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# Cadre's Corner

Written By: (T)Sgt Ashley DeWolf

As the holiday season envelops us in its warmth, we are reminded of the reason for the season: gratitude, connection, and hope. This time of year allows us to pause and reflect on the blessings in our lives, both personal and within the detachment. The hard work, dedication, and resilience demonstrated by each of you is nothing short of inspiring. You've created a community here that embodies the best of what the Air Force family has to offer—support, camaraderie, and a shared commitment to excellence.

For many of us in uniform, the holidays can be bittersweet. The calling to serve often means being away from our loved ones during special times, a sacrifice that is deeply felt. Yet, it's in these moments that we discover the family we build within the Air Force. Bonds forged through shared experiences, teamwork, and unwavering support fill the void left by distance from home. This detachment exemplifies that spirit, standing as a testament to the strength of the Air Force family, especially during this season of togetherness.



The holiday season also offers an opportunity for reflection—not just on where we are but why we are here. Each of us has a “why” that drives us to serve, to lead, and to persevere through challenges. Whether it's a desire to protect our nation, a dream of making a difference in the world, or a commitment to honor the sacrifices of those who came before us, your "why" is deeply personal and profoundly significant. Understanding and embracing your "why" not only sustains you during difficult times but also fuels your purpose as an airman and leader.

We also recognize that this season brings unique challenges for our cadets. Balancing the rigorous demands of ROTC, academics, jobs, and personal responsibilities is no small feat. The holidays can amplify these pressures, but they also serve as a reminder of the importance of being seen, heard, and supported. As we close out the year, let's continue fostering an environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and comfortable being themselves—a space where we uplift one another in both triumphs and trials.

As we ring in the new year, let's carry forward the reason for the season: gratitude for our blessings, resilience in the face of challenges, and the importance of community. Whether through small acts of kindness, a word of encouragement, or simply showing up for each other, we have the power to make a difference. Together, we can make 2025 a year of growth, success, and connection.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season, clarity in your purpose, and a bright start to the new year!

SSgt Ashley DeWolf  
AFROTC Accessions Instructor



# Cadet Wing Commander Welcome

Written By: Cadet Grant Bowden

“I have the honor of being the incoming Cadet Wing Commander for Detachment 465 in the Spring 2025 semester. The Cadet Wing Commander (CW/CC) holds the responsibility of commanding the Cadet Wing in executing its mission, carrying out their vision, establishing and maintaining a strong detachment culture, and morale. The CW/CC’s job is to lead and support the Cadet Wing in our efforts to direct the recruitment, retention, and training of all our cadets.

“I am greatly honored to step into this role, especially in my last semester at UNL, as I aim to make our Det as strong as possible and set us up to succeed well into the future after I graduate. My team of POC and I are excited to have the opportunity to tackle our goals and make the mission of Detachment 465 a success. In the spring, we are looking forward to our sophomores preparing to head off to Field Training this summer, gaining a couple new Cadets in both the GMC and POC, and especially for our seniors preparing to graduate and finally commission as Second Lieutenants. We have great momentum coming off the Fall semester and are prepared to hit the ground running in the Spring with lessons learned and renewed energy to fight and win in all our endeavors”.



## An Innovated Operations Group

Written By: Cadet Elena Burgwald

“For the Spring 2025 semester, I will serve as the Operations Group Commander (OG/CC). This position requires significant preparation, as Wing Staff works to develop goals to pursue throughout the semester. Each semester varies in terms of training, as new leadership brings fresh ideas and objectives. Spring semesters, in particular, differ greatly from Fall semesters because the BCs have a full semester of experience under their belts, and the focus for BCLs shifts more intensely toward Field Training preparation. By the end of the semester, I aim to have the BCLs exceptionally prepared for Field Training and the BCs developed enough to seamlessly transition into the role of BCLs during their sophomore year.

“The training structure is also evolving this semester to allow for more streamlined communication. By dividing the operational Flights between BCs and BCLs, we can better specialize training so the BCLs will operate more autonomously to simulate the Field Training environment and further develop their critical thinking skills. Meanwhile, the BCs, having completed one semester in the program, are already proficient in AFROTC basics. This semester, their training will focus on advancing their development as followers and ensuring they meet foundational competencies. With this new structure, I am eager to see how the GMC cadets collaborate within their classes and continue to push one another to higher standards. The training environment will also become more intense this semester. We plan to hit the ground running, enabling the GMC cadets to quickly get back into the swing of things and maximize the efficiency of our training.”

# Joint PT

Written by: Cadet Tyson Klingler

For the last physical training (PT) event of the semester, Detachment 465 and UNL's NROTC Midshipmen came together and enjoyed a joint service recreational workout, with the intent to build camaraderie among Midshipmen and Airmen. Air Force Cadets and Navy Midshipmen got to face off in various dodgeball and volleyball games, with each branch of service working together to obtain victory. Having a joint PT event at least once a semester encourages teamwork and cooperation between branches. It grows a culture of friendship and understanding that will adapt into their military careers after they commission and join a Joint Force across many military domains.

## Awards Ceremony

For the last Leadership Lab (LLab), AFROTC held an awards ceremony to recognize cadet's achievements throughout the semester. This allows an opportunity to reward and recognize cadets for their hard work throughout the semester in AFROTC. Some notable awards are:

- Warrior Flight – Lima Lions
- Honor Flight – Delta Doe's
- Iron Man – C/Rowe
- Iron Woman – C/Richmond
- GMC of the Semester – C/Kurinec
- POC of the Semester – C/Bowden
- Outstanding Squadron Award – IOS Squadron



These are just a few of the awards that cadets received. The last thing that occurred at the Awards Ceremony was the Change of Command from this semester's Cadet Wing Commander, C/Col Morrissette, to the next Cadet Wing Commander, C/Col Bowden. This was a great semester for Detachment 465, and we can't wait to see what's in store for Spring of 2025!





# Basic Cadet's (BC) Semester Impressions

“As a BC, this was my first semester in the AFROTC program here at Detachment 465, and I can confidently say that it has been the highlight of my semester. Many students have a difficult time finding the motivation to maintain good grades in their classes and, simply put, lack purpose with respect to their college endeavors. Being in Detachment 465 has given me a sense of purpose and belonging that has helped me perform well this semester both in my classes and in AFROTC. Looking forward to next semester and beyond, I’m going to use everything I have learned from this semester and build off of it to be the best cadet I can.”



Cadet Tyson Klingler



Cadet Hayden Ricely

“My first semester within Detachment 465 has been an amazing learning experience and growing period for me. I have found my second family within this detachment as I have so many people to lean on. Within this semester I have overcome many obstacles and learning curves. One of my favorite memories from the semester is the walks to and from physical training. A few cadets and I walked to and from physical training and those simple walks always contained laughter and small memories.”

“After my first semester of AFROTC, I can say that I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Though it can be stressful at times, I’ve enjoyed getting out of my comfort zone. I have gotten the chance to meet some amazing people and create lasting friendships with some of the cadets. I was surprised how close you get with some people over such a short amount of time. Everyone, from the Cadre, POC, and GMC are there for each other, and want you to succeed.”



Cadet Rachel Stanley

## Waffle Party

Written by: Cadet Hayden Ricely

On Thursday, 12 December, the AERO 185 morning class hosted a waffle party for the BCs. This occurred at 8:00 am in the detachment classroom with an attendance of about 15 cadets and two cadre members. Homemade mini waffles, blueberries and strawberries, Cool Whip, and enjoyable games were present throughout this one-hour long party. This waffle party boosted morale within the freshman class, which is a key player in the retention rate within the AFROTC program. It was a wonderful experience for the BCs, celebrating their first semester in the program. Morale events like these are vital to the culture of our detachment, as it continues to build a family for how we work, fight, and win together.

# Flight Dinner

Written By: Cadet Tin Do

Flight dinners are a morale event with the intent of increasing the camaraderie within a flight and celebrating accomplishments from the semester. These dinners are held at the end of the semester, bringing together everyone at a restaurant chosen by the flight, and funded by FHBC.

Cadets have the opportunity to reminisce about the semester and what their flights achieved together. This semester, Alpha and Bravo flight brought a twist to a traditional flight dinner and decided to make it a joint flight adventure. While the dinner was meant to include all three flights from the Cadet Wing, Charlie was unable to attend.



Another key difference was the restaurant choice. In the past two years, flights have exclusively chosen to go to Texas Roadhouse. However, this semester the two flights decided to try a new place called Rodizios, and everyone loved it. Flight dinner holds a heavy importance to our wing's culture as it continues to foster the balance between working hard in PMT environments and strengthening the friendships made within AFROTC outside of a professional setting.

## Pershing Rifles & Arnold Air Society

Written by: Cadet Wyatt Christensen & Cadet Tin Do

Pershing Rifles (PR) is an organization named after General of the Armies John J. Pershing, who studied Law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1893. It's a tri-service drill team that practices rifle drill and competes with other companies from around the nation at the PR National Convention. Cadets are exposed to a rich military history at UNL, due to Company A-2 being the first ever Pershing Rifle company. Being part of PR helps to develop you as a cadet, improve on marching and leadership, hone PT skills, and provide a new sense of brotherhood and sisterhood among those in the different branches.

The Arnold Air Society (AAS) is an honor society for college students who are in Air Force ROTC. Founded in 1947 and named after General Henry "Hap" Arnold, the society focuses on developing leadership, promoting community service, and fostering professional growth—particularly for those pursuing careers in the Air Force. The local AAS chapter at UNL organizes events, recruits new ROTC cadets, and participates in various community service projects. Members of AAS also have the opportunity to attend national and regional AAS conferences, where they network with other cadets and learn from experienced leaders. Being part of AAS not only helps cadets grow as a leader, but also sets them apart, both within the ROTC program and as they look toward their future in the Air Force.

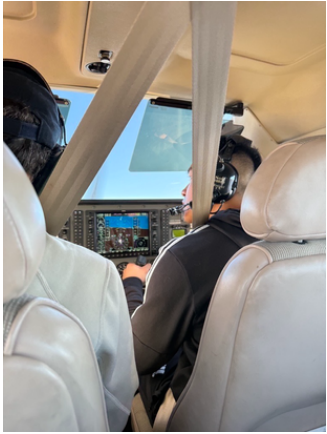


Over the past semester, some cadets have been hard at work on joining either AAS or PR. Both require hard work and dedication to successfully cross over into each. In PR, cadets Klinger, Do, Briseno, Dubas, and Scheele crossed over with cadet Klinger as the Distinguished Candidate for the semester. For AAS, cadets Cronbaugh, Do, Clark, Steele, Madson, Vogel, DiNapoli, and Stanley crossed over with cadet Madson being the Candidate of the Semester. Congratulations to these cadets on their achievement.



# CAP Flight

Written by: Cadet Tin Do



This past month, C/ Do, C/Kurinec, and C/Madson had the opportunity to attend Civil Air Patrol Orientation Flights. Not only were these flights a great learning opportunity for cadets, but a very exciting one as well. Cadets were given an amazing surprise of being able to fly/take control of the plane during their orientation.

Cadet Do went into the experience with little to no knowledge of flying, however the instructor was a great help and supported the cadets with his vast knowledge, guiding them how to control the plane. Cadet Do learned a lot by just observing, in addition to the instructor giving him the necessary information on how to fly the aircraft. The cadets were very inquisitive, and the instructor guided them to a deeper understanding on how and why behind the controls when taking control of an aircraft in flight.

Cadet Do enjoyed how the instructor went over all the things a pilot would do before even starting the plane and the purpose behind each of those actions he was doing. He also enjoyed how patient the instructor was when they weren't doing things perfectly and how he let the cadets struggle through the experience and taught them from those struggles. Cadets each received about 20-30 mins of flying.

## M&N Construction Update

Written by: Cadet Wyatt Christensen



The John J. Pershing Military & Naval Science Building was built and opened in 1946. The M&NS is where all three branches of ROTC were based at UNL. However, last semester the M&N building began to undergo an upgrade process and has been closed down. The renovation will include new windows, installation of a central Heating & Cooling system, and installing an elevator.

As of November 2024, most of the new windows have been installed and the rest of the upgrades are moving along nicely. The project is on track to be completed during the Summer of 2025, but in the meantime each of the ROTC branches are being housed at UNL's former campus health center, near the College of Business, at 1500 U St.







Commander's Office (right) to open stairwell on east side (left) for elevator



AF Floor Female Restroom (Both restrooms set to have showers added)



AF Classroom on east side of M&N (No more radiators)



Commutations/Uniform/Storage Room (northside). The band has relocated their storage.



# AFROTC Lingo

Written By: Cadet Madison Pozzi

One of the hardest parts of Air Force Reserve Officer Training, is learning all of the acronyms. Below is a cheat sheet of some of our common acronyms to help understand your cadet.

- Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT) - A standardized test that measures a cadet's verbal, math, and academic aptitudes. The test is used to select applicants for commissioning, as well as specific jobs, including Pilot. This test takes approximately five hours, and is similar to other standardized testing
- Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) - An educational program that allows college students to receive officer training while also earning their degree, then commissioning into the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant (O-1) following graduation.
- Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) - An alphanumeric code that is used by the U.S. Air Force to identify a specific job.
- AS100 - First-year cadets, usually freshmen.
- AS200 - Second-year cadets, usually sophomores.
- AS300 - Third-year cadets, usually juniors.
- AS400 - Fourth-year cadets, usually seniors.
- Basic Cadet (BC) - Formerly IMT. Cadets in their first year of training who are not scheduled to attend Field Training; Usually freshmen.
- Basic Cadet Leader (BCL) - Formerly FTP. Cadets training to attend Field Training during the upcoming summer; Usually sophomores.
- Cadre - Active-duty commissioned officers and enlisted that lead the AFROTC program. They also teach aerospace classes.
- Dress Blues - Dress uniform consisting of a short or long-sleeve blue shirt, navy blue slacks, belt, black shined low-quarters and flight cap.
- Enrollment Allocation (EA) - Earned by cadets their AS200 year; this provides the cadet with a spot in the Air Force, with their job to be determined later.
- Extended Cadet Leader (ECL) - Cadets that have completed Field Training as well as at least two years of LLAB, but still have one or two academic terms left; Usually fifth years.
- Field Training - Typically two weeks over the summer between AS200 and AS300. This is a leadership evaluation at Maxwell Air Force Base. Completing this allows a cadet to move into the POC.
- Flight Time - An allotted time for a flight to complete extra training. This time is not mandatory and is held by the flight trainer.
- General Military Course (GMC) - The category of cadets that have not attended Field Training. This consists of IMTs and FTPs.
- Intermediate Cadet Leader (ICL) - Cadets returning from Field Training; Usually juniors.
- Leadership Laboratory (LLAB) - An allotted time period used for military training. For GMC cadets, this time is used to train, including, but not limited to, marching and drill, tactics, and procedures. POC cadets learn leadership skills by leading the GMC cadets.
- Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) - Enlisted officers that have not commissioned. In the U.S. Air Force staff sergeant (E-5) and technical sergeant (E-6) are considered NCOs.

- Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) - Camouflage uniform currently utilized by both the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army.
- Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) - A fitness test consisting of a minute of push-ups, a minute of sit-ups, and a mile and a half run. Each component has an associated number of points related to the number of repetitions completed.
- Physical Fitness Diagnostic (PFD) - Physical fitness assessment that is practice for the PFA. Used to see where the cadet is at with physical fitness.
- Physical Training (PT) - An allotted amount of time dedicated to performing physical activity.
- Physical Training Gear (PTG) - Uniform worn when completing PT.
- Professional Military Training (PMT) - An allotted time to complete training. This includes PT and LLAB.
- Professional Officer Course (POC) - The category of cadets that have completed Field Training. This consists of ICLs, SCLs, and ECLs.
- Senior Cadet Leader (SCL) - Cadets scheduled to commission in the upcoming year; Usually seniors.
- Service Dress - Long-sleeve dress blues with the navy-blue service coat. Service coat displays ribbons and, a silver name tag, if the cadet has completed Field Training.
- Uniform of Day (UOD) - The uniform that will be worn during the day.
- Warrior Knowledge - Specific statements that are to be learned verbatim by cadets. This includes but is not limited to the Air Force Song, the Chain of Command, and a series of quotes and mission statements.

