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### Veterans High School AFJROTC Aces Inspection



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Veterans High School Air Force Junior ROTC program was given the highest possible rating after an inspection held in December 2011. The AFJROTC Regional Director, Paul Keeping, inspected the program to ensure its compliance with Air Force regulations and to validate that the program performs its mission of developing citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community.

Six areas were evaluated: program support by the Board of Education and Veterans High School administration, instructor performance, equipment management, curriculum, cadet operations and unit operations. Keeping looked at everything from the amount of storage space allocated to the unit to administrative issues to cadet haircuts during the day-long inspection.

Principal Dr. Lionel Brown joined instructors Lt. Col. (Ret.) Steve Atkins and CMSgt. (Ret.) Peggy Miller for the late afternoon debrief during which Keeping informed them that the unit had achieved the highest rating, “Exceeds Standards,” in four of the six categories and “Meets Standards” in the other two which are typically graded “Meets Standards” or “Does Not Meet Standards.” The unit’s overall rating was “Exceeds Standards.” Keeping, who has been involved with AFJROTC for more than 17 years, said that from what he saw, the Warhawks ranked among the top five percent of AFJROTC units in the country.

Principal Brown remarked, “I commend Lt. Col. Atkins and Chief Miller on the outstanding results of this inspection. It validates what we at Veterans already believed – that we have one of the best AFJROTC programs in the U.S.!”

Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove in Kathleen. For more information, please contact Lt. Col. Atkins at [Steven.Atkins@hcbe.net](mailto:Steven.Atkins@hcbe.net) or 478-218-7537, ext. 64030.

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