



# The Falcon

October 2014



## **SC-871 "Fighting Falcons"**

### **Leadership Points**

#### **SASI Col. Halloran**

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone to the first installment of the Fighting Falcon Newsletter! I first want to congratulate the cadets for working so hard to make this a reality and especially the A-6 staff for its creation. What an exciting start to another great year! Last year, SC-871 was awarded the JROTC Distinguished Unit Award and the corps greatly exceeded all of its goals, such as fund raising and community service hours requirements.

Our corps of cadets has continued to work hard to move the unit forward with many major projects coming to completion. We are in the final design stages of a new unit patch and officially taking on the "Fighting Falcons" as our unit mascot. We have had several events and have many more to come. Keep up the good work and continue to make this year great!

#### **ASI MSgt. Blue**

As many of you may know, my name is MSgt. Eddie Blue. In conjunction with Col. Halloran, we teach LHS's AFJROTC program. I grew up in Lillington, North Carolina and entered the Air Force on 25, November 1985. I served over 25 years in Security Forces ( as a police officer). I retired 31 December, 2010, and continued my police career for another 2.5 years in the civilian sector. I have a degree in Criminal Justice and I have multiple years of leadership experience and training young minds. My hobbies include exercising, spending time with family, volunteering, and church activities. I have been married to my wife Carmen for 28 years and we have 3 children in their twenties: Kandice, Desmond, and Camille. I am highly motivated and very glad to be Lexington High School's AFJROTC ASI.

#### **G.C. c/Col. Looper**

Hello cadets and parents. My name is c/Colonel Garrett Looper. I am the Group Commander for LHS, RBHS, and GHS AFJROTC. My responsibilities include preparing the strategic plan for the unit, creating our unit goals, and providing guidance to the A-staff. I am currently a senior at River Bluff High School and I am looking for acceptance into Midlands Tech to use the bridge program to the University of South Carolina for a degree in International Relations. After college, I am looking to pursue a career in law enforcement. I am completely dedicated to this wonderful program and look forward to leading this unit into a new direction.

## **Operation's Office**

### **Events**

#### **Oct. 12 Ride for Kids**

- The annual Ride for Kids event occurs outside of Lexington High School. It is a community event, and our AJROTC unit greatly helps every year. Cadets will manage parking, set up, take down, and running the event. The event itself is a fundraiser for children with brain cancer, and many community members take the children for a parade-type motorcycle ride.

#### **Oct. 6 Flagpole Ceremony**

- Once a month, our unit has a flagpole ceremony before school. At this ceremony, promotion and recognition occurs. All Lexington students are required to attend, and Gilbert and River Bluff students are highly encouraged to attend. The ceremony will start at 07:40.

#### **Color Guards:**

Oct. 17 RBHS home game  
Oct. 24 RBHS home game  
Oct. 24 GHS homecoming  
Oct. 31 LHS home game

- A color guard is a small detail of cadets that perform the flag ceremony for an athletic event, homecoming, graduation, or other event. Any certified cadet can sign up for these events. Color guards count as community service hours.

## Important Information

### **Ops Tempo (Schedule):**

#### **Mondays: Drill Practice.**

This team practices every Monday from 15:30 to 17:20. Our drill team trains for events and competitions, and usually places very well. Drill team is open to all cadets.

#### **Tuesday: CLC Training**

This is a training course for attending the Cadet Leadership Course in June 2015. The course is hosted at the Citadel, and gives cadets experience for basic training, military school life, and leadership skills.

#### **Wednesday: Aerospace, PA, Recruiting**

The Recruiting Team takes day trips to surrounding middle schools to recruit rising freshmen into our AFJROTC Unit. This team also teaches cadets public speaking, proper introductions, and how to hold conversations with unknown people.

The PA Team, or Public Affairs Team, is similar to the class "Yearbook design." Cadets will help photograph events, design the unit newspaper, and work on any projects that the corp may present, such as designing a unit emblem or creating a unit ca-

dence. The PA team is open to all cadets, and meets every other Wednesday.

The Aerospace Team builds and launches model rockets, flies remote-controlled UAVs, and other aerospace-related activities.

#### **Friday: PT Training**

This is an extracurricular Physical Training meeting. Cadets do additional training such as mile runs and aerobic workouts, may also train for the PT Team, which competes in PT events later in the year.

## Monthly Motivation

"You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain't about how hard you hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward; how much you can take and keep moving forward."

—"Rocky"

## Cadets for Recognition

Honor Flight: Bravo Flight  
Alpha Flight Honor Cadet: c/AmB Cranford  
Bravo Flight Honor Cadet: c/AmB Bell  
Charlie Flight Honor Cadet: c/Amn Mize  
Honor NCO: c/TSgt Maxwell

## Understanding SC-871 Staff

**Group Commander:** c/Col. Looper  
**Deputy Group Commander:** c/Maj. Carter  
**Group Executive:** c/1st Lt. Dinovo  
**Group 1st Sgt:** c/CMSgt. Frazier  
**A1 Commander:** c/2nd Lt. Raymond  
**A3 Commander:** c/1st Lt. Farnham  
**A4 Commander:** c/1st Lt. Whitford  
**A5 Commander:** c/1st Lt. Casas  
**A6 Commander:** c/2nd Lt. Bartlett  
**A7 Commander:** c/2nd Lt. Robinson

Head of SC-871. Works in conjunction with the SASI and ASI.  
Assistant head of SC-871. Works with Group Commander.  
Assistant to Group Commander and Deputy Group Commander.  
Considered spokesperson for all enlisted-ranked cadets.  
Head of A1, which handles the "Personnel" section of SC-871.  
Head of A3, which handles the "Operations" section of SC-871.  
Head of A4, which handles the "Logistics" section of SC-871.  
Head of A5, which handles the "Planning" section of SC-871.  
Head of A6, which handles the "Communications" section of SC-871.  
Head of A7, which handles the "Training" section of SC-871.