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JROTC UNIT RECOGNIZED AS NAVAL HONOR SCHOOL FOR SEVENTH YEAR IN A ROW

Granbury, Texas – The Marine Corps JROTC unit at Granbury High School has been named a “Naval Honor School” for the seventh year in a row. The announcement was made on Sept. 8, 2020.

Of the approximately 266 schools throughout the nation, only 10 percent of Marine Corps JROTC programs received this recognition. The Granbury unit was one of only a few in Region 5 selected for the honor.

“We are very proud of the cadets’ hard work and dedication and would also like to thank all teachers, staff, and administrators at the high school for the outstanding support and involvement with the cadets,” commented Lt. Col. Scott Casey, the Senior Marine Instructor.

The selection was based on several criteria, including cadet citizenship, the percentage of cadets involved in student government organizations, the number of cadets active in school activities and clubs, the number of community service hours for the unit as a whole and per cadet, the number of organizations assisted by the unit, and scholastic achievements including the number of academic awards and scholarships given to cadets. The units were also measured by participation in public affairs events, drill team competitions, rifle team competitions, physical fitness team competitions and field trips.

Because of this prestigious status, the GHS unit will have the opportunity to send nominations to the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Military Academy. The award also provides students who have a desire to join a service academy the significant advantage of earning recommendation letters from their JROTC instructors who,

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under this award designation, carry just as much weight as a letter from a U.S. Representative or Senator.

Cadet leadership for the 2020-21 school year is also in place. Serving as battalion commander is Cadet Lt. Colonel Rudy Obina. The executive officer is Cadet Maj. Kolby Stephenson, and the Sergeant Major is Cadet Sgt. Major Alex Duckett. Others on the staff are Cadet 2nd Lt. Tyler Milligan, S-1 administration officer; Cadet 2nd Lt. Andrea Puga, S-2 recruiting officer; Cadet 2nd Lt. Trinity Joy, S-3 operations officer; and Cadet 2nd Lt. Zach Massey, S-4 logistics officer.

Instructors for the JROTC program are Lt. Col. Scott Casey and 1st Sgt. Johnny Rositas.

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