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In step with Marine traditions, cadets show their training

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In formation, about 100 Orange High Marine Corps JROTC cadets marched through downtown Orange on Friday.

The cadets were on their way to a luncheon at the Elks Lodge several blocks away to pay tribute to the Marine Corps' 244th birthday.

Lt. Col. Carl Lewke, who joined the program this year as its senior Marine instructor, has been leading the cadets in their training.

After a few years of flagging interest in the campus' ROTC program, enrollment has rebounded, officials said. The cadets, they said, are learning leadership skills, personal responsibility and pride of service.



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The Orange High School Marine Corps JROTC unit, consisting of 101 cadets, passes an American flag during a march Friday down Schaffer Street to the Orange Elks Lodge to celebrate the Corps' 244th birthday.



Lt. Col. Carl Lewke, left, a senior Marine instructor, cuts a ceremonial cake as cadets watch, including Kiaya Estes, during the birthday observance.



Pvt. Cameron DeMarco, left, the youngest Marine present, gets the third bite of cake after Mark Wayland, right, the oldest Marine present.



Four Orange High School Marine Corps JROTC cadets rehearse for the Marine Corps' 244th birthday celebration at the Elks Lodge in Orange on Friday.



The cadets arrive at the Elks Lodge.