NOTRE DAME NJROTC NEWS

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AS WE REFLECT ON THIS PAST MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE LOOK UPON THE UNITS NEW CADETS AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS ALONG WITH OUR UNITS CONTINUED EXCELLENCE IN HELPING THE COMMUNITY OF THE UTICA AREA.



NOTRE DAME AND CENTRAL VALLEY ACADEMY
BASIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Recently Graduated Cadet Makenna Otis recalls her Basic Leadership Training experience by saying:

"Basic Leadership Training was a valuable experience that helped me grow both personally and professionally. It allowed me to develop greater discipline, confidence, and a stronger sense of responsibilty"

This idea of self-confidence was started at Basic Leadership Training which allows new cadets to get the grips on the journey they are about to embark upon







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Basic Training

Commanding Officer Redmond states ***"When the new cadets leave Basic Leadership Training you can see the change in the way they act and carry themselves. They have more confidence in themselves and are ready to face challenges head on because that is what they have spent a week doing"***

This idea is shared by all newly graduated cadets of the Notre Dame and Central Valley Basic Leadership Training who have all put in an astonishing amount of hard work and determination in order to gain their position in the unit.



Basic Training Graduation Ceremony

Our unit gives awards to the most outstanding cadets who stand out above all others. Along with those who have learned the most. They are as follows

Cadet Molly Trinkaus - Female Honor Cadet

Cadet Hilterbrant - Male Honor Cadet

Cadet Ella Manno - Female Most Improved

Cadet Caleb Splane - Male Most Improved

Each one of these cadets has received a shoulder cord and a ribbon depending on their award they have also all been promoted to the rank of C/PO3 or C/S

Notre Dame NJROTC Cadets Continue To Make A Lasting Impact Through Community Service



Notre Dame continues to service the community of the Utica area. This includes participation in multiple vents including the EJ Hermann XC race which they helped distribute water and fruit to exhausted runners. they also have participated in many color guards such as the recent Notre Dame Homecoming football game. They have also represented the unit at multiple community service events so the unit can be present in the community. This is only the beginning of the community service of this coming year.

Commanding Officers Monthly Review



"The month of September has been extremely busy. All the cadets started school and the main focus of the unit was preparation for BLT which is the unit's annual Basic Leadership Training. The unit had to ensure that all incoming cadets were prepared and ready for BLT as well as ensuring that they themselves were prepared for their roles in the training. BLT was the third week of September where the unit spent the week up near Old Forge at Camp Masonic. Notre Dame and CVA NJROTC Units complete the training together with around 45 cadets going through the program. Apart from the kids completing the program we have around 30 older cadets incharge of running the program. The training went extremely well this year and the new cadets graduated with another successful year of BLT. Aside from BLT the unit has done various color guards and community service events during the month of September and we are starting off the year very strong."

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C/LCDR Alexah Redmond
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