



Cadet Life

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Graduating Seniors:

- **Kaleb Beres**
- **Gerald Breese**
- **Todd Burns**
- **Erica Campos**
- **Jordan Carr**
- **Leandra De Frier**
- **Martha Evanauskas**
- **Ciara Furlong**
- **Katy Gaines**
- **Kaylee Gubricky**
- **Steffany Haynes**
- **Dylan Lounges**
- **Alexus Perez**
- **Taylor Pilipiak**
- **Destinee Smith**
- **Nikko Spagnola**
- **Daniel Timko**
- **Dustyn Vaughn**
- **Shaun West**



Thank you for all of your dedication and commitment throughout the years. You will all be missed in your own individual way, because none of you are the same and each person should strive to be unique.

JROTC Awards Banquet

The 2014-2015 school year is coming to a close and that means that the annual JROTC Awards Banquet has arrived. On Thursday, May 14th the JROTC program held a banquet recognizing our top cadets in academics, athletics, community, leadership, commitment, dedication, and showcases some of our after school teams including Color Guard and Drill. Many veterans and valued members of the community showed up to present our cadets with special awards, including our Superintendent Dr. Peggy Buffington, our new Dean of Students, Mrs. Tracy Brumley and our Assistant Principal Mrs. Nikki Neeley. We thank everyone for joining us and congratulate all the cadets that received an award.

The Drill and Color Guard presenting the colors at the start of the banquet



Junior Devon Stechkoer receiving the "Principal's Award" award from Mrs. Nikki Neeley



(L-R) Seniors Steffany Haynes, Kaylee Gubricky, Ciara Furlong, Alexis Perez, and Katy Gaines



Juniors Julia Martin (left) and Elizabeth Gaines (right) receiving awards



NRA Grant



Over the past 8 years the JROTC program has been grateful enough to receive amazing grants from the NRA, totaling in over \$40,000. This year was no exception. The JROTC program received a \$2,800 grant from the NRA to go towards the funding of new high tech equipment for the range. In the past, the money has been used to buy rifles and our whole range, including target boxes, mats, and tar-

gets. This year, the money will be going towards a SCATT Computer Trainer, and a Orion Automated Scorer. This equipment will be used to speed up the scoring of our targets and maximize the time the cadets have on the range. The program is extremely grateful and LTC Buhmann had this to say, "We would not be able to have a competition marksmanship team or train as nearly as many cadets as we do without the generosity of the NRA."





Cadet of the 4th Quarter and Cadet of the Year MVP

For this last and final quarter, Jordan Carr received the honor of being the Cadet of the Quarter. Jordan is a four year veteran to the program and is involved not only in JROTC but also in sports and various other clubs outside of school.

For the honor of receiving the Cadet MVP or Cadet of the Year, cadets in the program vote. This year's candidates were Katy Gaines, Elizabeth Gaines, Tyler Watson and Ciara Furlong. This year the cadets voted Ciara Furlong as the Cadet of the Year. She received an arc, a purple and gold cord and her name on a wall plaque that will hang in the display cases near the JROTC classrooms.

Congratulations to both cadets!



Our new Battalion Commander

Every year at the Awards Banquet the Hobart High School Brickie Battalion must promote a new cadet Battalion Commander. Following in the footsteps of her sister, Elizabeth Gaines is the 2015-2016 Battalion Commander. She has

worked hard over her whole high school career and she has shown so much dedication to the program. She is involved in many programs including Color Guard as the Color Sergeant, Drill, JLAB, and the Band program. She was also the Platoon Leader for the winning platoon in the annual Platoon Competition. Good luck next year Bethie!



Ridgeview Field Day

The annual Ridgeview Spring Field Day was a complete success, like always. Our cadets helped out with running games, while having some fun of their own.



Inspection 2015

On April 29th 149 cadets walked into the field house, positioned themselves into platoons and got ready for an inspection that they had been preparing for over the entire school year. Eight inspectors walked in, and inspection begun. Every staff member, every commander, and each individual cadet had their uniform checked and they were asked questions about being in JROTC. Each staff member had their jobs checked and two presentations about Fitness and Service Learning were presented by Ciara Furlong, Gerald Breese, Justice Payne, Katy Gaines, Daniel Timko and Martha Evanauskas. In the end, our Battalion received the highest score recorded, a 95.8% and we look forward to keeping up the good work.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped us this year, between the staff, the instructors and the administration here at Hobart High School.. We couldn't have accomplished what we did without your help. Thank you.

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