

Rome High School's Junior ROTC cadets earned the highest possible grade of "Exceeds Standards" during its recent unit evaluation. "It has been four years since our last inspection," said Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, retired Colonel Seaborn Whatley. "We are very excited that cadets were able to rally and make this two in a row." The unit was also rated exceeds standards in 2014.

The inspection examines all aspect of how the unit fulfills its mission to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community. Retired MSgt Keith Thrash, also an instructor with the program, noted that students incur no military obligation by being in the program nor is there any expectation that cadets join the military. "We develop cadets through education, but also through co-curricular activities such as our STEM programs, which include flying quadcopters, model rocketry and cyber security", said Thrash. "We also have our competition drill teams and of course, our renowned Color Guard."



(Cadets in a mass formation in the main gym awaiting for inspection)



(Director of Finances, Cadet 2nd Lt Grant Chambers, speaking with the inspector, retired CMSgt Maldonado.)



(Second Year Cadets "Stepping Out" during the 30-Step Drill Evaluation.)



Cadets Anthony Linatoc, Aaron Loya and Marilyn DeLeon receiving the AFJROTC Top Performer Award.  
Also pictured: CMSgt Maldonado (ret); Rome HS Principal, Eric Holland; Group Commander, Cadet Jennifer Lopez; Corps Special Assistant, Samuel Pierce; Col Whatley (ret) and MSgt Thrash (ret).