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MAY/JUNE 2024

Cadre Corner

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The Air Force ROTC enterprise is three weeks into this summer's daunting Field Training, where 200 military members with a team of 30 senior cadet leaders will provide a 20-day training curriculum for 2,300 graduated sophomores from June 3rd to August 5th. ROTC is continuing to shift the field training approach to make it less stand alone, directive, and practiced and more developmental, empowering, and unfamiliar to ready these students for their professional officer course roles as juniors and seniors.

The use of CTAs solely driving field training standards like putting stakes in the ground is done. Instead, a select set of cadet cadre will run the Cadet Wing that organizes, manages, and leads over 500 students through their training mission. This new version of Field Training will grow stronger leaders in both the junior and senior POC levels. The traditional and unique experiences at field training with the expanded level of autonomy and trust will allow both groups to critically think through their challenges, arrive at solutions, and become leaders across the different levels of an organization. As the Field Training Deputy Commander, I'm excited to build this new path for our future warfighters and have our students be part of this change. I can't wait to see the Det 465 field training cadets arrive, thrive, and drive mission success.

Have a Great Summer. Go Big Red!

Commissioning - Spring 2024

This year, Detachment 465 commissioned five lieutenants into the Air Force and our first female Space Force commission. Like Dining Out, this is a big event to undertake and is completed with a team. As early as March, the team began looking for a location and trying to decide who was going to be a guest speaker. Originally, the commissionees wanted it to take place at the Strategic Air Command (SAC) museum, but when that didn't work out, the team was able to secure the Wicks Alumni Center for the venue. After securing the venue, they ensured they had all the little stuff set up like the cakes, photographer, music, and the gifts for the guest speaker and our commissionees. Having Lt Col Zaworski, the Detachment Commander from 2019-2022, as the guest speaker was a great full circle moment for the commissionees as well. Getting to work with the seniors and hearing their decisions on who was going to give them the oath and so on was exciting and sweet.



Thank you to C/Gochenour and her team for putting this event together!

-Newly Commissioned Lts-

Grant A. Jones, *Judge Advocate*



Hometown: Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Major: J.D. Candidate; Space, Cyber, and National Security Law Concentration

Base Assignment: TBD

“I’m most looking forward to commissioning, taking the Bar Exam, and enjoying some downtime before JAG School in early 2025!”

Luke D. Landkamer, *Pilot*

Hometown: Milford, Nebraska

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Base Assignment: Vance AFB, Oklahoma

“I am most excited for the opportunity to fight for my country and be a world class pilot and officer in the world’s greatest Air Force!”



Michael R. Price, *Munitions & Missile Maintenance*



Hometown: Colorado Springs,
Colorado

Major: Russian

Base Assignment: Anderson
AFB, Guam

“I am most excited about
getting into the Air Force and
making a difference in
Airmen’s lives and traveling!”

Jillian M. Rokes, *Aircraft Maintenance*

Hometown: Omaha,
Nebraska

Major: International Business

Base Assignment: Offutt AFB,
Nebraska - Gold Bar Recruiter

“I’m excited for the
leadership opportunities and
to recruit others for
AFROTC!”



Ethan G. VanEnkevort, *Clinical Nurse*



Hometown: Powers, Michigan

Major: Nursing

Base Assignment: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

“As a new Lt, I’m excited to meet other medical professionals from around the country and work closely with them in this profession!”

Taylor A. Ziepke, *Space Operations*

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Major: Mathematics

Base Assignment: Peterson SFB, Colorado

“I’m so excited to be living out my dream as a Guardian in the Space Force and to inspire others that the sky is not the limit!”



-2023-2024 Year in Review-

August 2023

New Cadet Orientation



First LLAB of the School Year



September 2023

9/11 Stair Climb



POW/MIA Ceremony



May/June 2024

October 2023

Joint Field Meet



C-17 Flight Experience



November 2023

HC-130 Incentive Flight



Joint Dining In



December 2023

December Commissioning



Fall 2023 Awards

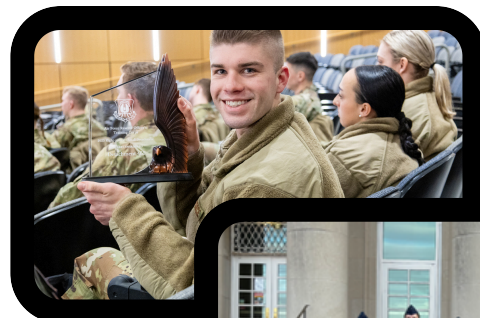


January 2024

AFOQT



DET 465 Earns 2023 #1 Small Det in Nation



February 2024

Notre Dame Basketball Tournament



Building Move



March 2024

Battle For Nebraska



Shadow Day



May/June 2024

April 2024

JTX



Dining Out



Elkhorn Tornado Relief



Chancellor's Review



May 2024

Spring 2024 Awards



May Commissioning



May/June 2024

Cadet Shout Outs

- Thank you to all cadets for finishing out the year strong!
- Good luck to all of our FTPs preparing for Field Training!
- Congratulations to the grooms! 2d Lt Ethan VanEnkevort and Nathan Jesus
- Congratulations to our newly commissioned officers from Detachment 465!

Special Shout Outs

- Welcome Major Sebey
- Thank you Lieutenant Colonel Zaworski for being the commissioning speaker!



New Student Orientation

Looking to join AFROTC this fall? Use the QR code (pictured right) or the following link to register for Det 465's New Student Orientation (NSO): afrotc.unl.edu/NSO24

NSO is scheduled for Friday, August 23rd, 2024.



AFROTC Lingo

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.
- 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.
- Field Training Preparation (FTP) - Cadets training to attend Field Training during the upcoming summer; Usually sophomores.
- 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.
- Initial Military Training (IMT) - Cadets in their first year of training who are not scheduled to attend Field Training; Usually freshmen.
- 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.

