

DACTYLS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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A SEMESTER OF OPPORTUNITY

This semester has provided cadets the fortuitous opportunity to interact with numerous people and organizations within the community. Through a series of busy weeks, the cadets have learned from Air Force members of the Hohm Center, North West Region, National Guard, and Buckley AFB, to name a few.

The year started with separate visits from the Hohm Center Commander, Brig. Gen. Garland and NW Region Commander, Colonel Kucharek. Cadets not only gave them a tour of campus to show a "typical day" for AFROTC at Colorado State, but they were also able to talk over lunch in order to learn from their unique experiences and advice.



Lunch during visit from Colonel Kucharek



Visit from Brigadier General Garland

The semester continued with a massive visit of officers from Buckley AFB and the National Guard in Greeley to take part in "career day". Because there was a large variety of AFSCs, cadets could ask questions and learn more about different career fields to better focus their interests within the program. This interaction was extremely fun (for both the officers and the detachment) as well as insightful.

Later, cadets traveled to Greeley to visit the Colorado Air National Guard Station. There they learned about the National Guard and more specifically about the types of missions that are conducted in Greeley. The cherry on top for the cadets was watching classmates be tased by Security Forces!

Meanwhile, Detachment 90 alum Lt. Lynch returned to the detachment for a couple weeks and inspired cadets with his perspective on flight training and the rated process. He offered plenty of advice on becoming a new Lieutenant and the transition from university to active duty.



Lt. Lynch describing Initial Flight Training

Not only did cadets interact with officers from outside of the detachment, but with a wide variety of other cadets as well. A joint lab was held with Colorado States' Army ROTC, where cadets enjoyed participating in an exercise that gave them a better idea of Army's training process. Besides Army, the detachment also participated in the annual tri-det ceremony, held at Colorado State to include detachments from both the University of Wyoming and the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Commissionnees!

- Antony Brown
Operations Research Analyst
Eglin AFB, FL
- Jeff Bryant
Space Operations Officer
Peterson AFB, CO
- Christian Chavez
AF Institute of Technology
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- Daniel de La Fe
Public Affairs Officer
Moody AFB, GA
- Justin Ditter
Cyberspace Ops Officer
Keesler AFB, MS
- James Frye
Civil Engineer
JB Elmendorf-Richardson, AK
- Tanner Garretson
Remotely Piloted Aircraft Pilot
JB SA-Randolph, TX
- Aaron Glock
Physicist/Nuclear Engineer
Kirtland AFB, NM
- Steven Groenheim
Contracting Officer
Vandenberg AFB, CA
- Nathan Gruenhaupt
Pilot
Columbus AFB, MS
- Arius Holness
Cyberspace Ops Officer
Keesler AFB, MS
- Kyle Jewell
Combat Systems Operator
NAS Pensacola, FL
- Ryan McWhorter
Air Battle Manager
Tyndall AFB, FL
- Audrey Meyer
Combat Systems Operator
NAS Pensacola, FL
- Casey Parks
Pilot
Laughlin AFB, TX
- Paul Reeder
Remotely Piloted Aircraft Pilot
JB SA-Randolph, TX
- Zack Schreiber
Air Battle Manager
Tyndall AFB, FL
- Holly Shepherd
Intelligence Officer
Goodfellow AFB, TX
- Ryan Werner
Pilot
Laughlin AFB, TX

Overall it has been an exciting semester for Detachment 90 and

Cadet of the Quarter

Every semester, cadets are awarded "Cadet of the Quarter", to recognize individuals who embody the core values and demonstrate excellent leadership potential. These cadets go above and beyond and exemplify characteristics of an outstanding student, cadet, and individual.

Spring 2017 Recipients:

AS 100: C/ Hiryak

AS 200: C/ Zerr

POC: C/Barto

we are thankful for every opportunity to collaborate with the community and learn from new individuals!

COMBAT DINING IN

By Cadet Josh Hullings

To cap off the semester, Detachment 90 will hold our yearly Dining-In ceremony. This event presents a chance for the cadet wing to have some fun together before school ends for summer break. Our combat dining in this semester will be hosted in an armory and will feature an obstacle course, nerf wars, games, the grog, and a

commemoration for the graduating seniors. Flights are busy making desserts and preparing videos to be shown at Dining-In highlighting their cadets, the wing, and everything they have accomplished this semester. With finals approaching, cadets are all looking forward to the festivities. This Dining-In will be action packed and expected to closely resemble an active duty event. After the evening, all that's left is a week of finals leading up to the much-anticipated commissioning ceremony!

Scholarships

Every year, ROTC allocates money for scholarships that are given based on both military and academic performance. This year, Detachment 90 had many recipients. Congratulations to all, your hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed!

Spring 2017 Recipients:

C/Phillip Allmendinger

C/Holly Kessler

C/Emmanuel Hall

C/Alex Yares

C/Robert Jensen

C/Matthew Kafer

C/William McCullough

FORT COLLIN'S FIRST EVER "RUN TO REMEMBER"

By Cadet Audrey Meyer



On April 8th, 2017, Detachment 90's Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings hosted the first annual Fort Collins Run to Remember in Memory of USAF 2d Lt Benjamin J. Walder. Lt Walder was at pilot training in Columbus, MS in 2015 when he

took his own life. The goal of the run, therefore, was to raise awareness and money for suicide prevention. The event was very successful with over 70 runners, including officers from Lt Walder's UPT class and several community members. In total, the donations for the run amassed almost \$5,000, which was far more than they could have even dreamed of, according to former Arnold Air Society squadron commander, Audrey Meyer. The Walder family is already anticipating the run to occur next year, and claim that the event and the support that they felt that day was very healing for them. The legacy that Ben left was apparent through all the love and support that the event received.

THANK YOU!

Detachment 90 acknowledges and appreciates the support of all our alumni as well as the support from the Dactyls Student Organization. With your help, our Detachment can organize and participate in various events that provide excellent experience and opportunity for all our cadets to better develop future leaders of the United States Air Force. We greatly appreciate everything that you have done and continue to do for this Detachment!

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