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# Cadre's Corner

Written By: Major Joseph Sebey

Happy November! As we near the end of my first semester as Operations Officer, I have been incredibly impressed by the growth and development of our cadets. They are well on their way to becoming exceptional Air and Space Force officers.

Det 465 has been a hive of activity this past month. Our cadets have been instrumental in supporting various base events, including providing fly-over support, security, and clean-up for home football games. Beyond their regular leadership lab training and events, they have successfully organized and executed the Joint Field Meet with our Army ROTC and Navy/Marine ROTC counterparts, planned a fun-filled morale trip to Vala's Pumpkin Patch, visited Offutt Air Force Base, competed in our Chili Cook-Off, and celebrated Halloween in style.



I am thrilled to share that three of our cadets have been selected for the AFROTC You Can Fly Grant, which will provide them with valuable pilot training. Additionally, one cadet has been chosen for the AFROTC Special Warfare Invitational at JBSA-Lackland, where they will gain invaluable experience and mentorship from AF Special Warfare cadre and team members.

Our mission remains steadfast: to develop Air and Space Force leaders of character who are ready to fight and win our nation's wars. Our cadets are enthusiastically embracing every opportunity for growth, and I am incredibly proud of their accomplishments so far. It is truly an honor to be part of such a remarkable organization.

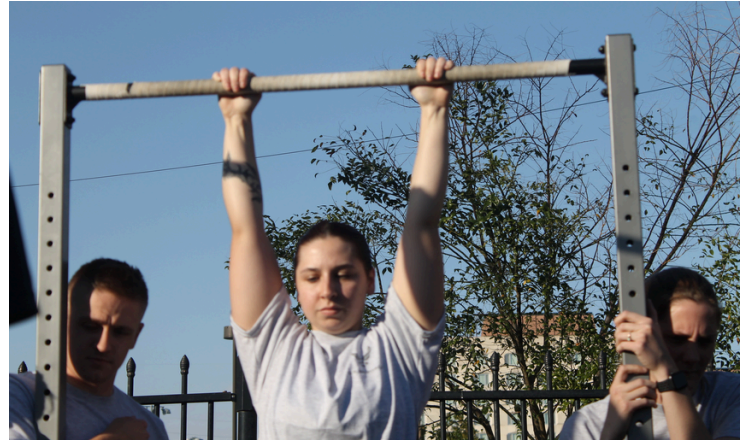
GO HUSKERS!

# Joint Field Meet (JFM)

Written By: Cadet Jadon Smith

JFM is here! The time of the year where the ROTC branches (Air Force, Army, Navy) go head-to-head and duke it out with some healthy competition. But what is JFM? Well, joint field meet is a yearly competition between the Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTCs that fosters a spirit of competition, while still improving morale among all involved. It also allows the branches to build stronger joint relationships, despite the competitive nature of the event.

Air Force ROTC hosted a special physical training (PT) session on October 17th to strategize and practice for the event in hopes of finally ending the current losing streak. The goal was to “Win with everybody.” While winning is a priority, working as a team is a lesson that cadets can learn and use long-term. Teams were set in advance so that way cadets could set goals and work towards those goals come game day, another lesson that goes beyond JFM. The morale was high after the practice, and cadets were ready to get out there and take down the other branches. Although Air Force did not win overall, the AFROTC men’s tug-of-war team and the E-Race team were both victorious.



This year’s JFM contained several events: Log sit-up, Litter Carry, E-Race, Dead Hang, Tug of War, Ultimate Frisbee, and the Tactical Relay. Those returning to the event may notice a few new events and the notable removal of some events such as the bear crawl relay. Many former events have been swapped out or just plain removed in favor of others. While some of the events are traditional, like Log Sit-ups and Tug of War, we are always trying to add new and fun ways to mix it up. The addition of the dead hang and the E-Race come to mind. The E-Race, also known as the endurance race, is a way to get long-distance running more incorporated into the competition. As for Dead Hang, the branches thought it would be an exciting variation from the traditional pull-ups.

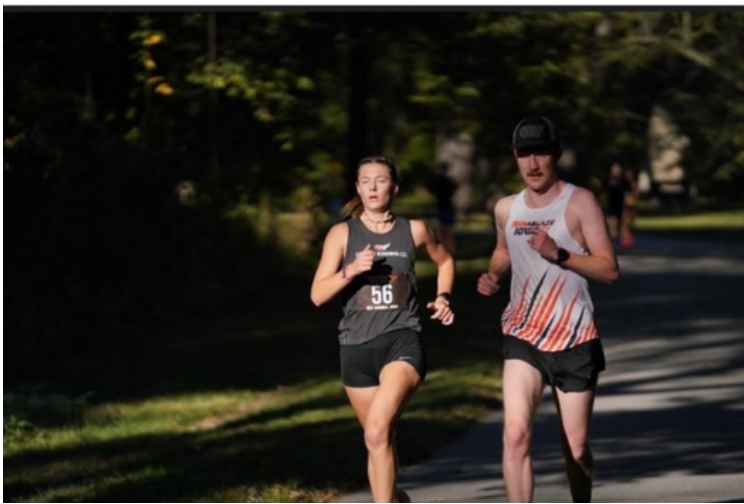


# Running Cadets

Written by: Cadet Kaia Richmond

Cadet Kaia Richmond is a AS300, with a major in biology, and currently holds the position of Bravo Flight Trainer within the Cadet Wing at Detachment 465. This semester, Cadet Richmond started the Run Club at Det 465, which meets one-to-two times a week to run. The purpose is to build a physical fitness foundation as cadets and as people. Running with others also makes it more fun and builds community as well as fitness. Additionally, it is a good opportunity for cadets with less running experience to talk and ask questions to cadets with backgrounds in running.

Outside of Air Force ROTC, Cadet Richmond runs and competes in various road races, usually at distances ranging from 5Ks to half marathons. However, recently she completed her first ultramarathon, which is a race that is anything over the traditional marathon distance of 26.2 miles. This was the Bohemian Alps 50K on October 12, 2024. The total distance was 33.36 miles through gravel and dirt roads with lots of hills and scenery along the way. During those five hours, she learned a lot about herself through the challenges faced on the course and overall had a lot of fun.



# Almost Fridays

Written by: Cadet Joseph Stuedemann

"Almost Fridays" are weekly Instagram posts that are more than just a way to celebrate the upcoming weekend. The "Almost Friday" expression demonstrates a sign that our week of hard work as students and cadets is drawing to a close and that a hopefully fun and restful weekend is on the rise. It is a way to reflect on the week and poke fun at each other with funny photos, which helps improve the morale and moods of all the cadets and potentially others who see the posts. It has become a popular weekly tradition with Detachment 465, as cadets look forward to the posts to see what pictures will be chosen and which cadets will be featured, building the camaraderie and bond between cadets. We hope this becomes a yearly tradition and shows that, while AFROTC can be serious, Air Force ROTC can be lots of fun.



# Cross Town Wrestling

Written By: Cadet Katie Dolence

Cadet Dolence is a current freshman originally from Ronan, MT, who now attends Doane University in Crete, Nebraska. She is majoring in History with a minor in Sociology. Dolence decided to pursue AFROTC while in search of a strongly structured lifestyle that gave her immense and unending opportunities to better the world we live in, while also bettering herself in all ways available. She landed on attending the program here at UNL due to a scholarship she was offered by the Doane Women's Wrestling program. Cadet Dolence had wrestled through her developmental years until she was no longer presented the opportunity as a female. By her sophomore year of high school, she was again offered the opportunity of reinvolving herself in the sport. Since then, she has worked to pursue it at the collegiate level. Unfortunately, women's wrestling is not offered at UNL, but she found a way to follow both paths she desired through our AFROTC crosstown agreement with Doane University.

Being a collegiate athlete is difficult to balance with classes and adding the AFROTC program at a separate campus does not make it any easier. However, Dolence has found a way to make it work and thrive to her best ability. Her weeks are full of tasks, classes, and a lot of physical activity. But that still does not take away from her opportunities and classic college experiences. She has bonded on all sides of her life, even though it was difficult at first to connect with students that attended an entirely different campus and had a separate lifestyle. She now looks forward to class every week and all other fun activities the detachment offers. Cadet Dolence has even been offered a chance to represent detachment 465 in a special warfare competition she will attend in Texas.



## Halloween Party

Written by: Cadet Amanda Kurniec

Detachment 465 hosted a Halloween Party on October 25th. The cadets enjoyed pizza, chips, and soda, while watching Halloween-themed movies, and playing an Among Us game with a Halloween theme, that was also played at last year's Halloween Party. Cadets then participated in a pumpkin painting competition between class levels.

A Halloween celebration is essential for raising spirits and demonstrating to cadets that AFROTC is about more than simply training. It is an excellent method for BCs and BCLs to understand how enjoyable and friendly AFROTC can be for them; by introducing enjoyable competitions between the classes, we want and do raise morale amongst the wing.



# Offutt Air Force Base Tour

Written By: Cadet Josh Havlovic

Cadets from Detachments 465 and 470 had the opportunity to tour Offutt Air Force Base this month, led by TSgt Thornbury from the Public Affairs office at Offutt. He was very knowledgeable and shared a brief history of Offutt while leading cadets to their visiting destinations. One fact the group found interesting was that Offutt was first an Army base called Fort Crook.

The first stop was at the original Strategic Air Command headquarters, where three personnel briefed cadets on their mission. Offutt holds many units, like the 557th Weather Wing and U.S. Strategic Command. Offutt is also home to numerous aircrafts, such as the RC-135V/W Rivet Joint and the E-4B Nightwatch.



Next, cadets visited the Security Forces (SF) dog kennels. SF conveyed how crucial these military dogs are to the Air Force, tasked with various jobs like protecting the President and political leaders. As seen in the photo to the left, some cadets donned on protective gear to see how strong a K9's bite is.



The final stop brought the group to a runway, where they met an aircraft maintenance officer. She explained her responsibilities and objectives while showing cadets the Rivet Joint up close. Additionally, she touched on military culture and how cohesion in a flight is important in the Air Force.



Even though Offutt is in Cadet Havlovic's hometown, he thought it was cool to see the military men and women working up close. Every person seemed to love their job, and it was an amazing experience to go into the Command Post building where his dad used to work. This base visit gave firsthand exposure to military culture and daily operations to cadets, through Offutt personnel demonstrating their everyday lives in the Fighting Fifty-Fifth.

## Vala's Trip

Written by: Cadet Maggie Gochenour

This year on October 26th UNL AFROTC went to Valas Pumpkin Patch in Gretna, NE. This is a morale event planned by the cadets and funded by Flying Husker Booster Club. This year everyone met at 1600 so that everyone could go in together. Unfortunately, because of the weather conditions being too dry, there was no fire pit like last year for smores, however Valas offered many new attractions this year to make up for it! Cadets enjoyed the obstacle courses, carnival games, rides, and taking plenty of goofy photos, that will be featured in the det's Almost Fridays.





Det 465 has these morale events to allow for the cadets to hang out and get to know each other outside of a PMT and school environment. It is especially important for these morale events to take place during the middle of the school year when fun gets put on the backburner due to the academic workload. Having an event planned, and part of the cost taken care of, allows for the cadets to take a break they deserve without worry.



# 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.