

JROTC Cadets Recognized

Each Spring, the Senior Instructors of the ROTC programs at UNLV and the JROTC programs at local high schools select 28 outstanding cadets to receive the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Leadership Award. These cadets were recognized at each school's award ceremony in the Spring with medals, ribbons, and certificates. On October 23rd, the JROTC cadets were hosted at a recognition dinner at Cimarron-Memorial High School. The meal was prepared by students of the school's Culinary Arts program under Culinary Chef Kenneth Johnson. Guests at the dinner included parents and senior JROTC instructors, Cimarron-Memorial HS principal Colin McNaught, officials from area high schools, as well as MOAA members. Major Jamal Williams, Senior JROTC (Air Force) instructor at the school and Maj Ivy Williams, MOAA Board Member and Senior JROTC instructor (Army) at Cheyenne HS, coordinated the event.

Nevada Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony addressed the attendees, and prior to the banquet, he signed certificates recognizing the outstanding cadets. A Las Vegas resident for 44 years, Anthony has made community service and public safety his focus as a member of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, as a City of Las Vegas Councilman, and now as Nevada Lt Governor. He retired from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department after 29 years of service.

Lt Col Rick Marshall, US Army, Retired, presented each JROTC awardee with a \$250.00 check from the Southern Nevada Chapter of MOAA, as well as the certificates from Lt Gov Anthony. Those awardees present were:

ARMY JROTC

Cheyenne –Thifany Ortega	Del Sol – Nathan Crenshaw
Las Vegas – Charles Moorehead	Mojave – Prince Jaiden Bertuglia Dy
Sierra Vista – David Walker	Silverado – Gideon Kazmier
Valley – Kylie Jones	

NAVY JROTC

Centennial – Kayla Hoffrichter	Clark – Kelin Cornejo
Eldorado – Michelle Michel	

MARINE CORPS JROTC

Basic – Archelle Montoya	Desert Pines – Edgar Perez-Neito
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AIR FORCE JROTC

Palo Verde – Kyle Chaidez	Rancho – Meiling Franklin
Shadow Ridge – Jessee Ampong	Western – Colby Sullivan
Cimarron Memorial – Jayonna Armstrong	

SPACE FORCE JROTC

Durango – Melissa Villalobos

The Military Officers Association of America is the nation's leading congressional advocate for active-duty military, retirees and veterans, both officers and enlisted. The local Southern Nevada Chapter meets monthly for social, informational, and community service purposes. LTC

Rick Marshall is the chapter president, and he invites all current and former military officers to join the local chapter for camaraderie, community service, personal fulfillment, and education.