# LINCOLN AFJROTC at NORTHEAST

## Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC)

### MISSION: "Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community."

#### **OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAM**

The Lincoln AFJROTC is <u>NOT</u> a military recruitment program. It is a leadership and character-building program. While certainly some cadets enter our program with the plan to eventually go into the military, only about 8% of AFJROTC cadets nationwide ever do. The objectives of the Lincoln AFJROTC are to educate and train high school students in citizenship, promote community service, instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline, and provide instruction in air and space fundamentals.

The AFJROTC program is grounded in the Air Force core values of "Integrity First", "Service Before Self", and "Excellence in All We Do". The academic curriculum emphasizes global and cultural studies, the development of flight, applied flight sciences, military aerospace programs, and space exploration.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

High school students throughout Lincoln are eligible to enroll in the classes offered at Northeast. We have students from all six LPS schools plus three of the Lincoln private schools.

#### CURRICULUM OFFERED

Courses are offered each semester with classes held during five periods each school day at Lincoln Northeast, including one class period that is at 7:00am (before school starts). These classes are taught by retired Air Force members who hold Nebraska Teaching Certificates and include courses on leadership, exploration of space, and the science of flight.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

In an effort to produce well-informed and civic-minded citizens, the Lincoln AFJROTC encourages cadets to get involved in their local communities. Easily the most rewarding aspect of the AFJROTC experience are the cadet community service projects. Working as a team, they contribute service hours to organizations such as Wreaths Across America, Relay for Life, the Lincoln Mud Run, the Special Olympics and more. Of course, fundraising to support these efforts is also required, so the unit has a fireworks stand and works concession sales at games in order to accomplish their mission and goals.

#### EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

The Lincoln AFJROTC hosts activities like our Marksmanship program, a Model Rocketry program, and a competitive Drill Team. In addition, we provide Color Guard teams for events throughout the Lincoln area, including many State Capitol events. We go on many field trips during the school year, such as the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland, the World War I Museum in Kansas City, and helicopter rides with the Army National Guard.

#### **RELATED LINKS:**

http://wp.lps.org/afjrotc

http://www.youtube.com/LincolnAFJROTC

#### Lincoln AFJROTC at Northeast High School

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The Lincoln AFJROTC Color Guard presenting the Colors at the College World Series of Baseball in Omaha.



Members of the Lincoln AFJROTC unit taking care of our stretch of the Mahoney bike trail in Northeast Lincoln.



