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# Irvington High School JROTC senior wins American Veterans (AMVETS) JROTC Scholarship.



**Irvington HS JROTC Universe** - Friday May 27, 2022

Cadet A. Reginald received JROTC Honors and the Scholastic Excellence Award, as well as the American Veterans (AMVETS) JROTC Scholarship Award presented to a cadet in good standing in all military aspects and all scholastic grades. Cadet Reginald has demonstrated a positive attitude toward JROTC, outstanding leadership attributes and officer potential.

*Please Read Cadet Reginald's Essay*

A leader according to Google and the Oxford English Dictionary, is the person who leads or commands a group, organization, or country. While this is a good definition, it lacks one key thing; a leader must also be a part of the team. A leader does not only command, but rather motivate, inspire, help, and actively work to bring out the best in everyone. A leader must understand that everyone has something to offer. They must not believe themselves to be better than everyone else just because they are in charge. Each and everybody should strive to achieve these qualities. This is what the JROTC program aims to instill in high school

students, in addition to motivating young people to be better citizens. And ever since joining the program, I have been taught how to become a better leader and such. While the JROTC program has done a great job at ingraining these skills in me, they still need to develop and flourish. This is where AMVETS comes in. Joining AMVETS will benefit my life considering that it will provide me with the opportunity to better myself further, and make me a part of a close and caring community.

Firstly, as a senior in my last year in high school, there isn't much time for my leadership skills to fully develop. The JROTC program has done a lot for me in the time I joined, but unfortunately it isn't enough. But with AMVETS, by joining AMVETS and being awarded the scholarship, I would also be awarded the opportunity to further mature into a great leader. To be surrounded and supported by veterans who, as leaders, served their country will be the greatest inspiration I could receive in this journey of self-betterment. Joining AMVETS will be nothing but extremely beneficial to me as a young adult and leader about to start his college career and the next state of his life.

In addition, AMVETS is a close knit and caring community of veterans. Joining AMVETS will give me a sense of community and support as I would be a part of one of the most supporting communities out there. This community will motivate me to do my very best in everything I do. I will be motivated to give my all in order to succeed, just as they gave their all to protect this country. Being a part of an organization meant to help veterans in any way they can will be a great honor. Since although not much, it would still be a way to pay them back for all they did for their country.

Ultimately, joining AMVETS would be of great value to me. AMVETS will give me the rare opportunity to continue to augment my leadership skills, service to the community, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment. And as a result will set me on the right path to succeed in everything I do.