

Saturday Morning Inspection

On an average of two Saturdays each month during the school year, the Corps of Cadets get the opportunity to show how well they have learned and understand the importance of "Attention to Detail."

Daily, a cadet is required to keep a neat and groomed appearance. Also they are required at all times to keep their individual rooms and barracks living area in a high state of police. This every day to day living the cadets help prepare them for these inspections.

"SMIs" - Yes parents and loved ones, these are your cadets!!!

There are a lot of hours that these cadets must spend in preparation for an inspection. Many of them start as early as two or three days prior, beginning with getting haircuts, brass and shoe shining, preparing the uniforms, detail cleaning and the setting up of their individual rooms, to the cleaning of all the squad detail areas of responsibilities.

All this is done under the instruction and supervision of the company cadet Chain of Command, which is overseen by the company's Tactical Officer.

At N-hour, which is normally 9 am, morning of the SMI, all five companies of cadets are standing tall in their rooms prepared for the in-barracks inspection, which is conducted by the Corps of Cadets' Battalion Commander and his staff. After all companies have been inspected, the Corps is formed outside into a Battalion Formation for an in-ranks Inspection of all cadets.

After both inspections, the Commandant and the Battalion Commander get together and decide which company was the best looking company overall, thus being announced the best of the best and winner of the inspection!!

"Good hard work does pay off."

CSM V. Wilder

