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Lost Valley summer trip. Before the dance night.

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What is the purpose of MCJROTC?

Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is a program designed by the Marine Corps and is intended to instill a sense of discipline, leadership skills, and respect into any cadet who makes the decision to partake in the program.



Cadets showing their self discipline by keeping their bearing and remaining still. They are also displaying their leadership skills by receiving the promotion in which they are about to receive.
In this photo: APAIZ Jayleen, SALCAEDO Ipanema, IBARRA Venis, FLORES Alexandra, ORTIZ Paulina



Cadets rappelling from cliffs on this year's summer trip which is a display of the physical challenge in which they are given in the program.

In this photo: LOZA Agustin, MCLUVIN Joshua,

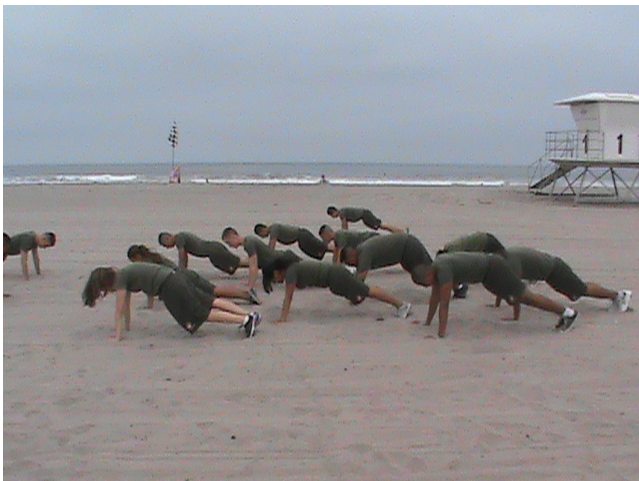
The Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program gives cadets the opportunity to see what Marine Corps life is like by teaching them marksmanship and challenging them both physically and mentally by providing them with obstacles and responsibilities in which they must attend to.

Non-Commissioned Officer School

Non-Commissioned Officer School is a school designed to take place over the summer and teach the new incoming cadets about proper wear of the uniform and give them a basic teaching of drill.



Several potential new cadets showed up to participate, along with a few of our returning senior cadets. This summer, we held the first two days of JROTC refresher/introduction school on campus at Orange High and did physical training, drill, and greetings to the program with our cadets. On the last day, we took a drive down to Camp Pendleton and did more physical training; this includes a two mile run down the shore of the Del Mar beach.



Lost Valley Summer Trip



Going through the "confidence" course offered at camp.

In this photo: MONTALLANO Isaiah

This year's summer trip took place at a camp called Lost Valley. Here, we took 30 cadets of both new and senior. Two former cadets volunteered their time and accompanied the Battalion as chaperones.



Cadets were given breakfast lunch and dinner in a mess hall each day during the trip.
In this photo: MENDOZA Maria, APARICIO Eric, LOZA Agustin, LUNA Julio, MATA Esmeralda



Cadets live firing real shotguns at pigeon targets in the air.
In this photo: ROJAS Rudy, SOMMERS-SMITH Tyler

Cadets partook in physical fitness training as a unit during their down time.

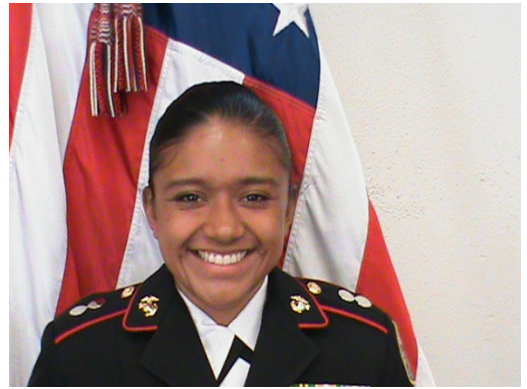
In this photo: GARCIA Mariela, DUNCAN Mitchell, ROJAS Rudy, MCLOVIN Joshua, MENDOZA Tinari, ORTEGA Emely, Master sergeant AGUILAR Ed



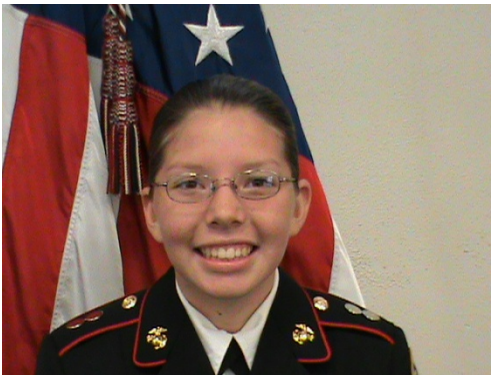
Who are your Cadet Officers?



Juan Santos is 17 years old and is a senior at Orange High. He is the C.O. of JROTC this year. His rank in JROTC is a cadet Captain. This is his fourth year in the program. Juan's billet in JROTC is to supervise the Battalion to ensure smooth operation and success of the program. As the Battalion Commander is relies on his staff to assist him in the execution of his duties.

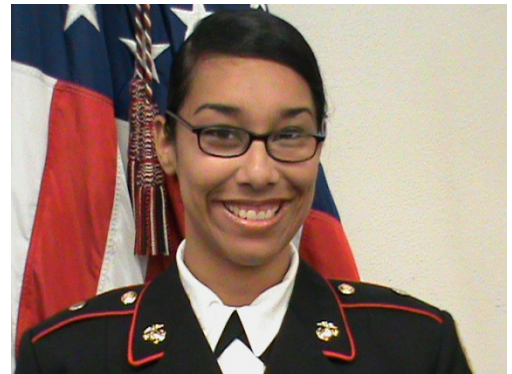


Mariela GARCIA is a senior at Orange High and currently holds the position of Executive Officer in Orange High School's MCJROTC program. As the XO her job is to ensure that any instructions given by the Commanding Officer will be carried out effectively. Being in MCJROTC is not her only extracurricular activity, she is also in her schools swim team and volunteers at the American League in Orange.



Haley Salinas is currently a senior at Orange High. She is 17 years old and is the Operations Officer of the battalion as a First Lieutenant. Her job is to ensure that all of the operations of the program are taken care of and squared away. She joined MCJROTC her freshman year and has not had any regrets. Before the program, Haley was shy and timid. JROTC has helped shape her to the well-spoken, outgoing individual she is today. She has attended a few leadership camps and has learned valuable lessons from them. Her future plans include attending Arizona State University to study criminal justice. She plans to join the NROTC program and then becoming a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps after college. After her time in the Corps, Haley wants to go into law enforcement.

Emely Ortega is currently a 17 year old senior at Orange High. She is a Second Lieutenant and is the Public Affairs Officer of the battalion and the platoon commander for first period. Her job as PAO is to handle the paperwork and phone calls of the battalion. "Like a secretary" as Emely likes to put it. She has been in JROTC since her freshman year. She has been on a few leadership camps along with Haley and has learned valuable lessons from her experience and tries to pass on her knowledge to other cadets. Emely's plans after high school include attending UCLA or USC to study Pre-Medical. She wants to join the NROTC program and become a Second Lieutenant in the Navy. After her time in the Navy, she plans to be a physician for newborn babies at a hospital.



Who are your Cadet Officers? (Cont'd)



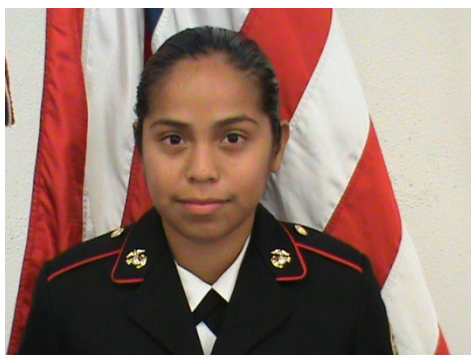
Jayleen Apaiz is currently a sophomore at Orange High and is a Second Lieutenant. She is the Supply Officer of the battalion. Her job is to make sure that everyone has what they need such as uniforms, haircuts, or hair products for females. She plans to enlist into the Marine Corps after high school. Recently, Jayleen partook in a 5K run down at Camp Pendleton. Here, there were Drill Instructors from the Marine Corps to motivate her and her team. She is proud that all her hard work paid off in the end.

Mitchell Duncan is currently a senior at Orange High. He is a Second Lieutenant and is the rifle team commander, zero period platoon commander, the Assistant Operations Officer of the battalion. This is now his fourth year in the MCJROTC program. His plans are to attend college and then join the Marine Corps shortly after.



Tanairi Mendoza is a fourth year cadet in the MCJROTC program her current rank is Second Lieutenant. Tanairi is the platoon commander for second period which has 32 cadets so far. What made her join the program was her wanting to help others and gain confidence in herself. Tanairi is now out-going, responsible, and not shy at all. These are just some of the benefits she has obtained from the MCJROTC program. She will be well prepared for life after high school thanks to the skills the four years in JROTC in which she has acquired.

Felipe Espindola is a 17 year old senior. This is his third year in JROTC. His rank is a cadet Second Lieutenant and is the fourth period Platoon Commander. His job is simple, he is in charge of most of the freshman class and takes them out for training or close order drill. On some days he and his platoon stay inside the classroom for academics. The reason why he joined this program was for the discipline it offered and confidence that he believes he needed. So far it has helped him out in many ways.



Ipanema Salcaedo is currently a senior at Orange High. She is a Second Lieutenant and the platoon commander for fifth period. She joined MCJROTC because she enjoys the program. She also enjoys and takes pride in wearing the uniform on Fridays. She claims to have made several amazing friends though out her experience in the program. To Ipanema, JROTC has provided her with amazing experiences. She has gone to several of the field trips the program offers and enjoys JROTC very much; she finds it fun and challenging. "I will cherish these experiences for life" Ipanema says.

Who is the new OHS Marine Corps JROTC Senior Marine Instructor?



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Southern enlisted in the United States Marine Corps delayed entry program and attended basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California graduating in September 1991. Private First Class Southern reported to Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Force at Camp Lejeune North Carolina, where he served as a weapon repair technician (MOS 2111).

In April of 1994, Corporal Southern reported to the Rifle Range detachment on Camp Schwab, Okinawa Japan and worked as a range official and armorer.

In April of 1995, Corporal Southern reported into the School Of Infantry (EAST), Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Here he served as the Infantry Training Battalion Armory section chief.

In May of 1998, Sergeant Southern reported into Instructor and Inspector duty with Marine Corps Control Group 48 in Great Lakes, Illinois. Here he served as the Group armorer and participated in the Toys for Tots program. He deployed to Battle Griffin with his reserve unit where he served as the unit armorer and local area security chief.

In June of 2001, Staff Sergeant Southern reported into 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. Upon checking into the command he was assigned as the Battalion Armory Chief.

In June 2002, Staff Sergeant Southern was selected for the Warrant Officer program and was transferred to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division where he served as the Division Ordnance Plans and Fielding chief until his transfer to WOBC.

On February 3rd, 2003 Staff Sergeant Southern was discharged from the United States Marine Corps, and appointed a Warrant Officer. He then traveled to the Warrant Officer Basic Course, The Basic School, Quantico Virginia. Upon graduation in May, he returned to the Marine Detachment to attend the Ordnance Officer Course.

Upon graduation in July 2003, he was assigned to 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Twentynine Palms, California where he served as the Maintenance Officer in the weapon repair section

In August 2005, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Southern was reassigned to Headquarters Company, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Twentynine Palms, California where he served as the regimental ordnance officer. During this tour, the regiment deployed to Al Anbar Province as Regimental Combat Team 7 where he performed the duties of assistant logistics operations officer.

In August 2007, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Southern was reassigned to Headquarters Battery, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California where he served as the regimental ordnance officer.

In May 2009, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Southern was reassigned to Ordnance Maintenance Company, 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Camp Pendleton where he serves as the Maintenance Management Officer. During this tour he was deployed to Afghanistan as part of Combat Logistics Regiment 15 (FWD) in support of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. During his deployment he served maintaining force protection measures throughout the Marines assigned combat area. Upon return from the successful deployment, he was reassigned as the Armament Platoon Commander in Ordnance Maintenance Company.

Chief Warrant Officer Southern married the former Jennifer Cals in 2005 and has three children. Haleigh born 1994, Doran born 1995, and Andrew born 1996.

Chief Warrant Officer Southern retired from the Marine Corps on 30 June 2011 after completing 20 years of honorable service. On 1 July 2011 Orange High School hired CWO3 Southern to fill the position of Senior Marine Instructor for the Marine Corps JROTC program.

Who is the OHS Marine Corps JROTC Marine Instructor?



Bio case of MSgt Edward H. Aguilar

Following completion of recruit training, San Diego, California, in December 1971, I received orders to Infantry Training Regiment (ITR), Camp Pendleton California for infantry training. Upon completion of ITR, I was then ordered to report to Battalion Infantry Training School (BITS) for MOS training and was designated a machine gunner/0331 MOS. I then received orders to report to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for duty, where I volunteered to go to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for six months. After departing Cuba, I was then assigned to Headquarters Battalion 2/8 Military Police Company, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and was honorably discharged after my two year enlistment.

I reentered the Marine Corps in December 1976, and served two years with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. During this period I was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal in July 1977 and Corporal in May 1978. Changed career fields into aviation field in December 1978. Following completion of the Basic Helicopter Course, Millington Tennessee, in April 1979, I then reported to Marine Corps Air Station, Tustin, California, and was designated a T-64GE-413 engine mechanic/6123 MOS for CH-53A/D helicopters.

From June 1979 until October 1982, I was assigned to HMH-363 Marine Corps Air Station Tustin, California, and went on two deployments to Okinawa with the squadron. I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant October 1980. From October 1982 until December 1983, I was assigned to HMT-301, and then received orders to recruiters school, San Diego, California. After graduating recruiter school, I was assigned to Recruiting Station Los Angeles, California from March 1984 until July 1990.

I was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant in April 1984 and meritoriously promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in April 1987.

In September 1990, I was assigned to MALS-16, MAG-16, Tustin, California, and deployed to Okinawa with HMH-6 UDP for seven months in 1991. Upon returning to CONUS in May 1992, I was assigned to MALS-16. I returned to HMH-363 from September 1992 until December 1992. I returned to recruiting duty with Recruiting Station San Diego, California beginning January 1993, was promoted to Master Sergeant May 1995, and retired May 1997. Personal awards and citations include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Metal; Navy Unit Commendation; Meritorious Unit Citation w/3 stars; Good Conduct w/5 stars; National defense w/1 star; Sea Service Deployment ribbon w/2 stars; Recruiter Ribbon w/2 stars; Certificate of Commendation (2); Meritorious Mast (16); Letter of Appreciation(2).
Marine Instructor, Marine Corps JROTC Orange High School from 1998 to present.

June-November 2011 Events for the OHS MCJROTC

18 Jun	Vietnam Memorial Wall Color Guard
1-2 Aug	Officer planning meeting for NCO school
3-4 Aug	NCO School
5 Aug	Beach run at Camp Pendleton
8-12 Aug	Summer Camp Lost Valley
26 Aug	Welcome Back Assembly color guard
2 Sept	Football game color guard
9 Sept	Imperial Elementary Flag day Color guard
9 Sept	Football game color guard
14 Sept	Back to School night color guard
16 Sept	Homecoming color guard
16 Sept	Constitution day color guard
23 Sept	Football game color guard
24 Sept	Boot Camp Challenge 5k run
30 Sept	Miramar Air Show field trip
7 Oct	MCRD boot camp graduation field trip
11 Oct	Majestic Fundraiser kick off
14 Oct	Blue Ridge Postal
21 Oct	Ozarko Postal
24 Oct	Canyon High Red Ribbon color guard
27 Oct	Treats in the Streets fund raiser
28 Oct	American Legion Postal
29 Oct	Football game color guard
4 Nov	Association of AVORD Postal
9 Nov	Smiths Station Postal
10 Nov	OHS Flag and cake cutting ceremony
10 Nov	OHS Marine Corps Ball
11 Nov	Veterans Day Color Guard x 2
18 Nov	Space Coast Postal