

PHS JROTC News



**2024 Alabama State Overall Champions
Distinguished Unit Award (2023-2024)**

“Champions by Choice”

AL-951 Shreds Community Service



On 16 Mar 24, cadets from AL-951 were out early supporting Prattville's Community Drive-Through Shred Day. Our team helped unload 476 vehicles and shred over 10,500 pounds of paper.

On 22 Mar 24, AL-951's Academic Team completed their final practice before heading to the Alabama JROTC State Competition.



Cadets Take Flight



During March 2024, eight cadets from AL-951 participated in flight orientations. These cadets flew over 3,000 feet at speeds exceeding 100 mph.



Raiders & CyberPatriots



On 20 Mar 24,
AL-951's
Raider Team
conducted
their final
practice
before the
State
Competition.

On 20 Mar 24,
AL-951's
CyberPatriots
met to discuss
plans for the
next season
and their
summer
recruiting
efforts.



Command Chief Vaden Visits AL-951

On 22 Mar 24, CMSgt Caleb Vaden, Command Chief, 42nd Air Base Wing, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL visited AL-951. Chief Vaden toured the unit, spoke with cadets, and attended drill practice. It was an absolute honor to host Chief Vaden and we look forward to his next visit.



AL-951 Wins State



**On 23 Mar 24, AL-951 won 1st Place
Overall at the 2024 State Drill,
Academic & Fitness Competition at
Jacksonville State University.**



AL-951 Attends Beyond the Horizon Air Show STEM Day



On 5 Apr 24, 67 cadets from AL-951 attended the Beyond the Horizon Air & Space Show STEM Day at Maxwell AFB.

On 6 Apr 24, cadets from AL-951's Drill Team performed an unarmed exhibition routine during the opening ceremony of the Beyond the Horizon Air & Space Show.



AL-951 Supports American Legion Oratorical Contest



We would like to thank the cadets who volunteered during their spring break on 30 Mar 24 to support the American Legion Department of Alabama High School Oratorical Contest in Montgomery, AL. Many American Legion representatives from across the state were in attendance as well as several elected officials. Our cadets were recognized for their outstanding support by Mr. Charles Marsh, Commander, Department of Alabama American Legion and Mr. Willie Rogers, Chairman, Oratorical Commission and Vice President, Department of Alabama American Legion.

F-16 Viper Demo Team Visits AL-951



On 4 Apr 24,
members of the
Air Force F-16
Viper Demo
Team visited
PHS' JROTC.



AL-951 Color Guard



On 9 Apr 24, cadets from PHS' JROTC posted the Colors during the Autauga County School Board Meeting.



On 12 Apr 24, cadets from PHS' JROTC attended the Airman Leadership School (ALS) graduation dinner at the Maxwell AFB Club on Maxwell AFB.

AL-951 Host Annual Awards Night

On 18 Apr 24,
AL-951 hosted
our annual
Awards Night
at PHS.



On 18 Apr 24, AL-951 hosted our first-ever 30-Step Drill competition. AS-I & AS-II cadets from each class competed. Each class was led by a first-year cadet.

AL-951 Invites PJHS to Practice



On 30 Apr 24, 11 students from Prattville JHS were invited to attend drill practice at AL-951. These future cadets were introduced to Junior ROTC and taught basic drill movements.

AL-951 2023-2024

In July 2023, AL-951 attended the Cadet Leadership Course (Camp Wolfpack) at the University of West Georgia and hosted our annual Summer Leadership, Drill, and Flight Commander schools. Additionally, we hosted Brig. Gen Cantwell and Command Chief Master Sergeant McKeen for a visit and conducted a Flag Detail for over 200 attendees at the Air Force JROTC (AFJROTC) Instructor Certification Course LDR Expo on Maxwell AFB, AL.

In August 2023, AL-951's Color Guard stayed busy. We presented the Colors at Autauga County School's (ACS) Professional Development Symposium. We also attended and presented the Colors during the 2nd Annual Learning Symposium hosted by Lt Gen Andrea Tullos, Air University Commander and President, at Maxwell AFB (MAFB). In addition, the team presented the Colors during multiple pep-rallies and football games at Marbury High School (MHS). Lastly, our unit hosted over 60 families for our annual Parent Night.

In September 2023, we executed our annual cookie dough fundraiser where our cadets raised over \$6,000 for our program. We also hosted cadets from South Panola High School's AFJROTC program. The visit was scheduled to collaborate and demonstrate a flag folding detail. Later that month, our Drill and Raider teams competed at the Stanhope Elmore High School Invitational. We finished 2nd place overall and brought home eleven trophies. Lastly, we performed during multiple pep-rallies, presented the Colors at multiple Prattville High School (PHS) and MHS football games, and marched in the PHS Homecoming Parade.

In October 2023, AL-951 volunteered to work the Autauga County Fair and also attended the Joint Leadership Development Conference (JLDC). In addition, we participated in Senior Night during PHS' football game. Lastly, our cadets decorated pumpkins that were submitted to the Parade of Pumpkins Contest in Prattville. The unit also received a surprise visit from Sergeant Batman.

In November 2023, our entire unit was busy. Our Flag team performed at six different Veterans Day Programs (PHS, Prattville Junior High School, Wetumpka Middle School, Wetumpka High School, Great Leaps Learning Center, and True Divine Baptist Church). Our Drill team competed at the Bob Jones High School Invitational and brought home nine trophies, including five first place finishes. They also performed an armed exhibition routine during Prattville's Community Night. Our Color Guard presented the Colors at multiple PHS' basketball games. Our Raider Team led AL-951 in honoring the memory of Cadet Knox MacEwen (JROTC, Western HS, FL). Our CyberPatriot Team participated in a competition designed to find and fix cyber security vulnerabilities in a virtual operating system. Lastly, we participated in MHS' Senior Night where our senior cadets were recognized on the football field prior to the game.

In December 2023, 74 cadets from AL-951 marched in the Prattville Christmas Parade. During their state round competition, our CyberPatriots team finished 1st place out of 10 JROTC units in the state of Alabama and advanced to the semifinals. The unit also received a surprise visit from Sergeant Grinch.

In January 2024, AL-951 continued to stay busy. Our unit participated in PHS' Curriculum Night. Cadets set up a table with displays and handed out flyers with information about JROTC. Cadets wore the various uniforms they normally wear in JROTC and spoke with 8th grade students interested in joining JROTC. Our Flag Team honored Mr. Jeffrey Watson for his 39 years of combined military and civil service during his retirement ceremony at the Gunter Annex. Our Drill Team performed an unarmed exhibition routine during the PHS Winter Pep Rally. Our Color Guard presented the Colors during a MHS basketball game. Cadet Jehiel James was selected to receive a JROTC scholarship to attend the Flight Academy this summer. This designation is a remarkable achievement, as it presents cadets with the opportunity to receive college credit and earn their private pilot certificate. Cadet James was 1 of 171 JROTC candidates selected from across the country to attend the Flight Academy. Cadet Braylon Roberts was recognized by Prattville High School and The Montgomery Advertiser as the Student of the Week. Cadet Andy Mohammed received a full-ride scholarship offer to attend the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program at Tuskegee University.

AL-951 2023-2024

In February 2024, 72 cadets from AL-951 visited the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. Our senior cadets visited the 187th Fighter Wing, Air National Guard Base, Dannelly Field, Montgomery, AL. Our Drill Team performed armed and unarmed exhibition routines during Prattville Junior High School's Career Day. We also hosted our 29th annual Military Ball. Around 180 cadets, instructors, parents, and guests interacted in a social and formal setting. The evening consisted of the Posting of the Colors, a formal dinner, and a dance. In addition, all senior cadets were recognized individually during the evening. Our Color Guard posted the Colors during the City of Prattville's 23rd Black History Program. This program was held at the Doster Memorial Community Center. Notable guest included Prattville Mayor Bill Gillespie, Prattville's Black History Committee, Mr. Ricardo Bates, the Youth Community Choir, Youth Prattville Alumni Chapter-Kappa, and others. Lastly, we honored three U.S. Army soldiers killed during a drone attack at a U.S. military outpost in Jordan.

In March 2024, AL-951's Drill Team took 1st place overall at the Greenville High School drill and fitness competition. The team finished top-three in every category, including six 1st place finishes. Our Raider Team ran a combined 16 miles and completed over 300 push-ups and sit-ups. We volunteered to support Prattville's Community Drive-Through Shred Day. Our team helped unload 476 vehicles and shred over 10,500 pounds of paper. CMSgt Caleb Vaden, Command Chief, 42nd Air Base Wing, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL visited AL-951. Chief Vaden toured the unit, spoke with cadets, and attended drill practice. AL-951 also had eight cadets participate in flight orientations. Lastly, our unit won 1st place overall at the 2024 State Drill, Academic & Fitness Competition at Jacksonville State University.

In April 2024, 75 cadets from AL-951 attended the Beyond the Horizon Air & Space Show STEM Day at Maxwell AFB. The following morning, our Drill Team performed an unarmed exhibition routine during the opening ceremony of the Air & Space Show. We also supported the American Legion Department of Alabama High School Oratorical Contest in Montgomery, AL. Our cadets were recognized for their outstanding support by Mr. Charles Marsh, Commander, Department of Alabama American Legion and Mr. Willie Rogers, Chairman, Oratorical Commission and Vice President, Department of Alabama American Legion. Later that month, we hosted the Air Force F-16 Viper Demo Team. Our Color Guard presented the Colors during the Autauga County School Board Meeting. Two cadets were invited to attend the Airman Leadership School (ALS) graduation dinner at the Maxwell AFB Club on MAFB. Lastly, we hosted our annual AL-951 Awards Night and first-ever 30-Step Drill competition.

In May 2024, AL-951 invited students from PJHS to attend drill practice. These future cadets were introduced to JROTC and taught basic drill movements. Our Flag Team performed flag details for two Senior Noncommissioned Officers (SNCO) retiring from active duty after serving for over 20 years each. Our Color Guard presented the Colors during PHS' Honors Night where two AL-951 cadets were recognized for their outstanding achievement. The team also presented the Colors and recited the Pledge of Allegiance during the Gathering of Eagles Legends dinner. Two AL-951 cadets were awarded scholarships by the foundation. Lastly, our Color Guard posted the Colors during the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Convention and the 36th Celebration of Prattville CityFest.

Have a Good Summer

