

Taking Command

NJROTC cadets get involved.

"I believe my job is to guide the younger cadets as they learn about the NJROTC program. It takes a lot of patience and dedication, but when a cadet that I have helped gains recognition for something, all of the time I have spent really pays off."

— Isaiah Martinez

In the classroom and in the community, NJROTC cadets gave 100% of their efforts. The unit got off to a great start, with over 150 students volunteering for the program. Serving as the cadet Commanding Officer was Cadet Lieutenant Commander Isaiah Martinez, who was honored with the position of cadet Commanding Officer at the annual Leadership Academy. Cadet Lieutenant Gerald Beach served as Executive Officer and the Armed Drill Team Commander. The Operations Officer was Cadet Lieutenant (junior grade) Ron Wertz. All three of these students worked extremely hard to make sure that the NJROTC program was a rewarding experience for the new cadets.

Returning as the Naval Science Instructor was retired Lieutenant Commander Charles Armentrout, who had been in charge of the NJROTC program here since its establishment in 1993. The Associate Naval Science Instructors were retired Marine Chief Warrant Officer Roger Williams and Senior Chief Petty Officer Richard Spofford.

"I enjoy working with the first-year cadets," said Senior Chief Spofford. "It gives me a chance to see them grow from ordinary teenagers into young men and women who want to make something of themselves."

— Stephen Ward



This Wasn't in the Job Description! CWO-3 Roger Williams takes a pie in the face as a part of the NJROTC Booster Club's Fall Festival. "Gunner" Williams taught second-year cadets.

The Few, The Proud. Cadets Kendrick Bright, Deidra Linder, Mychal Wright, Stephan Mauney, and Josh Loftis line up as the Company Staff is introduced at the 1996 Parents Night. Each of these cadets enjoyed the respect and esteem of not only the instructors but also the lower-ranked members.

