

JANUARY

Welcome to the January edition of the Patriot NJROTC monthly newsletter! Our biggest event besides winning the Area 5 Orienteering in December was the annual Area Manager Inspection (AMI).

In Rifle, on *December 10th*, Dirndorfer placed 1st in Veteran Sporter; Bonilla placed 3rd, and Barnhouse and Beane placed 4th and 5th in the Novice Sporter category at the rifle meet in Dallastown, PA. Congratulations!

In Community Service, on *December 3rd*, five cadets volunteered for Toys for Tots at Mount Airy Southern States, and on *December 9th* and *10th*, nine cadets helped out at Kids Christmas Party at American Legion in Mt. Airy.

AREA MANAGER INSPECTION

On *December 13th*, TJ Patriot NJROTC had its annual AMI. All the in-semester cadets were inspected by Area Manager *Captain Jim Daniels* and *Commander Aboona*. From hair to shoes to correct placement of medals and ribbons, the cadets were carefully inspected and scored. In addition, there were performances by the Drill Team and Color Guard. Cadets marched in three platoons across the gym in front of *Captain Daniels* in what is known as Pass and Review.

Please congratulate Cadet Dirndorfer for ranking up to Chief Petty Officer; Cadets Dawson, Alvarez, Kunz, Crooks, Hicks, McCormick, Moore, and Zamora for receiving the Exemplary Personal Appearance ribbons; Cadets McCormick and Mock for receiving an aiguillette for attending Boys State last summer.



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School Closed
Christmas Break

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School Closed
Dr. Martin Luther King Day

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School Closed
Teacher Work Day

TEAMS

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CMP Maryland State Air Rifle Match
Annapolis

14

Gaithersburg High School Drill Meet
Gaithersburg High School, Gaithersburg, MD

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Area Five Air Rifle Championships STS
La Plata High School, La Plata, MD

28

Patuxent Combined Drill Meet
Patuxent River, MD



NEWS

TEAMS

There will be four competitions in January, two for drill and two for rifle. Please see the calendar for dates and locations. In **Orienteering**, 11 cadets including E. Riegel, Hall, Dirndorfer, Crooks, I. Pack, Ball, Kunz, Wiscovitch, Wanger, Traube, and Cutshall have been chosen to go to the Nationals in March. Congratulations!

2016-2017 NJROTC YEARBOOK

The Patriot NJROTC Yearbook is currently in the works. This hardcover yearbook features photos of individual cadets, teams activities and competitions, community services, field trips, etc. The order form is attached to the newsletter. For questions, please contact our Yearbook Coordinator Hongwei Xu at hwxu@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

One volunteer activity is scheduled for January - Wreaths Across America clean-up on January 28. The sign-up sheet will be posted at Chief's room. For questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Chris Henry at cmh62@comcast.net.

MILITARY BALL

Please mark your calendar for this year's military ball scheduled on March 24 at Morningside Inn. Detailed information will come out soon.

MEET THE TEAM CAPTAINS

The following are the exclusive interviews with our three team captains, Assurian, E. Riegel and Dirndorfer.



Q1: What is your name, grade, and home school?

A: EJ Assurian, 12th, Governor Thomas Johnson

Q2: Which of the three teams are you a captain for? How long have you been a team captain?

A: I have been the drill team captain for 1 year.

Q3: What is the most challenging part of your job? Most rewarding part?

A: The most challenging part has been getting the cadets to care at all. The most rewarding part is seeing the platoon be in step.

Q4: How do you help the cadets on your team to improve their skills?

A: I watch the cadets march and critique them to make them better.

Q5: What do you think a team captain or our unit needs to do to increase team participation and to achieve team excellence?

A: Come to practice and be willing to work hard.





Q1: What is your name, grade, and home school?

A: Ethan Riegel, 12th, Linganore

Q2: Which of the three teams are you a captain for? How long have you been a team captain?

A: Orienteering team, 2 years

Q3: What is the most challenging part of your job? Most rewarding part?

A: The most challenging part is keeping track of people at events. With 25 cadets all running in the woods... It's pretty easy to lose someone. Luckily we haven't lost anyone yet (Knock on wood). The most rewarding part is seeing the improvement over the course of the year. At the start of the year you have to show people where north is on the map, by the end of the year they can run a yellow or an orange alone. A truly amazing improvement.

Q4: How do you help the cadets on your team to improve their skills?

A: Orienteering is a very individual activity, but I have run courses with the majority of the people on the team at this point as to give pointers and answer questions in the field.

Q5: What do you think a team captain or our unit needs to do to increase team participation and to achieve team excellence?

A: Communication, there are plenty of people out there who would be happy to help/participate, but because they are "out of the loop" they don't hear about events in time to sign up. Also, it is vital that we provide people with what they need to succeed, and for orienteering that is often about providing study material for map symbols.



Q1: What is your name, grade, and home school?

A: Matthew Dirndorfer, 11th, Governor Thomas Johnson

Q2: Which of the three teams are you a captain for? How long have you been a team captain?

A: Rifle Team Captain for around 5 months

Q3: What is the most challenging part of your job? Most rewarding part?

A: The biggest challenge is making sure everyone does what they're supposed to do while following all range rules. The most rewarding part is when everyone does what needs to be done without me asking them to.

Q4: How do you help the cadets on your team to improve their skills?

A: I give them advice on how to get better scores and I encourage them when they shoot well.

Q5: What do you think a team captain or our unit needs to do to increase team participation and to achieve team excellence?

A: Probably through how the leaders interact with their subordinates.



A MESSAGE FROM PATRICIA BUCKMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE BOOSTERS

I want to thank each and every parent who has helped with all of the events we have had on the schedule since fall. I am so impressed with the level of involvement from all of the parents. Many hands make light work. :-) We have fantastic volunteers heading up each of the different committees and teams. Thank you! These parents are devoting a great deal of time and energy to making sure things run smoothly and are enjoyable for everyone. We continue to fill our calendar. Look for opportunities to help out.

Our second General Membership meeting was held in December. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 26th 2017. Please put it on your calendar now.

I ask if you are at an event with your cadet, try to get a good group picture for the yearbook. The best shots are the ones with multiple cadets in them, not just your son or daughter. We find it hard to be at all the different field trips, competitions and community service events, but like to include those things in both our yearbook and TJ's.

Thanks once again for all the support you give the unit, the teams and the boosters.



TEAM AND EVENT PICTURES



Volunteers for Toys for Tots (Samantha Hicks not pictured also volunteered)

Volunteers for Kid's Christmas Party



LETTER FROM LT COL. LYON



Cadets, I would like to recognize some of the outstanding students we have here in the unit. I'm sure there are others worthy...but right now I want to recognize just 2 who have particularly stood out over the past few months. One is Ethan Riegel. Ethan played a huge role in our unit as the NJROTC Supply Officer here at Patriot NJROTC. He has been invaluable as the Supply Officer and has performed superbly in this difficult position... maintaining control of our many supplies, as well as insuring there was complete accountability of all our supply items. He also spent quite a bit of time helping other cadets getting needed items from supply. His hard work was noted by the Area Manager Captain Daniels, during the Area Commander's inspection. Ethan put his heart and soul into his work and made us shine! On top of that he just received his Eagle Scout Award!!! He also was part of the "Dream team" winning the Area 5 Championships! Thank you Ethan.

The 2nd Cadet I would like to recognize is Matt Dirndorfer, Matt has done an excellent job helping others with their promotion testing, as well as being the Captain of the rifle team, he has consistently helped with his enthusiastic drive helping others. He also has just earned his Eagle Scout award which is a very challenging ordeal. Matt also lead our rifle team as the gold medal winner at our last competition in Dallastown PA. Matt Thank you for all the energy, time, effort you put into this unit!

I would also like to recognize the entire Patriot Orienteering Team for winning the Area 5 Championship!!! That was no walk in the park and you guys led from the front moving up to beat all the other schools!!! I know you will continue this at the Orienteering Nationals in Georgia!!!

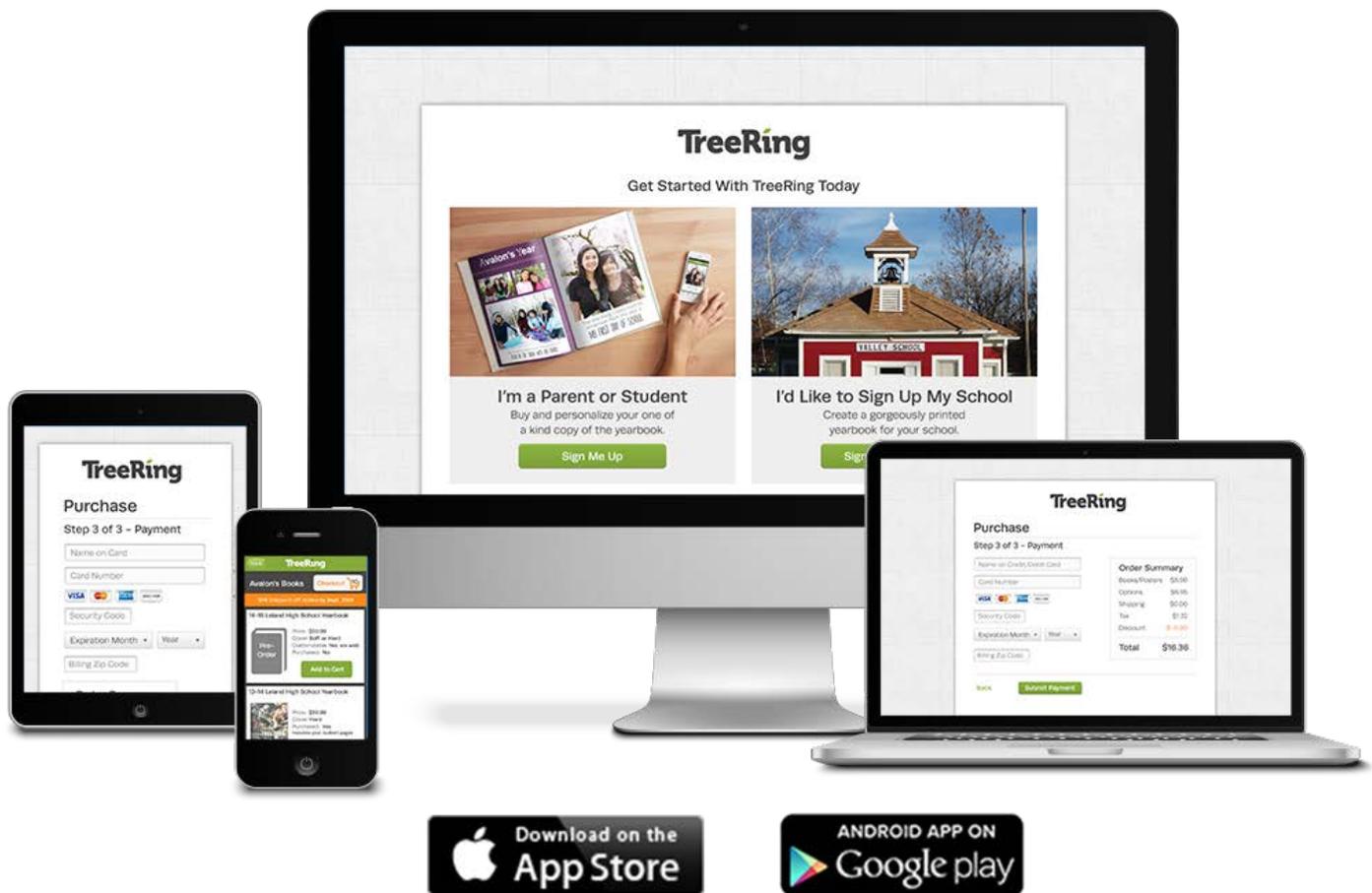
Semper Fi! LtCol Lyon.

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