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Picture from 2022 Annual Military Inspection

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Recap

Hello Unit Troy! Welcome to the first week of March! If you haven't already, head over to the Troy NJROTC website to read our monthly updates from February.

As always, Troy has been busy competing in and hosting numerous competitions. For the recap of this month, we will be covering the Drill Superbowl, our newly founded drone team, and the most recent Annual Military Inspection. Keep reading until the end for words from our NSIs and the unit's upcoming events! For more updates, please check the Troy NJROTC Facebook Group, Instagram page, and the unit Discord.

Drill Superbowl

On February 5, 2022, both of Troy's drill teams -- Black and Red -- headed to Santa Ana High School to compete in the Area 11 Championship. Despite the intense competition, their months of hard work paid off; Troy Black achieved 1st place overall, securing a spot for the national drill competition in Florida in April. Troy Red, a team of primarily underclassmen, placed 7th overall as well. Congratulations to both teams for their achievements and good luck to Troy Black as they prepare to compete for 1st place at Nationals.



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1st Drone Competition

Our newest NJROTC team, the drone team, competed in their first Area 11 competition at Lutheran HS in La Verne, CA. The competition consisted of four navigational challenges: an obstacle course, a slalom, a platform touch-and-go, and a resupply challenge in which competitors used a hook attached to the drone to pick up small payloads and move them to a different platform. Although, the team experienced a number of technical issues, such as faltering connectivity between their controllers and their drone apparatus they persevered and placed second in the touch-and-go challenge. Congratulations to our new drone team, to whom we wish the best of luck in future competitions!



"I was a pilot for the first event and an engineer and director for the rest of the day. Before the competition, we were focused and getting hyped up for the day. During it, we had ups and downs but overall we had a good mentality. After the competition, we were all excited that we won a trophy and we were very proud of ourselves and the outcome."

- c/PO3 John Santiago



"It was sort of overwhelming knowing we were the first drone team from Troy. I was very nervous during the competition since everything was new. After [it though], I felt proud to be part of the team and to bring back a trophy. My favorite part of the competition was meeting people from other schools."

- c/PO3 Hewoo Jong



Annual Military Inspection

On February 24th, Troy demonstrated with outstanding zeal and poise our accomplishments as a unit at the Annual Military Inspection. Led by master of ceremonies c/ LT Matthew Tsi, the cadets showcased their mastery of naval knowledge at personnel inspection and their proficiency in drill at pass and review, successes accentuated by the stellar performances of our Unarmed and Armed Exhibition teams. Additionally, we congratulate the cadets who were meritoriously promoted and thank our unit's parents and supporters for making the sheer scope and splendor of this event possible.

A special thank you to Area 11 Manager Commander Garcia, Captain McMakin, 1stSgt Sandercock, and Master Chief Petty Officer Lira for taking their time to come to Troy.

"Being inspected by the area manager himself was an enriching experience. Commander Garcia was friendly and seemed eager to discuss how I have been involved in the program. As a naturally shy person, I used to be scared at the thought of even just greeting him. Having had the opportunity to have a conversation with Commander Garcia directly, I now feel much more confident in my ability to talk to such an important figure."

- c/ PO3 J. Bennie Zhu





NSI announcement

As we enter the final quarter of the school year, it's easy to see why Troy is not only the best unit in Area 11, but the best in the country. It's one thing to have the largest Area 11 unit, but we are truly blessed with the quality of cadets here at Troy. Every unit has struggled with the pandemic, but Troy hasn't missed a step and surpassed every expectation.

Together along with the Boosters and Staff, Troy has brought back in-person events such as the Area's largest Basic Leadership Training, TAFM, Brain Brawl, and hosted our first Drill Meet. Troy also hosted the Area 11 Orienteering Championship and the Regional SeaPerch Competition. The cadets competed at the State Level in Marksmanship and will be competing at the National Level in Cyberpatriot, Sea Perch, Drill, Brain Brawl, Quizbowl, and JLAB. We are also the first unit in history to qualify three teams for the Area 11 Drill State Championship (Super Bowl). Our drill teams would not be at this level without 1stSgt Barnes, 1stSgt Lyon, and the commitment of our drill team commanders. They are also fortunate to stand on the shoulders of those Troy cadets that came before them.

The cadets have accomplished so much, yet have so much more to do. I truly hope to make the rest of the school year special for the Class of 2022. Wish us good fortune on the rest of the school year. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Warrior Battalion.

LT Cecil, USN Retired

Upcoming events

MARCH

- 5 MAR - Regional Sea Perch Championship (Troy High School)
- 6 MAR - Firestone Orienteering Meet
- 7-8 MAR - Quarter 3 Physical Fitness Assessment
- 10-15 MAR - Orienteering National Championship San Jose CA
- 11 MAR - Awards Formation
- 16-20 MAR - Cyberpatriot National Championship Bethesda Maryland
- 19 MAR - Super Brawl (Area 11 Brain Brawl Championship) USS Midway
- **21-25 MAR Spring Break**
- 26 MAR - Quibzbowl (Troy High School)
- 30 MAR - 4 APR - Drill Nationals Pensacola Florida

FUTURE

- 22 APR - Military Ball (Location TBD)
- **2 JUN - Graduation**

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)

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