PAST EVENTS

GMC week
6 October 2015

Along with his GMC Wing Staff, Cadet Thompson organized an astonishing Leadership Laboratory for the Wing. To see how he felt about the GMC week, we asked some questions:

*What were your initial plans for the LLAB and were you able to accomplish your goals?*
- My plan for GMC week was to develop wingmanship and teamwork for the whole wing. I feel that we did accomplish that goal because I had a very supportive and hardworking staff that ensured LLAB went smoothly.

*What could have improved and what went well?*
- Some improvements I would like to make would be finding a way to get all of the wing staff involved. It is hard for some positions to only have a week to do their job. I think my staff's adaptability went well...there was one GLP station that had some issues but we ironed them out and got everything running smoothly.

*What advice would you give to the next semester’s GMC commander?*
- For any future GMC week wing commanders, be confident and be relaxed. Cadre takes this time to see how well you do in front of the entire wing. And most importantly have fun. Being wing commander was such a fun experience for me because I pushed my staff to be great and it reflected in us having a well planned out LLAB and PT session.

Camp Elliott LLAB
13 October 2015

From an idea made into reality, for the first time in AFROTC history, Detachment 075 made it’s way to Camp Elliot, a Marine training site, on a very early Tuesday morning. Here cadets were put to the test, both physically and mentally on a three hour hike that would prove not only difficult, but enjoyable as well. Navigation skills, leadership capabilities, and physical training were all essential when it came to this unique LLAB. Cadets were given different coordinates to search for on a map to orient toward to accomplish tasks such as PT and GLPs in order to help sharpen their Land Navigation and Leadership traits. Overall, the intensity and motivation displayed at Camp Elliot were very high, and we have Cadet Weed and Cadet Sheehan to thank for this opportunity. We look forward to making this an LLAB to look forward to for future years to come.

Outstanding Cadet Interview (Cadet Third Class Shaw)
19 October 2015

Cadet Shaw has displayed an astounding amount of motivation and dedication within the Detachment, and on top of going through Field Training Preparation, she is currently in training to join the one and only, Arnold Air Society. We have interviewed Cadet Shaw, and here were her responses:

*Why choose the Air Force over any other branch?*
- I chose the Air Force because it was different. My father was in the Navy and my brother just recently joined, and I grew up in San Diego which is a Navy town. I wanted to serve my country and the Navy just wasn’t for me. And I chose to go through the AFROTC program because I think school is very important, and having the opportunity to go into the Air Force and get my degree was a no-brainer.

*How is AAS training thus far into the semester, and what made you choose AAS over any other organization in AFROTC?*
- “...Banshee Flight has gone through a lot within the last few training days and there is always going to be disagreements, but we have been growing as a flight and as a family. Looking at Arnold Air from the outside, you can tell there is just something different about their organization. I felt like Arnold Air would be a better fit for me because of what they represent and what they teach you through the training.
Arnold Air Society

This semester, Arnold Air Society is working harder than ever to improve our relationship with the community, SDSU, and the detachment. They have taken bigger and broader steps in being more involved and better leaders in everything they do. A huge focus this semester is running their new revamped training program which is more intense, more relevant, and better designed to build the most mentally and physically tough leaders the Air Force could possibly want. The commander of Arnold Air Society, Cadet Major Novak, has a message for the detachment: “I want to let everyone know who desires to be a part of this org, everyone who wants to better themselves, that the challenge is here in J6B. Start preparing now. Improve your fitness, be the best wingman, get involved more; do everything you can now to test your limits because once you candidate, we are going to show you how really capable you are as an individual and especially as a leader. Who you wanna be?”

Silver Wings

Selfless Service is what Silver Wings aims to accomplish, and the commander, Cadet Third Class Santo Domingo, strives constantly to give back to the community. Silver Wings is not just an organization for AFROTC, it is open to civilians as well. This year, Silver Wings has over 25 active members from college campuses all across San Diego and has completed six volunteer events so far. Collectively, Cadet Santo Domingo and her team have collected an astonishing 184 hours of Community Service. With Silver Wing’s recent return, Santo Domingo wants to keep up a strong foundation for Silver Wings for the future ahead.

Honor Guard

Perfection is one key aspect that the Honor Guard constantly strives for, and the HG Commander, Cadet Major Tencati has made it his goal this semester to achieve just that. The Honor Guard has performed almost 20 details over the course of this semester, and is not stopping there. This has been a significant increase of details performed over any semester. Likewise, Cadet Tencati plans on having The Honor Guard participate in future community service events and to have his team continually work to perfect every type of detail The Honor Guard performs, whether it be postings or a regular Color Guard. Although The Honor Guard did not hold training this fall, the team has used its time wisely, in terms of having supplementals, in order to prepare for training for the following Spring 2016 Semester.
FUTURE EVENTS

Memorial Vigil Event
November 12th (1800) through November 13th (0900)

SDSU will be holding their annual War Memorial Vigil Event beginning
November 12th at 1800. This is a 24 hour long event in which cadets from all
four branches: Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force, will stand guard along with
retired military veterans over the War Memorial located on campus. Just what
does this memorial commemorate? It stands in memory of those students who
have chosen to pay the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and it stands as a
reminder for all of those who see it that students, just like them, have gone out
to sacrifice more than just a couple hours of sleep a night doing homework or
studying. As ROTC cadets, we must come to appreciate this memorial more
than others, as our ultimate goal after school will be to serve and protect our
nation, much like the students whose names currently reside on the memorial.

POW/MIA Run
November 10th (0900)

“You are not forgotten.” These are the words associated with those men
and women who have become prisoners of war or have gone missing in
action trying to defend and serve our country. On November 10th,
beginning after LLAB at 0900, there will be an opportunity to remember
and help recognize these men and women of our Armed Forces whose
return we are still eagerly awaiting. This 24 hour recognition run will
take place on campus, in which cadets from all branches will take turns
carrying the POW/MIA flag around campus to spread awareness of
these selfless men and women. You could join in this run by contacting
the Arnold Air Society Commander, Cadet Major Novak.

PFA
November 17th

The Physical Fitness Assessment is fast approaching and every cadet must put in
their all if we want to keep our title as “Best in the West!” With the addition of our
newest AFROTC Team, the Jaguar Knights, and our Medical Group Commander,
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Harding’s intense PT sessions and weekly PT
challenges, there is still much more to be done individually in order to get an
average Wing PFA score of 98+. We could all use Captain LaBouliere’s stretch to
the perfect PFA as a way to motivate us all to achieve just that. Remember to eat
well and train hard for the next couple of weeks!

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Selfless Service is one the core values we strive for as Airmen, and to help the growth of this leadership trait within the detachment, we always make it one of our goals to give back to the community. To achieve this, we have made it our goal to complete 200 hours of community service this semester. So far, we have completed 117 hours, but we are not stopping there! Community service events that have been accomplished thus far into the semester by the Community Service Flight are the Navajo Canyon Restoration Project and Handcycling Volunteer Work by Cadet Captain Kim, the Community Service Officer for Fall 2015. Arnold Air Society has taken initiative and completed the Surf Dog Surf-a-thon, Aloha Run 5k, Science Fair at a local elementary school, and the San Diego VisionWalk. Raptor Club and Silver Wings have been their fair share of selfless service as well, accomplishing volunteer events such as Ace Parking at Charger’s games, the Point Loma Native Plant Garden, and the Clean Sweep River Clean Up. Future community service events to come are two more Charger’s games, the War Memorial Vigil Event, and Honor Guard volunteering for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk! We are the face of the Air Force here in the County of San Diego, and it is important that we show this Navy town what the Air Force is capable of.