



# Lassiter-Pope-Kell NJROTC

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

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The LPK CPO is more than a booster club. It's a "Family" that looks out for each other- parents, cadets & alumni alike.

All parents are highly encouraged to join the CPO and become a part of the "LPK NJROTC CPO Family" in support of their cadet.

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Website:** <http://www.lassiternjrotc.com/>

The unit website is the best resource for all information regarding the program and upcoming activities. Also, the Plan of the Week is posted weekly (weekly schedule outlining the academic, team and volunteer activities of the coming week).

 **Slack:** <https://lpknjrotc.slack.com>

Primary parent communications on upcoming events will be pushed out via Slack. All parents are encouraged to join the **#cpo-parents** channel.

 **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lpknjrotc>

 **Instagram:** lpknjrotc

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### Team updates

Team parent coordinators will send out communications via the team's Slack channel for parents of cadets on the individual teams.

To join team-specific **Slack team channels for parents:**

- Academic: **#academicparent**
- Drill: **#drillparent**
- Drone: **#droneparent**
- O Team: **#oteamparent**
- Rifle: **#rifleparent**

## FUNDRAISING

To help offset the cost of events and team support, the unit and teams conduct fundraisers throughout the academic year.

- 80% of net funds the CPO receives from a fundraising event gets deposited into the cadet's individual accounts to be applied towards dues, extracurricular LPK NJROTC affiliated Team competitions and LPK NJROTC Unit events
- The remaining 20% goes to CPO budget for support of unit events

Families may support the unit through the following ongoing fundraising activities:

- Flipgive (Download the Flipgive app or join at [flipgive.com/join](http://flipgive.com/join) and enter the code: TLYFXS)
- Kroger Community Rewards select "G1432"
  - For more info: <http://www.lassiternjrotc.com/kroger-community-rewards.html>
- Publix
  - Log into your Publix Account
  - At the bottom of the page click on "Community"
  - At the bottom of the next page "Publix Partners"
  - Choose "Locate a school": **Lassiter High School NJROTC**
- Direct tax-deductible donation. LPK NJROTC CPO is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.
- Don't forget company matching at your employer!

Cadets have the opportunity to fundraise in the following ways:

- Cadets can sign-up to work events (Lassiter HS home football games concessions)
- Letter writing campaign (see <http://www.lassiternjrotc.com/letter-writing-campaign.html> for more information)
- Unit and team fundraising events

## TEAMS

### Academic:

Team of cadets that compete against other schools in academic competitions in game show format. The questions cover naval knowledge, current events, and other general knowledge questions. In the 2022-23 academic year, the academic team won numerous trophies in local and regional competitions and qualified for Regionals.

For more information, visit <http://www.lassiternjrotc.com/academic-team.html>.

### Drill:

Team of cadets that compete against other schools in drill competitions. The drill team is comprised of 7 groups within the overall drill team: unarmed basic, armed basic, unarmed exhibition, armed exhibition, color guard, athletics and academics. Every academic year the drill team consistently wins multiple trophies and qualifies for Regionals.

For information on the drill team, visit: <http://www.lassiternjrotc.com/drill-team.html>.

### Orienteering:

The "O Team" is a land navigation competition running through the woods, with just a compass and a map. Physically demanding, this team involves navigation skills, speed and agility.

For more information, visit <http://www.lassiternjrotc.com/orienteering-team.html>.

**Rifle:** The Rifle team cadets compete in local and regional competitions shooting .177 caliber PCP air rifles from three positions: kneeling, prone and standing in two divisions, Precision & Sporter. In the 2022-23 academic year, the Precision Rifle team qualified for Regionals.

For more information, visit <http://www.lassiternjrotc.com/rifle-team.html>.

### **Drone:**

The Drone Team cadets compete in local and regional competitions utilizing remote control piloted drones. They participate in skills competitions where one cadet is the blind-folded “pilot” and the other is the “navigator” providing commands to the “pilot” to guide the drone to a designated landing zone. Other competitions are piloting a drone through an “obstacle course” for time.

For more information, visit <http://www.lassiternjrotc.com/drone-team.html>

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **About NJROTC**

Q: What does NJROTC stand for?

A: NJROTC stands for Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Q: Who teaches the NJROTC program?

A: The NJROTC program is taught by retired officers (referred to as Senior Naval Science Instructors-SNSI) and enlisted personnel (referred to as Naval Science Instructors-NSI). Commander Walker and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Cox are our SNSI & NSI respectively for the LPK NJROTC program.

Q: Is the NJROTC sponsored by the armed forces or the school district?

A: NJROTC is sponsored jointly by the Navy and the three high schools (Lassiter-Pope-Kell) as a citizenship and leadership development program for students in grades 9 through 12.

Q: Are cadets obligated to join the military after high school?

A: NJROTC is an elective education program resulting in graduation credits. NJROTC Cadets are under no obligation whatsoever to join the military.

Q: Who can participate in the NJROTC program?

A: The NJROTC program is open to every student who meets the school requirements for enrollment in the elective class.

Q: What does the NJROTC teach the cadets?

A: NJROTC teaches self-discipline, self-confidence, and leadership skills to help the cadets successfully meet life’s challenges.

Q: How can NJROTC help with future military goals?

A: NJROTC can greatly help students who wish to:

- enlist in the military service after High School graduation, or
- for those seeking nomination to any military schools (e.g. Citadel, VMI) or any of the U.S. Service Academies to become future Officers
  - (Air Force-Colorado Springs, Army-West Point, Coast Guard-New London, Merchant Marine-Kings Point, Navy-Annapolis) or
- for those interested in qualifying for an ROTC college scholarship for any branch of U.S. Military Service to become Officers after completing a 4-year Bachelor’s degree.
  - FYI—Military Schools such as Texas A&M, The Citadel, VMI, Norwich, University of North Georgia are R.O.T.C. programs where all cadets that are accepted to those Colleges/Universities Military programs are on ROTC Scholarships specifically to those programs at those schools. .

\*For more information, contact your SNSI or NSI

## **Financial**

Q: Do parents have to buy NJROTC uniforms and materials?

A: NJROTC uniforms, books, training aids, and other types of equipment are provided to the cadets and paid for by the Navy.

Q: How do cadets pay for dues, competitions and field trips?

A: Payment can be made:

- Pay annual dues/cadet event pass online by following the QR code:

***\*\*Note\*\*: After scanning the QR code to make a payment, please be sure to enter your name and email address to ensure the payment is properly credited.***



- Or by check payable to **LPK NJROTC CPO** – dropped off in the classroom office or mailed to LPK NJROTC CPO, P.O. Box 669752, Marietta, GA 30066

Q: What is a cadet account?

A: Each cadet is allocated an account that serves as a holding account for money earned. It can be used for paying dues and fees. For every dollar a cadet earns through participation in fundraisers, 80% of the money earned is deposited into the cadet's account. This money stays with the cadet throughout their years in the program and rolls over year to year. The money will transfer to siblings or the general CPO account once the cadet leaves the program.

## **Fundraising**

Q: How can parents financially support the NJROTC?

A: Parents can support the NJROTC by:

- joining the CPO & paying the annual CPO event pass dues
- participating in the unit-sponsored fundraisers, donating to the gift baskets for silent raffles at events, participating in other fundraisers (e.g., Flipgive, Kroger, Publix, etc),
- encouraging local businesses to sponsor the LPK NJROTC Unit
- supporting their cadet in enabling them to participate in the unit-sponsored fundraisers
- Tax deductible donations
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## **Cadet Participation**

Q: What teams can cadets participate in?

A: The NJROTC unit sponsors drill, academic, marksmanship (rifle), orienteering and drone teams and other types of extracurricular activities.

Q: Will cadets have the opportunity to participate in field trips?

A: NJROTC cadets have the opportunity to take part in orientation visits as well as field trips to various naval activities and locations, such as parades, museums and military installations. In

addition, in past years the cadets have received “special invitations” to go to Falcons & Hawks games.

Q: How do cadets earn ribbons and medals?

A: Cadets will have the opportunity to earn ribbons and medals through personal and team achievement in military acumen, appearance and team competitions.

Q: Do cadets have the opportunity to earn volunteer hours?

A: Cadets are required to earn a minimum of 8 volunteer hours per semester and it is reflected in their course grade. Volunteer hours earned can also be applied towards earning of service cord for their respective high school. Volunteer events include fun things such as Art in the Park (Marietta Square), Adopt a Mile, the Dragon Boat race, home football games and other community service events.

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Q: How are the funds from CPO dues used?

A: CPO dues help with the following:

- support the unit with administrative costs
- support the unit in providing some food and incidentals for select unit events
- defray the cost of events such as field trips, the military ball and the holiday party
- provide financial assistance for students in financial need so they can participate in the Unit activities & events

## **Events**

Q: What is the **Annual picnic**?

A: The annual picnic is a LPK NJROTC Unit-wide event for all returning and new cadets and their families. Everyone is highly encouraged to join in on the fun, filled with a cookout, games, prizes.

Q: What is **AMI**?

A: AMI stands for Annual Military Inspection. It is an annual event, held in the Lassiter gym, in which the unit is inspected by the Commander of NJROTC Area 12 (Department of the U.S. Navy)

- Individual personnel inspection in issued uniform of ALL cadets for proper wearing of the Navy uniform, personal appearance, and general U.S. Navy knowledge
- Classrooms, Unit Offices, Unit Supplies & files are inspected & audited
- The semi-formal inspection includes an exhibition of armed Color Guard & unarmed drill followed with a “Pass and Review” parade of the entire Unit.

Parents and family members are **highly encouraged** to attend the Pass and Review portion of the inspection, which includes parade march and demonstrations by the various drill teams. The cadets work incredibly hard leading up to this event and appreciate seeing their parents/family cheering from

the stands. Any current or former Military personnel are highly desired and encouraged to volunteer to assist in preparing the cadets for inspection prior to as well day of AMI. It's an opportunity to be a positive influence & mentor these young cadets and pass the torch of knowledge, experience & military tradition.

Q: What is the **Military Ball**?

A: The military ball is the unit's formal social event held in the spring. Male cadets wear dress blues and females have the option of dress blues or formal gown. An evening of military ceremony and dinner/dance is a highlight for the cadets who consider it "military prom."

Q: What is **Change of Command**?

A: Change of Command is the official change of officers from one semester to another.

- The Spring semester cadet leaders are announced (Usually in January) during the **Annual CPO Chili Cook-off** --a parent competition open to all unit cadets and their families.