

August-November 2019 Recap

OH-871st Air Force Junior ROTC

Community Service

The Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets participated in many events beneficial to the greater Columbus area. This past August our unit participated in a Color Guard presentation at a Car & Motorcycle show held in Columbus. Dr. Ruffin and some of our amazing cadets and students helped work the grill during our second annual Fort Hayes Rally during the first days of the 19-20 school year. Later that month on August 28th, the Cadets accomplished a Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School Campus Clean up. Cadets walked around and picked up trash and recycled what they picked up. In September, they visited Motts museum for the 9/11 remembrance ceremony



which honored the men and women who lost their lives in New York City, Washington DC and Flight 93, Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania. Guest speakers shared their testimonies of where they were and what they were doing on the day of 9/11. We learned from



the stories of all the firefighters and paramedics who lost their best friends to the terrorist attack. Later that month on September 20th, Cadets

orchestrated and partnered with the American Red Cross and held an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Fort Hayes Career Center in which 26 pints of blood was collected. The American Red Cross relayed to the cadets that three lives are saved for every pint of donated blood donated. Seventy-eight lives were saved by donating the gift of life at the American Red Cross Blood Drive.

On October 15th, the Cadets helped with the annual Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down Day. Over 600 veterans were assisted with receiving free new clothing, food, VA medical, and access to jobs. Dr. Dixon, Superintendent, Columbus City Schools visited the cadets and encouraged the cadets to assist Veterans.

Cadets also had the opportunity to sit down and enjoy a catered lunch and conversation with the veterans about their time in the service.



Cadets led the annual Columbus Veterans Day Parade. The Cadets marched in formation down High Street and over to Broad Street and the parade ended at the National Veterans Memorial Museum. On November 20th, our unit was contacted by the Ohio Department of Transportation to Present the Colors for the Veterans Program they had scheduled. Cadets had fun helping pass out food boxes and turkeys at 2nd Baptist Church in their



spare time for families in need. A comment from one of the Cadet's noted... "It was wonderful to see the smiles it put on the families faces... The look of joy and happiness when we handed them the boxes of food to help with their holiday made it all worth it." The Cadets really enjoy supporting the Columbus community in numerous ways and making a real impact. The Air Force Junior ROTC cadets have already completing 776 hours of Columbus community service so far this year.



Curriculum In Action

Cadets put together aircraft models of the P-51C Mustang the Tuskegee Airmen flew in WWII. Constructing the models together was an exercise to increase the Esprit De Corps of the OH-871st Unit. Team building exercises help to strengthen the cadets understanding of “One team, One fight”. Cadets had to work together to follow instructions, assemble parts, and paint the aircraft once assembled.



Another team building exercise the Cadets engage in is Physical Training/Drill. Physical training (PT) allows Cadets to establish healthy routines and habits,



and ways of maintaining those habits. Drill teaches Cadets discipline

and attention to detail. Whether it's marching in formation, or something as simple as attendance, Cadets must work



together to meet their common goals. This ties into the Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and



Excellence in All We Do. Another way Cadets build on their leadership abilities is through the daily Order of Operations. Order of operations helps Cadets reach the common goal by giving every Cadet a classroom

job, something to be responsible for. The Cadets learned, “You’re only as strong as your weakest link.” Cadets look forward to implementing the Customs and Courtesies lesson taught by SMSgt. Dedousis into their Air Force Junior ROTC career.

Planned Upcoming Events

- Recruitment for 14 Middle Schools until 21 FEB 20
- Recruitment for 10 High Schools until 21 FEB 20
- Dec 8th, Assist with Children's Holiday Program
- Dec 14, Assist Columbus Firemen's Toys for Tots
- January 31st, 2nd American Red Cross Blood Drive

