



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

REL Marine Corps Ball

The Robert E. Lee High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC) celebrated the 239th birthday of the Marine Corps recently with a Marine Corps Ball. Approximately 75 people attended the Ball, held in the Commons of Lee High School.

The first part of the Ball was formal, including a traditional march on with Commanding Officer Cadet 2nd Lt. Ray Boone and the guest of honor, Renea Dillon, director of career and technical education for Goose Creek CISD; Colors and the traditional cake-cutting ceremony, followed by the reading of the 13th Commandant's Birthday Message and the current Commandant's Birthday Message. The last part of the Ball included dinner and dancing.

Boone greeted Dillon with a bouquet of flowers and spoke on the rich traditions of the Marine Corps and what that means to the cadets at Lee High School. Dillon spoke of the pride she has as a graduate of Lee High School and the traditional slogan, "Once a Gander, always a Gander," comparing it to the pride of being a Marine, with the similar slogan, "Once a Marine, always a Marine."

"She is always so supportive of the program," said Chief Warrant Officer - Five Timothy M. Molina USMC (Ret). "She worked to get the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps National Defense Cadet Corps (MCJROTC NDCC) at Goose Creek Memorial approved and to get new obstacle courses for the programs through the bond program in the future."

The establishment of the NDCC Unit at Goose Creek Memorial allowed Goose Creek CISD to become one of the few districts with programs at all traditional high schools. The MCJROTC program at Robert E. Lee High School is under the direction of Molina and Gunnery Sergeant Anthony L. McKenzie USMC (Ret).



Renea Dillon, director of the career and technical education program for Goose Creek CISD, is escorted as the guest of honor by Commanding Officer Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Ray Boone from the MCJROTC at Lee High School, while Cadet Corporal Jose Hidalgo serves as the narrator for the recent Marine Corps Ball.

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