



NJROTC Unit Dinuba Dinuba High School 340 East Kern Dinuba, CA 93618 (559)

Welcome aboard to Dinuba NJROTC program!

Greetings to all incoming NJROTC cadets and parents and previous cadets and parents! We have entered into a brand new era in the unit and I know it would seem to some that we are starting over. I would like to challenge everyone to take this opportunity to make our unit as one of the top units, without you, the cadets we will not exist.

Before we embark on an outstanding journey I would like to thank Lieutenant Commander Ken Patterson, USN (Retired) for his dedication and commitment to the program.

First let me introduce myself, my name is Chief Timothy Krahn, USN (Retired) with more than 24 years of service in the Navy. I am very excited about the upcoming year with many plans in the works some that will be changed from last year with this letter.

The unit is once again about to embark on an exciting year filled with experiences designed to have the cadets learn about our nation and our history. I hope to open their eyes to their responsibilities as global citizens and prepare them for their future as good and productive citizens of our nation.

<u>Uniforms</u>: Uniform cost-\$0. The cost to pay for a complete uniform that was lost/damaged is \$150. The first uniform day for NS1 (new) cadets will be on Thursday September 1st with uniform issue being next week. All veteran cadets whom have uniforms will begin wear on Thursday August 25th.

NJROTC provides uniforms at <u>no cost</u>, but any missing or abused uniform item must be paid prior to having another one reissued. The initial NS1 (first year Naval Science cadet) uniform includes a hat (called a cover), Khaki short sleeve shirt, black trousers, belt (for males/females) and shoes. We also provide plain white t-shirts and black socks that should be worn with the uniform. There are also jackets available <u>at no cost</u> for cadets to wear with their uniform when it starts to get cold. As cadets continue to grow or uniform items wear out, replacement items are issued at no cost. Cadets must keep their uniform clean. Uniforms are to be RETURNED CLEAN when cadets dis-enroll or graduate.

<u>Hair Standards.</u> When in uniform, cadets are expected to adhere to hair standards. When not in uniform, cadets are permitted to have any hair style. Below is an abbreviated listing of our hair standards. More details will be given in class.

-<u>Male cadets</u> must have a haircut that does not allow their hair to touch their ears or shirt collar and is tapered in appearance. Mohawks are not allowed.

-<u>Female cadets</u> must have a hair style in uniform that does not extend below the bottom of their shirt collar. Braids and buns are permitted, but no pony tails. We will show females how they can wear their hair up on uniform days without having to get a shorter haircut.

Paperwork. We have several forms available that will need to filled out and returned within the first week of school in the coming year I will have them posted to the website. You may either bring these forms with you the first week of school.

- -NJROTC Standard Release Form
- NJROTC Health Risk Screening Form
- NJROTC Parent Contact Form

Please contact Chief Timothy Krahn if you have any questions about the forms at

NJROTC Clothing Items. Students are required to wear PE attire (shorts, t-shirt, athletic shoes) on PE days (Tuesday and drill Wednesday, while the weather is still warm)

This year I will like to have students wear their PE attire that has Dinuba school emblem on it for uniformity, plus to enhance the school spirit and team work during NJROTC. Students will get more information during class.

Parent and NJROTC. Parents are an important part of the support that we receive for extra-curricular trips for fundraising, and as chaperones. I would like to start a parent support group this year, which we will meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the NJROTC for planning purposes, plus this will be an opportunity for all of you to come and sit down with me to discuss ideas and ask me questions.

Fundraising. The Dinuba NJROTC currently does not have a Booster club. Booster clubs have been very successful in fundraising. I would like the program to start one so we may help pay for upcoming day field trips and other items, I will sit down with the staff to discuss how we will move forward and as always parent input is always welcome.

Events.

August 20th Troy Cadet Leadership seminar 0900-1200 (tentative)

Oct 1st Troy Athletic field Meet 0900-1600 (tentative)

September Raisin Day Parade

March Spring Drill Competition 144th in Fresno

AMI Inspection November (still pending date from Area Manager)

I will be working with the NJROTC cadet staff at the start of the year to prepare for this year, and we are looking forward to your joining our NJROTC family, fun program.

We are looking forward to a GREAT year in NJROTC!

Chief Timothy Krahn NJROTC Teacher