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Special points of interest:

- Cadets volunteer their time to raise money for wounded warriors back at home.
- Cadets have a fun night at bowling!
- The Drill Team proves their finesse at the MLK Drill Competition
- Cadets go up to the Board
- JROTC contributes to the community by teaching elementary school students about patriotism

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Heroes at Home

Every Saturday during the month of November and December CHCORI cadets dedicated their mornings to raising money for the Heroes at Home Organization. This fundraiser supports wounded veterans and helps reconstruct their homes for easier accessibility. The fundraiser was a very big success and received lots of support from the community. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel

Kathryn Hobbs said, "It was a really great experience and a great chance for the CHCORI Battalion to give back to veterans in our community." The CHCORI Battalion is very proud of how hard the cadets worked to raise funds and support the Heroes at Home organization.

-Cadet Staff Sergeant

Alexandra Parent

Bowling

On January 25th the CHCORI cadets met at Liberty Lanes. They challenged each other to bowling games, ate food, and spent a few hours socializing. While bowling, cadets did not need to worry about school. The only thing they focused on was having fun. "Lots of people came and it was a lot of fun," said Cadet Staff Sergeant Parent.

Events like this are important because they bring the CHCORI Battalion closer together. Cadets learn new things about each other and build lasting friendships.

-Cadet Sergeant

First

Class Smathers



MLK Drill Competition

On Saturday, January 18, the CHCORI Drill Team headed down to Richmond, VA to compete in their first competition of the New Year. Numerous snow days had prevented them from having their normal amount of practices, but that didn't stop them from taking home many trophies! Every cadet did their best and their hard work paid off. Almost all of the cadets that took part Unarmed Inspection were "freshmen, or first time drill cadets who did and

exceptional job," said by C/CPT Michael Geukgeuzian. These cadets all came together and took home a second place trophy for the CHCORI Battalion. In addition to this, the Drill Team also placed 2nd in unarmed squad commanded by cadet Dorelyn Larkin and armed platoon commanded by cadet James Triplett. However, the Drill Team didn't stop there! Color Guard commanded by cadet Alexandra Parent took home 3rd place, armed squad commanded by

cadet Juan Mamboyo placed 4th, and unarmed platoon commanded by cadet Tania Osorio received 5th place. The team did an outstanding job at this competition and they are now preparing for their next competition coming up very soon.

-Cadet Staff Sergeant
Alexandra Parent

Cadet of the Month

The Cadet of the Month for the month of February is Cadet Private First Class Robert Chandler. It was his first time going up to the boards. He received a lot of outside help from his company and parents in preparation for the board. Cadet Sergeant Major Joelle Henry said that "it is hard choosing the winners" so they chose based on how well they performed at the

board, and everyone did very well. Cadet Chandler admitted to being scared and nervous before going up to the board because of the way the board was described to him; it seemed "super scary and you had to know everything, but it really isn't like that." He was well prepared for the questions he received and now he believes this experience will help him in the future

with interviews and the Promotion Board at the end of the year which consists of the same basic knowledge.

-Cadet First Lieutenant
Olivia Larkin

NCO of the Quarter

Cadet Matthew Luther is the NCO of the Quarter for the second nine weeks. Cadet First Sergeant Kelly Dills explains Cadet Matthew Luther's reaction to hearing he won. Cadet Dills said, "Matthew didn't say anything when he won. He just sort of put his hands above his head and bent over and his face turned red and he breathed in, he was

like gasps, and we were like, are you going to say something, and he's like 'I cant believe it! I'm so relieved, like its over and I won and I cant believe it!' he was really surprised and it was pretty cool." When asked about the overall performance by all the cadets who went up to the board Cadet Principe said, "Everyone seemed like they were pretty moti-

vated [...] Most of them stood strong, kept their bearing, and I was very proud of all of them."

-Cadet First Lieutenant Olivia Larkin



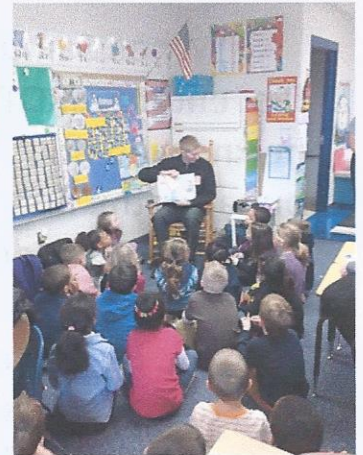
Elementary School Service Learning

The LET 3s and 4s of ALPHA Company went over to Courtland Elementary School for their service learning project. There they interacted with the elementary students by reading them stories and teaching them the proper way to fold the

flag. Cadet Captain Michael Geukeuzian said the experience was "very rewarding to say the least. We were allowed to teach patriotism to the first graders. They all received us with open arms. Just seeing their faces light up when we began to

read the story and actually pull out the flags and have them do it, it was a priceless moment. "

-Cadet First Lieutenant Olivia Larkin



Spotlight Cadet: Samuel Foltz**Cadet Private**

First Class Foltz was chosen cadet spotlight because of his impressive work ethic. Throughout the year he has started from the bottom and worked with persistence to achieve his goals. While maintain his great grades, he loves to participate in drill.

When Samuel first entered JROTC he knew no drill but after the first practice he decided it was worth sticking with. He made sure to attend every competition. The Martin Luther King

was his favorite competition because "the judges were true to their judging." As a LET one he participated as a squad leader at times. He participated in unarmed inspection, armed inspection, armed platoon, unarmed platoon, squad drill, and academic team.

Outside of JROTC he spends a great deal of time at Ely's Ford Baptist Church and with his family. He is in Youth Group and also attends every Sunday morning

service. Besides church and family time, Samuel spends a great deal of time studying to keep his grades high. He is a great addition to our battalion.

-Cadet Sergeant
First Class Christina Smathers

