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ROTC programs earn high ranking

The Battle Ground and Prairie high schools' Air Force Junior ROTC programs have earned top national rankings following day-long inspections and evaluations by visiting ROTC officials.

“It was a very tough inspection and for both schools to have earned this highest rating says a lot about the two programs and the support we receive from the school district,” said Col. Brian Brown, senior aerospace instructor at BGHS. Each program was awarded an “Exceeds Standards” ranking.

An additional honor for the BGHS program was the naming of Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Shannon as an “Outstanding Instructor,” which Brown termed “a tremendous honor recognizing his superb teaching, coaching of drill teams” and remodeling of a portable at the campus for use as a uniform-issue facility. ROTC at BGHS has an enrollment of 129, the highest in ROTC's 16 years at the school.

Brown said inspections included evaluation of instructors' teaching methods, facilities, equipment, course syllabuses, community involvement, discipline, teamwork, physical fitness programs and unit financial records.

Brown's counterpart at PHS, where ROTC enrollment is 112, is Col. David Reinholz, new to the position this year. The other ROTC aerospace instructor at PHS is Master Sgt. Randy Martin.

At both schools, student cadet leaders described their respective ROTC activities and programs with Power Point presentations attended by school and district officials. The ROTC programs are part of the school district's Career and Technical Education program, directed by Denice Harvey.

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