

Woodbridge Viking Battalion Prepares for JPA Inspection

As the triennial JPA inspection on February 19th approaches, the Woodbridge Viking Battalion are taking steps to ensure their success. As their cadets are doing their part in making sure they succeed, such as studying their inspection packet and squaring away their cadet portfolios, the Viking's Chain of Command has planned and carried out many events to aide in in their JPA preparations.

They recently completed an important aspect of their JPA inspection, their Service-Learning Project. Usually, the Viking Battalion heads over to Quantico to place wreathes on the veteran's graves with the nonprofit organization, Wreathes Across America. However, this year they switched it up and they collected the wreathes from the graves and helped safely dispose of them. Their cadets woke up bright and early and loaded onto a bus at the high school, then headed over to the Quantico National Cemetery and worked together as a unit to retrieve the wreathes. This Service-Learning project is a crucial aspect of their JPA as it's their main topic of discussion in their service-learning brief. The Viking Battalion learned so much from this new experience and plan to continue to change aspects of their projects each year to gain new insights and perspectives.

The other preparation their COC has made to ensure their success in the JPA inspection is conducting multiple practice inspections for the Battalion at Woodbridge High School. This has not only given their cadets a chance to be tested on the general knowledge they have been studying but also given their COC a chance to practice presenting their briefs. They are immensely grateful to COL Mark Strong from Colonial

Forge High School and LTC Rich Roos from Courtland High School for acting as mock inspectors during these JPA drills. From these practices their cadets and leadership have gained much insight and feedback about how to succeed this years JPA inspection.

