month November on the eleventh day at the eleventh hour in 1918 (11/11/1918). In 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'" after WWII.

Here in the U.S., the first celebration using the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947, officially the day was changed and recognized as Veterans Day throughout the entire United States in 1954.

Troy JROTC marched from downtown Fullerton to Harbor Avenue in the Fullerton Veterans Day Parade. Fullerton Joint Union High School District and the Fullerton High School Band also joined in the celebration to honor our Veterans.

"Watching others come to the parade and stand next to our schools as we marched made me proud not just to be a part of JROTC, but also to be a part of the Fullerton community. I was both grateful and overwhelmed to see everyone come together to commemorate our brave veterans. My older cousin is currently serving in the Navy, and it is inspiring to see her devotion in keeping our country safe."

- c/ PO3 Audrey Nguyen



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- 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)
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