

JLAB 2019 JROTC UNIT BEST PRACTICE

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<u>JROTC Unit Best Practice (one per form only):</u>		
<u>JROTC Program Accreditation</u>		
<p><u>Discussion</u> (The who, what, when, where and how of the Best Practice, e.g., components of the function, organization (staff responsibilities, command and control), resources needed (money, people, supplies, transportation, and equipment) timeline from planning to completion, etc.):</p> <p>One of the best practices that the Packer Battalion completes is the annual JROTC Program of Accreditation (JPA). This past year's JPA took place on December 11, 2018. We hold the event in the class room and gymnasium. Although it's only required by Cadet Command every three years, we treat every annual inspection as if it were the official JPA.</p> <p>The Omaha South High JROTC program has earned Honor Unit with Distinction, exceeding 95%, for the annual inspection for 24 years. The plans for the next year's accreditation is to exceed the expectation of 95% and continue for the fourth year in a row a 98% or above.</p> <p>To achieve our proven best practice, we start by selecting next year's command and staff by the end of this school year. We review Cadet Command standards and requirements for the Service Learning projects and Continuous Improvement. The varsity colour guard and drill begin their practices for their evaluation at every opportunity. Every Wednesday, each JROTC class conducts an in rank inspection which includes both uniform inspection, a check of military bearing, and a test of each cadet's knowledge.</p> <p>The staff sets firm timeframes and goals for the Continuous Improvement plan and the Service Learning projects. In previous years, our Continuous Improvement Plan was to increase the physical fitness scores by 5 percent. As a part of the service learning project, the battalion executes both the exploratory and service project prior to our JPA inspection. The service projects involved supporting the American Lung Association Run, a food drive at our school and working at the Heartland HOPE Mission for a day. We do periodic checks of progress on all these events.</p> <p>During the day of the inspection, we welcome the inspectors and principal with our staff, the sabre team and our colour guard. After the greeting, we provide refreshments and begin the briefing. The staff and the service learning coordinator brief the guests on the Continuous Improvement Plan and the Service Learning project. Meanwhile, the Commander of Troops, company commanders and platoon leaders assemble the battalion in the gym. Once the briefing is over, the inspectors proceed to the gym where they conduct an inspection of the battalion. The inspection concludes with an evaluation of the color guard and drill team as they do their routine. Later the inspectors interview 10 cadets in the JROTC classroom.</p> <p>Following the JPA, the battalion conducts several After Action Reviews (AAR). Each class' AAR are combined in preparation for next year's JPA.</p>		

We all do some things better than others. Likewise, some JROTC units are better at some things than other JROTC units. We call those Best Practices. We think that the “best” best practices come from the best units. If your unit’s day-to-day performance is a reflection of your accomplishments on JLAB Level I and Level II, and we think that it is, then we believe your unit to be among the best. We want you to tell us about your best practice(s). Complete and submit this form on one or more of your unit’s best practices. Use a separate form for each Best Practice. Be detailed in your report so that the other 3,400+ JROTC units in the country with whom we will share it can read and execute it without questions! This report form is designed to expand as you type. It should accommodate your report without attachments. Should that not be the case, submit your report(s) in a format that works for you. Please name your file with your school name.

Below is a non-all-inclusive list of possible unit best practices.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Team • Drill Team • Orienteering Team • Raider Challenge Team • Rifle Team • Color Guard • Marksmanship Training • Awards Ceremony • Awards support from outside organizations • Cadet retention in JROTC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising • Leadership Team • JCLC • Service Learning/Community Service • Military Ball • Cadet Commander and Staff Organization and Functions • Cadet Scholarships • Technology support of unit from school and community • Educational and Orientation Trips • Cadet Challenge |
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THIS IS NOT A GRADED ASSIGNMENT BUT IT IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.