



The U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) is one of the largest character development and citizenship programs for youth in the world. The National Defense Act of 1916 established organized JROTC programs at public and private educational institutions.

In 1964 Congress expanded the program to all military services and changed from active duty to shared support from the services and schools. As congressionally mandated by Title 10 United States Code, Section 2031, each military service must have a JROTC program to "instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, and personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment." JROTC's mission, "To Motivate Young People to be Better Citizens", is the guide post for the program's success.

The U.S. Army's JROTC program currently operates in more than 1,700 public and private high schools, military institutions, and correctional centers throughout the United States and overseas. Approximately 40% of JROTC programs are in inner city schools, serving a student population of 50% minorities. As JROTC students (Cadets) progress through the program, they experience opportunities to lead other Cadets. A major component of the JROTC leadership and citizenship program is female Cadets. Female Cadets make up 40% of the Cadet population. The JROTC faculty is led by nearly 4,000 instructors who are retired from active duty, reserve duty, or National Guard Army service. Instructors are trained and qualified in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act 2007 to teach and mentor approximately 314,000 JROTC Cadets annually. The program may be taken as an elective credit from one to four years. The program is open to both male and female students.



The Fort Hamilton High School Tiger Battalion Junior ROTC was established on August 30, 1993 when Lieutenant Colonel Lee Anderson became the Senior Army Instructor. The Tiger Battalion has the distinction of being the first Army Junior ROTC program in the New York City public school system. In addition, the Tiger Battalion was the first recipient of the Gold Star, Honor Unit With Distinction for their Command Inspection. In April the Battalion hosted the 1st SPIN-Up Vex Robotics Competition. Major Sang B. Lee is the Senior Army Instructor and Sergeant David C. Freeland the Army Instructor. Fort Hamilton's Principal is Ms. Kaye Houlihan



The Junior ROTC Rough Rider Battalion at Theodore Roosevelt High School of Law and Community Service was established in 1998. The Rough Rider Battalion 2022-2023 mission is to uphold the legacy of success and maintain high physical, moral, and academic standards by building character, fostering discipline, and instilling the seven Army Values within the cadets. In April, 2023, the Rough Rider TREC Robotics Team took the Inspire Award at the International Robotics Competition in Dallas Texas. Sergeant First Class John Montalvo is the Army Instructor and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Leroy Tulloch is the Senior Army Instructor. The School of Law and Community Service Principal is Mr. Michael Barakat.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ARMY'S JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM GO TO:

<https://www.usarmyjrotc.com/>

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