

CHAPTER 1

THE JROTC PROGRAM

1-1. Public laws 88-647 and 93-165 authorize the Secretary of each military department to establish and maintain the Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps at both public and private high schools.

1-2. There are approximately 900 Air Force JROTC units in high schools throughout the U.S., Belgium, England, Germany, Guam, and Japan. The Air Force program is headquartered at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. In addition to the JROTC Commandant and staff at Maxwell AFB, retired Air Force personnel such as the HQ Area Coordinator, are responsible for administering the program at each level. The direction and control of the JROTC program and supervision of all instructors in the program is delegated to the Principal of each hosting high school.

1-3. The JROTC Guide establishes procedures for organizing and operation the cadet corps. It prescribes the course of instruction in Aerospace Science and Leadership Education conducted by schools hosting the JROTC program.

1-4. Mad River Local Schools has entered into a contractual agreement with the United States Air Force to operate and support the JROTC program at Stebbins High School. The school system agrees to provide adequate facilities for the classroom, drill instruction, and storage of equipment, to provide a course of military instruction, and to limit membership in the unit to students who maintain acceptable standards of academic achievement and conduct prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force. The Air Force will provide retired commissioned and non-commissioned officers to administer and instruct the program, necessary text materials, equipment and uniforms, and will establish acceptable standards of performance and achievement.

1-5. JROTC has been at Stebbins High School since 1967, making it one of the oldest continuous JROTC programs in Ohio. The program's highlights include:

- 1) The establishment of an annual memorial scholarship for JROTC cadets named after Cadet Captain Stephanie Crabtree and Cadet Captain Joshua Parsons who were both killed December 3, 1997 in an automobile accident in front of Stebbins High School. In addition to the scholarship, two trees were planted on school grounds (near the corner of Harshman Rd and Route 4) and a memorial plaque also hangs in the classroom.
- 2) The JROTC Classroom was named in honor of the late Lt Col (Retired) Joseph Bryan, Senior Aerospace Instructor from 2010-2014. A memorial plaque hangs inside the classroom and a bench has been placed outside of the Student Activities Center to recognize his outstanding contribution to the school and JROTC.
- 3) Sponsors a competitive drill team that has won 18 state and six national championships while accumulating over 2000 trophies since 1990.

- 4) Sponsors an Academic Challenge Team that qualified for the National Championships in Washington D.C. in 2015 and finished 8th of 209 teams.
- 5) Sponsors a Cyber Patriot team that finished second in the state in 2016, and 35th overall in the nation in the All Service Silver Division.
- 6) The unit has earned the following unit awards:
 - Distinguished Unit Award with Merit – 2010-2011, 2015-2016
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 - Outstanding Organization Award – 2013-2014, 2014-2015
 - Meritorious Unit Award – 1981-1982, 1983-1984, 1985-1986, 1988-1989, 1993-1994, 1994-1995
 - Honor School Award – 1984-1985
- 7) Students in the AFJROTC program have received more college scholarships than any other program at Stebbins High School, to include military service academy appointments and full ROTC scholarships.