

# Comal Independent School District

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### **CHS Air Force JROTC Earns Distinguished Award for seventh straight year**

For the seventh consecutive year, Canyon High School Air Force junior ROTC has received the Air Force Junior ROTC Distinguished Unit Award.

The CHS Corps of Cadets are one of only 90 of more than 870 Air Force JROTC units worldwide in 2009-10 to have earned this prestigious award. The award recognizes Air Force JROTC units that have performed above and beyond normal expectations, and that have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their school and community while meeting the Air Force Junior ROTC mission of producing better citizens for America.

The objectives of the Junior ROTC program are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and life skills; promote community service; instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline through character education, and to provide instruction in air and space fundamentals. Enrollment is open to all young people who are in the ninth grade or higher, physically fit, and are citizens or nationals of the United States.

"I am proud of our cadets and instructors," said CHS principal Brad Brown. "Their service to the school and community has been outstanding."

Major Kevin Cregier and Master Sgt. Edward A. Garcia are the two Canyon High Air Force JROTC instructors.

"This award belongs to the cadets for their hard work and dedication," said Cregier.

Air Force Force Junior ROTC is located in high schools across the United States and at selected schools in Europe, in the Pacific and Puerto Rico. Junior ROTC enrollment includes more than 102,000 cadets.

For more information contact the Air Force Junior ROTC department at (830) 221-2447 or 221-2407.

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### **CHS instructor Garcia wins Air Force Association Alamo Chapter Teacher of the Year**

Canyon High Air Force JROTC instructor Edward A. Garcia was recently named the Air Force Association Alamo Chapter Teacher of the Year.

The Alamo Chapter includes 22 high schools and two colleges in the greater San Antonio area.



“This is a first for Ed and the Air Force JROTC program at CHS,” said fellow CHS instructor Major Kevin Cregier, who nominated Garcia for the award along with CHS principal Brad Brown and Comal ISD superintendent Dr. Marc Walker. “Ed is an excellent teacher, mentor and team player. He is a creative teacher who develops his curriculum to meet the needs of the cadets. He is my right hand man and makes my job easy.”

Garcia has been a JROTC instructor for 13 years, and has been at CHS since 2001.

Garcia is also now eligible to be named the state Air Force Association Teacher of the Year. The results of the state contest will be announced in July.

“Master Sgt. Garcia is a great instructor and is very deserving of this honor,” said cadet Joan Tuason, a junior at CHS. “He always goes the extra mile for us. Whether it’s showing up every Saturday to help the leadership team with a project or counseling a cadet who may need guidance, you can tell Master Sgt. Garcia really loves his job.”

Brown said Garcia provides leadership on the CHS campus.

“It’s always a privilege to work with good people like Ed Garcia,” Brown said. “He’s the kind of person who’s always going to put the student and our high school first.”

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IN PHOTO: Canyon High Air Force JROTC instructor Master Sgt. Edward A. Garcia was recently named the Alamo Chapter Air Force Teacher of the Year.