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The Orange High School Marine Corps JROTC unit pass by an American flag as they march down Schaffer Street to the Orange Elks Lodge to celebrate the Marine Corps' 244th birthday in Orange on Friday.

In step with Marine traditions, JROTC cadets showcase their training

In formation, about 100 Orange High Marine Corps JROTC cadets marched through downtown Orange on Friday. The group went to a luncheon at the Elks Lodge 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 students in becoming cadets. 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 the pride of service.

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