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Cornes wins JROTC Medal

Tommy Cornes of Vintage High School was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution Junior ROTC Medal on March 21.



Cornes

The award was presented by Lt. Cmdr. David Dackins of the Rear Admiral Richard O'Kane Sea Cadet unit during an annual inspection. Cornes is the Lead Petty Officer for the unit that drills monthly at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. The Daughters of the American Revolution Junior ROTC Award is given to a cadet who has demonstrated academic excellence, dependability, good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the Reserve Officers Training Corps or Sea Cadets.

Cornes, a sophomore at Vintage, is a varsity water polo player and swimmer. He also swims for Wine Country Aquatics and has qualified for the Junior Olympics in several events in San Ramon in late March. He has completed 15 Advanced Trainings with Sea Cadets, including Petty Officer Leadership Academy and Master at Arms training. Cornes has passed the FAA Ground School exam and plans on beginning flying lessons this summer. He hopes to join his brother, David, at the U.S. Naval Academy when he graduates and is looking forward to a career in the military.

Napa Valley College students an All-California academic team

Two Napa Valley College students have been honored by being named to the All-California Academic First Team, the top community college students in

the state. The students were honored by the California Community College League at the capitol in Sacramento on March 22 for their academic and community achievements and may be eligible for national awards. Napa Valley College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter has a long history of having students receive All-California and All-USA honors.



Zitko

Peter A. (Tony) Zitko, 48, is a contractor and fire system protection specialist, married 27 years, who has two daughters also enrolled in college. College honors have included a 4.0 GPA and admission to Phi Theta Kappa. Zitko is working on a second associate's degree in math and natural science and a bachelor's degree in political science. He has taught martial arts since 1977 and he also enjoys reading, travel and various sports.

August Anderson has attended Napa



Anderson

Valley College since 2004, when he enrolled as a high school student. He has been on the President's Honor List since 2005, when he also joined Phi Theta Kappa. He serves his community through volunteering on his church's worship team, at Clinic Ole health clinics for farm workers, and in the ER of Queen of the Valley Medical Center, as well as through Phi Theta Kappa service projects. He works as a math tutor and enjoys playing volleyball.

Anderson plans to transfer in the fall to the University of California, San Diego, to major in human biology and linguistics. Afterwards, he wants to do research, then go to medical school.

Professors Cathy Gillis and Walt Unti, honor society advisors, attended the luncheon in Sacramento.