



The Falcon

November 2014



SC-871 "Fighting Falcons"

COMMANDER'S CORNER

SASI Col. Halloran

Welcome back all to the next installment of the Falcon Newsletter! Things are moving right along with the corps. Our biggest challenge ahead is a formal HQ Inspection on the 18th of Nov. It is a Staff Assisted Visit (SAV) which directly impacts our Distinguished Unit Award! It is very important that all cadets do their very best with uniform and military bearing. **THEY ALWAYS SHINE!** We have had a busy month and expect the Veteran's Day time period to be very busy. Please know that

you are always welcome to any event that the corps participates in and I will continue to send the master calendar for your coordination. Lastly, a push for our Booster Club. I can not tell you how critical you are to the success of this corps is to your involvement. Any time you can afford to help organize and support our events goes a long way.

Happy Thanksgiving.
-COL H

ASI MSgt. Blue

The LHS AFJROTC Falcons are doing a great job; we are on course to exceed our unit goals.

Our large community events such as Ride for Kids and the Veteran's Day Parade, were great successes. Our cadets looked sharp and were highly motivated. Color Guard events have performed well; however, I suggest more practice to sharpen up timing and executions. We are on track to achieve another distinguished unit award. Hu-ah!

Operations

18 NOV SAV Inspection Flagpole Ceremony

- Once a month, our unit has a flagpole ceremony before school. At this ceremony, promotion and recognition occurs and we kick off our inspection. Please note we are trying to get ALL CADETS from all 3 schools to attend. The show time will be 06:40 for all cadets. .

2 DEC Booster Club Meeting

- The unit's Booster Club is meeting on the second of December. For those unaware, SC-871's Booster Club largely helps with the unit's fundraising for events, activities, and equipment. The Booster Club is a highly-valued group for the corps, and is essential for its smooth operation. Come by on 2 Dec. for more information.

Color Guards:

11 NOV

Gilbert JROTC Students present colors @ Gilbert Elementary

11 NOV

PHMS Veteran's Day performance

12 NOV

Rocky Creek Elementary Veteran's Day performance.

Important Events

—The LHS JROTC Booster Club is having a **Membership Drive** this month. This is a big event because we are having a flight competition; whichever flight brings the most parents or guardians who complete a membership application with payment will have a free Chick-Fil-A lunch! The next Booster Club Meeting is 2 DEC at 19:00.

—**UNO's PIZZA** is hosting a "**dough fundraiser**" for AF JROTC on 4 DEC. Present the coupon included in the newsletter and for every dine-in or take-out, LHS AF JROTC can get as much as 20% from each sale! A big thank you for Uno's for this great fundraising opportunity, so please support in this event.

—Included within this newsletter is a **Publix Partners card**. The Publix Partners program is free, and has raised over \$28 million for schools. All you have to do is show your Publix Partners card at checkout, and Lexington High School will be rewarded. Any funds that a school gets can be used in any way, which means that AFJROTC can and will be benefitted. Remember, **it's easy, free, and gives back money** to Lexington High!

SAV (Staff Assisted Visit)

This year's SAV inspection is fast approaching and is set for Tuesday, 18 NOV. SAV is an Air Force-operated visit to make sure that all AFJROTC units are operating smoothly and according to standards. MSgt. Blue has stated that cadets should not be overly stressed about the visit, but should be still prepared. For instance, uniforms play a large factor in the inspection's grade, so as long as cadets wear their uniform properly and proudly there should be no issues. In addition to uniforms, however, cadets should also know basic information. This information is not new and has already been taught so if cadets have been moderately attentive throughout the semester, then our unit will exceed standards on the inspection. A few facts that cadets should be reminded of are:

- Higher-ranking cadets walk to the right of lower-ranking cadets.
- Active duty, retired, and cadet officers are saluted outdoors.
- The drill pad (the "quad") is a no-salute zone.
- All personnel should be addressed with [Rank] [Last Name] and "Yes/No Sir" at all times.
- Cadets should know the Cadet Honor Code and Air Force Corps Values.
- Our unit does not single out cadets for physical punishment (report any instances to PT Commander c/2nd Lt. Bartlett if you believe this has occurred at any time. An example of physical punishment would include one cadet doing exercises instead of the entire flight. This will be asked by the SAV inspector, so please be aware of the difference).

Monthly Motivation

"With integrity, there is never any reason to doubt someone about his or her actions."

Cadets for Recognition

November honor cadets will be announced Nov. 18 to accompany the unit's SAV inspection.

PT (Health and Wellness Program)

ASI MSgt. Blue and PT Commander c/2nd Lt. Bartlett are very happy with this year's PT program, specifically with the cadets' participation, effort, and motivation. For those unaware, all flights have PT on Fridays. Cadets will change into the Air Force PT uniform and do various PT activities, such as dodgeball, kickball, and other training. After school on Fridays, cadets are invited to join the extra PT program. During this additional training, cadets condition for CLC in June at the Citadel, PT competitions throughout the year, or simply for additional exercise. This program is divided into three levels: basic, intermediate, and advanced. The basic level is for cadets that simply want to condition, while the intermediate and advanced train for CLC and PT competitions. Afterschool PT is not mandatory, but it is highly encouraged for cadets to attend.

Note: White socks, running shoes, Air Force PT shirt, Air Force PT pants constitute the Air Force PT uniform. At no time should only part of the uniform be worn.