



# UNITED STATES ARMY CADET COMMAND



**WHO:** Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Rachel L. Cassella

**WHAT:** Kiwanis Club of Clarksville Essay Award Ceremony

**WHEN:** 8 November 2022

**WHERE:** Rossvie High School

**WHY:** To recognize the achievement of a Cadet's success

**OUTCOMES:** c/LTC was awarded a Kiwanis Plaque and a \$50 Cash Award in recognition of her outstanding essay.

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**SUMMARY:** Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Rachel Cassella was selected as the Rossvie High School Kiwanis Essay winner, and with her parents and friends present, she received her awards in a ceremony during the Kiwanis luncheon. She also received the Kiwanis Award for Most Heroic Essay during the ceremony. She interviewed Retired Army Captain Jeffery Peacock. Who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan as a Battalion Surgeon and Company Commander. Captain Peacock told her of the events that led to him receiving the Purple Heart when he was face-to-face with a suicide bomber that detonated his vest attacking the hospital at the University of Baghdad. She learned his belief that "Leaders always lead from the front" and how missed "the reward of being able to lead and build a military team to accomplish an impossible task."

