



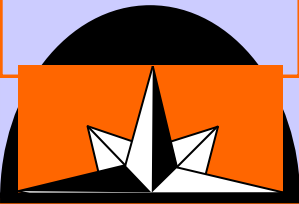
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SEAL School Training

Army SEAL training is one of the highlights of the specialized training JROTC Cadets receive in the program. On September 25, 38 cadets from JROTC participated in SEAL School at Lido Beach. The SEALs are the Special Operations Forces of the Navy, and stands for Sea, Air and Land Forces. SEALs are an elite group of individuals who must pass intense and rigorous physical conditioning involving swimming, boating, running, physical conditioning and much more.

It was a perfect afternoon at the beach as Cadets spent several hours practicing SEAL boating techniques on Zodiacs. Additionally, they engaged in physical training similar to what a true Navy SEAL experiences.

The culminating even was a boat race, won by the Cadets of Team 1.



Happy Birthday Colonel!

Recently, Colonel and staff celebrated his birthday courtesy of the Boosters. A beautiful and delicious cake was presented to the Colonel, and pizza and burgers were enjoyed by all. Colonel proclaimed the party one of the nicest he ever had.



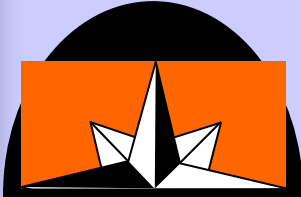
Also in attendance were former JROTC Students including Jordan Guiterrez and Alfredo Tebano. Jordan was home on leave from the Marines and volunteered his time to the Bulldog Battalion during his short stay in Sarasota.

Thank you Boosters for supporting morale building events!

Visit our web site at <http://shsjrotc.net>

*"In matters of style,
swim with the
current; In
matters of
principle, stand like
a rock."*

Thomas Jefferson



Reminder

**Tuesday,
November 11th
is Veteran's Day.
Participation in
the parade is
mandatory.
Learn more
about Veteran's
Day. Visit**

**[http://
www1.va.gov/
opa/vetsday](http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday)**



*"The truth of the
matter is that you
always know the right
thing to do. The hard
part is doing it."*

Norman Schwarzkopf

Rifle Team Participates in County Competition

By AJ

On Saturday, August 20, 2008, our own Sarasota High School JROTC Rifle Team competed against local schools at Riverview High School. Among the contenders were Riverview High School, DeSoto High School, Sarasota Military Academy (SMA) and Venice High School. There were some minor injuries, some disappointments, blazing heat and some free food but most of all, lots of fun was had by all!

The Varsity Team was composed of Cadets Peter Williams, Andrew Grzybowski, Rebekah Ortega and Christopher Zimny. Taking 1st place for Sarasota Varsity was Andrew Grzybowski with a total of 249 out of 300. Way to go Andrew! AJ and PJ (aka Williams) scored a 220, Zimny a 153, and Ortega (aka Bekah), 140 points.

The JV team was composed of Cadets Zakk Zsolsai and Trent Stalnaker. Who came in 1st and 2nd in this team? Drum roll, please...Z was 1st, followed by Forest! Z's score was 199 and Stalnaker's was 162 points. Keep it up guys! You may be catching up to Varsity.



Overall, the Bulldogs came in 2nd behind SMA. We scored 4 out of 5 points which is a step toward repeating our win of the county championship! We will work hard to keep our title and our pride as the best in the county!

Also in attendance was Ashley Neff, Blake Krone and Justin Bellante. Thanks for being part of the team and supporting us in our bid to win.

Rifle Team practices after school every Monday and Thursday.

The Bulldog event calendar can be viewed online at <http://shsjrotc.net>. The event calendar will list agendas, locations and times of activities. Documents pertaining to the activity often will be available for download. Should you have questions about the web calendar, please email dtuccinardi@comcast.net.

Meet Chief Van Dyke



**What is a Chief Warrant Officer?
Who is our "Chief" Volunteer?
Who takes our event pictures?**

Most of us have seen an older guy in fatigues among us during the school day AND at after school events AND at weekend functions. He usually has a camera in his hand at, and he's that same guy who stands at the classroom entrance and tells us to tuck in our shirts. He's Chief Warrant Officer [R] Malcolm Van Dyke, and he's one of the volunteers who is the backbone of the Junior ROTC Program at SHS.

Just what is a Chief Warrant Officer (CWO)? A CWO is a specialized technician in the U.S. Army. He/She typically does not command troops. When the Commanding Officer has a technical question and needs to get a job done, the CWO steps up to the plate with a "git r dun" attitude. The CWO is considered an Officer and rates a salute and the respect of all.

Chief Van Dyke accumulated over 600 volunteer hours during the 07-08 school year. That is the highest number of hours performed by any volunteer in Sarasota County Schools.

He is a military trained photographer, and while serving in Russia (1960-1962), he was responsible for taking pictures undercover. He has taken underwater photos for the U.S. Marine Corp and the U.S. Navy while assigned to the Ivory Coast in Africa.

Chief Van Dyke has served in two theatres of war during his career with the Army. He spent one year in Vietnam during that conflict and also was involved in the Dominican Republic during their time of internal strife.

The next time you see Chief, ask him what a "Hot Landing" and a "Hot Take Off" are. He's also tell you what a "JATO Bottle Take Off" during combat involves.

Chief is always ready to answer questions, offer advice or help any cadet with JROTC activities. He is one CWO who has a reputation for getting things done.

A big salute to Chief Van Dyke!

Freedom is the right to be wrong, not the right to do wrong.

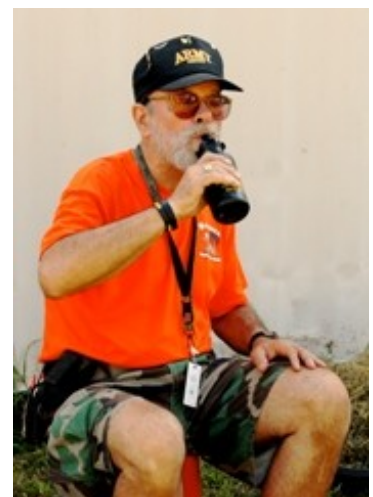
- John G. Riefenbaker



Chief Van Dyke at the Raider campout.



Chief inspects a tent set-up during training.



Chief takes a well-deserved break.

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Did you know...JROTC has a weekly news story on SHS TV? Listen for Beverly's lively voice-overs as she describes the latest JROTC events captured in video or photos.

About Sarasota High School Army Junior ROTC

The SHS JROTC program is a four year citizenship program students can participate in to achieve credits for graduation and to instill in cadets the leadership values of citizenship, service, personal responsibility, discipline and a sense of accomplishment.

SHS Army Junior ROTC began in 1969 and is one of 250 Junior ROTC programs under the 6th Brigade Eastern Region, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia. SHS AJROTC serves 208 students under the block schedule model (104 per semester).

The program is based on military structure comprised of companies headed by students with ranks of Cadet Captain (c/CPT), Executive Office (XO) and First Sargeant (c/1SG). Students also fulfill job roles such as Battalion Commander, Squad Leaders, Personnel Officer, Logistics Officer, etc. Retired military personnel who are certified JROTC Instructor(s) and who possess Florida State Teaching Certification fulfill the role of teachers, mentors and program director.

To learn more about the Junior ROTC Program, visit the United States Army Junior ROTC web site at <https://www.usarmyjrotc.com/jrotc/dt>.

**We're on the web! Visit us at <http://shsjrotc.net>
See photo galleries of JROTC activities.**

Knight's Trail Campout

The Raiders are honing their survival skills again as they experienced roughing it at Knight's Trail Park. The weekend campout included activities such as first aid, cooking over a camp fire, leadership development, team building events and physical training. Cadets were delighted to be awakened at 5 AM to continue with training and fun. Don't miss the next campout November 21-22.



Rapelling at Booker High

What's more fun than sleeping in a tent and going for a run in the dark? That would be rapelling down the side of a four story structure using special ropes and physical techniques. Cadets trained with ropes in class before this after school activity. Certified rapel instructors supervised cadets as they descended from the tower. For some, this was their first rapel experience. Colonel T set the bar as the first down the tower.

