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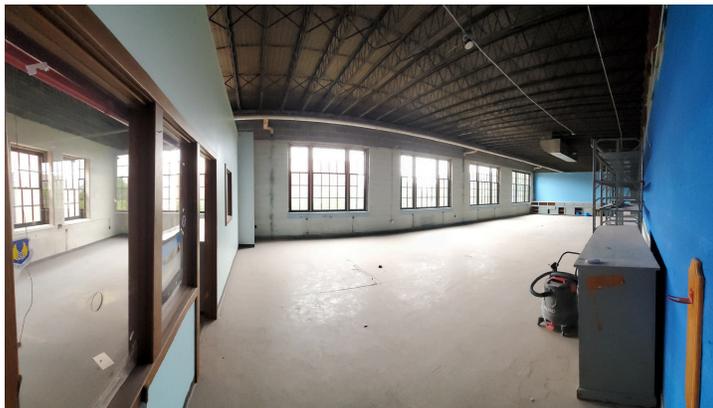
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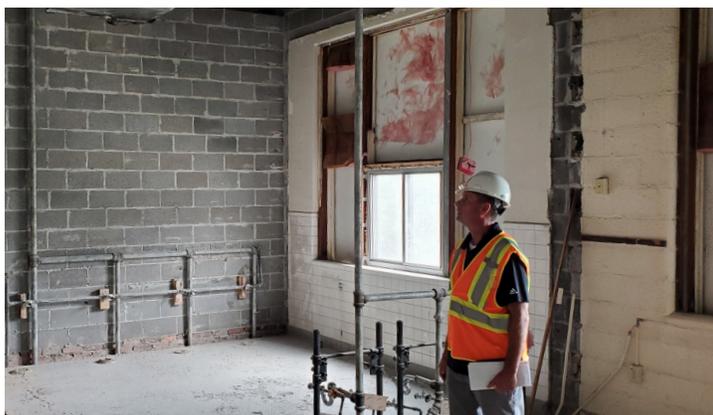
We're Back! Returning to the "M&N" Building

Written by: Lt Col Philip Garito

Det 465 has been operating out of the Old Health Center for nearly two years, making the most out of old radiology offices and waiting rooms. While the cozy environment has brought us closer to our joint partners and forced us to be more creative in our training, it's time to return to Memorial Stadium's historic loop and resume training at the Pershing Military and Naval Science (M&N) Building.



Pictured above: Old storage and uniform room cleared out



Pictured above: Restrooms under construction



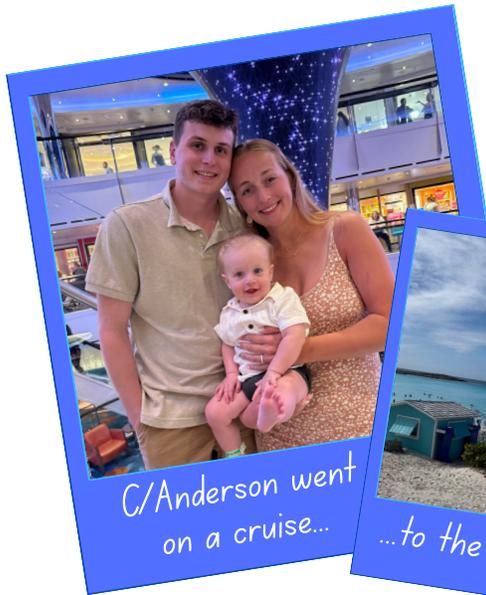
The M&N Building has been home to UNL's military ROTC program for over 60 years. With its rich history of preparing students to be officers in the United States Military, most students have spent very transformative years here with fond memories of building friendships and developing as leaders.

In 2024, the university started a multimillion-dollar renovation project that restored windows to their original size, added central heating & A/C, updated the electrical & mechanical systems, built restrooms with showers, and installed an elevator. This renovation modified several of the Air Force spaces and created opportunities for the team to reimagine how they're used. We are not quite settled in, but stay tuned as we continue the tradition of training future Air Force & Space Force Officers in this amazing building.



Pictured above: Former AERO classroom

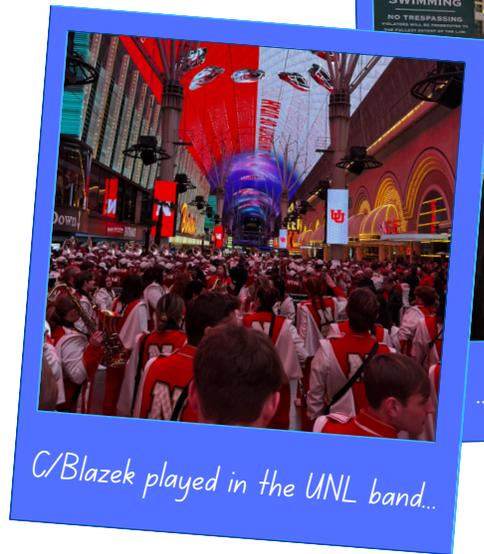
What did you do over Winter Break? Here's what we did:



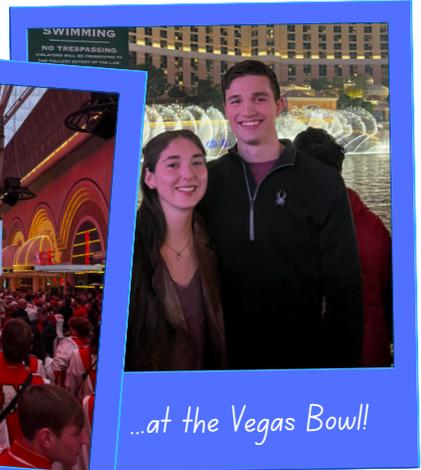
C/Anderson went on a cruise...



...to the Caribbean!



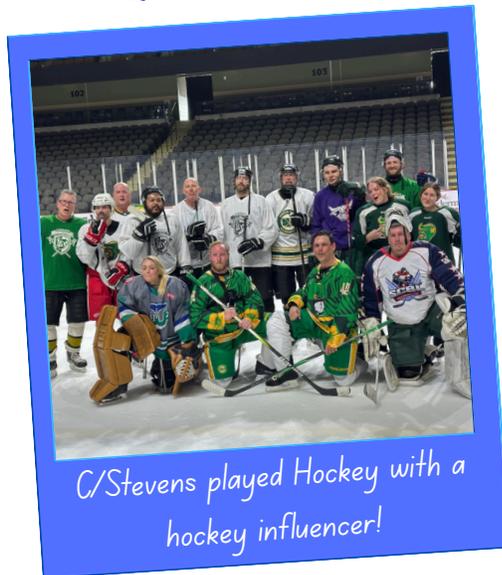
C/Blazek played in the UNL band...



...at the Vegas Bowl!



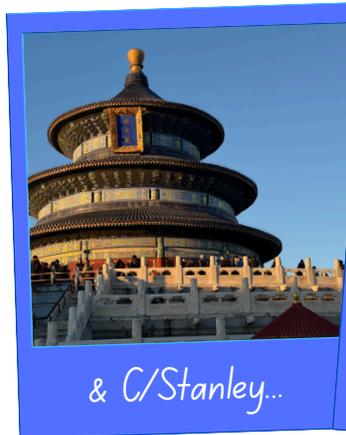
C/Hartley also went on a cruise!



C/Stevens played Hockey with a hockey influencer!



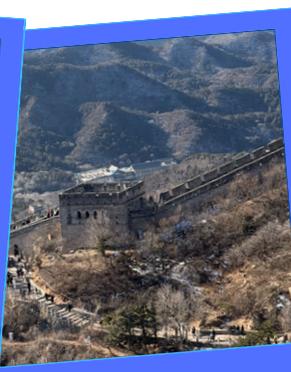
C/Pozzi brought friends to Chicago!



& C/Stanley...



...went all the way to...



...China!

Priority #1: Personal Well-Being

Written by: C/Maj Elena Burgwald

As we start a new semester, it's worth taking a step back and remembering that before we are cadets or future officers, we are human beings. Personal wellbeing matters because it shapes how we show up every day, whether that be in our motivation or our ability to handle stress. Prioritizing the four pillars of Comprehensive Airman Fitness helps prevent burnout and allows us to perform consistently over time.



Pictured above: *Top Gun* movie watch party (top),
F-16 static tour (bottom)



Promoting wellbeing as a Wing means continuing to create a culture where taking care of yourself is seen as a strength, not a weakness. That can look like being intentional about recovery, setting aside a true “do nothing” day when needed, and recognizing when it’s time to reset rather than push through exhaustion. It can also look like building genuine connections (whether that be within or outside of ROTC) and supporting our fellow wingmen when they’re struggling. MWR plays a key role in this by creating opportunities to decompress and enjoy time together outside of PMT events, whether through bowling nights, watch parties for various sports, pickleball tournaments, volunteer events, video game tournaments, ice skating, or our end-of-semester BBQ. These moments of balance and connection strengthen our wingmen and reinforce why belonging to a team matters. By prioritizing the person, we build a stronger, more resilient Wing.

Priority #2: Academic Success

Written by: C/Maj Hailey Anderson

Academic success is highly valued within ROTC. It is important for our cadets to prioritize their studies, as GPA is a key factor in remaining competitive for opportunities such as getting an Enrollment Allocation (EA) for Field Training, earning a pilot slot, and qualifying for scholarship opportunities. Academic performance is one area that each cadet can directly control; therefore, it is essential to foster a culture that values academic success and consistently strives for excellence. A common phrase we emphasize every semester is “you are a person first, a student second, and cadet third”. As this semester’s Force Support Squadron Commander, my role is to ensure there are programs in place that guide our cadets and provide them with the resources needed to be successful, both in the classroom and in ROTC. One way we support this is through mentorship.



Cadets work with upperclassmen in the same academic major or who have taken similar classes. Another program we will resume this semester is weekly study hours. This allows cadets a dedicated, quiet time to study together. Holding study hours promotes accountability and reinforces habits that lead to academic excellence. Our wing-wide GPA goal of 3.5 is displayed prominently as a reminder of the standard we strive to meet. Another common phrase is “never leave an airman behind”. This applies to academics as well. As a detachment, we recognize that academic success is a shared responsibility, and by supporting one another, we strengthen both individual cadets and the wing as a whole.



Pictured above: Fall 2025 Academic Honors Awardees

Information Operations Squadron Highlight

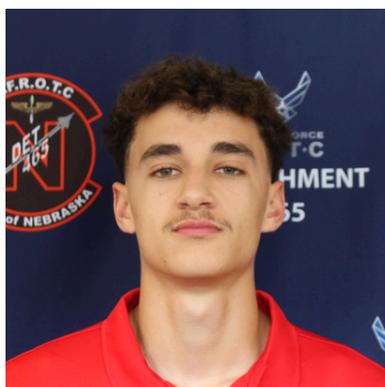
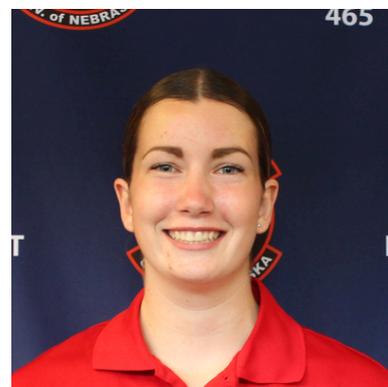
Written by: C/Maj Eddie Morrissette

As the Information Operations Squadron (IOS) Commander, I am responsible for most of our public-facing content this semester, such as Instagram posts and newsletters. This content helps us recruit new cadets, keep our supporters updated, and boost our Wing's morale. While I can take pictures and format documents all on my own, fulfilling the squadron's purpose takes a team. Allow me to introduce the people who make it all possible: the IOS techs!



C/4C Ryan Armstrong
Major: Criminal Justice
Role: Social Media Co-Lead Tech
Fun Fact: Lived in 7 states before turning 15

C/3C Caitlyn Cronbaugh
Major: Forensic Science
Role: Newsletter Lead Tech
Fun Fact: Born & raised in Japan



C/4C Jake Dennis
Major: Business Analytics
Role: Social Media Co-Lead Tech
Fun Fact: Has attended 10 different schools

AFROTC Terms Explained

“C/...” - on its own stands for Cadet. More specifically, C/4C and C/3C typically refer to first- and second-year cadets, while ranks like C/Maj are assigned to upperclassmen based on their role

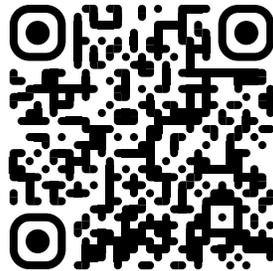
“EA” - stands for Enrollment Allocation, which refers to a cadet's selection to go to Field Training (required to be an upperclassmen).

“MWR” - stands for Morale, Welfare, & Recreation.

“PMT” - stands for Professional Military Training, which refers to any AFROTC-sponsored training activity.

“Tech” - refers to an underclassman who voluntarily helps an upperclassman perform their function in the Wing.

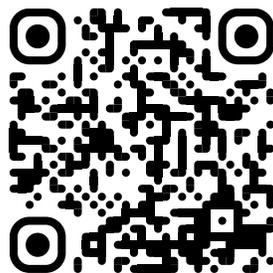
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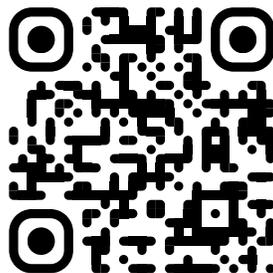
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