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BASE VISIT

BY NATALIE SMALLEY



Over Spring Break, cadets from Detachment 592 went to Langley Air Force Base. Langley is part of Joint Base Langley-Eustis, located in Hampton, Virginia. We hopped a bus and spent two nights on base. On the first night, we ate dinner at the DFAC and went bowling on base at Langley Lanes. On the second day, we began our tour of the base.

Our first stop was explosive ordnance disposal (EOD). We got to see the robots and other equipment that is used to take care of bombs. Cadet Col Yelton tried on a bomb suit and Cadet Hunter blew up a concrete block.



Then we toured the 1st Fighter Wing where we saw F-22 Raptors and T-38 Talons and got to talk to the pilots about their jobs. We ate lunch at the DFAC and then went on a tour of the Working Dogs. To watch the dogs in action, several

cadets were dressed in protective clothing and the dogs attacked them. It was funny as well as educational.



The last part of the tour was Aerospace Physiology where they study the effects of flight on pilots. Hypoxia was their biggest concern, they showed us how they were able to make people hypoxic while on the ground in order to familiarize pilots with the symptoms of hypoxia.

The last night, cadets were able to tour the Base Exchange (BX) or the base gym.

Base Visits are an excellent way for cadets to see the Air Force in action and get a taste of what life can be like for an officer.

RECRUITING

BY AN UNKNOWN MEMBER OF THE MSG

Recruiting events are opportunities to get incoming students interested in Air Force ROTC. We held many recruiting events in coordination with sporting events, career fairs, new student orientation, and more! We set up in locations such as the Student Activity Center, the Student Union, and various locations around campus.

We were able to talk to many students and their parents who were interested in Air Force ROTC. It was also a good opportunity for Detachment 592 cadets to share their experiences with prospective cadets and parents to let them know what we do everyday, what we have accomplished, and what we have learned.



Overall, there was never a shortage of volunteers and cadets were always willing to step up and help! Cadets Swadener, Clark, Angell, Davis and Rainey are manning the recruiting table in the photo above (from left to right).



JOINT OPERATIONS

BY CALEB ENG

A big focus for this semester, was our unity with the Army Battalion. Throughout the semester the Air Force detachment and Army Battalion had joint PT Competitions, and several warrior runs together. At the end of the semester, a trophy was presented to the Army Battalion, after they bested the Air Force in the competitions 3-1. There were also several game/dinner nights between the Battalion and Detachment throughout the semester as a way to build camaraderie and esprit de corps.



SECAF VISIT

BY VALEN BOOKER



On February 19th, a handful of cadets from Detachment 592 visited Duke for a visit from the Honorable Deborah Lee James. The Secretary began by participating in a few Group Leadership Problems (GLP) and then transitioned into a brief introduction where she described the road to her success and the interviewing process for Secretary of the Air Force. The last portion of her visit featured a Q&A, in which Detachment 592 arguably asked the best questions. Questions like “What is the hardest decision you’ve ever had to make as Secretary of the Air Force?” and “What event during your life-whether it was during your time at Duke or beforehand, inspired you to choose this career field?” Due to time restraints, a colleague of the SecAF alerted her of the time, to which she replied, “I’m the Secretary of the Air Force, I’ll do what I want.” Deborah Lee James proved she was as funny as intelligent in this response—a highlight of the visit.

RAZOR TALON

BY NATALIE SMALLEY

On February 12th, cadets from Detachment 592 were invited to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base for a tour during Exercise Razor Talon. Several of the cadets were also offered an incentive flight on a KC-135. On the flight the cadets were supposed to witness the aerial refueling of F-15s. Unfortunately Exercise Razor Talon was canceled on that day due to weather conditions. Although the incentive flight was canceled the cadets were still given a tour of the KC-135. All cadets were given tours of the Fighter Wing, RAPCON and the tower.

The Cadets got to see dozens of F-15s and various missiles in the 336th Fighter Squadron. The Tower and RAPCON are how the Air Force base directs flight patterns. RAPCON stands for Radar Approach Control, it directs flights over a longer distance than the Tower. Traveling to Air Force Bases is a good way for Cadets to be exposed to what life is like on Active Duty. Cadets get to talk to officers and enlisted in many different career fields.



NORTH CAROLINA PATRIOT GAMES

BY CALEB ENG



On April 9th, Detachment 592 participated in the North Carolina Patriot Games hosted by Eastern Carolina University. The outdoor event consisted of an Ironman Fitness Assessment, kickball, tug of war, and flag football. Cadet Alexander and Cadet Smalley owned the Ironman and 592 earned the silver in kickball, but fell short in the other two events. Overall, we took 4th place, but we'll be back with a vengeance in 2017! Eastern Carolina, North Carolina State, Fayetteville State University, and North Carolina A&T detachments also competed in the games. North Carolina State University ended up winning the games and took home the traveller trophy and a warrior spirit streamer.

ROTC 100TH ANNIVERSARY 5K FUN RUN

BY CALEB ENG

In celebration of ROTC's 100th birthday, JROTC and SROTC cadets from all around the country participated in a 5K fun run. We were aiming to beat the Guinness world record for largest organized military run. This race was run on April 23rd, with more than 60 cadets and cadre from the Army battalion and Air Force detachment participating. Runners trudged across the Greenway Track on the sunny Saturday morning. Overall there were 37,489 runners in the entire nation who ran the race. Detachment 592's own Cadet Alexander came in first place overall.





On April 30th, the Detachment had its annual Dining Out, the Golden Gala. Cadre, cadets, and accompanying guests from both the Air Force detachment and Army battalion attended the formal banquet, which was a time to look back on the semester and honor accomplishments while looking forward towards next semester.

As a tradition, the commissioning seniors each contributed to making a Grog bowl, which they then drank, along with anyone who broke the rules of the mess.



We had the pleasure of a very distinguished guest speaker, British Brigadier Learmont, who spoke on some of his leadership experiences and gave advice to all cadets for their future careers as officers.



The Golden Gala was a good time to unite with the Army Battalion and build camaraderie with them while reflecting on the events of the semester and preparing to move onto the next one.





PARADE AND AWARDS CEREMONY

BY CALEB ENG

To close out the semester, we had our annual Parade and Awards Ceremony, where cadets received acknowledgement for their efforts throughout the semester and performed a pass in review at the Self Made Man statue near the heart of the campus.

Dozens of awards, medals and scholarships were given out to cadets who performed at a high level throughout the semester.

To mark the closure of the Spring 2016 semester, and looking forward to the Fall 2016 semester, there was a change of command for the Cadet Wing Commander. Interim Cadet Wing Commander Cameron Nigg was chosen as the Wing Cadet Commander for the upcoming semester.

To conclude the ceremony, our commissioning seniors left a gift for our rising seniors, a shadow box full of shiny gold bars, as a way of passing on the torch.





Paul Wayne Anthony Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is in remembrance of A1C Paul Wayne Anthony, who was killed in the Vietnam War when his unit came under rocket fire. The recipient of this award is charged with achieving exceptional military and leadership achievement, the utmost adherence of the Air Force Core Values, and must be a Sophomore or Junior cadet. This year it was awarded to Cadet Harazim and Cadet Dry.



Chancellors Scholarship

Each year, the Chancellor's Scholarship is awarded to five outstanding cadets who have excelled in academic and military disciplines. Each cadet must demonstrate active leadership in important cadet corps or university positions and projects. This year, it was awarded to Cadets Zwiener, Alexander, Pierce, Blair, and Ware.



American Airman Scholarship

The American Airman Scholarship is awarded to a rising Junior or Senior, who demonstrates the ability to lead in the face of adversity, exhibit the ambition to push through barriers to improve themselves, demonstrate consistent mentorship of his or her peers and undeniably manifest service before self in his or her daily life. This year, it was awarded to Cadet Sanders.



Flight Awards

This year's Honor Flight was won by Delta Flight. Honor Flight was awarded to the flight with the highest level of warrior knowledge.

Charlie Flight won the Warrior Flight Award, which is awarded to the flight which best exemplifies the Air Force's Warrior Spirit.

Charlie Flight also won the Commanders Trophy which is won by the Detachment Commanders top flight.

NCO Cadet of the Year Award

The NCO Cadet of the Year Award, awarded by our NCOs Master Sergeant Johnson and Sergeant Chaney, distinguishes a cadet who has earned a lot of respect from our outstanding NCOs. This year, it was awarded to Cadet Wright. Cadet Wright has gained the respect of our NCOs through his outstanding character and hard work.



Commandants Cadet Award

The Commandants Cadet Award, awarded by Captain Evans, is given to the cadet(s) that makes the commandants job the easiest. This year, it was awarded to our Physical Fitness Officer, Cadet Meehan, and our Attendance Officer, Cadet Dry. Their dedication to their job, as Captain Evans put it, kept his full plate a little less full.



Morrison Chestnut Grove Scholarship

The Morrison Chestnut Grove Scholarship is awarded, in honor of Sadie Morrison, to a cadet who demonstrates a positive attitude toward the Air Force and Air Force ROTC, and outstanding personal attributes through initiative, dependability, and judgment. The cadet must also have completed the Arnold Air Society pledge program. This year it was awarded to Cadet O'Neil.



Lt Col Paul Mikael Alumni Scholarship

The Lt. Col Paul Mikael Alumni Scholarship is awarded to a cadet seeking selection into the Professional Officer Course, which is achieved upon selection for and completion of Field Training. Recipients must be active around both the community and detachment. This year it was awarded to Cadet Ebiner.



Commanders Award

The Commanders Award, awarded by Lt. Col Richard Sanders, recognizes the most outstanding cadet based on tenacity, perseverance, superior leadership, and exemplary demonstration of the Air Force Core Values directly affecting the success of the detachment and cadet corps. This year, it was awarded to Cadet Yelton.

CADRE CHANGES



This semester will be Captain Kenneth White's last semester as our detachments Operations Flight Commander. For the past three years Captain White has done an outstanding job of overseeing the training of new cadets, not just here at UNC-Charlotte, but also at Field Training where he has served as a Field Training Officer (FTO). During his time here at UNC-Charlotte, Captain White's dedication to his job is clearly evident as he was able to win Instructor of the Quarter of the entire country during the Fall

'15 semester. Captain White has been a big part of the detachments success over the past three years, and we will be sad to see him go. We wish him the best of luck at his



This semester also brought the return of Captain Blake Evans who spent the Fall semester at Clemson University's Detachment 770 helping them during a semester when they were short-manned. Capt Evans was only at Detachment 592 for the Spring 2015 semester before getting orders to Clemson. During his time at Clemson, he took on recruiting duties and taught their freshman class. He also pinned on captain during his stint there. It sure is great

to have such an outstanding gentleman back with us. We love him dearly and are going to hate to see him ever leave us again. (edited by Capt Evans)

SPRING COMMISSIONEES



CADET DEMASI

Cadet DeMasi will be graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is commissioning as a Logistics Readiness Officer and will be heading to Yokota AB.



CADET GARDE

Cadet Garde will be graduating with a degree in Geography and will go on to be either an Air Liaison or Intel Officer.

CADET FISHER

Cadet Fisher will be graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. Upon commissioning he will head to Randolph AFB, TX to start training for his career as an RPA pilot.



CONGRATULATIONS
SENIORS!



CADET YELTON

Cadet Yelton will be graduating with a degree in History. Upon commissioning he will be attending Pilot Training in Columbus, Mississippi.



CADET MCSWAIN

Cadet McSwain will be graduating with a degree in Health Communications. She was recently selected for the Gold Bar program where she will serve as a recruiter in the Arizona State University area.