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Topper NJROTC Passes Annual Military Inspection



On Thursday, April 19, the Los Alamos High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps had two major events: an annual inspection from the Naval Service Training Command and an awards ceremony to recognize outstanding cadets.

The Area 9 Manager, CDR Merv Dial, visited the LAHS campus early Thursday morning to evaluate the Los Alamos High School Naval Science Department and NJROTC

program. CDR Dial inspected the cadets, received a briefing from the cadet staff, and visited with Superintendent Kurt Steinhaus and LAHS Principal Carter Payne. In their briefing to CDR Dial, the cadet staff acknowledged the accomplishments of the team over the past year. The cadet staff also hosted CDR Dial and Payne for a homemade lunch provided by the NJROTC Booster Club.

In addition to the inspection, the cadets also performed an opening ceremony, several exhibition drill team routines, and a formation pass in review. The pass in review portion of the morning gave cadets an opportunity to demonstrate basic formation drill and marching.

Overall, the annual inspection went superbly and CDR Dial expressed high satisfaction with Topper Company uniform and personnel inspection.

According to NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor CDR Brian Gauck, CDR Dial was pleased to learn of the number of LAHS students who selected Naval Science classes for the coming school year. According to the registration results taken from the course registration in February, 133 students are pre-enrolled in Naval Science classes for the 2018-19 school year.

CDR Gauck said, "I was very pleased with the cadets and staff. With only one full rehearsal for the pass in review, the cadets, Color Guard, and staff did an outstanding job of executing this military-style tradition."

The annual military inspection and the awards program are a significant portion of a cadet's grade in Naval Science. The awards program took place that same evening at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall. For the complete list of awards and recipients, please see attached.

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