

PHANTOMS NEWS



SEPTEMBER NEWS LETTER



Public Affairs Interest

Scan the QR code above if you are interested in joining the AFJROTC Public Affairs team. We will work on projects such as newsletters, photography, and video broadcasts this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Drill Team Practices

Tuesday & Thursday

Drill Team practices will be every Monday and Thursday after school. Questions? Contact Drill Team Commander C/ Campbell.

* Raiders Practice

Monday & FLEX

Raiders practices will be every Monday and occasionally Wednesdays (FLEX). Message C/ Maj Vessels for the Raiders schedule and GroupMe.



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Phantoms AFJROTC Boosters

A New Year Begins

As a new school year gets underway, the AFJROTC OH-12 Phantoms are beginning to hit the ground running. Over the months of August and September, cadet leadership and our instructors have reintroduced the basics, such as focusing on topics like drill, and rank memorization.

Logistics are in a full swing! Cadets have begun receiving their Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniforms. Returning 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year cadets are expected to return their ABUs, as we do not need them for the upcoming year. Within each flight, cadets are stepping into new leadership roles, building structure and accountability.

Ice Cream Social Recap

On September 13, AFJROTC families got the chance to learn about the program and what to expect during the 2025-2026 school year. Special thank you to our boosters for sponsoring the Ice Cream Social with Gelato.



THANK YOU TO ALL CADETS WHO HELPED AT VET FEST Veterans Festival

On September 20, multiple cadets volunteered to help out with Delaware's first Veterans Festival. Cadets helped out with operating carnival games, face paint, and reading out raffle tickets.

Thank you to speaker Cindy Parsons from Wounded Warrior Project for sharing her story with the Veterans Festival attendees. She discussed her son, Shane, and his experiences whilst serving in the military.



"We must all as a country and community stick together to help our warriors,"

– Cindy Parsons

Vet Fest Photo Spread



LEADING THROUGH ACTION

OH-12 Cadets dedicate their time to making a positive impact. They volunteered from 0945-1700 Hours.



BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW

C/ Liu, C/ Vessels, and C/ Mader help clean up after Vet Fest. They used their strength to lift tables.



SMILES PAINTED BRIGHT C/ Hoellrich paints a child's face. Vibrant colors spark joy during a festive celebration.



SERVING UP FUN C/ Mader operates Skee-ball. Carnival games was one of the most visited booths at the event.



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OH-12 Color Guard Leads the Way

It is a new year, which means more color guard. OH-12 AFJROTC Color Guard stands as one of the most recognizable elements of the cadet program. While presenting colors at sports games, they reflect the units core values of *Excellence in All We Do*. So far this year, cadets have performed at three homegames. They dedicate hours each week to training. Every movement is carefully practiced to ensure professionalism and accuracy.

Next year marks the 60th anniversary of the Delaware County AFJROTC program, one of the oldest and most established units in Ohio.

Get Involved

If you are interested in joining after school activities such as Raiders, Color Guard, or Drill team contact C/ Campbell or C/ Maj Vessels if you have questions.