



BLUE DEVIL BATTALION NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 03-05** Lebanon Drill Meet
- November 09** WaHi Veterans Day Assembly
- November 11** Veterans Day Parade
- November 15-16** Marksman of the Month
- November 21** Class A Inspection
- November 29** Cadet of the Month
- November 30** Athlete of the Month

How to Drill Meet Recap

Statistically speaking, the people most likely to pick up and read this newsletter are people either brand new to the program (a first year (or LET1) in the program), a parent, or a person who is featured in the newsletter one way or another. Out of those three categories, only one out of the three might have any idea what a drill meet is, what to expect/bring, and even what might get someone able to go in the first place. So, let's start with the basics.

“Drill Teams”

In order to go on a *Drill Meet*, you must be on one or multiple of the *special teams* that our JROTC has to offer. Whether that's the *Unarmed team, Armed team, PT team, Rifle team, or one of the Color Guards*, being on one of them is always the first step. Secondly, once you're on a team you must get on to the *travel team*. After that and a lot of practice, the last step is going to the Drill Meet. Remember, if you are reading this and are not on a drill team yet, it is *not too late to join!* Our Armed team practices Monday and Thursday mornings at 0630, our Unarmed team practices on Tuesdays and Fridays at 0630, our Color Guards practice on Wednesdays at 0630, and our PT team practices Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1530 after school. Every team meets in the small gym.

Team Commander Contact Information

- Unarmed Team: c/MAJ Angela Lindsey (509) 520-4345
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- PT Team: c/LTC Zuzim Garcia (509) 240-3468
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- Color Guard 2: c/1LT Claire Wooster (509) 540-5485
- Color Guard 3: c/1LT Jesse Sheldon (509) 341-8167



Deciding the UA team XO

“FAQs”

We went and asked around to find out what the most common questions and concerns were among first-time drill meet goers. Here were the most frequent questions and their answers from some of our highly experienced cadets:

Q: What do I need to know?

“Always be early to every event, a good rule of thumb is 10 minutes earlier than what is said to be there. It is better to be on time and ready than late and embarrassed.”

- c/MAJ Angela Lindsey (UA Team Commander)

Q: Who is in charge?

“Every drill meet has an OIC, or Officer In Charge, and an AOIC, or Assistant Officer In Charge. These are the main people in charge, but remember to handle things at the lowest level! Start with your peers, then your XOs, then your commanders, then lastly the AOIC or OIC.”

- c/CPT Aviella Wilson (Color Guard 1 Commander)

Q: Can you travel by yourself?

“It is difficult to travel by yourself. It is recommended that you travel up on a bus to better bond with your teams.”

- c/1LT Jesse Sheldon (Color Guard 3 Commander)

Q: Is food paid for?

“While some food is paid for, the majority of it is paid for by students. Please bring at least \$30 for food and tips, since not everything is covered by CTE this year.”

- c/LTC Zuzim Garcia (PT Team Commander)

Q: If I want or need to report something, where do I go?

“Report it to an OIC first. Then, it will go to me, c/CSM Phinehas Kerr. If it is something that I or the OIC cannot deal with, or has been expressly stated to go to the instructors, then one of us will point you in the right direction or take it there ourselves. Remember, handle it at the lowest level first.”

- c/CSM Phinehas Kerr (IAED Team Commander)

Q: How do I deal with people watching me? Competition is a little scary...

“Always box breathe, and never look at the crowd. Pretend like it’s just another practice, and don’t look at any of the judges. Remember that these people aren’t here because they hate you, they just want to see you succeed.”

- c/1LT Kairi Kincheloe (Color Guard Team 2 XO)

“Packing List”

- Pillow, blankets, or Sleeping bag
- Medication only if prescribed!** (Drill Meet Moms will take care of it for you)
- Air mattress or sleeping mat (optional-if you think you will need it (will be sleeping on the floor))
- Undergarment x2 sets
- Sets of civilian clothes x2
- Clothing for the dance (If you want)
- Chargers, Phones, earbuds
- Set of Sleepwear
- Money for lunch and breakfast Saturday and **Tip money for when we go to dinner** (The school credit card cannot “tip,” so cadets cover this)
- Extra \$ if you want to go to stores (Take a REASONABLE amount)
- Hygiene products (Toothbrush, deodorant, shower supplies, etc.)
- Towel for showering
- Hair supplies (Sock bun, pins, hair ties, hair brush, gel, hairspray, etc.)
- Lint roller
- ENTIRE UNIFORM
 - Practice shoes/ heels
 - Black socks or Nylons
 - Class A jacket
 - Class B blouse
 - Dress pants
 - Beret
 - Dress shoes/shoe box materials
- Carry on bag
- Snacks (If you want)
- Water bottle



“Basic Itinerary”

Friday

- Show-up time is _____
- Place bags and sleeping gear in the correct areas
- Check Regulation
- Wait for buses and roll call
- Load buses, we will stop at _____
- Get to _____ high school and wait on the bus till told to unload
- Unpack buses and White Elephant (moving truck)
- Set up rooms and get ready for dinner at _____
- Team practices
- Roll call and lights out @ 2200 hours

Saturday

- Wake up @ 0600 hours
- Girls on Color Guard will get their hair done first in the supply room
- Watch and support teams if you are not competing
- Be ready and in full uniform at the barracks at 1630 to go to the Awards Ceremony at 1700
- Dinner at _____
- Dance
- Pick up range and gear
- Shower if you haven't Friday night
- Pack up what you don't need for fast pickup Sunday
- Roll call and lights out @ 2300 hours

Sunday

- Wake up at _____
- Load bags on the White Elephant
- Load bus, wait for roll call. We will stop at/for _____
- Get to the school, then unload the White Elephant and put all supplies away
- Meet downrange for the final roll call
- You are free to go! Thank you for joining us

For all of us returning members, new members are what makes the world go round! We hope you all have an *amazing first drill meet* experience and if you need anything at all, please feel free to *reach out* to your *senior members and team captains*. Remember your *chain of command*, do your best, and have so much fun!

“We’re all very excited in staff to start off the first drill meet this upcoming week! Make sure you take care of yourselves and stay on top of your grades.”

- c/CPT Avi Wilson

BOOSTER'S BBQ

Thanks to the **JROTC Boosters Club**, we are able to gain the extra money that pays for the additional needs or extras that our battalion desires. In other words, *the boosters pay for anything that ASB money can't pay for and the Army won't pay for*. The Booster's BBQ serves as a way to get word out to parents who might want to join the booster club and help our battalion out

financially. This year we had an amazing turnout that will most definitely help us to gain the support we appreciate in the future.

A big *thank you* to all of the cadets who made the event happen, to all of the Boosters representatives and leadership who were able to attend and speak, and to all of the parents in attendance as well. We look forward to continuing an amazing year.



Cadet Volunteers



Serving line



Cadets having fun



c/CPT Henry Wutzke and family



Heidi Kincheloe, President of the Boosters Club and Hapo Community Credit Union Representative



Cadet speeches



Erickson family fun



SEPTEMBER CADET & ATHLETE OF THE MONTH - *Liam Goodall*



c/PFC Liam Goodall (COM)



c/PFC Liam Goodall and c/CPT Wyatt Block (AOM)

c/PFC [Liam Goodall](#) is your picturesque [definition of a small town boy](#). Born and raised in Walla Walla, Washington, Goodall spends his time with his family of six, with Lainy and Chris Anderson his supporting adults and his three siblings, Saraphina, Theophan, and Caelan. Although only a sophomore in high school, Goodall has decided he [wants to learn how to manage his own businesses](#) and study business finances as a means to get there. Goodall could not have won COM without the [undying support of his First Sergeant](#), c/1SG [Signe Erikson](#), who helped him learn the COM protocols and study the knowledge packet. He could not have won AOM without Claire Wooster and Troy Beckmann there to egg him on. Goodall's biggest advice to future COM competitors would be to ["be confident in your answer no matter what it is and make sure you stay on task."](#) For AOM, his biggest advice would be to ["Know what direction you are tying your knots and get a good day of rest before the event."](#) Through these competitions, Goodall was promoted from Private E-1 to Private First Class (E-3). Way to go Goodall!

Favorite Part (COM): "The drill down because it goes over marching movements at faster and faster paces until only one cadet is left."

Least Favorite Part (COM): "Waiting for the interview because you are anxious and it takes a while."

Favorite Part (AOM): "The running piece was probably the most exciting part because at the time I was already tired but still pushed through."

Least Favorite Part (AOM): "Running grape vine because it took a lot of coordination and you would already be tired while still moving fast."



ACTIVITY PAGE

“PERSONNEL HIGHLIGHT”

c/LTC Zuzim Garcia



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Food: _____

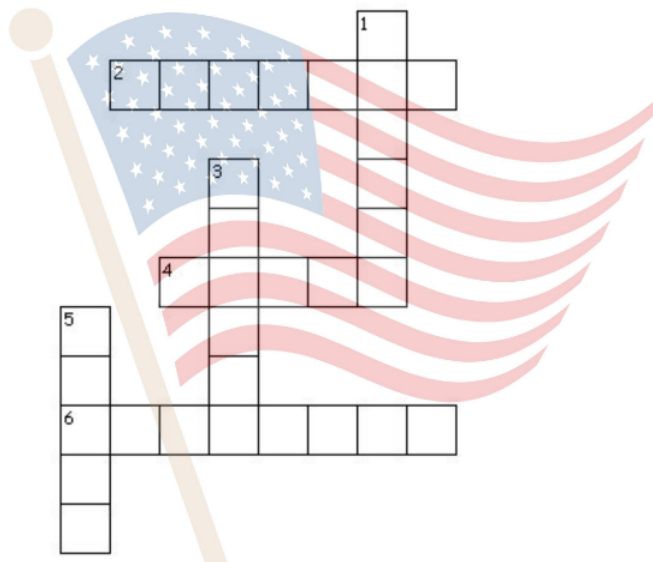
Age: _____

Candy: _____

Movie: _____

Class: _____

Guess this person's FAVORITE things! The more answers you get correct the more likely you are to win a prize! Tear this page out and turn into the S-5 mailbox outside of the staff room. S-5 will see answers by the end of the month.



Veteran's Day crossword puzzle

Across

- 2. Military person who served in a Armed Force
- 4. To Be Fearless
- 6. Month of Veteran's Day celebration

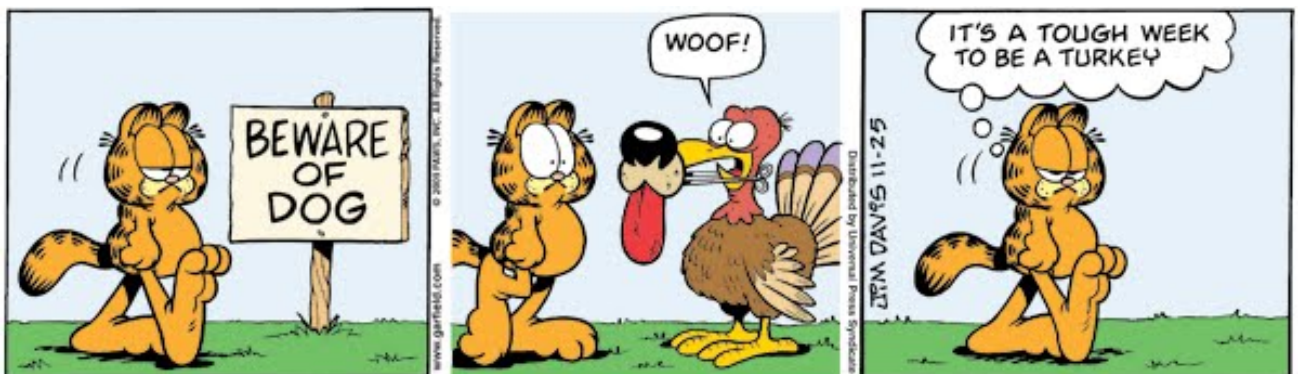
Down

- 1. Military show of respect
- 3. People marching down a street as a form of celebration
- 5. To show respect



“Lest we forget”

“HAPPY THANKSGIVING!”



If you are interested in submitting your own comic to the newsletter, contact the S-5 at 0808010@wwps.org

Thanksgiving Word Search

R	E	L	A	T	I	V	E	S	T	I	F	S	M	F
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R	M	H	T	N	B	A	G	C	F	A	C	E	K	I

cook	maize
corn	pilgrims
dinner	pumpkin
fall	relatives
family	settlers
feast	squash
food	stuffing
gravy	thanks
harvest	turkey



“Staff Suggestions”

Have an idea for staff? A complaint? Even just something to make sure the staff class is aware of? Rip off this page and leave your name off in order to submit an anonymous note.

If you are turning this sheet in for the “Personnel Highlight” prize, please write your name in the following space so that the S-5 can find you if you win, or if staff needs to get back to you.

 c _____

Answer Key:
 Across:
 2-Veteran; 4-Brave; 6-November
 Down:
 1-Salute; 3-Parade; 5-Honor

Veteran's Day Assembly – Walla Walla High School November 09, 2023



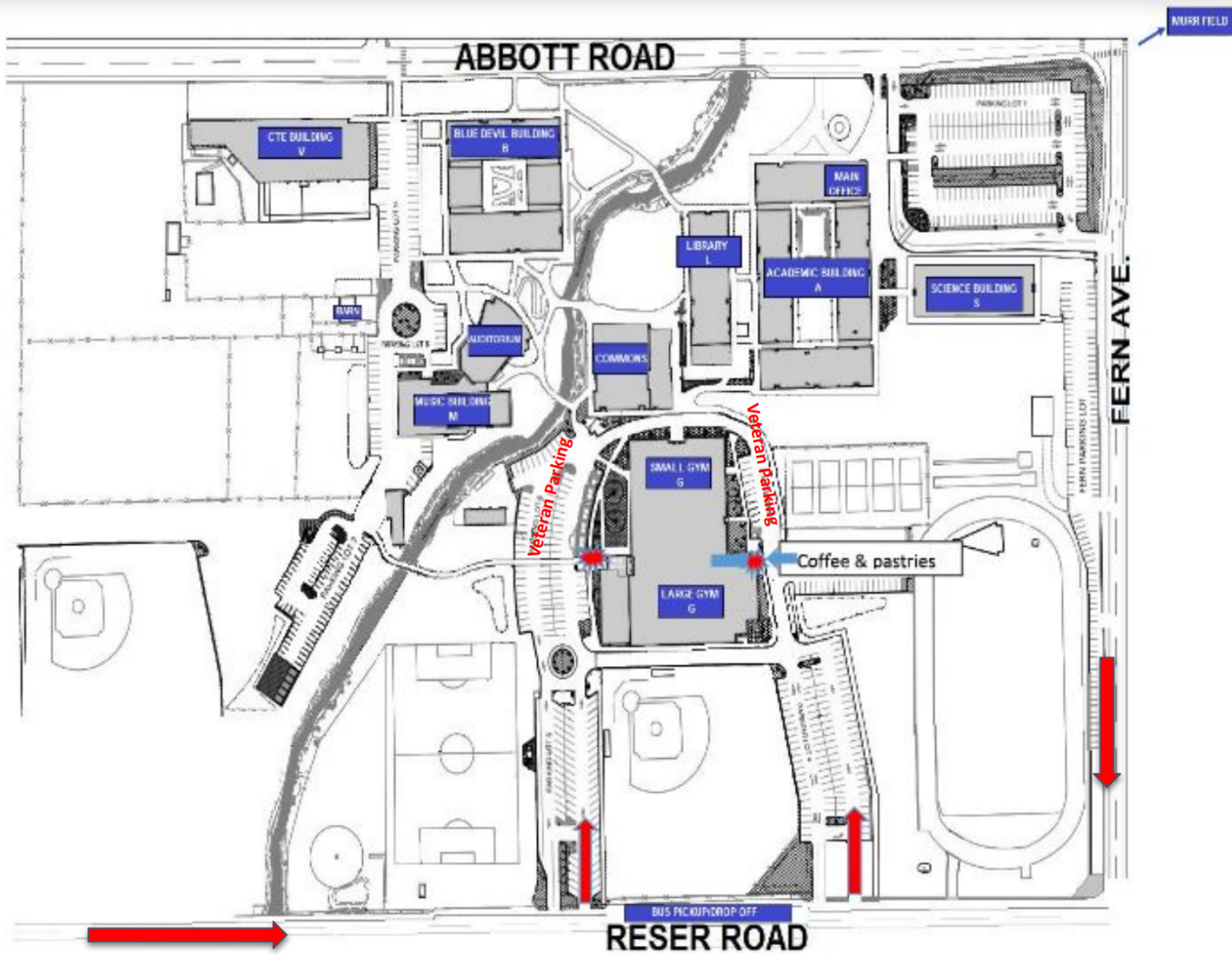
Time: 10:25-11:25

Veterans, please join us for coffee & pastries at 09:45 in the wrestling room.

Main Event Location: Walla Walla High School Main Gym.

Who: Calling all Veterans, all military services are welcome!

Map of WaHi Campus



We hope to see you there.