

**ARMY**



# Cadet Life

## Welcome Back Cadets....

**Battalion Commander**

Kaitlyn Radats

**XO**

Hannah Lundstrom

**Command Sergeant Major**

Rueben Wilson

**S-1**

Amber Gearhart

**S-2**

Cody Cox

**S-3**

Jacob Hall

**S-4**

Calynn Ols

**S-5**

Devin Sowers

**Teams**

**Raider Captain**

Marc Lind

**Color Captain**

James Madson & Ehsan Umrani

**Marksmanship**

**Captain**

TBA

**Drill Team Captain**

Rebecca Robertson

Our seventh year of JROTC here at Hobart High School is well under way and we are busier than ever. We have a great group of 75 new cadets, 50 of which are freshmen. Overall, we have 156 cadets in Army JROTC this semester. But numbers aren't everything, and we know that better than most. Faculty, staff, and community members continue to recognize JROTC cadets' character as well as their contributions and commitment around the school and the city of Hobart. Last year, our cadets contributed over 8,000 hours of community service. As we look back over the summer, we have had some great training and learning opportunities that are detailed in other articles of this newsletter. I would like to congratulate Braden O'Kelley and Kaylee Gubricky for earning the top 10 percent award in their platoons at JCLC. As we look to the future, we have many volunteer opportunities coming up in the elementary schools, middle school, high school and around our community. Our next big events are Homecoming and the upcoming Kiwanis Food Drive! We hope to see many of you attending these events.



## A Summer To Never Forget!

JROTC had another great summer this year! A total of 20 Hobart cadets attended JCLC. JCLC is the Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge for cadets, that took place July 11-16. This



week-long camp is filled with fun and challenging events such as a leadership reaction course, building and crossing a rope bridge over a stream, open water rafting, water survival, rappelling, a confidence course, and orienteering. At the end of the week, if the cadets have successfully completed the leadership challenge, they receive a JCLC ribbon, JCLC arc, and a rifle for their uniform. Patrick Cunningham, William Cummins, Brandon Holmes, Michael Klich, Todd Burns, Gerald Breese, Collin Pandorf, Braden O'Kelley, Timothy Goodwin, Austin Olson, Daniel Timko, Mario

Quinones, Rebecca Robertson, Stephany Haynes, Kaylee Gubricky, Ciara Furlong, Jillian Lundstrom, Sam Colon-Hellstrom, Leandra DeFrier, and Angelique Chabes attended JCLC this summer. Also, upon graduation, the top 10% most outstanding cadets in each platoon are awarded with a medal. Two of our cadets showed leadership excellence and received this medal. Also Mike Klich, Braden O'Kelley, Jim Madson, Marc Lind, Josette Torres, Mathew Gross, Brent Dunn, Calynn Ols, and Nolan O'Brien represented Hobart JROTC at JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl National Finals in Washington, D.C. on June 25-29. For Leadership and Academic teams to be chosen, they had to compete against 1,750 other JROTC units nationally in a series of online leadership, knowledge, and current event tests. While there, the team competed, toured Washington, D.C., and completed group projects with cadets from around the nation. Every year we have had the JROTC program a Hobart team has competed in the National Finals. We are currently tied for the most consecutive appearances in the JLAB National Finals! Congratulations cadets, we had a great summer!



## Shout Out

We just want to take a moment and give a special thank you to Mr. Richardson. He has been with us in place of the First Sergeant since the beginning of the year. We appreciate you coming in and teaching us these past couple weeks. Without your help, we don't know what we would have done. You are an extraordinary teacher, and you are now part of the JROTC family. We give you our sincere appreciation. We will miss you!



# "Hard Work Pays Off"

Coming up is the Hobart Kiwanis Food Drive. This year, we hope to pass out and collect thousands of bags full of food to help out our community members. Along with several other volunteer groups, cadets will put paper bags on every doorstep in Hobart. Then, they will come by and collect the bags full of food. We ask that you put any non-perishable food item you can in the bag, even if its just one can! Every bit helps. Bags will go out October 8-11th and pick up will be Saturday, October 15th. We have always had a great turn out and this year is no exception! Keep up the hard work, cadets!



# September 11th 2012



On September 11th, 2001 the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon were attacked by hijacked airplanes. These acts of terrorism shook the nation, but also united us as a country. Now, eleven years later, we look back on the events that unfolded that day and the years that followed, remembering all those who were lost.

On September 11, 2012 Hobart held a remembrance ceremony at Festival Park. Attendees included current and retired service members, first responders, Hobart High School JROTC, and patriotic civilians to honor 9/11 and those who were lost. The remembrance ceremony included the playing of Taps, speeches from local politicians and civil officials, a tribute to all the people affected by 9/11, and they finished off the ceremony with the releasing of balloons for those affected by this tragedy. It was a very moving event. Nearly 100 JROTC Cadets showed up and handed out flags and balloons to every city member who attended. Hundreds of flags were handed out, and it was a night we surely won't forget.



## A Company

### 1st Platoon Platoon Leader

Rebecca Robertson

### Platoon Sergeant

Patrick Cunningham

### 2nd Platoon Platoon Leader

Cody Blankman

### Platoon Sergeant

Ehson Umrani

## B Company

### 1st Platoon Platoon Leader

Braden O'Kelley

### Platoon Sergeant

Michael Klich

## Upcoming Events

**September 28:** *Early Learning Center Fall Fest*

**September 29:** *Covered Bridge Festival Color Guard at Lake County Fairgrounds*

**October 2 & 4:** *JLAB practice testing*

**October 5:** *Homecoming Parade  
Parking  
Color Guard  
Clean-up*

**October 8-13:** *Kiwanis Food Drive*

**October 12:** *Football Game*

**November 9:** *Coats for Kids*

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