

MARCHING ONWARD

THE AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NJROTC

Where in school are students encouraged to handle guns? In the NJROTC room, where the Drill team practices. "The main thing we do is go in the classroom and wait until the roll is called. Then we go outside and line up and practice until 4:00," replied junior Armando Martinez.

The Drill team competed against several other schools in drill meets at Timberland High School and won a trophy for Third Best Overall.

"I won second place, and I received the Knock Out Medal on the Drill Team," reported sophomore Maurice Williams.

The Rifle Team cadets had a chance to shoot rifles at targets. The Orienteering Team explored the outdoors and learned how to use and read map and compasses.

"I was bitten outside by bugs, and it seemed like I was in a jungle," related sophomore Tywana Stevens, a member of the Orienteering Team.

The NJROTC Academic Team has put forth extra effort in presenting the unit in academics, as well. The Orienteering Team explored the outdoors and learned how to use and read maps and compasses. NJROTC members did homework just like any other academic class. They studied Naval Science, Naval Weapons, Naval History, Career Planning, and Survival Training.

Students joined for various reasons and experienced a variety of things in ROTC.

"I wanted to go into the Marines next year as a part of the military police!" replied Melissa Crosby.

Sophomore Paul Drawdy wanted to be part of NJROTC since the eighth grade. "When they came to Colleton Middle School Campus-A and performed for us, I knew I just had to join."

"I feel that other students respect me for being in NJROTC. My first year of NJROTC taught me to develop good study habits and finish my homework and projects early. We went on trips to learn new things and have a good time at drill meets," said sophomore Angel Rush.

"I can't begin to tell how much fun it was! We went on five drill meets and four orienteering trips!" replied junior Raven Siders.

NJROTC members won first place at the Christmas and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parades.

NJROTC is like a family, they go through good and bad times. "I like the challenge of this course, and I won an Overall Medal when I was a freshmen," stated sophomore Chris Blocker.

-Tyesha Davis

Myth

All the members of NJROTC were made up of males, and no females were allowed to join.

Fact

NJROTC was made up of both males and females, and they were all treated equally.

Myth

The members of NJROTC joined only because they wanted to get money for college.

Fact

Some students joined "for the leadership ability and skills, the discipline, to feel part of a family, and to have self-pride," as petty officer Carmen Hartley said.

Myth

All the members of NJROTC were not treated the same.

Fact

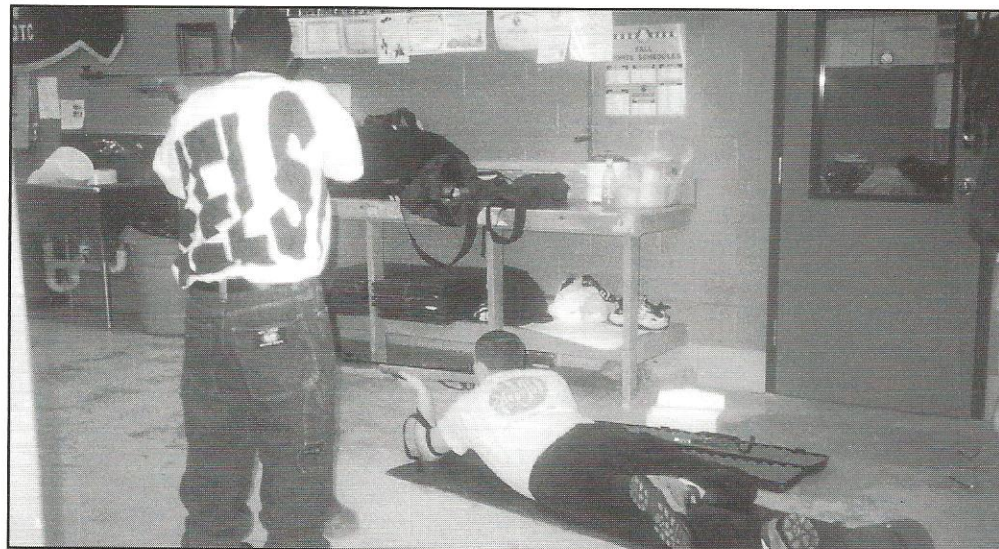
The members of NJROTC were treated with respect as if they were a big family.

Myth

The instructors of the NJROTC were never active military personnel.

Fact

The instructors were L.T. Commander Armentrout, CWO-3 Roger (Gunner) Williams, and MNCSS Senior Chief Spafford, who are all retired servicemen.



Forward march. Walking on the football field at the football game, the Color Guard presents the colors of the flags and carries rifles.

Target practice. Both members of the Rifle Team, sophomore Jason Riley and senior Ben Williams, practice for an upcoming match.