

Woodbridge Air Rifle Team Makes Triumphant Return After Five-Year Hiatus

After a five-year pause brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Woodbridge Senior High School Army JROTC Air Rifle Team is officially back in action — and stronger than ever. On September 23rd, the team held try-outs that drew a record-breaking turnout of 27 cadets, signaling a renewed enthusiasm and commitment to marksmanship among the student body.

This resurgence marks the first time since 2020 that Woodbridge has fielded an Air Rifle team, a milestone that has energized both cadets and instructors alike. The overwhelming interest in the program reflects not only a hunger for competition but also a deep appreciation for the discipline, focus, and camaraderie that the sport fosters.

“The turnout was incredible,” said LTC (R) Douglas Osborn, one of the team’s instructors. “We haven’t seen this level of excitement in years. It’s clear that these cadets are ready to work hard and represent Woodbridge with pride.”

The Air Rifle Team, a staple of JROTC, teaches precision shooting, safety, and mental resilience. For many cadets, it’s a gateway to leadership development and scholarship opportunities. With the team now reassembled, Woodbridge is poised to re-enter competitive shooting circuits and reestablish its reputation as a force to be reckoned with.

As the season begins, the newly formed team will undergo rigorous training and preparation. Coaches and senior cadets are optimistic about the talent and potential within this year’s group, and the community is rallying behind them with full support.

The comeback of the Air Rifle Team is more than just a return to sport — it’s a symbol of perseverance, recovery, and the enduring spirit of JROTC

