

# Cadet Life

“To Motivate Young People to be Better Citizens”

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## Chain of Command

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**Executive Officer**

**Jacob Powers**

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**S-2**

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**S-3**

**Drew Gearhart**

**S-4**

**Alexander Decker**

**S-5**

**Natalie Atkosh**

**Team Captains**

**Raiders**

**Trinity Salinas**

**Color Guard**

**McKenzie Lyons**

**Drill**

**Christian Wells**

**JLAB & Marksmanship**

**TBA**

## Welcome to the Battalion!

Welcome, cadets, to a new year at Hobart High

School! The battalion is starting off this year with a fantastic headcount of 154 cadets. Instructors and upperclassmen alike are all excited to see the new faces and new opportunities that this year has in store! Read on to learn about what this amazing program has to offer and what we've accomplished so far.



## Summer Accomplishments!



Before the school year even began, cadets were hard at work in the Brickie battalion. From June 12 to 17, twenty cadets were sent to JCLC (JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge), a National Guard base in Camp Atterbury, Indiana! While there, cadets earned their sea legs during water ops, got lost in the woods during land navigation, and were even able to fly thousands of feet in the air in black hawk helicopters! After the six day stay, five Hobart cadets were awarded for being the top ten leaders of their companies, as well as Best Battalion Commander award to Drew Gearhart and the Commandants Award to Ashley Alcala and Trinity Salinas. Two weeks later, the JLAB team was flown to Washington DC to compete against the top 3% of the nation's JROTC academic teams! Placing 12th in the nation, our cadets were able to enjoy tough academic trivia and tranquil touring in our beautiful capital.



## New Year, New Chances!



With the new year underway, many opportunities are already opening up in JROTC! In our program, we offer multiple extracurricular activities for afterschool fun. Teams are already preparing for the year of competing ahead. Cadets are welcome to get in shape with the Raider team, work on their marching in Drill and Color Guard, and become expert marksmen with the Marksmanship team! Returning upperclassmen are excited to participate in these incredible competition teams as well as meet the next generation of JROTC leaders! Join one or all to gain leadership skills, and be a proud member of a fantastic team!



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# Dam Duck Race Highlights



## Alpha Company

### 1st Platoon

PL Trinity Salinas

PSG Christian Wells

### 2nd Platoon

PL Ashley Alcala

PSG Victoria Wehmeyer

## Bravo Company

### 1st Platoon

PL McKenzie Lyons

PSG Ryan Huefftlein

### 2nd Platoon

PL Amanda Cicillian

PSG Noah Payne



As of 2017, the Hobart JROTC Brickie Battalion can proudly brag that it has collectively surpassed 35,000 community service hours since its establishment in Hobart High School in 2005. What better way is there to celebrate such an achievement other than getting down and dirty in the Lake George Dam Duck Race? Our cadets were all eager to jump in the lake and wrangle rubber ducks so the race would stay on track. JROTC is famous for its spectacular work ethic in the community, as shown by the cadets who splashed up a storm in the

lake and helped the race! But don't worry, the fun doesn't end there! Football game Fridays are popular amongst JROTC cadets who want to earn community service hours. Come join us in September and October to direct parking and clean up the stadium. Between September 30 and October 7, cadets will be swarming Hobart with paper bags, collecting goods for the annual Food Drive! In order to participate, cadets MUST have a drug testing consent form in office and any necessary JROTC permission papers signed and turned in to LTC Buhmann. For questions, see CSM Jadin Riffle.



# Senior Trip to Cantigny



Sept. 29: Ridgeview Fallfest

Sept. 30 - Oct. 4 : Food Drive bag Distribution

Oct. 6: Homecoming, Hobart vs Munster

Oct. 7: Food Drive Bag Collection

Oct. 14: Home Raider Competition

Nov. 10: Veteran's Day Ceremony

Front, Top left: Cadet Powers throws a wide pass during senior PT

Front, Top Right: LTC Buhmann joins the fun and attempts to block cadet Jahnke's pass

Front, Middle Left: JLAB Team lavishes in victory

Front, Middle Right: Cadet represents the Brickie Battalion at JCLC

Front, Bottom Left Cadet Huefftlein runs in the 2017 Marion Biathlon

Front, Bottom Right: Cadets proudly display the colors in Hobart's Fourth of July Parade

Back, Top Left: Cadet Larem wrangles a canoe load of rubber ducks

Back, Top Right: Cadets Salinas and Greenleaf keep the ducks in line

Back, Bottom Left: Senior cadets Hammond and Gearhart enjoy virtual realities at Cantigny

Back, Bottom Right: Seniors gather atop a tank for a group photo

The beginning of the school year to senior cadets often means paperwork, paperwork, and more paperwork. However, this year seniors were treated with a special trip to the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois! While at Cantigny, seniors travelled through



time, starting by trudging through replicas of World War I trenches and finishing with partaking in virtual Iraq War house raids and tank battles. The fun continued as seniors toured the Cantigny Tank Park, climbing on tanks from generations past. Cadets even competed in head-to-head battles to find the best tank in the park and lead their own division into combat! All in all, our senior cadets learned valuable lessons about what the army does outside of combat, and what sacrifices were made for our freedom.



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