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Cadre's Corner

Written By: TSgt Christopher Miller

Flying Husker Family,

I am one of two Non-Commissioned Officers at Detachment 465. I was born here in Lincoln and grew up in a small town in Illinois. After joining the Air Force, my wife and I moved to Offutt Air Force Base for our first duty location. Before joining Det 465, I was a cadre member at Det 128 at the University of Delaware – It takes most people four years to finish ROTC, I'm in my sixth. I am primarily responsible for the administrative tasks for the cadets and fellow cadre, from in-processing to commissioning, alongside my counterpart SSgt DeWolf.



In November, we count our blessings and enumerate what we are thankful for. As I reflect on the last year – we have plenty to be thankful for. I am thankful for our Seniors. They had large shoes to fill and have met the challenge. They have transitioned into leaders and managers responsible for HOW our objectives will be met and long-term planning. I am thankful that the future of the Air and Space Forces will be in their very capable hands. I am thankful for our Juniors who are tasked with hands-on training and developing the new cadets; every day I see the Juniors bring professionalism and enthusiasm to this task. I am thankful for our BCLs (Sophomores) who show up, ready to learn, and ready to take the next step into leadership roles. I'm thankful for our freshman, part of the largest incoming class of cadets we've had. Over thirty new cadets started their path to becoming leaders in the Air or Space Force this year.

Go Big Red!

TSgt Chris Miller

Career Fair

Written By: Cadet Josh Havlovic

Career Day was hosted during our leadership lab at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, bringing together a wide range of officers to inspire and inform cadets about many of the Air Force's careers. Officers traveled from nearby bases, such as Offutt in Nebraska, and even joined virtually from the Academy and around the world. This event allowed cadets to gain a better understanding from different officers by asking questions and hearing each of their experiences. With all the officers, there were jobs ranging from pilots and engineers to war planners, medical staff, logistics experts, contractors, missileers, force support officers, and JAG officers.

With cadets' main career interests varying across the program, Career Day plays a crucial role in their professional development. AFROTC prepares cadets to become future second lieutenants, and events like this offer a unique perspective of potential future Air Force careers. By learning about the roles and responsibilities of different specialties, cadets can better understand how their individual goals can benefit the Air Force, all while gaining insight and knowledge about careers they want to commission in.



From C/ Havlovic's experience at Career Day, he found it fascinating to hear about the variety of roles these officers discussed. One job that stood out to him was contracting. Although it is considered a typical desk job, the contracting officers shared what their favorite part is: the opportunity to build connections with both large and small divisions on base. These relationships not only help base operations, but they also create a strong foundation for transitioning into civilian life, all by fostering positive, professional connections. Among the many careers presented, contracting caught his attention for its pivotal role in approving base projects and the unique chance it offers to engage with a wide network of people across the Air Force

Battle Baton

Written by: Cadet Elena Burgwald

The Battle Baton was issued by C/Choat at the end of final evaluations this semester. It is given to a cadet every week who demonstrates the core values, or an exemplary act. It is a wooden baton, hand wood burned by C/Choat and each cadet who receives the baton will get their name burned into it. It demonstrates how our detachment values hard work and service for others. Overall, this baton can boost morale in the wing and give recognition to cadets for their commendable acts.

The Battle Baton comes with some “fun perks” as well. Cadets who earn the Baton must bring it to all PMT events, and if forgotten, must do five push-ups. This five push-up rule doesn't stop there. If the Battle Baton is stolen by any other cadet, the temporary owner must do five push-ups to reclaim the baton.



C/Burgwald had the honor of receiving the Battle Baton in Week 12, becoming the first recipient of the baton. This semester she started volunteering in the Lincoln community, outside of campus. Volunteering is something C/Burgwald did regularly in high school and she wanted to continue that in college. Volunteering is an excellent example of putting service before self, a core value that is heavily embodied at Detachment 465, and in the U.S. Air Force. Service Before Self is important to C/Burgwald because it helps remind her that she is a part of something bigger than herself. It really is such a unique experience to be able to see how much taking a few hours out of her week can impact others in the Lincoln community. She aims to continue providing opportunities to the Cadet Wing in the future, striving to inspire others to step forward and prioritize the needs of others above their own.

Detsgiving

Written by: Cadet Grace Anderson

On November 17, the detachment held a Detsgiving with food, games, and a competition. This event was a major success, bringing in approximately 30 cadets and lots of delicious food. Pizza, drinks, and chips were provided, but the zealous side dish competition brought in everything from cheesecake and cupcakes to chicken tater tot casserole and a classic potato bake.



The competitors in this event were running neck and neck for a PT pass and Detachment merch for first, second and third place. There was a total of 9 cadets who entered this competition, and 11 dishes were brought overall. First, second, and third place went to C/Lt Col Vivier, C/ Kemp, and C/ Dolence respectively.

As the evening progressed, there were a variety of activities for cadets to partake in, including an informal Mario Kart tournament, a poker game, and the ongoing Bills vs Chiefs football game. There was no shortage of morale to be seen throughout the night, and many cadets enjoyed this chance to bond with other members of the detachment.

Special Warfare

Written By: Cadet Katie Dolence



C/Dolence is a cross-town cadet from Doane university, who was recently selected to represent Detachment 465 at the Special Warfare ROTC Invitational at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. At this invitational, she completed a series of events that each represented a career path possible through Special Warfare. C/Dolence was part of a team made up of five other cadets from detachments across the states. Her team secured fifth place overall. Special Warfare includes several specific career fields or trades within the Air Force.

On the first event, they worked together in a Basic Land Test (BLT) to accomplish as many push ups, sit ups, and pull ups as possible in five minutes as well as a two-mile run together. The cadets then went to a Q and A panel where they spoke to enlisted Airmen as well as officers who were a part of Special Warfare.

The events continued with a task known as Global Access. Cadets had to work together to line out an emergency airstrip in enemy territory as efficiently as possible. After that they moved on to Personnel Recovery where they were tasked with spotting an injured individual, recovering him, and loading him into the vehicle, and assisting him in any way possible. This then moved to the final event of precision strike where they demonstrated the tasks performed by a Special Tactics Officer, identifying a target and correctly and orderly transmitting that location, as well as the objective to your team through a radio.

Overall, C/Dolence ended the Special Warfare ROTC invitational with a strong interest in continuing to try everything AFROTC has to offer, including similar invitationals in the future, that aim towards showing cadets the career opportunities in the Air Force, as well as widening her experience in leadership and active followership.



POC Talk Hour

Written by: Cadet Josh Havlovic

POC Talk hours are an opportunity for GMC cadets to engage with POC cadets and learn from their experiences in the AFROTC program. These discussions can be about different topics like preparing for field training, how to be a leader, and strategies to excel in the program effectively. Beyond practical advice, POC Talks allow BCs and BCLs to find a mentor within the detachment. These talks contribute to a stronger, more supportive detachment culture, allowing cadets to feel prepared and connected.

Dining In

Written By: Cadet Caitlyn Cronbaugh

On November 21, 2024, Detachment 465 hosted the Joint Dining In, along with the Navy and Army ROTC branches. There was a great turnout and tons of bonding between the branches! For more clarification, Joint Dining In is a morale event held during the fall semester to help encourage coordination and communication between the three ROTC branches here at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. C/Lt Col Bowden was the Air Force Representative for the Joint planning team, coordinating, planning, and communicating between branches to execute the event. Cadet Bowden also had vital assistance from his GMC techs, C/3C Rowe and C/4C Cronbaugh, who were instrumental in designing the floor layout, as well as custom Joint UNL ROTC T-Shirts, and Stickers as gifts for all of the cadets.



It is important to hold joint events like this to help build relationships with other Army, Navy and Marine cadets and midshipmen, as cadets will need to be able to work closely with members of other branches both in ROTC and in their future officer careers. It also allows cadets to gain experience in working with other people that they have rarely talked to before, preparing them for when a similar scenario may occur as an Air Force or Space Force officer.



At Joint Dining In, there was a costume dress code based on class. The freshmen were dressed as babies, sophomores wore neon, the juniors had tropical style, and the seniors went as senior citizens. Cadets sat at tables that each had a mixture of cadets from each of the branches, where they worked together on different activities in a competition between the year groups. These activities included mingling with the other branches to figure out information about other cadets, trivia and Rebus puzzles, a photo contest, as well as a push-up contest. Cadets and Midshipmen also had the opportunity to hear from a guest speaker, Major General Jefferson O'Donnell, Commander of Air Force Personnel Center, who shared some of his experience and commented on the importance of joint war fighting. For dinner, they were able to enjoy a buffet of Italian pasta, salads and bread sticks. The overall winner of the event judged by the competitive activities cadets participated in will receive a free Joint UNL ROTC T-shirt as a reward.

No Shave November With A Twist

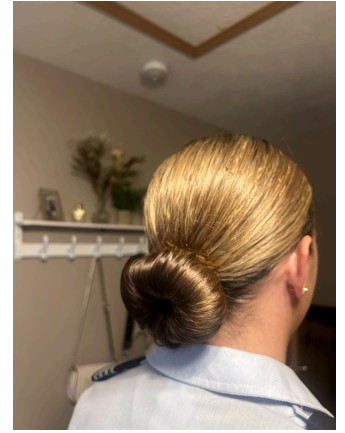
Written by: Cadet Wyatt Vivier

No Shave November is the fall iteration of our facial hair feat of strength. Male cadets will try their hand at seeing who can grow the best mustache in a month's time that remains within the grooming standards set by the Air Force. This year, 7 gentlemen are giving this challenge their best shot: Cadets Stuedemann, Covington, Madson, Klingler, Christensen, Gallub, and Alkinani are competing for glory.



Traditionally, females are left out of competitions like these, so our Detachment came up with the initiative to get the women involved in a healthy competition to see who conjures up the most professional bun in accordance with grooming standards. In the inaugural competition Cadets Hartley, Fortin, DiNapoli, H. Anderson, and Stanley submitted photos to be judged on who shaped their hair into the best bun.

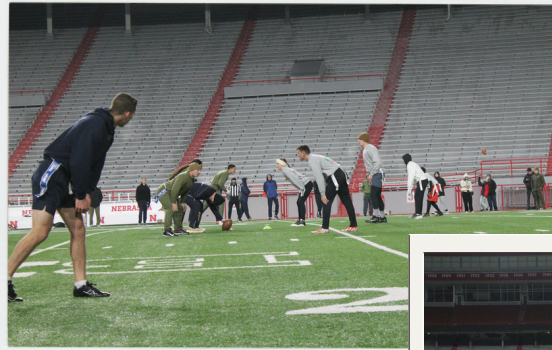
Fostering inclusion and innovating change are paramount to not only developing leaders, but making everyone feel welcome and at home here in Lincoln. Competitions like these are great ways of not only celebrating traditions passed down to us, but also ways for us to create new traditions for generations to come. All cadets in this competition will have their results voted on by their peers to decide who wins. Sometimes immersion is the best way to learn and acclimate to new cultures, I'm proud of our underclassmen's initiative and drive to assimilate into our culture here at Detachment 465 and I'm excited to see where they take it in the future!



Joint Football Game

Written by: Cadet Wyatt Christensen

On a cold November morning, cadets from Detachment 465 and midshipmen from UNL's Navy ROTC gathered in Memorial Stadium to face off in a friendly game of flag football. Cadet Wyatt Christensen is a sophomore at Detachment 465, studies mechanical engineering, and plays center for the Air Force flag football team. He appreciates joint events like this as they are vital to ROTC and promote competition between the ROTC military branches, as well as allow cadets to get to know other branches at the university before going into the Air Force.



BEST Nebraska game of the year



Airforce Vs. Navy 2024

The Air Force vs Navy game was a close competition. C/Madson and C/Cronbaugh each had a touchdown, catching a pass from quarterback C/Vivier. The final score ended at 20-13 with Navy ultimately winning with a touchdown in the last ten seconds of the game. During the game, cadets not participating in the game performed workouts between plays. With the impact football has at UNL, it's always a unique experience to play in Memorial Stadium. The following week Air Force ROTC played Army ROTC, where Army came out on top. Air Force put their best effort forward, with C/Grosserode having two interceptions and C/Beck with one touchdown but ultimately took a loss 22-6.

Cadet Recognitions

Daedalian Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to students with a strong interest in becoming a military aviator, excel in academic performance and have notable leadership achievements

Detachment 465 Recipients

C/ Elena Burgwald
C/ Wyatt Christensen
C/Matthew Johnson
C/ Eddie Morrisette
C/ Kaia Richmond



You can Fly Scholarship

This scholarship is designed for cadets to gain exposure to flying and operating Aircraft. Awarded to cadets interested in becoming pilots.

Detachment 465 Recipients

C/Burgwald
C/Falkinburg
C/Stuedemann

Staff Job Technicians

GMC cadets are offered the opportunity to assist a POC cadet fulfill the Cadet Wing's mission each semester in different respective Wing positions

Fall 2024 Techs

LRS: C/Tucker
IOS: C/Havlovic & C/Christensen
A5: C/Rowe, C/Cronbaugh, & C/Do
PFO: C/Klingler, C/Briseno, & C/Mois
BCA: C/Steele
BCLA:C/ Kurinec
CCE: C/Johnson



PT Warrior Spirit

Written by: C/Bodhi Mois

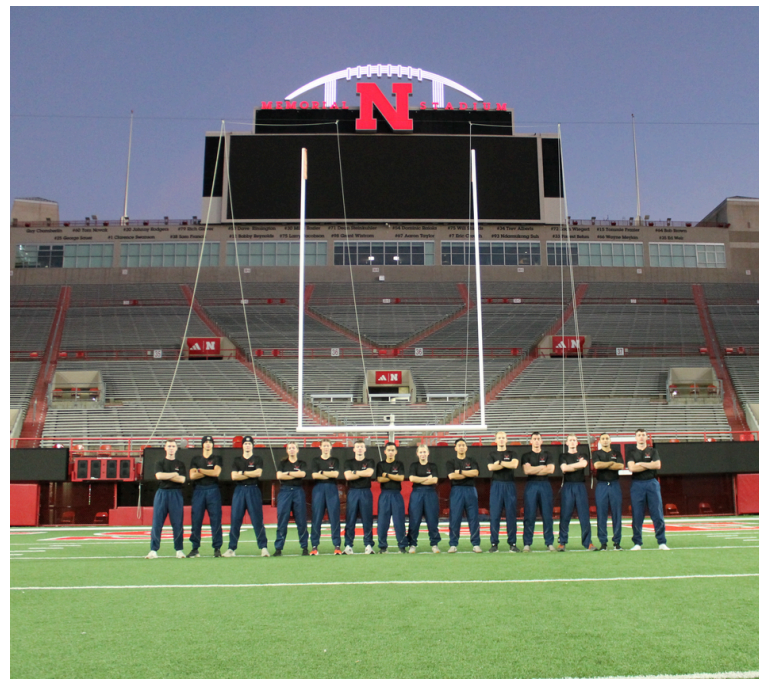
After an entire semester of preparation for the cadets of Detachment 465, the time for the Air Force Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) has finally arrived! On the 21st of November, 2024, the cadets of Detachment 465 had the opportunity to show what they're really made of in a flat-out test of one's own strength, both physically and mentally.



The PFA is the official Air Force physical fitness exam. The Cadets of Detachment 465 complete this assessment near the end of every semester. It consists of total push-ups a cadet can do in a minute, total sit-ups in a minute, and a timed 1.5-mile run. This test of overall strength and endurance is crucial to the cadets, no matter the year. Many of them are Freshmen, getting their first taste of the PFA, and setting new goals for themselves. For the sophomores, however, their test scores are being submitted for the Enrollment Allocation (EA) ticket for their chance to go to Field Training in the summer, where a competitive score is placed firmly in the mid-nineties. The heightened level of stress leads to a very “make or break” mindset among many of the 200's/250's and produces some very impressive results. This year, however, the students included some new additions to make the process more efficient, allowing them to complete every cadets' test within the allotted track time.

Black Shirts

The PFA also brings about the final selection of “Blackshirts” for the semester. The Blackshirts are a group of cadets who have scored above a 97 on the PFA or the PFD. These select few high performers are awarded a black shirt for their achievement. This semester there are 16 blackshirts (12 male/4 female) from our cadet wing of 64 cadets, an unprecedented number with a surprising amount of BC's mixed among the blackshirts (4 AS100s!). The blackshirts serve a vital role in improving the morale of Detachment 465, and honoring the hard work and achievements of the cadets who put the hours and hard work in to achieve it.



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.

