



The Eagle  
Det. 027

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ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

# The Eagle POW/MIA Run

by C/3C Friedline

For those who do not know, The Eagle is the official Detachment 027 newsletter dedicated to informing you, the cadets, of events and articles that may be of interest to you. Articles completed by other cadets are preferred, as it increases your recognition around the detachment, which we all know is an important part in getting that precious EA.

September 11, 2001 will be a day remembered by everyone old enough to remember the moment. For the cadets of Detachment 027, honoring this day meant waking up early in the morning and completing a completely silent, 40-minute run. Halfway through, POW/MIA pushups were completed, giving everyone time to think about the sacrifices others have made, military or not, for this great country.



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# Project GO

by C/Capt Patton

This summer I spent 7 weeks in summer school studying Arabic through Project GO. I had been anticipating the experience for several months but, as the time drew closer to depart I began to wonder why I chose to spend my summer in school. However, those 7 weeks turned out to be some of the best weeks of my life. I made many new friends, learned a new language, and had the opportunity to experience a culture very different from my own.

Project GO is an ROTC program that provides cadets from all branches with the opportunity to study a variety of critical languages both here in the U.S. and abroad. I was awarded a scholarship to study Arabic at California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB). Upon arriving at CSUSB I was immediately immersed in the world of Arabic language and culture. All of our professors and many of the tutors were born and raised in Arab countries. The tutors that were not Arab by birth had spent a great deal of time in the Arab world and had a vast knowledge. They all helped to create an environment that was rich with Arabic culture.

My professor, Dr. Gaby, was from Lebanon. Monday through Friday we would go to class from 8:30-13:00. Dr. Gaby would teach us grammar, vocabulary, writing, and speaking skills. He incorporated lots of time for us to



practice with each other. The afternoons were dedicated to study time in the lab with the tutors. Evenings were filled with cultural activities or more classes. Our evening classes consisted of Arabic calligraphy and Tajweed which is all about learning the correct pronunciation of the letters in the Arabic alphabet. On the weekends, we would take field trips to different parts of the city to immerse ourselves in the Arabic culture present in California. By the end of our 7 weeks, we had covered more than a year's worth of Arabic material and had many fantastic cultural experiences.

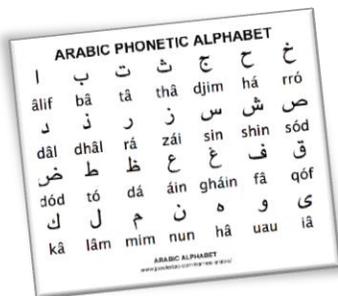
While I greatly enjoyed studying the language, one of the most valuable parts of the experience was the relationships. I forged strong bonds with many of my classmates and with many tutors. One of the tutors was former Army enlisted. He had studied Arabic at the Defense Language Institute with some of the top Arabic linguists. One of

my classmates was from an AFROTC detachment in North Carolina. Another had spent a few years doing humanitarian work in Africa. Being able to hear about all of their different experiences was really neat. These will be people I will keep in contact with for a long time to come.

Project GO was an amazing experience. As difficult as it was at times to cram a year of Arabic language into 7 weeks, it was well worth it. I have walked away with a basic proficiency of the Arabic language. I also have many new friends to continue to practice my Arabic with. Project GO is a wonderful experience that I would highly recommend all cadets participate in.

## PROJECT GO INFORMATION:

[www.rotcprojectgo.org/find-a-program](http://www.rotcprojectgo.org/find-a-program)



EVENTS:



**Costume PT**

Start thinking about who you want to dress up as for this special PT session.



**LRC Opening**

October 11<sup>th</sup>- The Leadership Reaction Course opens!



**International Walk to School Day**

October 8<sup>th</sup>- Show some community involvement!

FAST FACTS

**Det. 027 had 17/17 NAU Field Training Graduates**

**Detachment 027 initiated enrollment at NAU in 1972**



*New Detachment 027 300s!*

*From Left to Right*

*Top Row:  
Justin Rushford, Michael Rynders, Ryan Gould, Connor Hall, Jonathan Witherspoon, Benjamin Gouveia, Brian Williams, Chealsea Hazen, Erik Kalkbrenner*

*Bottom Row:*

*Ashley Roth, Bryce Simpkins, Bethany Patton, Maggie Wisman, Zoe Daugherty, Cassie Kelley, Kiefer Dunham, Christine Gonzales*

# Against the Odds

by C/Capt Roth

Against the odds, NAU's Air Force Detachment 027 Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) brings home 17 of 17 cadets from Officer Field Training. As a cadet in the ROTC, students are provided with the unique opportunity to develop leadership skills and gain the tools necessary to lead a successful career in the future. The AFROTC academic curriculum nationwide is consistent of four different categories: Profession of Arms, Communication Skills, Leadership Studies, and Military Studies/International Security Studies. This material is spread throughout a four-year period, which is comprised of two years in General Military Course (GMC) and two years in Professional Officer Course (POC). During these four years, students are equipped with the training and experience necessary to be the best officers in the United States. What separates the GMC from the POC is Field Training. Field Training is a rigorous program that trains, evaluates, and tests cadets' physical fitness, weapons training, survival training, confidence, discipline, teamwork, and leadership capabilities. For non-scholarship students enrolled in ROTC, after graduation from Field Training, cadets are able to contract with the Air Force and apply the Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do into everyday life.

This summer 17 cadets from Northern Arizona University (NAU) had the honor of graduating from Field Training and in doing so took the first step to becoming an Air Force Officer. On Thursday, August 28, 2014 cadets contracted, took the Oath of Enlistment, and were congratulated on completion of Field Training. These cadets will now enter "the POC life" of mentoring GMC cadets and continuing to hone leadership, time-management, and analytical skills. The AFROTC educates, trains, and equips cadets to perform at their best and to demonstrate commitment to the people of the United States and their families. The intensity of this training is exceedingly demanding and serves to test a cadets' capability of being successful in the Air Force. It is a tremendously competitive program to be admitted into and even more challenging to complete. Given this AFROTC Detachment 027 congratulates these cadets on their great achievement and look forward to their future accomplishments.

## AROUND TOWN

# Hiring Highlanders

by C/3C Friedline

Hiring Highlanders is an article that will appear in all 3 of this semester's issues dedicated to helping those looking for some part-time employment find places in Flagstaff that are currently accepting applications and/or hiring.

## Harkins Flagstaff 11 (Team Member)

1959 S Woodlands Village Blvd

*Accepting Applications*

## Kohls's (Sales Associate)

500 W Forest Meadows St, Flagstaff, AZ  
86001

*Accepting Applications*

*Hiring*

## Michaels Arts & Crafts (Cashier/Sales Associate)

1500 S Riordan Ranch St

*Accepting Applications*

*Hiring*

## Buffalo Wild Wings (Server, Greeter/Host)

2700 S Woodlands Village Blvd

*Accepting Applications*

*Hiring*

## Target (Seasonal Team Member)

1650 S Milton Rd

*Accepting Applications*

*Hiring*

## JCPenney (Seasonal Temp Position)

4600 U.S. 89

*Accepting Applications*

*Hiring*

## Sprouts (Cashier)

1560 S Riordan Ranch St

*Accepting Applications*

*Hiring*



