

**Alabama State Department of Education
Career & Technical Education
Government and Public Administration Cluster
JROTC Advisory Committee
501 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

23 December 2013

MEMORANDUM THRU: Mr. Petro Johnson, Supervisor, Government and Public Administration (JROTC) Cluster

FOR: Dr. Phillip Cleveland, Director of Career and Technical Education & Workforce Development

FROM: Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Robert F. Barrow, Chairman Select, Government and Public Administration (JROTC) Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of JROTC as a Recognized Credential Certification Course (Career Readiness Indicator) in the State of Alabama

1. As per your guidance, this memorandum is a formal request for JROTC to be recognized by the Alabama State Department of Education as a "Credential Certifying" course. As you know, the state does not currently recognize any credential certification in the "Government and Public Administration" CTE Cluster. In order to earn a JROTC Certificate of Completion a cadet must meet specific parameters required by the four military services that offer JROTC. As a minimum, each service requires that a cadet complete at least three years of JROTC, successfully complete each course with a C average or better, and be approved by the Senior Instructor of the program to earn the certificate. Once approved, all sixteen CTE Clusters in our state will have recognized "Career Readiness Indicators" that can be recorded on a student's high school transcript.

2. As you may recall during your visit to Mobile County on 9 December 2013 and again at our committee meeting in Montgomery on 17 December 2013, you gave your verbal support to this proposal. You specifically asked that the request for approval be submitted by the Government and Public Administration (JROTC) Advisory Committee through Mr. Petro Johnson. This effort began in August 2013, when you were a guest speaker at the Career and Technical Education "Back to School In-service" hosted by Mr. Larry Mouton. One of the topics you covered was the need to increase CTE "Credential Certifications" in all career tech fields. I asked you about the possibility of including JROTC in this process. As we discussed, any JROTC cadet who successfully completes three or more years of JROTC is automatically certified to enlist in any of the Armed Forces at a higher rank/grade so long as they meet the parameters discussed in the above paragraph. The maximum grade is E-3, which represents a

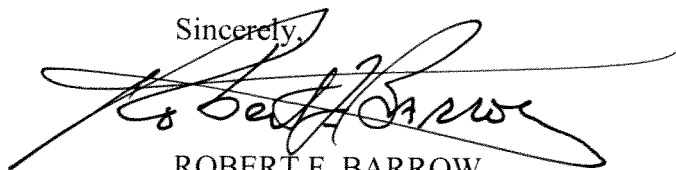
significant pay increase for someone just entering into the military service. Each branch of the Armed Forces has unique policies regarding what rank a new enlistee will receive based on their JROTC experience. Some services, like the US Marine Corps, will only offer an automatic promotion to E-2, a one-step increase in pay, while the Army National Guard will promote a new soldier to E-3. These policies are subject to change depending upon the recruitment needs of each service during the Fiscal Year (FY).

3. In addition, for students who desire to go to college and attend Senior ROTC in the Army, Air Force, or Navy programs, the credential certification we award counts towards two years of ROTC credit. It allows them to pursue a commission in one of these services without having to take the freshman and sophomore ROTC classes required for regular students who have not taken JROTC. This not only offers advance placement, but saves our students tuition money that is associated with these college courses.

4. Enclosed are copies of the certificates from each of the four services that have JROTC programs in our state. Cadets receive these upon graduation from high school and these documents certify them nationwide for the promotion/advancement benefits highlighted above. To reiterate, our committee proposes that these certificates be officially recognized as "Career Readiness Indicators (Credentials/Certifications)" documents by the Alabama State Department of Education. Not only does this benefit our students, but it also makes JROTC a full player in the Career & Technical Education arena. The more robust we can make our contribution, the more legitimate we become with our colleagues representing the remaining fifteen CTE Clusters.

5. The point of contact for this action is the undersigned at (251) 221-5100 office phone or (251) 423-0437 cell phone. I can also be reached at the following e-mail address: rfbarrow@mcpss.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



ROBERT F. BARROW
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Retired
Chairman (Select)
JROTC Advisory Committee

Enclosures

Army JROTC Certificate
Navy JROTC Certificate
Marine JROTC Certificate
Air Force JROTC Certificate



Certificate of Training
Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
(JROTC)

This is to certify that
(Cadet Name)

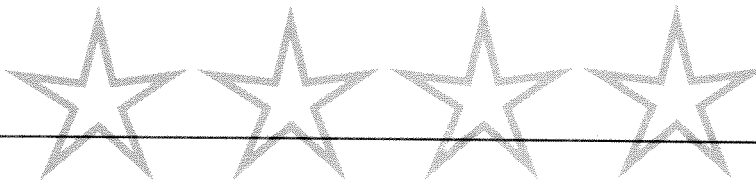
has successfully completed JROTC training in
(LET 1 - 4)

Given at _____ this _____ day of _____.



Chief of Naval Education and Training
Certificate of Completion

Presented To



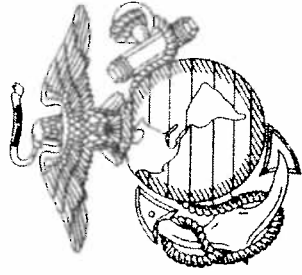
*For the successful completion of four courses
of study in naval subjects conducted at the*

Date

Naval Science Instructor

Principal

Quinn's Stationery & Printing Co.



This is to certify that

has completed the course prescribed by the

Given at

this _____ *day of* _____, 20____



United States Air Force Junior ROTC



Certifies that

successfully completed _____ years of the AFJROTC program given at

and is hereby awarded this

Certificate of Completion



PRINCIPAL

SENIOR AEROSPACE SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR

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