

WELCOME TO AFROTC DETACHMENT 075



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ABOUT US

Brief History

Welcome to Detachment 075! We are a division of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) at San Diego State University, established to nurture leaders for the United States Air Force. Our Detachment has a history of promoting excellence in leadership, academics, and physical fitness among its cadets.

Established during the AFROTC expansion phase, Detachment 075 has continuously grown and is now recognized as one of the leading AFROTC units on the West Coast. Due to our amazing staff and cadets, we continue to produce skilled and motivated officers who go on to make significant contributions to our country. Excellence starts here at Detachment 075, and you can be one of the many who uphold the essence of character and capabilities through our “Best in the West” motto.

Our Mission

Develop Air Force and Space Force Leaders of Character Whom We Expect to Fight and Win Our Nation's Wars

Core Values

Integrity First, Service Before Self,
Excellence In All We Do

Personnel

Our Personnel consists of active-duty officers and enlisted members of the U.S. Air and Space Forces who are dedicated to mentoring and guiding our cadets.





PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The AFROTC Program is comprised of 3 main components. The three components are Aerospace Studies Class, Leadership Laboratory, and Physical Training. These elements are designed to prepare Cadets mentally and physically for any challenges they might face as an officer in the U.S. Air Force or Space Force.

- 01 Aerospace Studies Class (AS Class)**

The Aerospace Studies Classes cover various topics such as leadership, history, and military strategy. Be prepared to work in teams, write essays, and present information professionally to your peers and all Active Duty Cadre present.
- 02 Leadership Laboratory (LLAB)**

Leadership Laboratory is an organized session that evaluates every cadet's leadership and followership skills. You will be challenged to overcome adversity, adapt to an ever-changing environment, and to be effectively decisive.
- 03 Physical Training (PT)**

Physical training sessions help you maintain and improve your fitness level to meet the standards required of a future officer. You must attend at least two sessions each week. The schedule can be found on the Canvas Homeroom under the Medical Group (MDG) module.



The Benefits of Being an AFROTC Cadet



1 Officer Development Training
Officer Development Training (ODT) programs offer a valuable opportunity to hone your leadership skills and gain a deeper understanding of the various career fields within the U.S. Air Force and Space Force. These programs often take place out of state and provide the chance to earn certifications earlier in your career.

2 Scholarships
In AFROTC, you can be awarded a scholarship to cover most of your college expenses. Scholarships aren't limited to just tuition fees; for example, the "You Can Fly" Program offers an introductory flight experience for approximately 900 cadets, each receiving \$3,500 to use at FAA-certified flight schools. Cadets typically log around 15 flight hours, often culminating in their first solo flight.

3 Social Events
At Detachment 075, we host a variety of social events. Whether you prefer to relax at the beach or enjoy BBQ by the SDSU turtle pond, our socials are always lively and refreshing. Even if you eventually leave the program, the friendships you build, and the connections you make can last a lifetime.

4 Mental Resilience
Lastly, if you're looking for a place to develop discipline, challenge yourself, and become your best self, this is the place for you! We offer numerous opportunities to test your grit so that when you are commissioned as a U.S. Air Force officer, you are prepared to lead by example and take care of your people.



Cadet Life

Cadet Organizations

Arnold Air Society/ JBB

Arnold Air Society is a professional, honorary organization that supports aerospace power and includes cadets from AFROTC and the Air Force Academy. The John Burdette Binkley (JBB) Squadron at Det 075, focuses on leadership development, organizing events, building connections through training, and serving the local community.



Honor Guard

The AFROTC Detachment 075 Honor Guard, known as the Nighthawks, represents the Air Force in San Diego County. They perform color guard duties at various events, maintaining a professional image. Cadets aspiring to join must complete a semester of training, totaling 10 days, with a final evaluation, typically held on Saturday mornings



Aztec Aviation Organization

The Aztec Aviation Organization (AAO) at Detachment 075 helps AFROTC cadets get familiar with aviation by offering ground school and simulator training. Cadets participate in weekly training throughout both semesters and have the opportunity to hear from various rated officers about their career paths and experiences. AAO also participates in community service events centered around aviation. Cadets with prior flight experience are given the opportunity to lead training sessions to help develop the next generation of pilots.



Phase 0

Phase 0 is an Air Force Special Warfare Prep Club made up of individuals driven by a shared commitment to develop the strong will needed for success. The club aims to educate cadets on the requirements to become Battlefield Airmen, emphasizing teamwork, physical conditioning, and mental preparation to strengthen their resolve to serve.



Raptor Club

Raptor Club is a student service organization focused on supporting the creation, funding, and ongoing maintenance of various activities within the cadet wing. The club is committed to fostering creativity, integrity, and teamwork among its members.



Silver Wings

The mission of Silver Wings at Det 075 is to develop proactive and informed civic leaders through community service and education on national defense. The organization emphasizes personal and professional growth, enhancing members' civic awareness and understanding of Aerospace Power's role in national defense.



Cadet Events



At Det 075 we hold numerous activities and events. Some of these events include...

So-Cal Field Day:

So-Cal Field Day is an annual sports competition among Southern California AFROTC detachments. Events include ultimate frisbee, relay races, dodgeball, soccer, basketball, football, and more! For 15 years, Detachment 075 has remained the undefeated champion!

Dining Out:

Dining Out is a traditional "fine dining" event that brings Cadets and Cadre together to celebrate the hard work accomplished throughout the semester. The event features a variety of activities, including roasts, dancing, and jeopardy. Everyone is encouraged to bring a guest to join in the festivities.

Base Visits:

Whether it's for an airshow or an organized tour, Detachment 075 offers many opportunities to visit military installations as a group! These opportunities vary each year, so there's always something new to look forward to.



FAQ

1

Do I receive a scholarship immediately upon entering the program?

Not necessarily. Scholarships are competitive and can be earned while being in the program. There are 2 types of scholarships that provide tuition coverage. The In College Scholarship Program (ICSP), which is available for cadets during their freshman and sophomore years. As well as the General Charles McGee Leadership Award (CMLA), which is awarded to cadets after Field Training and have contracted into the Professional Officer Course (POC) (juniors/seniors). There are several other scholarships that cadets can apply for that provide coverage for other school expenses, Flight School, and so much more! Make sure to pay close attention to the weekly announcements released on Friday after LLABs for these opportunities.

2

Do I have to pay for my uniforms?

No. All uniform items and gear are provided free of charge. After the program and before going on active-duty, commissioned cadets have the option to buy their uniforms at a reduced rate. You can find the location to the Uniform Shop on page 04.

3

What does the time commitment look like on a weekly basis?

AFROTC is a structured but manageable time commitment. Each week, cadets are required to attend their scheduled Aerospace Studies (AS) class that is dependent on their year in the program. These are typically scheduled on Wednesdays. As well as weekly Leadership Laboratory (LLAB), which is held every Friday from 0700 - 0950. In addition, every cadet must attend at least one **other** Physical Training (PT) session each week that doesn't include the mandatory session during LLAB. Multiple PT sessions are offered on different days, and cadets may choose the session that best fits their schedule. The PT schedule will be located in the Medical Group (MDG) module on the Canvas Homepage!

As with any academic class, you should also plan for some time outside of scheduled activities to study, prepare for LLAB, and review course material.



SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Websites:

- For more info on registering for AFROTC classes: <https://deto75.sdsu.edu/join-afrotc>
- Login to your SDSU account here to pay for any fees/classes: <https://my.sdsu.edu/>
- Login to your SDSU account here to upload any immunization requirements: healthconnect.sdsu.edu
- Start the DODMERB process here: <https://www.dodmets.com/>

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