

# A t t e n t i o n!!!

All the fuss about wearing uniforms in school did not bother one group of students. The Naval Junior ROTC, in its third year of existence, required cadets to wear uniforms on certain days of the week and for certain events.

NJROTC provided students with a taste of military life and some great experiences. Education went far beyond the classroom. The cadets experienced inspections, drill meets, uniforms, and, of course, military discipline.

"The NJROTC unit has been one big family since my freshman year," said C/LCDR Isaiah Martinez. "I've enjoyed watching others grow and mature in self-esteem and self-discipline."

The Corps finished the year with a very impressive record, coming in the top 4% of the six drill meets throughout the year: Conway, 6th out of 33; Charleston Southern University, 5th out of 29; Mul-

lins, 9th out of 21; Citadel, 5th out of 21; the Top Gun Drill Meet, 10th out of 40; and Summerville, 3rd out of 13.

The cadets also hosted their own drill meet, the Spirit of the Lowcountry Drill Meet, in March. Twenty-three teams competed from surrounding areas.

Three retired United States servicemen, two from the Navy and one from the Marines, commanded the cadets.

***"The NJROTC has taught me that leadership, character, responsibility, and discipline are necessary for a successful life," said C/CPO Rachael Carter.***

"I am extremely proud to be associated with the NJROTC program," said CWO-3 Roger Williams. "As instructors, we see ourselves as an extension of the cadet's family, and our

goals are the same as those of their parents. We merely want to see them grow up and become informed, responsible and productive citizens within our society."

— Jennifer Babilon

Isaiah Martinez, Sean Thacker, Cathy Beach, and Tim Glover stand at attention in the gym during an inspection. Inspections were a routine part of NJROTC life.

