



AFJROTC MA-791 Bedford High School

Lt Col Ken Mierz, USAF (ret)
MSgt Charlie Humphrey, USAF (ret)





AFJROTC



➤ Mission

- Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community

➤ Objective

- Instill Values Of Citizenship, Service To The United States, Personal Responsibility and Sense Of Accomplishment

*****AFJROTC is NOT a USAF Recruiting or Accessions Program*****



AFJROTC History



- Bedford AFJROTC established in 1979
 - 14th oldest AFJROTC unit in the US
 - Only Lowell HS AFJROTC (1977) is older in MA
 - Nine AFJROTC units in MA
- 880+ AFJROTC in US, plus units from all other branches (Army, Navy, Marines, Space Force & Coast Guard)



Instructors



- Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI)
 - Lt Col Kenneth Mierz
 - Hometown – Woodhaven, MI
 - 25 years in AF (Space Operations)
 - BS in Package Engineering – Michigan State University, 1989
 - MBA – Webster University, 1999
 - MA in Military Studies – Air University, 2010
 - MS in Space Operations – Emory-Riddle University (30 of 36 credits completed)
 - 4th year teaching at Bedford High School



Instructors

- Aerospace Science Instructor (ASI)
 - MSgt Charlie Humphrey
 - Hometown – Chelmsford, MA
 - 24 years in AF (Law Enforcement, Special Duty Assignments - Military Training Instructor, Airman Leadership School Commandant)
 - BS in Criminal Justice/Homeland Security/Instructor of Technology and Military Science, Park University
 - MA in Secondary Education, University of Phoenix/Boston University
 - Advanced Instructor Certification - Air University
 - 7th year teaching at Bedford High School

Curriculum

➤ Aerospace Science

- Space Operations (STEM)
- History of Flight
- Aerodynamics (STEM)
- Geo-Political Studies

➤ Leadership

- Citizenship, Character and Air Force Tradition
- Communication, Awareness, and Leadership
- Life Skills and Career Opportunities
- Principles of Management



Curriculum

- Drill & Ceremony
- Physical Education
- Civics, Personal Finance, Public Speaking, etc
 - We are constantly adjusting the curriculum to match the students needs and desires

*****Students receive PE credit for AFJROTC*****





Demographics



➤ Location

- 30 students from Bedford
- 24 from Hanscom AFB
- 24 from Billerica
- 2 from Boston

➤ Grade

- 26 Freshmen
- 19 Sophomores
- 15 Juniors
- 20 Seniors

➤ Gender

- 53 Male
- 27 Female

➤ Retention

- 49 out 55 (89%)
students returned to the
program



Recent Graduates (last three years)

- 34 out of 44 to college (77%)
 - 12 enrolled in college ROTC programs
 - 5 Nominated & Accepted to Service Academies
- 4 Enlisted in military
- 1 Prep School (Post graduate year)
- 2 Trade schools
- 3 Gap Year





Cadet Leadership

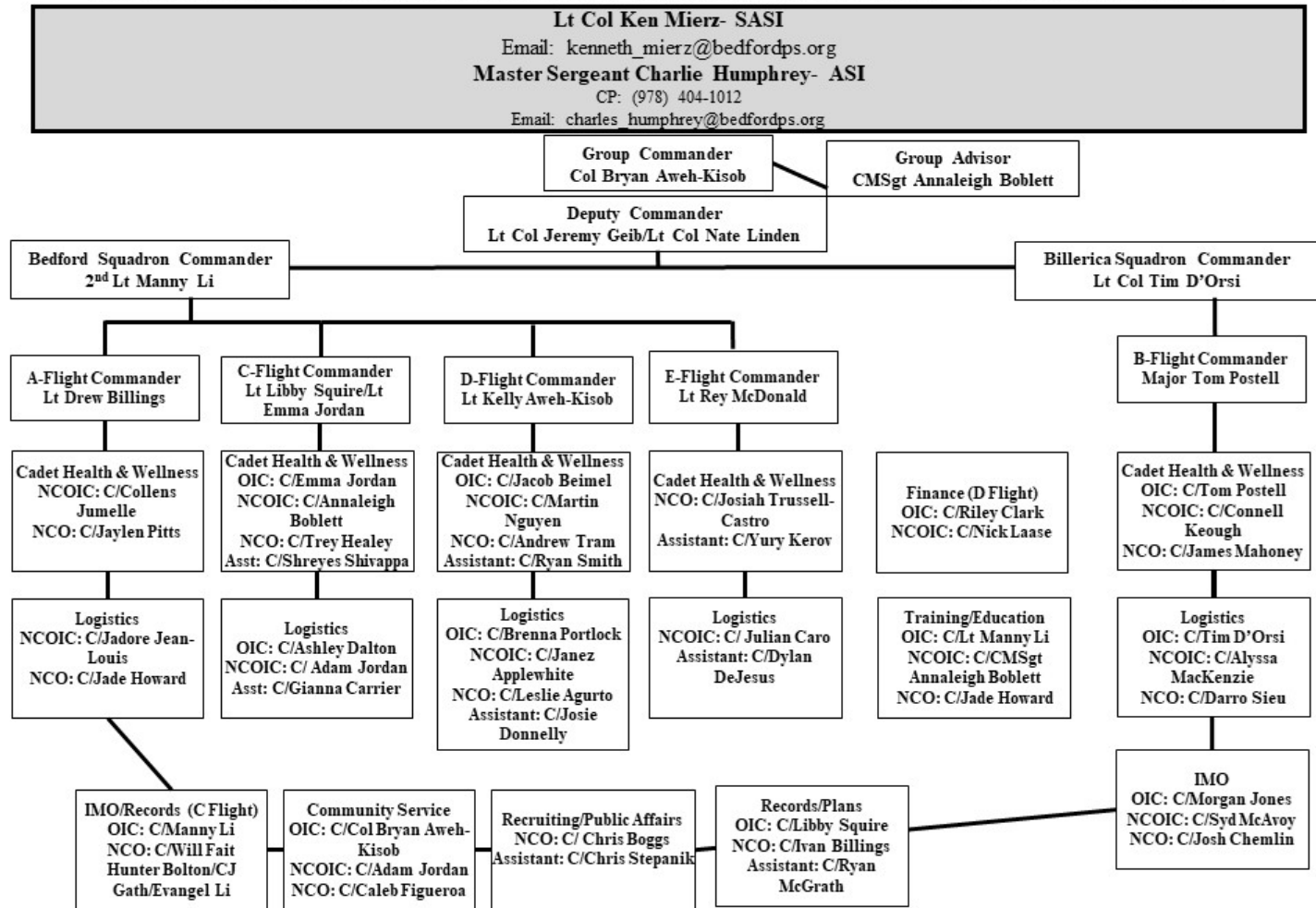


- Cadet Commander – C/Col Bryan Aweh-Kisob
 - Deputy CMDR – C/Lt Col Jeremy Geib
 - Deputy CMDR – C/Lt Col Nate Linden
 - Bedford Squadron CMDR – C/2nd Lt Manny Li
 - Billerica Squadron CMDR – C/Lt Col Tim D'Orsi
- Every student is given a leadership role and responsibility

*** AFJROTC is a student led program ***

Cadet Leadership

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Classroom

- New classroom, break room, offices, logistics storage room, rest rooms, and changing rooms





Air Force Accreditation



- AF inspection (accreditation) scheduled for Wednesday, 3 Nov 2021
 - Inspection every three years (originally scheduled for last year – delayed due to COVID)
 - Meets or Exceeds standards on every inspection
 - One discrepancy last inspection (storage area was not large enough – corrected with new classroom)
 - Inspection areas
 - School compliance
 - Instructor performance
 - Cadet operations
 - Unit operations



Benefits



➤ Community Service

- 1000+ hours the past two years
- Color Guard, Saber Team, School Cleanup, HFCU events, FAA, Bedford/Billerica Food Pantry, VFW, VA, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Bedford Day

➤ Leadership

➤ Teamwork

- Drill Team – completes in multiple competitions throughout the school

➤ Kitty Hawk Air Society – Nation Honor Society for AFJROTC



Benefits



- Awareness Presentation Team – Cadets give presentations to middle schools about AFJROTC
 - Builds self confidence & character
- JROTC Academic & Leadership Bowl (JLAB)
 - National Competition between all services JROTC programs
 - Reached Level 2 (top 64 teams in AFJROTC) last three years
- AFJROTC Outstanding Organization Award (2020)
 - Top 20% of AFJROTC units

Benefits

- Pride, Values, Personal Responsibility, Self Discipline, etc
- Students become Role Models & Mentors
- Safe & Inclusive Environment for all students (enrolled in AFJROTC or not)
- AFJROTC Family
- Incentives for hard work and learn life lessons



Conclusion

- BHS AFJROTC provides our students with a safe environment to look for opportunities, explore ideas and concepts, and perform community services.
- BHS AFJROTC helps students build their college/future resume to be ready to take on the world!



QUESTIONS

