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### **Cadre's Corner**

Written By: TSgt Garrett Clausen

Flying Huskers!

I hope that all of you know me, but if you don't, I am SSgt Garrett Clausen your Admin NCOIC. I am responsible for getting all our new cadets inprocessed, ensuring your information is correct for contracting and scholarships, and preparing you for commission when the time comes. I'm a Nebraska native, born and raised roughly 2 hours north of Lincoln in Norfolk, NE. I joined the military right after high school, and June 28th marked my 14th year in uniform! I have spent the last 10 years overseas, going from Germany to Korea to Guam to Italy, and I have worked admin for Aircraft Maintenance, RED HORSE, Logistics Readiness, Mission Support Group, and Wing/Base HQ. I have learned so much in my 14 years, but even after serving that long, I am still learning things.



If there is one piece of knowledge I would like to impart to you, it's the importance of flexibility and adapting to change. The only constant in the United States Air Force is change (ironic, right). Regulations are constantly being updated and re-written. Squadron/Base Leadership swaps out every 2 years or so, and each new Commander brings a different focus and vision to the unit. New programs are being introduced to save us time, and career fields are constantly changing and merging to help bolster the total force. In fact, I will be going through my fifth Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) change in November, when my AFSC 3F5X1 merges with the 3F0X1 career, creating the Human Resources and Administration Career Field. I know change is not always easy, but if we can roll with the punches and embrace the change, we can become a more formidable force.

I look forward to working with you, mentoring and helping to guide you over these next three years. Please do not hesitate to stop by my office and pick my brain. I have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with all of you! Let's finish this semester strong!

SSgt Clausen

### **Advancing Alumni**

Written By: Col Michael W. Nye

My name is Michael W. Nye (Colonel, USAF ret). I graduated from detachment 465 in May 1969, as a Distinguished Graduate. I was deferred going on active duty to enter law school at University of Nebraska College of Law. I graduated from law school in Dec 1971, a semester early. I entered USAF as a Judge Advocate in Feb 1972.

I was selected in 1979 by the Air Force Judge Advocate General to attend George Washington National Law center to study for an LL.M in International and Comparative law. I graduated in May 1980, and sent overseas to various assignments. I retired on Dec 31, 1995. Subsequently, I was General Counsel to the Inspector General for the United States Marine Corps. Then subsequently legal counsel and director of investigations for the Inspector General for the US House of Representatives. During that time, I was Collegiate Professor at the University of Maryland Global College for 22 years.

I retired again in 2004. I am retired with my wife Judy in Vero Beach Florida. Among my many awards, I received the Defense Superior Service Medal from General Colin Powell for my work as his international law expert at the Pentagon.











### Club Sports Updates/Intramurals

Written By: C/Covington, C/Arredondo, C/Stuedemann, C/Stevens, C/Bell, C/Cavanaugh

Many cadets at Detachment 465 stay active outside of ROTC by participating in club sports at UNL and our crosstown universities. In addition to that, Det 465 also competes in intramural leagues throughout the year. Club sports differ from intramurals in that they are more competitive and often involve traveling to play against other universities, while intramurals are typically more casual and recreational, taking place on campus among students. Both opportunities allow cadets to stay physically fit, build teamwork skills, and strengthen camaraderie outside of training.

#### C/Covington & the Flying Husker flag football team

Hello, my name is Ethan Covington, and I am a sophomore here at UNL. I played on the intramural flag football team for DET 465. Flying Huskers, flag football team, went 2-2 for their season this year. I was the quarter back and a wide receiver. I was also the captain of Flying Huskers!





### C/Arrendondo, Concordia wrestling

Hello, I am Simon Arredondo! I am a second-year student at Concordia University. I am involved in a variety of extracurricular activities, including wrestling. This past year I competed in numerous competitions, finishing my redshirt year 10-9 with one win by fall, 4 major decisions, and finals appearance at the Simpson Open. This next year the Bulldogs will take on eight pen tournaments and nine dual meets starting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This team has connection, charisma, and friendships like none other.

### <u>C/Stuedemann, Husker Hockey Club</u>

My name is Joe Stuedemann and I am a member of the D3 Husker Hockey Club (Club level In ACHA). I'm officially listed as forward though I've played Center, both Wings, and Defense. Our team is looking to bounce back this season as we are 2-6 but are trending in the right direction. Something that's fun about this season so far is that the group of guys in the locker room are some of the best I've played with. It's a fun atmosphere every day, whether it's practice or a game and they continue to give me a reason to keep giving it my all even though I'm not as fast or as skilled as I once was. If you'd like to come see us, we play primarily at the John Breslow Center right off of campus. Visit <a href="https://example.com">huskerhockey.com</a> to see our schedule.



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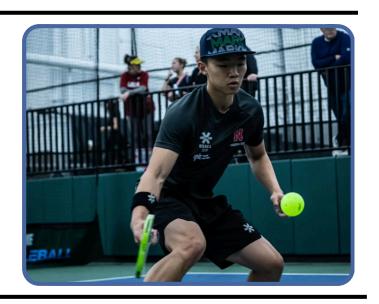


#### C/Stevens, Womens Hockey Club

Hi, I am Shelby Stevens! I am a senior at UNL and play on the UNL Women's Ice Hockey Club (ACHA DII). I play center and serve as the Vice President of Community Outreach. This season we started out strong with a 3-1 record against Arkansas and La Crosse. Being part of this team has been an incredible experience allowing me to grow both as a player and leader, while making lifelong friends that have gotten me through so much. Our next home games are November 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup> against Dakota College and I am looking forward to planning our first Military night on January 31<sup>st</sup>. We also play at the John Breslow center so make sure to check out our website to see our full schedule! womenshuskerhockey.com

#### C/Kim, pickleball

Hi, I am Dillon Kim. I am a Junior at UNL, and I play for the UNL Travel Pickleball Team. This season we have worked hard on recruiting and training a strong team to take to regionals in Mesa, AZ on November 23<sup>rd</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>. We have a scrimmage Oct 26<sup>th</sup> with Creighton University preparing for this large tournament. We have also hosted many recreational events this year including a tournament with UNL Dance Marathon and a partnership event with Owala. My favorite part about being on the team is the relationships I get to create and be a part of while dominating on the court.



#### C/Cavanaugh, Club Volleyball

Hello, my name is C/Cavanaugh and I play Club Volleyball for the University of Nebraska. I have been playing volleyball for about 10 years now; I played club volleyball from the ages of 8-15 and sand volleyball from the ages 13-18. I have been on a national club volleyball team, won many sand and club volleyball tournaments, and been offered to play overseas. I am a setter and have always been one. I've always loved this position, but I have played all positions at some point or another through my time. My fun fact is that I have always had the number one when on any volleyball team

### **Det 465 Volunteering**

Written By: C/Maj Fortin

This semester Detachment 465 cadets have had the opportunity to exemplify at one of the three of the Air Forces core values, "service before self", through a multitude of volunteer opportunities. This year, the commander's intent is to put a higher focus on the key piece of service before self and looking at different ways that the cadets can make an impact in our community.

This semester there have been 3 major volunteer events with another one in November quickly approaching. To start the semester cadets have the opportunity to volunteer in the POW/MIA vigil. The POW/MIA vigil is a tradition that cadets and midshipmen join forces annually for 24 hours after the POW/MIA ceremony. The POW/MIA vigil is to represent and spread awareness for bringing home our military members to lay to rest on American soil. This event takes place for a consecutive 24 hours showing the grit of cadets and midshipmen as they guard the vigil through the day and night.

Following the POW/MIA vigil cadets participated in an in house service event making and decorating lunch-bags. Through this service events cadets had the opportunity to help write supportive pictures, write messages, and just decorate lunch bags These lunch bags were then sent to Cardz for Kidz, an organization that specializes in getting holiday, birthday, and other cards and support to children in need. Once received they are filled with snacks and lunches for children in hospitals and foster care. The compassion seen in all of the cadets that showed up demonstrated exceptional service before self.

In October, cadets had the opportunity to support UNL homecoming and the national blood shortage by participating in the Homecoming Blood drive. This is an annual campus tradition that brings students from all different areas of campus. Over the course of two days cadets were offered the opportunity to give their blood in support.

Additionally moving into November detachment 465 will be continuing community outreach. The goal is to impact as many people and outreach into the community as much as possible. The small actions of our cadets have not gone unseen, it is more than just hours logged it shows the true compassion of our cadets. Every lunch bag made, hour guarding a vigil, or drop of blood has had an impact on our community even if seems small the impact we have changes life.







### **GMC Spotlight**

Written By: C/Ricley

Hello! My name is Hayden Ricley, and I am a sophomore majoring in Secondary Education and Mathematics. This semester I am an Information Operations Squadron tech for C/Maj Stevens, and I love every bit of it!

Beyond ROTC, I am an active member of the Newman Center on campus going to bible studies once a week. I also am involved in the det. 465 intramural flag football team and a sand volleyball team as well. I tutor in multiple middle schools for mathematics as well as work as a waitress at Big Red. If you can't find me working, I am most likely at the gym, running around with Grace Anderson, or with my nose stuck in a book.



Not only is school and ROTC important to me but family and travel has been a key part in my life. I plan on visiting all 50 states before I am thirty as well as a few more countries. Joining the Air Force will help me continue my passion for travel as well as trying to make a positive difference.

This semester I am focused on receiving good grades, increasing my leadership skills, and hopefully earning an EA ticket. I am a firm believer in my academics which has always led to good grades. Although I stress having a good GPA, being a mathematics major makes that a little difficult. Up I hope that I can keep my grades up as well as continue enjoying college as a whole.

I also intend to increase my leadership skills as a person and as a hope-to-be officer. AFROTC is teaching me a multitude of skills that I can not only use in the Air Force, but also in my everyday life. Everything I do I find new ways on how I can step up and become a leader. In group projects I am finding ways to help my groups complete a task successfully, and as a cadet within ROTC, I am finding new ways to lead the freshman class. As a BCL there are a plethora of opportunities to increase my leadership skills by not only commanding my flight, but also by showing the freshman class how to be the best cadet possible.





### JFM Recap

Written By: C/Capt Richmond

Hello! My name is Kaia Richmond, and I am the Physical Fitness Officer this semester earning me the rank C/Capt. I was one of the facilitators for the Joint Field Meet (JFM) that occurred on 23 OCT 25.



JFM is an annual fitness competition between the Navy, Army and Air Force ROTC branches. Instead of the typical LLAB setting, the cadets prepare themselves for an afternoon of physical competitions. Not only is it a great opportunity to compete, but also get to know and work with cadets from other branches.

The events included a 3-mile run, Ultimate Frisbee, Tug-o-War, CASEVAC, CrossFit Relay, Pull-ups, Log Sit-ups, and a 4x400 relay. This year, the competition was close with Army winning by one point over Air Force in the last event. Fun Fact: C/Hughes and C/Johnson won the Pull-up competition for the Air Force. This was a big contribution to the scores being tied going into the last event of the day!











### **You Can Fly Scholarship**

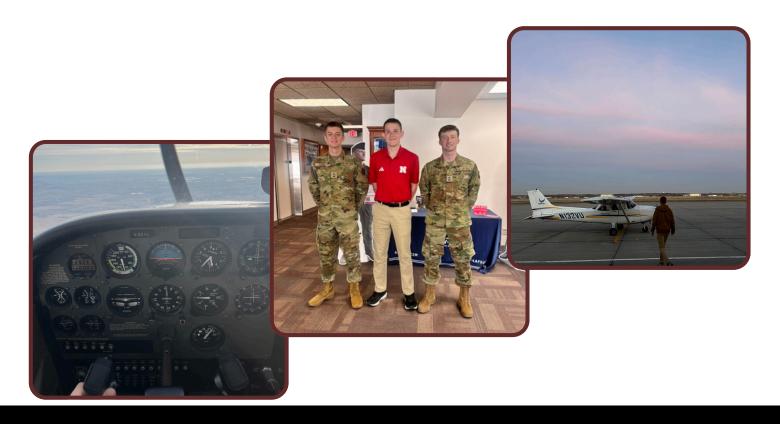
This month, several Det 465 cadets applied for the Air Force ROTC You Can Fly (AYCF) Scholarship, a competitive program designed to give future Air Force pilots a head start in the cockpit. The scholarship offers up to \$5,000 in funding for flight training at FAA-certified flight schools, allowing cadets to log an average of 15 flight hours and even complete their first solo flight.

The program's goal is to increase diversity in the rated Air Force career fields and give cadets early exposure to flight operations before commissioning. Beyond earning flight hours toward a Private Pilot License, participants gain valuable experience that helps clarify their interest in rated positions and can improve their Pilot Candidate Selection Method (PCSM) scores.

Cadets must complete all funded flight hours by April 30, 2026, and are responsible for applying to and being accepted by a participating flight school. Locally, Ignite Flight Academy in Lincoln is a popular option for Det 465 cadets pursuing this training.

This year, three Det 465 cadets were selected for this incredible opportunity - Cadets Huber, McDonald, and Schmid. Congratulations to each of them for earning a chance to take to the skies and experience what flying is like!

In addition to the AYCF program, there are many other opportunities for cadets to gain flight experience throughout their time in Air Force ROTC. Programs such as Civil Air Patrol Orientation Flights and various incentive flight opportunities allow cadets to experience flight firsthand and deepen their understanding of Air Force aviation. These experiences not only build confidence in the air but also strengthen cadets' motivation to pursue rated careers, helping them develop the foundational skills and enthusiasm needed to succeed in pilot training and beyond.



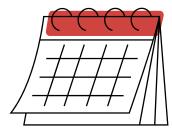
### **Important Dates**

- Dining Out 8 NOV 2025
- PFA (Final) 20 NOV 2025
- Air Force vs. Navy Intramural Football 21 NOV 2025
- Air Force vs. Army Intramural Football 26 NOV 2025









### **Pre-LLAB Snacks and Energy Drinks**

Here are some of the cadets' go-to snacks and caffeinated beverages to get them fueled and ready for LLAB.

### POC:

- C/Dailey Duracell Batteries
- C/Thompson White monster
- C/Beck Black coffee
- C/Leslie Pumpkin spice latte
- C/Pozzi Peach raspberry dazzl'r Bubblr
- C/Fortin Yellow redbull
- C/Anderson Double shot espresso
- C/Burgwald Iced vanilla latte with oat milk
- C/Hartely whatever treats C/Ward bakes

#### GMC:

- C/Santucci Alani pink slush
- C/Krog Twisted Elixr Bubblr with strawberries
- C/Stanley Cherry Twist Alani
- C/Ricley No B.S. Protein Bar or That's It Bar
- C/Talkington Bubblr or sea blue Redbull
- C/Lauer, C/Johnson Redbull
- C/Nelson Any monster
- C/Majors Cherry Slush Alani
- C/Williams White Monster





### **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.

- <u>Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT)</u> 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
- <u>Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC)</u> 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.
- <u>Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC)</u> 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.
- <u>AS300</u> Third-year cadets, usually juniors.
- AS400 -Fourth-year cadets, usually seniors.
- <u>Basic Cadet (BC)</u> Formerly IMT. Cadets in their first year of training who are not scheduled to attend Field Training; Usually freshmen.
- <u>Basic Cadet Leader (BCL)</u> Formerly FTP. Cadets training to attend Field Training during the upcoming summer; Usually sophomores.
- <u>Cadre</u> Active-duty commissioned officers and enlisted that lead the AFROTC program. They also teach aerospace classes.
- <u>Dress Blues</u> Dress uniform consisting of a short or long-sleeve blue shirt, navy blue slacks, belt, black shined low-quarters and flight cap.
- <u>Enrollment Allocation (EA)</u> 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.
- <u>Field Training</u> 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.
- <u>Flight Time</u> An allotted time for a flight to complete extra training. This time is not mandatory and is held by the flight trainer.
- <u>General Military Course (GMC)</u> The category of cadets that have not attended Field Training. This consists of IMTs and FTPs.
- <u>Intermediate Cadet Leader (ICL)</u> Cadets returning from Field Training; Usually juniors.
- <u>Leadership Laboratory (LLAB)</u> 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.
- <u>Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)</u> 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.
- <u>Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA)</u> 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.
- <u>Physical Fitness Diagnostic (PFD)</u> 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.
- <u>Physical Training Gear (PTG)</u> Uniform worn when completing PT.
- <u>Professional Military Training (PMT)</u> An allotted time to complete training. This includes PT and LLAB.
- <u>Professional Officer Course (POC)</u> 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.
- <u>Service Dress</u> 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.
- <u>Uniform of Day (UOD)</u> The uniform that will be worn during the day.

• <u>Warrior Knowledge</u> - 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.

