

The Roster

Attention Stone Cadets

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In an effort to expose Thomas Stone's JROTC to the middle schools and possibly boost the battalion's numbers in the upcoming years, we've decided to not only send our newsletter to the cadets, but also to send it to the middle schools to show them what JROTC is all about. An information article will be included in every article explaining what the Cougar Battalion is all about.

They are beginning to fill out their course selection sheets so make sure you publicize the battalion and let people know what we are all about. We need cadets for the next couple years! And don't forget, if you recruit someone into the program, you can earn the recruiting ribbon.

To all Upcoming Freshmen

As the battalion's public relations officer and editor of this newsletter, I would like to welcome you to Thomas Stone and offer you a little information about our battalion. We are an army unit, with about 150 cadets. We are in our fourteenth year at Thomas Stone. JROTC is almost entirely student run giving any cadet the opportunity to learn leadership and responsibility. The program is split into four LET (leadership education training) levels, and in your third year of JROTC you will get a Tech ed credit, essential for graduation. There is NO obligation to the military. You do have to wear a uniform once a week, which is provided by the program with a ten dollar cleaning fee. (Note: you will not get made fun of as much as you think) JROTC helps you grow as a student, and as a person, and can open up many opportunities in your future.

For more information, ask your administrators for a JROTC pamphlet, or email me at Bn_S-5@hotmail.com with any questions

Seniors

Here's what some seniors are planning to do after high school....

C/Saulsbury– Villa Julie– Psychology
C/Williamson– NC State– ROTC
C/Yeager– Penn State– ROTC-Chemistry
C/Wohlers– CSM– Criminology
C/Barker– Marines
C/Milman– Catabawa College– Nursing or Environmental Science
C/Law– Towson– Public Relations-Dance
C/Schultz– The Citadel
C/Stokes– Marines

C/Ward– Oklahoma University
C/Stockman- Nursing
C/Reeves– Physical Therapy
C/Cagle– Enlist Marines/Air Force
C/Mills– Physical Training
C/Martin– Police Officer Training



Get To Know: AC-130 Gunship

By: C/SGM Michael Ward

First, let me warn the reader that within the line of the AC-130 Gunship, there are several variations, so to avoid confusion, I put all variations under one category since the history is all the same.

The AC-130 is primarily used by the USAF and can trace its design history to the C-130 Transport. It operates with a crew of 13, can fly as far as 2530 miles at a top speed of 300 mph. Tie that to the fact some AC-130's fly with the 105mm M102 Howitzer, and the US has some serious fire power to support its ground forces and harass some enemies. The gunship can trace its fighting roots back to

The Vietnam War where it was an integral part in attacking enemy forces, supporting ground troops, and harassing supply lines. All of these achievements have destroyed over 10,000 trucks. The AC-130 has played crucial roles in all conflicts after Vietnam, such as Grenada, the invasion of Panama, Somalia, Desert Storm, etc. The primary fighting role of the gunship is close air support, air-interdiction, and force protection.

No matter what the fight, and no matter how bad the odds are, the AC-130 gunship will be a crucial instrument in winning wars and battles for years to come.

Calling All Famous Cadets!!

If you or someone else in JROTC you know has been in the paper within the past year, cut out the article and send it to the S-5 so we can add it to the battalion scrapbook (Yes, we do have a scrapbook). It is an integral part of our inspection. If you have any article, whether it be from a sport, activity, or non-school function, cut it out and put it in the S-5/Echo Company Commander Box as soon as you can. Attach a note to it with your name, and what it was for and I will make sure it is placed safely in the scrapbook.

Makin' Some Mulah

Our Century Resources Fundraiser was a big hit this year. We sold 339 items and Cadet Lawal sold forty four items, the most out of the entire battalion.

You might not know it, but these fundraisers not only help out the battalion in the long run, but they help out our cadets immediately. If a cadet participates in any of the fundraisers we have had so far this year (Century Resources, Quest for Victory) then they will get a discounted price on any field trip we have. Involvement in these activities helps pay for expenses like transportation, uniforms and new materials we can use in the classroom. So not only can you help out the battalion by selling chocolate to your Grandma in Georgia, but you can help your wallet by saving some money on the JROTC field trips.

If you have any connections or ideas for a fundraiser the battalion can participate in, email me at Bn_s-5@hotmail.com or put a note in my box with info.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb 9th– Military
Ball**

**Feb 17th– Dunbar
Drill Meet**

**FEB 27th –
INSPECTION!!!!**

**March 3– Forest-
ville Drill Meet**

**March 7–Dining
In**

**March 14– Field
Trip to Pentagon**



Reserve Officer's Training Corps

Question:

What do Sam Walton (Wal-Mart), Marc Cisneros (Founder of John G. & Marie Stella Kennedy Memorial Foundation), Earl Graves (Black Enterprise Magazine) and Colin Powell all have in common?

No idea? They are all Army ROTC alumni. They partook in an education that can help a student with money, leadership, and experience. One can take Reserve Officer Training Corps Classes in college and guarantee themselves success in the future and an officer rank in the US Army.

Some advantages of being an ROTC Cadet...

You will enter the US Army as a Second Lt.

You have opportunities to earn Scholarships which can pay for your entire four years of college

You will strengthen skills which enable you to be decisive, tenacious, and bold

You will belong to a core organization that can help you succeed in whatever you do in life

However, do not believe that because you are taking ROTC, that you must study battle tactics and wars all four years of college. You have a large variety of majors provided by the college of your choice. That major can then continue after graduation when serving Active duty afterwards. You only have the obligation to serve active duty in the military if you accept a four year scholarship. In that case, you must serve from 3-4 years active duty as an officer. (The years served can vary on your education)

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Any branch of ROTC in college is a wise choice because of the availability of financial assistance, opportunities in the military, and the advantages it gives you after college. If you have any questions, go to www.goarmy.com/rotc or contact your local recruiter.

Here are some local colleges that have an Army ROTC program:

Bowie State University

Villa Julie

University of Maryland

Loyola College

Towson University

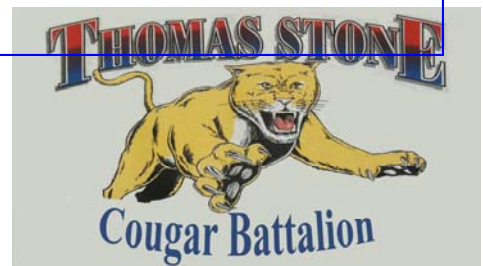
Johns Hopkins University

Morgan State

Calling all Navy Basketball Fans

The Navy Men's Basketball team will host a game against the Bucknell Bisons on February 2nd. This night is dedicated to all JROTC cadets. The tickets are discounted for all Cadets and families who attend the game. It takes place at Alumni Hall at 9:00pm. For any questions or if you would like to hear more information about attending the game, contact the S-5, C/ Law, or put a note in her mailbox in the upperclassmen room, asking for information.

www.StoneJROTC.com



**WISH A BELATED
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
1SGT OTTEN - 31 JAN**

**AND WISH A HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO LT.
COLONEL - 2 FEB**