

# Bowie HS cadets chosen to represent 277,000

## U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND

FORT MONROE, Va. - A team of four Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Bowie High School, here, is one of only 36 chosen to attend the second annual George C. Marshall Junior ROTC Leadership Symposium on the campuses of Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., from Oct. 12 through 14.

The 144 team members participating in symposium activities will represent almost 277,000 students presently enrolled in 1,645 JROTC units throughout the United States and overseas where our military are stationed. Considering the numbers, cadets selected are truly the cream of the crop.

The U.S. Army Cadet Command will host the event with the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Va.

The theme of this year's symposium is "The George C. Marshall Principles of Leadership - How They Apply to My JROTC Unit, School, Community and Life." George C. Marshall, the symposium's namesake, was the top cadet leader at VMI during his senior year and began his distinguished Army career after being commissioned a second lieutenant in 1902. He served in both world wars, most notably as Chief of Staff of the Army in World War II.

After the war, he served as



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**Company E of Bowie High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets pose for a school picture. A team of four JROTC cadets from Bowie (not shown) is one of only 36 chosen to attend the second annual George C. Marshall Junior ROTC Leadership Symposium on the campuses of Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., from Oct. 12 through 14.**

Secretary of State and then Secretary of Defense during the Korean War. He is perhaps best known for developing the Marshall Plan, which ensured the JROTC Symposium economic recovery of war-devastated Europe. For this work, Marshall became the first career Soldier to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Symposium organizers use his selfless service and leadership as an example for participating cadets.

Because there were so few slots available for the symposium, JROTC instructors nominated only those

cadets who went above and beyond school and program requirements for excellence in leadership and community service. Besides hearing from prominent leaders during interactive presentations, which sometimes put them in leadership roles, participants will tour several local attractions. Each will earn one college credit hour in leadership and community service.

The Bowie HS JROTC team includes Osvaldo Estrada, Salvador Gallardo, Alain Gaytan and Luis Ontiveros. Their accomplishments are

impressive and include participation in school and community organizations. They have excelled scholastically while being involved in these extracurricular activities.

JROTC has a mission to motivate young people to be better citizens by teaching leadership skills and encouraging community service. It is not a recruiting tool for the Army and is open to all students in high schools that have a program.

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