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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I'm Captain (retired) Gordon K. Doughty Jr. On behalf of myself, Senior Master Sergeant (retired) Wayne Stewart, and Master Sergeant (retired) Mark Thome, welcome to the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) unit here at Palo Verde High School. I'm the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor and SMSgt Stewart and MSgt Thome are the Aerospace Science Instructors. Currently, your son or daughter is enrolled in the JROTC program and will be taking classes with us. The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to the JROTC program.

The mission of JROTC is to "Build Better Citizens for America." To accomplish this Congressionally-mandated mission, our program is designed to educate and train high school students in citizenship; promote community service; develop leadership potential; instill responsibility, character and self-discipline; and promote instruction in air and space fundamentals. **We are NOT recruiters.** Our goal is to help your cadet successfully complete high school and be ready for what comes next.

We maintain a strict code of discipline! However, please do not associate the term "discipline" with harshness, undue severity or restrictions. At **NO** time is hazing or physical and mental abuse tolerated. In the JROTC environment, "discipline" refers to *training and instruction*. When properly employed, discipline is a method to *guide* a cadet towards proper conduct or action. JROTC discipline is an extension and adaptation of the values, disciplines and experiences learned throughout life – i.e., understanding the difference between right and wrong. Disciplined actions bring about rewards and undisciplined actions bring about adverse reactions.

Attitude is a personal philosophy of life as expressed by an individual's actions. The JROTC program is built around the individual. The individual **IS** the program. Every cadet is a key ingredient to its success. Therefore, if attitudes are good (cadets working up to their full potential while actively participating in the program), the unit excels. On the other hand, if attitudes are mediocre, the unit does poorly. The key to a good attitude lies in understanding. A cadet must try to understand the reason behind the requirement for discipline, proper wearing of the uniform, impeccable grooming and a myriad of other rules and regulations that govern a successful operation.

To be eligible for enrollment and continued participation in this program, cadets must be physically fit (capable of participating in the standard high school physical education

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program) and meet the requirements stated in Chapter 3 of the Cadet Guide. Exhibiting any of the following may result in immediate disenrollment:

1. refusing to wear the JROTC uniform when prescribed.
2. unacceptable grooming standards.
3. inaptitude.
4. disciplinary reasons.
5. display of undesirable character traits.

In addition, First- and Second-Year cadets who fail to wear the JROTC uniform three (3) times on specified uniform wear days, during any nine (9) week grading period, will result in an ***automatic "F"*** grade for that quarter. Third- and Fourth-Year cadets who fail to wear the JROTC uniform two (2) times on specified uniform wear days, during any nine (9) week grading period, will result in an ***automatic "F"*** grade for that quarter.

We have a full and exciting program for your cadet. Through their active JROTC involvement, your son or daughter will become a better citizen and leader – confident, self-reliant and self-disciplined. I trust this letter has answered some of your immediate questions. If you have additional questions about the Program, please call me, SMSgt Stewart, or MSgt Thome at 799-1450, extension 4068. Additional information is detailed in the Cadet Guide and ***Course Expectations*** given to your son or daughter. Both can also be found on our website at www.paloverde.org/afjrotc. Thank you for supporting your cadet.

Sincerely,

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