SUMMARY OF MAJOR NJROTC ACTIVITIES

1. General. A number of significant events take place during the year in which NJROTC takes part.

2. Inspections. Each year the Chief of Naval Education and Training conducts an annual inspection of its units throughout the United States. Patrick Henry is inspected by the NJROTC Area Manager for Area FIVE. The inspection requires a great deal of effort on everyone’s part. Virtually every aspect of the NJROTC Program is covered. Beginning with a presentation by the cadet staff, a personnel inspection of all cadets within the corps usually follows. Prior to the presentation, the inspector observes classroom activities, and looks in-depth at unit supply and the administrative practices and procedures followed by the cadets and staff. A demonstration given by the unit Drill Team is normally given as a part of the unit pass in review. Prior to his departure, the inspecting officer meets with principal and other administrators to give an assessment of the unit. To obtain a grade of “satisfactory” everyone is required to work hard and give their best effort.

3. Military Ball. The Military Ball is without doubt the nicest of the formal dances given at Patrick Henry High School and is improving with each year of experience. The ball combines an excellent catered dinner, with dancing to the music of a professional disk jockey. Unit instructors and other teacher and administrators enjoy an evening with their students without the restrictions of a classroom environment. Young men wear the dress uniform while young ladies wear civilian dress. The cost to the cadet is kept low through fundraising activities conducted throughout the school year. The ball is held just before Winter Break each year to avoid conflict with other student activities.

4. Drill Meets. Patrick Henry High School NJROTC participates in many drill meets each year visiting a number of other schools and meeting students from diverse areas of the state. Teams are formed at the beginning of the year by interested members of the cadet corps. Many life-long friends are found during these meets.

5. Ceremonies. Cadets take part in a wide range of ceremonies throughout the year, mostly as members of the drill team or color guard. Several events, however, involve the entire company. NJROTC plans and conducts a Veteran’s Day Ceremony for the school. The unit also participates in four or more local area parades each year and provides unit members to local civic groups when requested.

6. Community Service. Over the past years many of our cadets have volunteered their time in community service. The area of community service has expanded to include: assisting school administrators with preparations for the new school year, participation in local area beach sweeps, the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation’s Walk for the Cure. Our goal is to donate between 1000-1500 hours of community service each year. This will require dedication on the part of all cadets.

7. Field Trips. Each year a number of Field Trips are scheduled. Some relate directly to material being covered in the classroom, while others introduce cadets to various aspects of the Navy or improve cadet skills. Each summer one to three cadets have an opportunity to attend a Leadership Academy where top performing cadets from Area FIVE work on leadership techniques. Additional basic training is available to another twenty to thirty students during a summer “Basic Leadership Training.” Special competition trips associated with athletics, orienteering and other events provide opportunities for students to travel and meet other ROTC students. All trips are open to students in good standing and costs are normally low.