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15 December 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR All BHS JROTC Cadets

SUBJECT: 2009-2010 National JROTC Essay Contest

1. The U.S. Army Cadet Command has announced its 2009-2010 JROTC Essay Contest. This year's theme is "JROTC Builds Character and Leadership." All cadets in this program will write an essay on this topic which will be weighted as 25 percent of the LET IA, LET IIA/B and the LET IIIA/B first semester final exams. This essay will also count as 25 percent of the LET IVA second term test, and that of LET IIs and IIIs in the senior grading option.

2. Cadets have a choice as to whether or not to have their essays considered for the contest. If not, the essay may be handwritten and of sufficient length to cover the subject. However, if the essay is to be considered for the contest, it must meet the following criteria:

a. Typed in Courier New (this font), 12 point, double spaced, one-inch margins.

b. Between 250 and 350 words.

c. The following must be in the upper right of first page:

Cadet (first and last name)  
LET level  
Brockton High School  
Brockton, MA 02301

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3. Essays will be judged on content, organization and structure. All submissions should be the original work of the individual cadet. As winning essays are often used for JROTC promotional purposes, special attention needs to be given to spelling and punctuation.

4. The top essay from BHS JROTC will be submitted to HQ, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade (ROTC) for competition with essays from other schools throughout the northeast region of the country. The winning essay from 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade will be submitted to HQ, Cadet Command to compete with the winners of other brigades from around the U.S. The Cadet Command first-, second-, and third-place winners will receive savings bonds.

5. LET I cadets will submit their essays to the AI; and all other cadets will submit to the SAI, no later than 22 January 2010. Late submissions WILL NOT be accepted, except for cadets with waived absences on that date.

6. Questions should be directed to the undersigned.

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