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April 14, 2020

From: Senior Naval Science Instructor, Troy High School NJROTC

To: NJROTC Area 11 Manager

Subj: MOST OUTSTANDING UNIT IN THE NATION

Please find attached our submission (with attachments and endorsements) for consideration for designation as the Most Outstanding Unit in the Nation/Area 11. We believe that across the board, nobody does more to support the mission of the NJROTC program and match the philosophy and intent of the Commander, Naval Service Training Command.

Always Improve Your Position. Troy NJROTC has placed a focus on developing the citizens and leaders our nation needs. Last summer, five of Cadets attended the USNA Summer Seminar. This spring, Troy Cadets have earned four service academy appointments and seven ROTC scholarships.

Leverage All Scholastic and Technological Advantages. This year, Troy NJROTC has established partnerships and friendships with the Richard Nixon Presidential Foundation, Fleet Week LA, the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, San Diego Military Advisory Council, and many more. Our Cadets are well known at all levels of leadership, both military and civilian.

Consistently Build, Maintain, Improve, Sustain, and Push Situational Awareness Up, Down, and Across. Troy High School NJROTC has built strong community support through sustained service, communication, and participation. In addition to current stakeholders, new possibilities are being explored with universities, corporations, and other industries.

Bottom line: Troy High School NJROTC continues to seize the initiative to find new opportunities for our Cadets and to increase awareness of the successes of the NJROTC program.

Very Respectfully,

William M. Lauper

CDR William M. Lauper, USN, Ret.



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# **Troy NJROTC - Area 11**

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Troy NJROTC Regiment

Troy NJROTC is honored to be considered for the Most Outstanding NJROTC program in the USA for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. While Troy is known for our achievements in competitions, this year was especially notable for our orientation/professional development activities and our citizenship achievements:

- a. Four service academy appointments. Eight ROTC Scholarships.
- b. Increase in documented community service hours
- c. Incredible support to high profile events and organizations

#### No unit achieves more!

#### **Academic Achievement**

Out of 1609 teams across the nation that took the NJROTC National Academic Exam, Troy's five teams placed #3, 7, 35, 74, and 85. Of the 142 teams in Area 11 that took the NJROTC National Academic Exam, Troy's five teams placed #1, 2, 6, 8, and 11.

90% of our Cadets achieved Honor Roll Status. Nearly 90 % of our juniors and seniors have taken either the SAT or ACT. 80% of our seniors intend to enroll in a four year college next fall. Three of our cadets have appointments to a service academy. Five of our seniors have been awarded a Navy ROTC scholarship and another has been awarded both an Army and Air Force ROTC Scholarship.. Three of our juniors have been selected for either the Naval Academy Summer Seminar or the Air Force Summer Seminar this summer. Many of our seniors have full ride scholarships to notable universities such as NYU, Vanderbilt (\$360K), Rice, UC Berkley, Duke (\$76k/yr), USC, Northeastern, and more.

#### **Professional Development/Orientation**

Troy Cadets take advantage of every opportunity to learn about the Navy, explore potential career paths, and understand the importance and relevance of our Navy. Troy Cadets have had numerous opportunities to engage with our top military and civilian leaders. These experiences have driven our Cadets' desire to serve our nation!

Five Cadets attended the USNA Summer Seminar

Cadets embarked USS SPRUANCE (DDG 111) for transit from San Diego to Los Angeles.

Cadets embarked USS BOXER (LHD 4) via LCAC for overnight transit to San Diego

Cadets toured USS TULSA, USS COMSTOCK, USS SCOUT, and USS SPRUANCE at Fleet Week LA

Cadets attended AFCEA/USNI WEST symposium

Cadets participated in the monthly San Diego Military Advisory Council breakfasts

Cadets visited the United States Naval Academy

Cadets visited NROTC, University of San Diego

Cadets toured USNS MERCY, USCG Sector San Diego.

Cadets toured USCGC HADDOCK

11 Cadets toured USS SAN DIEGO and STEM exhibits at Fleet Week San Diego

11 Cadets toured USS ANNAPOLIS

7 Cadets toured HSM 73 and the MH-60R

Hosted CAPT Bayungan, Commodore, Navy Recruiting West

Hosted Leroy Petry, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient

Hosted Brian Thacker, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient

9 Cadets graduated from the Area 11 Leadership Academy and another 9 Cadets attended the Area 11 Sail Academy.

Hosted Navy Recruiting Command's NIMITZ National Asset Virtual Reality Simulator

Hosted the Black Daggers, Army Special Operations Forces parachute team, as they jumped into Troy High School and landed a Blackhawk helicopter.

Hosted a Service Academy and ROTC programs seminar

Cadets attended official Navy retirement ceremony on USS MIDWAY

Cadets attended the NNOA STEM event on USS AMERICA

#### **Competitions**

<u>CyberPatriot</u>: Troy NJROTC was the 2019 CyberPatriot All Service Division <u>National Runner-up</u>, and was the only NJROTC to qualify for CyberNationals in both 2019 and 2020.

Drill: Troy Black placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Nation at the 2019 NJROTC National Drill Championships.

JLAB/College Options: Second in the Navy JLAB Finals.

<u>SeaPerch</u>: All freshman SeaPerch team finished #11 overall in the International SeaPerch Challenge. <u>Quizbowl</u>: Our NJROTC Quizbowl team qualified for the 2020 High School National Championship Tournament and the 2020 National Scholastic Championship.

<u>Brain Brawl</u>: Two Brain Brawl teams travelled to Daytona Beach and placed #8 and #9 in the nation. <u>Orienteering</u>: Troy NJROTC Orienteering swept the Los Angeles Orienteering Club's 2020 Youth Awards, finishing ahead of the other schools from California and Nevada.

<u>Robosub</u>: Troy NJROTC was the only JROTC program registered to compete in the 2020 Robosub competition. Robosub is an international, intercollegiate underwater robotics competition, where the ROVs are untethered and preprogrammed.

<u>Air Rifle Marksmanship</u>: Qualified two teams for the 2020 Area 11 Championships—only unit to qualify two teams

Troy High School NJROTC is also host to many Area 11 events, including the annual Troy CO/XO Leadership Seminar, Fullerton Urban Orienteering, Troy Athletic Field Meet, Basic

Leadership Training for multiple schools, JROTC Quizbowl invitational, Troy Brain Brawl, and the Southern California SeaPerch Challenge (regional qualifier for the International SeaPerch Challenge). Each spring, our regiment conducts a Rookie Drill Meet where the NS1 Cadets from each of our six platoons compete in regulation and exhibition drill, personnel inspection, and color guard, coached by the NS4 Cadets and judged by the NS3 Cadets. Our NSIs are active with Sail Academy and supporting numerous summer competitions.

#### Citizenship

The NJROTC program at Troy High School has become a regional asset in Area 11, providing Color Guard and other services from San Diego to North of Los Angeles. We have established a partnership with the Richard Nixon Presidential Library, where we are the preferred Color Guard for all of their major events. Some of the speakers that our Cadets have met at the Nixon Library include: Secretary of Veterans Affairs Wilkie, retired Admiral James Stavridis, Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Brett Baier, Martha Macallum, Dennis Prager, and more. Our Color Guard was selected to perform for the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation at the Circle of Honor induction in Beverly Hills. In February, we again presented the colors at a CMOH forum at Patriots Hall in Los Angeles and attended the Medal of Honor Forum at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Our All-Female Color Guard team wowed the audience at the Ms. Veteran America pageant in Hollywood and also at the Nixon Library ahead of the presentation by former Ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley. Our Color Guard performed for the WNBA LA Sparks and MLB San Diego Padres. Every year, our Color Guard performs at the Southern California All Service Academy Ball, where our Cadets interact with and ask questions of Cadets and Midshipmen from each of the Service Academies. Troy NJROTC presented the Colors onboard USS IOWA in support of Black History Month events. Our SeaPerch teams provided live demonstrations at Fleet Week LA and the Miramar Air Show. Troy Red provided exhibition drill performances at Fleet Week LA, the only JROTC unit to perform as part of the official program. CNRSW documented the performance.

https://www.facebook.com/NavyRegionSouthwest/videos/390856958284399/

#### **Community Support**

Troy NJROTC is heavily engaged in the community. We take great pride in our improved Community Support and School Support hours. Our 2020 documented Community support hours increased from 1284.5 in 2019 to 3043.7 in 2020. Our documented School Support hours increased from 371.5 in 2019 to 5577.5 in 2020...HUGE INCREASES!!! Our Cadets are integral to the local Veterans Memorial program at Loma Vista Cemetery. Each year, our Cadets help repair, prepare, and place crosses and stars of David on the thousands of veterans' graves in the cemetery. On Memorial Day, the Cadets provide a Color Guard and Sword Arch in support of the ceremony. We provided the Color Guard at the Surface Warrior Ball in San Diego, hosted by former NSTC Commander, Vice Admiral Brown. Our Color Guard has performed multiple times for the San Diego Padres. Our Cadets are fully integrated with the school, presenting the Colors at football and basketball games and performing exhibition drill at school assemblies. The entire regiment participates in the annual Patriots Day ceremonies along with the Troy Band and Choir.

On Veterans Day, Troy NJROTC simultaneously presented the Colors at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library, presented Colors and performed exhibition drill at LA Memorial Coliseum for the inaugural Veterans Day LA, and had 175 Cadets marching and carrying the 50 state flags in the Fullerton Veterans Day Parade. Articles/video of these events:

https://dailytitan.com/2019/11/fullerton-honor-armed-forces-veterans-day/?fbclid=IwAR0bXI86myODXnS 9KIEW9mmQH5-qZEpMloHnqnRWe88wiV642vc0K9IOO4

We had the honor of presenting the Colors at a ceremony to honor a group of Chinese American WW2 Vets in front of three Congressional Representatives. Our Color Guard can be seen in this ABC coverage of the ceremony:

We had the honor of presenting the Colors on USS MIDWAY for the closing ceremonies of the 22 and you hike, promoting awareness of veterans' suicide. https://22andyou.net/

Our Cadets had the opportunity to present the Colors in advance of a presentation by former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO, Admiral James Stavridis, USN, Ret. Four Cadets had the experience of having dinner with Admiral Stavridis prior to the event. The event was filmed and aired on CSPAN3. https://youtu.be/BpBsc3yxI8M

Our All Female Color Guard had an awesome performance at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library in advance of the guest speaker, former Ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley. Our Cadets can be seen between 3 and 6 minutes into the video and they are specifically mentioned at time 41:40.

https://www.nixonfoundation.org/2019/12/event-recap-nikki-haley-nixon-library/?utm\_source=Nixon+Foundation+E-News&utm\_campaign=9f15f06e37-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2016\_11\_21\_COPY\_01&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_c4ba12e9ef-9f15f06e37-285656517&mc\_cid=9f15f06e37&mc\_eid=37f9d926cc

Our Cadets had the opportunity to perform the Color Guard for the 107<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of President Richard Nixon at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library. The guest of honor was RDML Nowakowski, Deputy Commander, Naval Education and Training Command and Deputy Commander, Naval Recruiting Command.

https://www.ocregister.com/2020/01/09/richard-nixon-library-celebrates-107th-birthday-of-former-president/?fbclid=IwAR3kl37QeUvmxzYr9T0S6lMiVh5sAO9exj\_kNsD5e\_-4MQVuDSKhjv-Y3QY

Our Cadets had the opportunity to perform the Color Guard for the grand reopening of the East Room West at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library, which aired on CSPAN3. Our Cadets can be seen at time 9:33. <a href="https://www.c-span.org/video/?467860-1%2Fwhite-house-east-room&fbclid=IwAR3JLibbSd2OVZqRJrTdijG376t3ts1AKjGlKszej8Z3UaBRm4g3">https://www.c-span.org/video/?467860-1%2Fwhite-house-east-room&fbclid=IwAR3JLibbSd2OVZqRJrTdijG376t3ts1AKjGlKszej8Z3UaBRm4g3</a> ohqlTg

Bottom Line: No other Area 11 NJROTC program produced this level of success across such a broad spectrum of competitions.

In addition to ship visits, Troy NJROTC Cadets enjoyed numerous opportunities to interact with senior leadership. On a near monthly frequency, Cadets attend the San Diego Military Advisory Council breakfast where they have met the Assistant Secretary of the Navy Lucian Niemeyer, Commander, US THIRD FLEET, Director of the Maritime Administration (Rear Admiral Buzby—also an NJROTC product), Commanding General First Marine Division, CG MCRD San Diego, Chief of Navy Medicine, various Strike Group Commanders, Commander, Navy Region Southwest, and the Commanding Officers of all of the San Diego area Naval Bases.

## **Summary**

Troy High School NJROTC is the Flagship program for NJROTC on the West Coast, and is perhaps the best known in the Nation. This is a high performing organization where championships are earned through extreme commitment and dedication. Each year consists of improvements and higher standards in order to remain at the top of the rankings across the board. Go Warriors!!! Go Navy!!!

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April 10, 2020

#### Dear Commander Garcia:

San Diego, California 92147

Room 220

I understand that you are in the process of selecting the top Naval Junior ROTC program in your command and I wanted to take a moment to highlight the truly exemplary role that Troy High School plays in my community. My district is blessed with seven JROTC units, including the excellent Navy program at La Habra High School. But even in that rich company, Troy High School's NJROTC Battalion stands out.

Troy is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, a California Distinguished School, and routinely ranked as one of the top high schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, achievements in which the NJROTC program plays a leading part. The unit's military science or "Governmental Service" program is one of the school's five STEM curriculum pathways and its cadets form the backbone of the other four. The regular success of its teams in the Southern California Regional SeaPearch Competition, which Troy now hosts, is just one testament to the unit's deep and broad academic impact. It helps explain why Troy's cadets have become such important, popular ambassadors in a scholastic landscape that is often indifferent, suspicious of or hostile towards military service.

As impressive as its academic achievements are, Troy NJROTC plays an even greater role off-campus. Over the past two years, I have been honored to have Troy's extremely professional honor guard present the colors at seven of my events. Nor am I alone in seeking out Troy's NJROTC Battalion's support for the most important occasions. From major community gatherings that draw thousands and include the entire Troy Battalion, like the City of Fullerton's Memorial and Veterans Day commemorations, to colors presentations at LA Fleet Week, the Nixon Presidential Library and the Los Angeles Coliseum, Troy cadets wave a flag for national pride and service in the way no one else in Southern California does. As a former Navy officer and current member of the House Armed Services Committee, I see this as Troy's greatest contribution: they convey the strength, honor, and promise of the Naval Service to a broad population of our region who would otherwise have limited knowledge of it. While you will have to take my word for that assessment, I can give you one metric that suggests it. You probably already know that 8 of Troy's 54 graduating cadets have been accepted to full scholarship military commissioning programs. Six of those Troy Cadets applied to my office for service academy nominations. Out of 38 applicants interviewed by my selection board, all six of the Troy cadets finished in the top ten of the board's rankings, an achievement made even more remarkable given that none of the six were from military families and five of the six were from families of first-generation Americans. While I may be biased and leave it to your judgment, I will conclude by saying that Troy exceeds all my expectations for what NJROTC can be and projects great credit on the Naval service.

Warm Regards,

Gilbert Cisneros, Jr.

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April 16, 2020

Commander Tom Garcia NJROTC Area 11 Manager 33077 Ping Place Building 7, Room 220 San Diego, CA 98147

Commander Garcia,

I am writing in support of the Troy High School NJROTC as a candidate for Most Outstanding Unit in the Nation.

The Richard Nixon Foundation is a constant host to the nation's highest profile leaders in government, the armed service branches, media, civics, and the community. Second Lady Karen Pence, General James Mattis, Justice Neil Gorsuch, Secretary Robert Wilkie, Ambassador Nikki Haley, Admiral James Stavridis, and astronaut Buzz Aldrin are just a few recent examples of the consistent high-level lineup of personalities speaking from our podium.

The Richard Nixon Foundation prides itself as an extension of the White House and operates as such. The complexities in planning and execution of its events and programing carry incredible weight that require the utmost level of professionalism and trust from any participating outside organizations - - The Troy High School NJROTC is one of those select organizations.

Commander William Lauper and his team of cadets have proven to be a valuable asset and special relationship to the Richard Nixon Foundation on multiple occasions. Each cadet's dedication to flawless execution, sharpness in appearance, professional attitude, and remarkable aptitude is something rarely seen in this particular age range. The Troy High School NJROTC program with Commander Lauper at the helm has groomed an impressive roster of future leaders that the country will undoubtedly have pride in for years to come.

I extend this letter of recommendation not simply out of gratitude to Commander Lauper and his cadets, but out of my belief that the Troy High School NJROTC is indeed the Most Outstanding Unit in the Nation this year. And, I believe if you look at the unit's extensive repertoire of exemplary accomplishments that you too will feel the same.

Very respectfully,

Chris Nordyke

Vice President of External Relations

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9 April 2020

Commander William Lauper, USN, Ret. Senior Naval Science Teacher Troy High School 2200 Dorothy Ln Fullerton, CA

Subj: Letter of Recommendation for Troy High School

The Surface Navy Association would like to recognize the participation of Troy High NJROTC Unit in the Association's Awards Program for NJROTC Units.

The Association has two annual awards for deserving students enrolled in NJROTC. The Stephen Decatur Award is presented to an outstanding student completing his junior year. A second award is for an outstanding freshman or Sophomore Cadet in his or her first NJROTC year. The recipients are chosen by the Senior Naval Science Teacher and Troy High School has participated in this program since 2004.

The second annual award, the NJROTC Essay contest, was established three years ago for a unit to submit one essay written by a Unit cadet to not exceed 500 words about service, sacrifice, and the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment, especially citing examples from the video "D-Day at Pointe du Hoc" and how it impacts the student's thoughts on the above attributes. This year's second place winner was Nicholas He from Troy High School. In 2018, the first year of the contest, Troy's entry placed third.

Lastly, the Commander does actively participate in Navy events and attends the SNA West Coast Symposium in San Diego to obtain information he can use in school.

Sincerely,

Richard Hunt, VADM, USN(Ret) President

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16 April 2020

CDR Tom Garcia, USN, Ret. NJROTC Area 11 Manager 33077 Ping Place, Bldg 7, Room 220 San Diego, CA

Dear Commander Garcia,

I offer my strongest possible recommendation of the Troy High School NJROTC program as the Most Outstanding Unit in the Area and Nation. I have witnessed them on several occasions and found them professional, patriotic, and passionate about their unit. Their Color Guard made a significant impression on the Battleship IOWA for a special program during Black History Month. At AFCEA/ USNI WEST 2020, I witnessed their professional engagement with members of the military, government civilians, and industry partners. The Troy NJROTC Cadets participated in the NNOA STEM Day onboard USS AMERICA (LHA 6) and continuously support STEM events throughout the community. The cadets of Troy High School have been simply awesome and inspiring. I have seen and supported many units across the country, but none finer than Troy High School.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Sinclair M. Harris, RADM USN Retired

President, National Naval Officers Association

National Vice President, Navy League of the United States





April 7, 2020

Commander William Lauper, USN, Ret. Senior Naval Science Teacher Troy High School 2200 Dorothy Ln Fullerton, CA

#### Commander Lauper,

I would like to express my appreciation for the Troy High School NJROTC program. In 2019, I had the privilege of meeting a group of your students that presented the Colors during the Navy's Birthday celebration that was held at the Heroes Hall Museum in Costa Mesa. Bret Lane, CEO for SoCalGas, was one of the keynote speakers at the event, and as a Veteran he was impressed with the students and the program. Bret made an open invitation for members of the NJROTC team to visit our Headquarter office and make a presentation to him about a ROBOSUB, an international collegiate underwater robotics consisting of an autonomous programmed UUV project, the students would be building for a future competition.

I am also excited to share that we ended 2019 by inviting the Troy High School NJROTC Color Guard to participate in the SoCalGas annual Valor Program where we recognized SoCalGas employees who have served in the military. The students were professional, engaged and used the opportunity to speak with SoCalGas employees.

I am impressed with the program and look forward to someday having these students consider employment at SoCalGas. We seek dedicated, smart, and honorable individuals to join our team. The Troy High School NJROTC program is building our future leaders. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely

Tina AB Javid

Tina Javid Regional Public Affairs Manager SoCalGas



# **American Veterans Memorial Association**

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April 6, 2020

Commander William Lauper Troy High School 2200 E. Dorothy Lane Fullerton, CA 92831

Dear Commander Lauper:

On behalf of the American Veterans Memorial Association (AVMA), we want to thank you, your entire staff and the Troy Navy JROTC cadets for helping make the 2019 Memorial Day Ceremony an outstanding event with attendance at an estimated 2,000 at Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton.

On the prior Saturday, a detail led by 1stSgt Steve Lyon helped the 300 volunteers that came to decorate each of the 4,300 veteran's graves with a flag and cross or Star of David. This is a real challenge as the 4,300 are randomly located among 33,00 total graves in the cemetery. This unique event is the only one of this magnitude in the State of California, and maybe the entire country. It was started in 1939 by the C. Stanley Chapman family honoring about 50 veterans.

On Monday, Memorial Day, the entire team participated in the ceremony with an honor guard to welcome the guest speaker. They also presented the service flags and POW-MIA flag. Also, First Sergeants Lyon and Warren Barnes served as the wreath presenter escorts.

This is the seventh year the Troy instructors and cadets have handled this assignment and they get so many compliments; they have the assignment on a permanent basis.

On the following Tuesday, you brought about 8 cadets to help take down the 4,300 flags and crosses. Cadets are great for this task. They can cover much more ground in much less time than our seniors.

We were also pleased to have the cadets' assistance in March, two months prior to the ceremony working on repairing and painting of our crosses and updating our 120 charts that identify the 4,300 veterans' graves. There are no applauding crowds or other well wishers in attendance when this work is performed. The only reward is the satisfaction of a much-needed job well done. The cadets always come with a great attitude and work ethic and do whatever is asked. And they learn the valuable lesson of community service.

Please convey our appreciation to 1stSgt. Lyon, 1stSgt. Brown, and Lt Roger Fronek and all the fine young men and women in the program. They are a credit to their families, school and community.

I invite you to visit our website, <a href="www.avmafullerton.org">www.avmafullerton.org</a>, to see photos, videos and the history of this unique event. If you have any further questions at any time, please call me at (714) 686-5735.

Sincerely.

Edward D. Paul, Coordinator

The sole mission of the Association is to sustain the annual Memorial Day services held at Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton, California since 1939, at which a cross and a flag are placed on the grave of each serviceman or woman in memory of his or her dedication to the cause of freedom.



August 21, 2019

Dear Bill:

Thank you for volunteering at the RoboNation STEM booth during the RoboSub competition in San Diego.

RoboSub is an exciting underwater robotics program in which teams of high school and college students from around the world design and build an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV). These vehicles are capable of autonomously navigating through a series of tasks which mimic ongoing research in Autonomous Underwater Systems. This 22<sup>nd</sup> RoboSub was the largest ever with over 50 teams participating, and you were a part of R1

The time you spent at the STEM booth speaking with our visitors about SeaPerch contributed greatly to the success of RoboSub. Many of the hundreds in attendance were not familiar with SeaPerch, and there's no one better to help us increase awareness about the program than dedicated champions like you. Your continued support of and commitment to SeaPerch are a large part of the resounding success of the program. Thank you!

We hope we can once again count on your assistance at next year's RoboSub, but for now, please accept our thanks and appreciation for all you did to make this year's event such a success!

For more information about all of RoboNation's competitions, please visit <a href="https://robonation.org/">https://robonation.org/</a>.

Warm regards

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Lindsey Groark STEM Program Director RoboNation

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September 10, 2019

Dear Joshua:

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WWII Veteran Charles Pecoraro (standing 2nd from right) was honored at the event.

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#### 81st Annual Fullerton Memorial Day

by Ed Paul

The 100th anniversary of the end of WWI and the role of the US Army Reserves was the focus of the 81st Annual Fullerton Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 27, at Loma Vista Memorial Park, attended by an estimated 2,000 people.

Prior to the program, Charles Pecoraro, 100 years old, a Coast Guard veteran of WWII, and active member of Fullerton American Legion Post 142 was recognized. Also Army veterans had professional photos taken by Dave Ryan of Motographix, Inc., and received special recognition pins from the AVMA in thanks for their service. This was possible because of a donation by Fullerton Rotary Club.

Also participating in the ceremony were vocalists Dave Deno and Kristen Romero, the Fullerton Police and Fire Departments, the Fullerton American Legion Post 142, and the Fullerton Army JROTC and Troy Navy JROTC.

On the prior Saturday, 300 community volunteers placed crosses or Stars of David and American flags on 4,279 veterans' graves throughout the cemetery.

Guest speaker was Major General Eugene LeBeouf, Commanding General of the 79th Theater Sustainment Command headquartered at Los Alamitos, California. His speech focused on the history of the 79th from WWI to the present and how now, only 1% of the population serves in the military, increasing the need for a strong reserve component. He also acknowledged the support of the families of all service personnel as they also serve. And he mentioned that he can understand General Joseph Dunford's, the 2010 speaker and current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, when he said "Fullerton has a World Class Memorial Day Ceremony."

He paid tribute to the hundreds of volunteers who made the ceremony possible and specific attention to a 19th, a 20th and a 21st century veteran, upon whose graves he had placed flowers. The 19th Century veteran was Horace Jewett, Civil War, GAR. The 20th century veteran was Warren Holmes, a WWII combat medic and active member of the Memorial Day committee for 30 years. The 21st Century veteran was SP-4 Santos A. Cardona, US Army, who was killed in action in Iraq.

The ceremony was sponsored by the American Veterans Memorial Association, Fullerton American Legion Post 142, the City of Fullerton and Loma Vista Memorial Park. More information about the ceremony, including photos and videos, may be obtained by visiting the American Veterans Memorial Association website at www.avmafullerton.org.



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Fullerton, California

Monday, May 27th, 2019 10:00 A.M.

Sponsored by: American Veterans Memorial Association The City of Fullerton, California, and Loma Vista Memorial Park

"The sole mission of the Association is to sustain the annual Memorial Day services held at Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton, California, at which a cross and a flag are placed on the grave of each service man or woman in memory of his or her dedication to the cause of freedom"

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ROLL CALL OF 2018-2019 DEPARTED VETERANS.

Marilyn Harris, Commander,

Miles Kaspar, Chaplain

Fullerton American Legion Post 142 MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER Marilyn Harris

RECOGNITION OF PROGRAM LEADERS.
Founder, C. Stanley Chapman; LT, USA, 1939-1953
R. Les Clever, CMSGT, USAF, 1934-1979
Allen Buck\* Cattin, CDR, USN, 1979-2008

RECOGNITION OF A VETERAN FROM EACH CENTURY.... 19th Century, Warren Holmes, USA, WWII 20th Century, SSGT Santos A. Cardona, USA, Iraq

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POW/MIA RECOGNITION Mayor, City of Fullerton CDR Allen Stubblefield, USN (Ret) MAUSOLEUM CEREMONY.

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Jelf Harris, USA Veteran

JROTC Teachers from Troy and Fullerton Union High Schools

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Directed by LT Tony Bogart, SCT Brandon Clyde,
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CPL Austin Grogan, OPC Kewin Pedrosa
Steve Plett, Fullerton College GUN SALUTE\*.... CLOSING PRAYER\* Miles Kasper, Chaplain Fullerton American Legion Post 142 Scouts of BSA Troop 97, Fullerton
Directed by Scoutmaster Gene Mason
Scouts of BSA Troop 1201, Fullerton
Directed by Scoutmaster Ryan Chandler USHERS

#### **\*** \* • Lest We Forget

Lest We Forget

As we gather for this year's ceremony where we will reflect on 100

Fears since the end of WPT and the US Army and Army Reserve, the phrase "lest we forget" seems to be appropriate. This phrase is commonly used in war rememberate services and commencerate common the second of the

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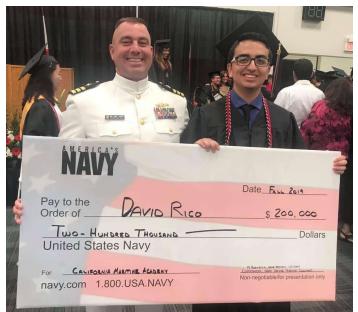
In April, the dedicated members of America's Army Reserve cel-ebrated the 111th birthday of these essential military forces.

In Agril, the dedicated members of America's Army Reserve celebrated the 11th birthey of these sessinal military forces.

Our Speaker - Today's speaker is Major General (MG) LeSsout, the current loader of the "9th Drivision that distinguished staff in the Battle of the Somme in Will, He graduated as a Distinguished Army Reserve Officer Training Corps programs and received a regular Army commission in the United States Army Corps of Engineers in May 1935. In Civil Engineering, American Corps of Tempers in May 1935, in Civil Engineering, Northwestern University of American Commission of the Corps of Engineering, Northwestern University of Michigan with a Octoor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) in Environmental Engineering, States in his civilian capacity, MG LeSout Grave of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Country of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Country of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Vanderbill University, Nathville, Temessee.



Our #WeSeeYouWednesday this week goes to Charissa Kim of Troy High School's Navy JROTC (Fullerton, CA). She is the first female competitor to earn the CyberPatriot All-American Award. This award is given only to those students who qualify for the CyberPatriot National Finals Competition for all four years of their high school careers. Charissa helped lead her team to National Champions finish in 2018 and a second place finish in 2019. Her team – the Subtle Cyber Traits - hope to win yet another title at this year's CyberPatriot XII National Finals Competition



In 2019, Cadet David Rico was awarded a Navy ROTC Scholarship to attend California Maritime Academy. Our 2020 seniors have so far been awarded four service academy appointments and seven ROTC scholarships with a combined total value of approximately \$3 million.



Troy High School NJROTC earned both Navy JROTC slots and the wild card berth in 2019 and 2020. Troy NJROTC was the All Service Division National Runner-up in 2019.



Troy NJROTC had five Cadets attend the USNA Summer Seminar in 2019...perhaps a record number from a single school/program.

# Professional Development & Career Orientation







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# Professional Development & Career Orientation

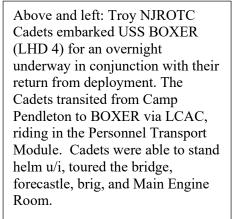
















Below: Troy NJROTC Cadets embarked in USS SPRUANCE (DDG 111) for a single day transit from San Diego to San Pedro in conjunction with Fleet Week LA. Cadets toured the bridge, CIC, Engine Room, and more. Cadets observed the Navigation Brief and manned the rails for arrival.



# Professional Development & Career Orientation



Troy NJROTC Cadets received a VIP tour of USNS MERCY. Cadets selected to attend had expressed an interest in Navy Medicine. A huge Thank You to Rear Admiral Tim Weber, Chief of Navy Medicine West for arranging this phenomenal tour for our Cadets!







Phenomenal tour of HSM 73 and the MH-60R. Cadets also enjoyed trying various models of night vision goggles and each received a challenge coin from the CO.





Attending the NNOA STEM Day on USS AMERICA (LHA 6)



# Richard Nixon Presidential Library













Top L: With Secretary of Veterans Affairs Wilkie Top R: Nixon Birthday Row 2: Admiral Stavridis and Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise Left: Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich Right: With Martha Macallum Bottom L: Former Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley Bottom R: With Chris Nixon Cox, grandson of President Richard Nixon







# San Diego Military Advisory Council



With Assistant Secretary of the Navy Niemeyer



With Commander, Navy Region Southwest



With the Director of the Maritime Administration



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With RDML Weber, Chief of Navy Medicine West



With CG, 1<sup>st</sup> MARDIV and retired RADM Len Hering



With BGEN Heritage, CG, MCRD San Diego

# Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation







Above: Troy High School NJROTC was honored to host Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Leroy Petry on April 25, 2019.

Below: Troy High School NJROTC was honored to host Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Brian Thacker on September 25, 2019.



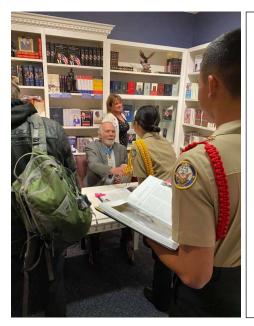


# Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation









Above: On September 24, 2019, Troy NJROTC presented the Colors at the Circle of Honor ceremony. Six CMOH recipients met with our Cadets.

L/R, Bottom L: On February 5, 2020, Troy NJROTC participated in the Medal of Honor Forum at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Bottom R: On February 4, 2020, Troy NJROTC presented the Colors for the Medal of Honor Forum conducted at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in LA.







# Veterans Day





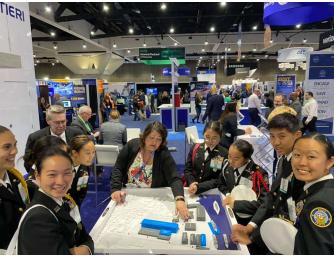


On Veterans Day, Troy NJROTC simultaneously supported three events! At Veterans Day LA, Troy NJROTC provided a Color Guard and armed/unarmed exhibition drill teams. We presented the Colors at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library. At the same time, nearly 200 Cadets marched in the Fullerton Veterans Day parade.



### AFCEA / USNI WEST Conference

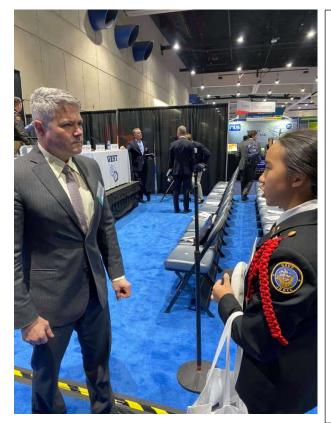












On March 3, 2020, 21 Troy NJROTC Cadets attended the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) and United States Naval Institute (USNI) WEST Conference in San Diego. The Cadets attended the SDMAC breakfast, which featured Under Secretary of Defense Ellen Lord by phone. Following the breakfast, the Cadets explored the exhibit hall, where they learned about various capabilities and also explored potential career paths. The Cadets also participated in some of the professional forums.

Top L: With former Commander, US Pacific Fleet, Admiral (Ret.) Scott Swift

Top R: Cadets learn how the LCS is built in Marinette from the CEO

Middle L: With RDML Nowakowski, Deputy Commander, NETC and Navy Recruiting Command

Center: RDML (Ret.) Paul Pearigen discusses medical careers with Cadets

Middle R: RDML Nowakowski and CAPT (Ret.) Dennis Dubard discuss shipbuilding and naval architecture Left: Cadet engages CAPT Straub, Division Chief, Strategy, Policy, & Plans – Asia, The Joint Chiefs of Staff (J5) following a professional forum--A 'COIN' Toss in the South China Sea: Defending Free Seas and the Rule of International Law from China's Maritime Insurgency.

# **Competitions**





















# Basic Leadership Training

# **Troy Athletic Field Meet**

# **Hosted Events**

















SeaPerch

**CO/XO** Leadership Seminar

**Fullerton Urban Orienteering** 







**New Cadet Orientation** 

# Community Support







Supporting events hosted by Congressman Gil Cisneros







American Veterans Memorial Association—Memorial Day Ceremony and Cemetery Crosses







9/11 Ceremony

Hermosa Dr. Elementary School

**Graduation 50 State Flags** 









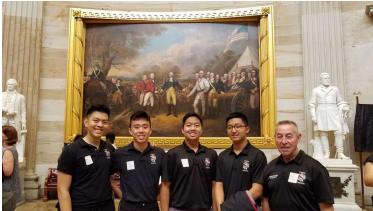
LA Sparks

San Diego Padres

#### On the Road!







Travelling to National competitions provides significant opportunities to expand upon the NJROTC Curriculum. In Washington, DC, Troy Cadets have been able to experience the United States Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, United States Naval Academy, the Pentagon, and more. In Atlanta, our Cadets always visit the Martin Luther King National Historic Site, Olympic Park, and Georgia Aquarium.























# Leadership Academy/ Sail Academy





The end of school does not mean the end of training. Each summer, Troy NJROTC Cadets and Instructors are engaged in summer training and competitions. In 2019, Troy produced nine graduates of the Area 11 Leadership Academy and 9 graduates of the Area 11 Sail Academy.

















Top: Ms. Veteran America Pageant (Hollywood), Bottom: with Tommy Lasorda in LA





2019 Surface Warrior Ball with VADM Richard Brown





Above: Supporting NNOA and Battleship IOWA with Rear Admiral (ret.) Sinclair Harris



Left: CAPT Anthony Bayungan discusses nuclear propulsion with Troy NJROTC Cadets during Fleet Week LA.

Below: Troy NJROTC provided SeaPerch exhibits during Fleet Week LA

