

## Aransas Pass NJROTC Excels During Their Annual Military Inspection

113 NJROTC cadets from the Aransas Pass NJROTC recently completed their Annual Military Inspection (AMI) which included; Personnel Inspection, Basic Platoon Drill and a Pass-n-review ceremony.

The Annual Military Inspection is conducted yearly as an opportunity for the cadets to showcase their skills. This year the unit was fortunate to have Captain David Thomas, Executive Officer of the Naval Hospital at NAS Corpus Christi and members of his staff, serve as guest inspectors.

The Cadets were challenged in many ways throughout the inspection process. During the personnel inspection phase, cadets were graded on uniform appearance, military knowledge and bearing. Seventeen cadets were identified as outstanding and were awarded the Exemplary Appearance Award during the award ceremony portion of the AMI. The drill phase was challenging, as the four platoons had to perform basic drill movements for two senior Air Force recruiters. The platoons were graded on their ability to work as a team and for the precision and execution of the commands.

HMC (FMF) Jeffers, the Naval Science Instructor, was exceptionally pleased with the cadets stating, "The cadets worked tirelessly preparing for the drill phase event and they performed above expectation."

Captain Thomas stated, "I am very impressed with this unit. It is obvious that the students are engaged, involved, eager and excited to be part of something that matters".

The Aransas Pass program was established in 2001 and has the reputation as continuously being in the top echelon of NJROTC programs in the state.



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