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PHS AFJROTC Wins 2008-2009 Distinguished Unit Award



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Perry High School Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) unit was selected for a **2008-2009 Air Force Junior ROTC Distinguished Unit Award**. This award honors AFJROTC units that perform above and beyond expectations and distinguish themselves through outstanding service to their school and community. Perry High is one of 393 units nationwide to receive this award.

Col. Craig M. Lightfoot, USAF (retired) serves as the senior aerospace science instructor for Perry High's AFJROTC. "I am very proud of these Cadets! They had to establish goals for the 2008-09 school year and then describe how they met those goals in the form of an impact statement," he said. "One of the goals included that at least 90 percent of all senior cadets graduate on time with their class. Every senior cadet - 100 percent - will accomplish this goal."

A few of the other goals are shown below.

- **Goal** - At least two of 11 seniors will enter the armed services or attend a post high school education program. **Impact Description** - Of our 11 seniors, one is going into the Army, two into the Air Force, five are going on to a college or a university and our special education cadet is going to the Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center in Warm Springs, Ga.
- **Goal** – Partner with the Perry Police and/or Fire department and make presentations to at least one middle school and three elementary schools. **Impact Description** - Our team spoke on bullying at the schools and partnered with our SRO and the Explorer Firefighting program

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• **Goal** - Volunteer and support 100 percent any Houston County and Robins Air Force Base requests for Color Guards, Saber Team, parade, or any other community request. **Impact Description** - Performed at least 13 Color Guards this year; also performed on Veteran's Day, during the Perry Christmas Parade, and at the Mossy Creek Middle School assembly. Members of the Saber team performed at homecoming and at this year's Robins Air Force Base military ball.

The AFJROTC mission is to produce better citizens for America. The objectives of the program are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and life skills; promote community service; instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline through character education, and to provide instruction in air and space fundamentals.

Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry. Dr. Darryl Albritton serves as principal. For more information, contact Col. Lightfoot at (478) 988-6318, extension 21318, or Criag.Lightfoot@hcbe.net.

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