

**Essay Winner Picked by Patriotic Group.** Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade Cassandra Middlestead, of Roughrider Company, Port Angeles High School, placed second in the John Paul Jones Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), JROTC Enhanced Essay Contest.

The JROTC Enhanced Essay Contest is open to cadets in their next to last year of JROTC in a four year program. The contest is a 500 -700 word essay, entitled, "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America." Her essay also included a complete resume of JROTC, scholastic, sports, church, and extra-scholastic activities, along with letters of recommendation by her Senior Naval Science Instructor and school Principal.

Cadet Middlestead's application and essay were evaluated by the John Paul Jones Chapter in Bremerton. Despite the excellence of both her qualifications and the quality of her essay, she placed second by less than 10 points on a scale of 100, an impressive performance.

Because of her outstanding performance and superior writing skill, and on the recommendation of the Washington Society SAR President, Cadet Middlestead received the Chapter SAR Bronze Good Citizenship medal in token of her excellence. In his recommendation for Cadet Middlestead, JROTC Science Instructor CAPT Picker wrote, "Cassandra is an exceptional student. She consistently demonstrates the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment and is a role model for Cadets and the greater student body. She demonstrates superior qualities of academic maturity, responsibility and dedication. She is an avid program participant and leader, an officer within Roughrider Company. She steps up whenever there is an opportunity to help her JROTC community."

Without doubt, Cadet Middlestead is a skilled leader and exemplary citizen. Those leadership traits mentioned by CAPT Picker are indeed a leader's foundation. She is the consummate NJROTC Cadet. The John Paul Jones Chapter of the SAR is proud to recognize her as such.

Membership in the SAR is open to men who can demonstrate that their ancestor provided active service in the cause of American independence either by serving in the military or in some other significant role. For further information, visit their state webpage at <https://www.wassartoday.org/>.