

CHAPTER 3 – FLIGHT PLAN

1. **GENERAL:** The Air Force JROTC program in the Arlington Career Center is a **very** busy program. Commencing with the enrollment of new students, the activities of the VA-821 corps of cadets, in pursuit of the objectives of the program, are non-stop, both in- and out-of-class.

2. **CALENDAR:** While the course of academic study is fairly well established, the extra-curricular activities of VA-821 are always evolving. However, the following list of events represents what is a typical year for the unit and includes some forecasted dates, but the dates are subject to change. **Mark your calendars now**—four events all cadets are expected to attend are ACC’s Back to School Night, Military Ball/Change of Command (12/7), Wreaths Across America (12/15) and the Annual Awards Night (5/14). Wreaths Across America is a volunteer opportunity held at Arlington National Cemetery – the other three events are at the Arlington Career Center.

SEPTEMBER:

- Group staff is appointed and all Cadets assigned a role within the squadron
- Cadet Staff is prepared and trained for their individual responsibilities
- Flight commanders are responsible for collecting cadet contracts/paperwork
- Cadets present the Colors at the School Board meeting for the first time (9/6)
 - ♦ This activity is a service project/opportunity performed every other week through the school year
- Squadron logistics staff prepares for uniform issue, maintains inventory
- New cadets are fitted for uniforms and introduced to drill
- Cadets support ACC’s Back to School Breakfast
- Cadets support Honor Flight event
- Academic Bowl and Cyber Patriot teams recruit members
- Squadron prepares for first fundraiser

OCTOBER:

- 2nd and 3rd years are sized for letter jackets
- Cadets assist the School and Community Relations Office at School Info Night
- Academic Bowl and Cyber Patriot teams train and compete
- Drill Team CC submits plan for drill practice schedule to ASI
- Cadets conduct fund-raising activity

NOVEMBER:

- Cadets have yearly photos taken (11/1)
- Cadets attend Veteran’s Day ceremonies and provide color guard support
- Academic Bowl and Cyber Patriot teams train and compete
- Flight Commanders submit recommendations for promotions
- End of first quarter – AS I/II are up for promotion

DECEMBER:

- Cadets conduct fund-raising activity
- VA-821 Military Ball & Change of Command Ceremony (12/7)
- Wreaths Across America event at Arlington National Cemetery (12/15)
- Logistics staff has supply room, paperwork, and WINGS data in order

JANUARY:

- Cadets conduct fund-raising activity
- Cadets participate in Elective Fair activities at the various high schools
- Freedom HS "Golden Boot:" Drill Meet Opportunity (Woodbridge VA)
- Flight Commanders submit recommendations for promotions
- End of first semester – AS I/II and AS III/IV up for promotion

FEBRUARY:

- APS volunteer events
- Glasgow H.S. Drill Comp (overnight in Delaware)
- Logistics staff has supply room, paperwork, and WINGS data in order

MARCH:

- APS volunteer events
- PT team preparations begin
- Application for returning cadets and CLC cadets
- Stonewall Jackson Drill Comp opportunity (Manassas VA)

APRIL:

- Flight Commanders submit recommendations for promotions
- End of third quarter – AS I/II are up for promotion
- AFA State Drill Competition Richmond VA

MAY:

- VA-821 hosts its annual Awards Night and Change of Command (5/14)
- PT team competes at Stafford PT competition
- Cadets are selected to attend CLC

JUNE:

- Instructors give a briefing to parents of CLC selectees
- Cadets perform numerous Color Guards for graduation ceremonies throughout the Arlington community
 - ◆ These typically include all high schools, the Adult Education program, Gunston Middle School, HILT, and PEP
- Selected cadets attend Cadet Leadership Course

Throughout the year, the cadets perform Color Guards whenever possible. In addition, cadets are often called upon to help with activities at the Career Center and at other schools. For example, cadets are often asked to assist by ushering and helping with set-up at the Information Nights. Altogether, these activities number over 50 instances of community service throughout the school year. Cadets set a goal of community service hours.

3. **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Another primary method of providing service to the Arlington community is in any number of co-curricular service projects. These can range from food drives and clean-up projects to fund raisers and participation in Habitat for Humanity construction projects. **Cadets are expected to plan and coordinate these activities.** The successful conclusion of these activities contributes to the award of the Co-Curricular Leadership Ribbon.

4. **HONOR FLIGHT:** Throughout the year, the flights will compete for the title of honor flight. The individual flights will work as a team to complete objectives and challenges from the instructors and cadet staff with the goal of earning the honor flight award at the end of year awards ceremony.