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# Fishburne Newsletter-September 2020

## Cadets Start Settling In

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### **Blessing of The Colors-**

This year's blessing of the colors was hosted in the new Hitt-Millar Field House that was completed back in September of 2019. With the guidelines for COVID-19, the field house was fully taken up by cadets sitting 6-feet apart. The ceremony started with the Fishburne Color Guard commanded by Cadet Sgt. Sean Ross posting the Virginia and U.S. Colors. The podium was then turned to the honorary Rev. Tim Bowman from Bethany Lutheran Church in Waynesboro, Va, in

which he blessed the Virginia, U.S, School, and JROTC colors. After the prayer for the colors Rev. Bowman continued by blessing the four Company Guidons, with each Company standing when their Guidon was being blessed. After the



blessings given by Rev. Tim Bowman the podium was given to the Battalion Commander Cadet William Terry to give the Senior prayer, it was then given to the Cadet SgtMg Cadlee Jarvis to speak the Mid-Class prayer. When he was finished he handed it to Cadet Cpl. Pierce Mihailoff who gave the Under-Classmen Prayer, then it was turned to Cadet 1Lt. Francis Ko who spoke the School Prayer. After the Cadet prayers the Field House was brought to attention and fell-out to end the ceremony.

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### **Looking Into The Corps-**

This week's "Looking into the Corps" will focus on the four Company Commanders. These four hard working cadets have been giving back to Fishburne for more than three years, and this year is their year to lead the corps to greatness. This year the Commanders have a more difficult time leading their Company's due to COVID-19. The restrictions that have been set by the State have made the Company Commanders going non-stop. Riley Malone, Alpha Company Commander said "The hardest restrictions to maintain are making sure everyone is wearing a mask and ensuring cadets are not in others rooms. This is especially hard since so much of our lifestyle revolves around cadet interaction, eliminating that is extremely difficult and has led to a dent in company, and indeed battalion morale." This year they have to crack down hard on their Companies with hygiene, by making sure they keep masks on and shower daily. With the extra duties that are given to the Commanders they are doing an excellent job. This year alone has been a year for the History books and these Company Commanders are making that a possibility and Fishburne Staff, Parents, and Cadets thank you.



### **Cadet Challenges**

The first, second, and third week of PT and Uniform Inspection competitions was very competitive. The winners of the competitions would get a banner to hang on their Guidons. The first week winners for both PT and Uniform Inspections were swept by Charlie as they took a jumping lead into the month. The second week was a little more competitive with the PT of the week once again going to Charlie but Alpha came in and surprised the whole corp with an outstanding Uniform Inspection that impressed the Battalion Commander and SgMg Carrion. After a very confusing week three the results came in and the whole corps was hyped to hear that Band Company had blown through the competitions and won both PT and Uniform Inspection.

### **The Back-Bone of Fishburne Military School.**

This publication of *Back-Bone of Fishburne Military School* will focus on a well known and well respected Faculty member by the name of Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Lori Campbell was born in New Jersey and as a young woman moved around frequently. This helped her develop a sense of self while experiencing new and exciting environments. She earned a BA in English Education from Augusta State University and is in the process of earning an MA in English from Emporia State University. After teaching at several schools, including Fishburne's rival Massanutten Military Academy, she came to Fishburne in 2018 for the camaraderie, small class size, and family atmosphere. In the three years she has been with us, she has taught Middle School English, Dual Enrollment Composition, American Literature, and British Literature. Mrs. Campbell also co-sponsors Fishburne's Communications Club which is responsible for producing TAPS, the FMS yearbook. She lives in Waynesboro with her husband Frank, and her two rescue dogs, Bailey and Henry. In her free time, Mrs. Campbell loves to paint and write and has published two super-natural adventure novels "The Scent of Deception" and "Whispers of Truth".

