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"It is an officer's job to ensure the mission gets done - the only way to do that is to take care of your people."

-SSgt DeWolf

Flying Huskers,

It has been an absolute privilege to join the Detachment 465 team as the newest AFROTC Instructor. As a Non-commissioned officer (NCO), I have the unique ability to provide cadets with a different leadership perspective. As young Airmen, we are taught to understand the mission and are provided with the tools and resources needed to reach that objective. Not much different from what we are trying to teach here at the Detachment. NCOs are meant to provide inspiration, purpose, motivation, direction, and discipline to those they lead. For this reason, NCOs have been nicknamed the "backbone of the Air Force." As leaders, we are the technical experts meant to enhance organizational effectiveness and mission success. We are the crucial link between command guidance and execution, ensuring that the mission is understood and implemented.

It is an officer's job to ensure the mission gets done - the only way to do that is to take care of your people. One of the things we, as NCOs, want to instill in our cadets is compassion. That can mean many different things; sometimes, it is a kind word or a helping hand. Other times, it is having difficult conversations.

We are also the only individuals in the Detachment that cadets will outrank post-commissioning, which allows us to develop them into the leaders that we, as NCOs, want to work with. Every single one of the cadets at Detachment 465 has a unique leadership style that we can develop, train, and guide throughout their time here.

In my limited time here, I have developed a newfound passion and pride for the officers we develop and commission into the Air and Space Force. I am privileged to see the growth and leadership in our cadets and look forward to serving alongside all our cadets, past and present, from Detachment 465 in the world's greatest Air and Space Force!

ENJJPT Selection

Cadet Colonel Bode was recently selected to attend Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT) at Sheppard AFB, TX. The selection process for ENJJPT occurs after cadets are offered a pilot slot and selects cadets based on physical fitness, academic degree and grades, leadership and followership skills, AFOQT score, Pilot Candidate Selection Method (PCSM) score, and Field Training ranking.

ENJJPT is the world's only multi-nationally manned and managed pilot training program with the purpose of producing fighter/combat pilots for NATO. Being at Detachment 465 propelled Bode to achieving this selection through multiple nominations to the You Can Fly scholarship program which boosted selection scores and gave Cadet Colonel Bode flying experience. In addition, the low cadet-to-cadre ratio helped to develop his leadership on a more personal level, also contributing to this selection.

After attending ENJJPT, Hunter hopes to become an operational fighter pilot and follow either an instructor/evaluator track or apply for USAF Test Pilot School.



"Hard work will get you to where you want to be, but allowing yourself to enjoy the ride there will make it memorable."

-Cadet Colonel Bode



Joint Dining In

This year in the program, we are starting a new tradition of sorts, called Joint Dining In. For the first time ever in Detachment 465 history, all three branches of ROTC had one event to celebrate the semester and get to know each other. Traditionally, Dining-Ins are a military tradition where units hold a celebration in a less formal, more camaraderie-orientated, way to celebrate their accomplishments. This year however, we decided to do things differently and put an event in the record books. Our own Cadet Wing Protocol officer, Cadet Major Forcade was tasked on creating and facilitating this event with the other branches. Since the end of the summer, Cadet Major Forcade collaborated with the Army cadets and Navy midshipmen to develop and plan how an event like this could happen. After several months in the making, our first ever Joint Dining In was held at the Talon Room here in Lincoln, Nebraska on Friday, 17 November. Dressed in their favorite ugly sweaters, our Air Force cadets were able to experience friendly competition games against their ROTC counterparts, honor the seniors graduating, feast during a nacho/taco dinner, and make friends with the cadets and midshipmen in the other branches!



McConnell Air Force Base Visit

On Monday October 16th, Cadet Fortin visited McConnell Air Force Base alongside 6 of her fellow cadets. Cadet Fortin is an AS250 or a first year sophomore in the program, from Denver, Colorado. She is studying criminology and criminal justice at UNL. There are lots of opportunities within the Detachment to visit bases, incentive flights, static tours and so much more. These opportunities give cadets the opportunity to see what life in “The big Air Force” looks like along with emerging cadets in all of the different possible AFSCs available.

Through the tour, cadets were able to visit a static KC-135 Stratotanker and a KC-46 Pegasus. Cadets followed a static tour through the aircraft while also having the opportunity to talk to pilots and crew of the aircraft. Cadets then went on a flight simulation where they were able to test their pilot skills on a KC-46 Pegasus. Cadet Fortin completed her first flight simulation while on base! They were also able to try on chemical gear, which was a highlight in the trip for Cadet Fortin. To wrap up the day they watched the dog trainers along with a discussion with the 344th Refueling Squadron. McConnell is a refueling base, which allowed the cadets to learn more about the mechanical side of flying and what goes on behind the scenes.



“ My favorite part was watching the dog trainers. This goes into what I want to do in the future.”

-Cadet Fortin



Honor Guard

Cadet Captain Grant Bowden is a junior at UNL and has the privilege of being the Flight Commander for Detachment 465's Flying Husker Honor Guard. Honor Guard is an extracurricular activity at Det 465 where Cadet Bowden trains, equips, and empowers cadets to perform a color guard, carrying our National, State and service flags, with ceremonial rifles and presenting the colors for the National Anthem for everything from Husker Football and Basketball games to Commencement and other ceremonies. The Honor Guard also gets to do Pushups For Points at football games so when you see those guys and gals in uniforms doing pushups on the endzone for every Husker touchdown, that's them!

Honor Guard is a volunteer extracurricular activity, so there is no obligation to join. Honor Guard cadets volunteer for which events they are available for and wish to participate in. Detachment 465's Flying Husker Honor Guard currently has about 16 members, and they typically support upwards of 20 events in the fall semester, and around 6 in the spring. They conduct training for new members in the spring when they don't have as many events to manage, and that consists of multiple weeks of in-depth, articulate training on how to carry and present colors, rifles, and command color guard teams. They evaluate each trainee at the end of the training period with a knowledge test and practical skills test, and upon passing they become fully qualified Honor Guard members, able to fill any position necessary on a color guard.

Honor Guard is an important organization at Detachment 465 because they do a lot of high visibility, important events in front of thousands of people where they represent not only their Detachment, but the Air Force, and military as a whole. They often do many of the events they support with joint members of Army and Navy ROTC, giving them opportunities to build relationships with the other branches. They carry symbols of our Nation's pride and honor in the flags they present so its an incredibly rewarding and meaningful group to be a part of.



HC-130J Incentive Flight

The Flying Husker's started November by closing out October with a win led by Husker Alum Lt Col Phillip Varilek who, with his crew from the 79th Rescue Squadron, kicked off the Husker win over Purdue with an HC-130J flyover.

The following day Lt Col Varilek and crew provided 28 ROTC students an opportunity to fly onboard the aircraft prior to departing for their follow-on training. The 28 students learned about the many roles and missions of the HC-130. They witnessed firsthand the intricacies of each crew position and how they coordinate to get the job done. The students learned from the pilots, the combat systems officer, and the loadmasters. For many of them, it was their first time in a military aircraft.

Cadets Anderson & Stevens (pictured inset) described the experience with joy. They expressed their amazement, being able to fly over their state and watch the Platte River unwind behind them. It was the perfect scenery to close out a great weekend. Detachment 465 thanks the 79th Rescue Squadron and Lt Col Varilek for providing them with this fantastic opportunity. Go Big Red!



High School Scholarship Program

The first way to earn an Air Force ROTC scholarship is to apply for the High School Scholarship Program (HSSP). These scholarships typically cover full tuition and fees at any university. In high school, Ryan Dailey always wanted to be in the armed forces because it allowed him to serve his country in plenty of ways, but he had to decide which branch to join. Dailey ended up with his final decision being to join AFROTC. This decision was made because he had always wanted to be an Engineer, but he also heard from family members and friends about how great the Air Force was. Additionally, Dailey wanted to be able to retire from the military with the capacity to practice engineering, specifically in the weapons development sector.

His decision to apply to the HSSP was to achieve both goals while having to worry less about money in college and being able to prioritize his studies. When asked about the selection process for the HSSP he said, "The selection process is relatively straightforward but needs to be started as early as possible to ensure you're able to go up for interviews at the correct date. The most important things to work on while you're in high school are your grades, ACT or SAT scores, fitness, and the DODMERB process." While Cadet Dailey is currently studying engineering and looks forward to practicing it when he retires from the Air Force, he currently wants to be a security forces officer. His reason for this selection was made after hearing about the career from both officers and enlisted in the position. The window for applying to HSSP opens every year in July during the students' senior year and closes 31 December. Applications are submitted online at www.afrotc.com. To learn more about the HSSP and other available ROTC scholarships visit <https://afrotc.unl.edu/prospective-students/scholarships/>.



Cadet Dailey (front row, wearing a red polo and khaki pants) takes the oath of enlistment alongside other contracting cadets.

November Highlights/Special Shoutouts



Congrats to Det 465 alum, Special Agent Kathryn Kudrna for completing Federal Law Enforcement Training. Safe travels back to your next duty station in Ramstein, Germany!

- Hosted our first Joint Dining In!
- Cadet Colonel Bode learns of his selection for ENJJPT!
- Coordinated two flyovers and provided stadium security at two Husker football games!
- Fall Semester GMC evaluations!
- Physical Fitness Assessment!
- Weekly Coffee with Cadre!
- Successful AFROTC Instagram Takeover!
- Cadre Slime Fundraiser for Mission 22! Sorry Lt Col Garito for the slime!
- ROTC Flag Football games!
- Congrats to Cadet Colonel Bode and Det Alumni 2nd Lt Mahon on getting hitched! ❤️
- Det 465 selected as Northwest Region's Right of Line Small Detachment of the Year!
- Congrats to Maj Mattheis for 2022 Northwest Region Recruiting officer of the Year!

Cadet Congratulations

At the start of each new month, it is important to recognize and give credit to cadets who have gone above and beyond both in and outside of their assigned duties within the Cadet Wing. October was a very busy month, and our cadets were hard at work! For the month of October, the Cadet Wing Staff has selected Cadets Jones, Forcade, Tucker, and Christensen as the POC and GMC of the month.

POC- Cadet Lt Col Jones has done an outstanding job leading the Recruiting Squadron. He oversaw the planning and execution of Bring a Friend Week and played a strong role in coordinating participants for Det 465's Career Day. Outside of these events, Cadet Lt Col Jones has been a huge asset to the Cadet Wing, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Detachment.

POC- Cadet Major Forcade was the primary planner and executor for Det 465's Career Day. He worked for months to coordinate with active duty officers to come to UNL and speak about their experiences with our cadets and non-cadet attendees. Cadet Major Forcade has exceeded every expectation given to him in his role as the Cadet Wing Protocol officer.

GMC- Cadet Tucker has performed well above expectations as the IMT Advisor to the Cadet Wing Staff. His role is designed to bring feedback from both IMT flights directly to the Cadet Wing Commander and his staff. Cadet Tucker has taken pride in delivering quality feedback from his classmates that have directly impacted Wing operations and has allowed the Cadet Wing Staff to curtail planning to best fit the needs of the GMC corps.

GMC- Cadet Christensen has been hard at work as the Public Affairs officer's Technician. He has taken his passion for photography into the professional realm by assisting Cadet Major Ziepke in Det 465's publications and outward image. Outside of his role as PAO Tech, he has been an excellent flight mate and has leaned into the challenging learning curve that AFROTC can sometimes present.



Congratulations to our POCs of the Month,
Cadet Lt Col Jones and Cadet Major Forcade, and our GMCs of the Month,
Cadet Tucker and Cadet Christensen!

We are so proud of each of you and all your accomplishments! Thank you for going above and beyond this semester! Your hard work does not go unnoticed by the Cadet Wing!

-DET 465 Family

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.

