

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Ronal Coleman hosted the Seventh Annual Awards Luncheon this year. We recognized a number of outstanding individuals. John "Jack" Burgoon was presented SAR's War Medal for his contribution in WW II. John Pringle, ROTC Chairman, presented this year's medal to Salvatore Parascandola of Red Land High School. Sal is very active in extra curricular activities and holds a number of leadership positions in his unit. This coming year he will be Battalion Commander. His parents are very appreciative of our recognition of him.

Ronald Coleman presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Detective Michael Cotton of the Pennsboro Police Department. Detective Cotton has seen 16 years of service with the department and has received a number of awards and commendations. We met his lovely wife but not their young 2.5 year old who was a general topic of conversation.

The buffet was outstanding as usual and well received. Those attending had enjoyable time-sharing stories with fellow compatriots and their guests.

"Quotable Quotes"

If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters. ALAN SIMPSON, former Senator

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THE SNEEZE

They walked in tandem, each of the 93 students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would not pray during commencement – not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance, and no one asked for blessings for the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine... until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then all the other 92 students suddenly sneezed. The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, "God bless you, each and every one of you!" and walked off stage.

The audience exploded into applause. The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God's blessing in their futures with or without the court's approval.



President Miller congratulates Jack Burgoon on his receiving the SAR WW II Medal.

Col. Edward Murdock presents Salvatore Paraseandola with his JROTC Medal as his parents and John Pringle look on.



Chief Dennis McMaster at podium with Detective Michael Cotton.

