



# CADET LIFE

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## 1st Quarter By the Numbers...

**1,652**

Cadet community service hours during the 1st Quarter

**99**

Cadets earned their PBIS Service Brick.

**22**

Cadets served over 20 hours

**55 & 53**

Hours that Erica and Roberto Campos served respectively

## Domination, Raider Style



Hobart JROTC recently hosted and won the 5th annual Hobart Raider Challenge Invite. The action-packed day started before the sun rose and lasted into the afternoon. This year, the competition drew teams from as far away as Wayne and Grand Rapids, Michigan and Marion, Indiana as well as local schools from Michigan City and Lowell. The Raider Challenge Invite is a fitness

and adventure meet that challenges Army, Marine and Air Force cadets in events that test muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardio vascular endurance, leadership, teamwork and academic ability. This year, the Hobart Raider Team earned a  
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## Veteran's Day 2013

As in years past, Hobart High School sponsored a Veteran's Day event

to honor those who have served past and present. This year's event was hosted by our very own Battalion Commander, Marc Lind! SGT Jennifer Zalacker of the Indiana Army National Guard shared a few words, the

Brickie Band played a service medley and Cadet Lieutenant Kathleen Gaines played taps. Dozens of local veterans joined us for the event.

## Kiwanis Food Drive

Once again, JROTC partnered with the Hobart Kiwanis and Hobart Food Pantry to stock the pantry for the fall! This year, JROTC was instrumental in distributing over 8,000 collection bags throughout the city. On October 5,



JROTC was one of several organizations that collected and sorted hundreds of bags full of food. We have always had a great turn out and this year was no exception. Nearly twenty cadets worked throughout the week and on Saturday to stock the pantry. Kiwanis Food Drive Coordinator, Larry Barrasas commented, "The cadets are so important to our drive. Without them, it would take much longer to distribute the collection bags and collect the food. The cadets are great workers!" This year Hobart residents donated enough food to feed 130 families for 10 weeks in one single food drive. Keep up the hard work, cadets!

## Cadet Of The First Quarter



**Erica Campos**

**Erica is a junior and three year veteran of JROTC. She is a Co-Captain of the Raider Team, and an active member of the Marksmanship, Color Guard, and Drill Teams. In addition to her commitment to the after-school activities, Erica has earned over 150 community service hours over the last two years, over 50 during this quarter. Anyone who knows Erica knows she loves to compete and win.**

**When her friend Martha Evanauskas earned this award last year, her competitive instincts kicked in and she committed herself to working even harder. Ask Erica, and she will tell you that hard work pays off!**



Hobart High School's Veterans Day Assembly

*Raiders (continued)* first place finish in all eight events including the pushup/sit-up fitness test, a written curriculum knowledge exam, one rope bridge construction, tire movement, orienteering, litter carry, and finally, the cross country run! In addition to the eight individual event and overall first place team finishes, several individuals distinguished themselves during the competition. Cadet Command Sergeant Major Jimmy Madson and Cadet Staff Sergeant Martha Evanauskas each earned an individual first place in the fitness test with Cadet Captain Braden O'Kelley capturing second place for the men. Cadet First Lieutenant Roberto Campos ran away from the crowd to take first place overall in the 2.5 mile cross country run, and teammate Cadet First Lieutenant Pamela Richa secured the women's third place medal. In addition to our on-field win, we are very proud of and would like to give a huge thank you to our current and alumni cadets, the Indiana National Guard and the HHS theater club for their support in hosting such a successful competition.



## Coats For Kids Drive

For the fifth year, JROTC assisted with the Hobart Coats for Kids Drive. Each year we partner with our local Coats for Kids organization to organize and prepare hundreds of donated winter coats for distribution to the public. This year, Coats for Kids gave away several hundred gently used or new coats in Hobart and Merrillville. The organization is dedicated to ensuring every resident of Merrillville and Hobart have an opportunity to get a coat to stay warm during the winter. We are fortunate to be able to partner with them.



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