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### Field Training Success

200's- As you prepare for Field Training there are many things to keep in mind. I picked the mind a fresh 300 who just graduated Field Training to get some key tips and testimonials in able to assist you when competing for an enrollment allocation (EA) and when at Field Training.

We have spoken often of Det-isms. Cadet Captain Conn shared a few of ours with me. One of our most common Det-isms is the echoing of the command "Double Time" with "Any Time." You are still required to say this when participating in any Detachment 027 activity but it may behoove you to knock it off at Field Training. According to C/Conn, another common mishap at

Field Training is an improper to the rear march or about face movement. A simple fix to this is to attend Marching clinic where C/Conn will teach the proper way to execute these commands according to the Drill and Ceremonies Manual. Not only will marching clinic help you at Field Training, it will also help your flight achieve the coveted Honor Flight!

C/Conn's flight started out a bit rough, but was able to pull together and ultimately win the Warrior Day Challenge! They started out as individuals but were able to find success by banding together to form a team. Recalling a few specific times, C/Conn states that everyone is under a tremendous amount of pressure to be great. But, with everyone yelling details, are forgotten in the sea of distress. This is where C/Conn says you need to be a Wingman and listen to what others are told to do, not so that you can correct or tell them what to do, but rather to assist your Wingman should they forget.

200s, all eyes are on you. Perform to your best; continue to step outside your comfort zone and begin to develop your leadership skills.

-C/Conn

100s, put yourselves out there and don't be afraid to fail. Everyone fails; it is how you adapt to and overcome those failures that make a difference.

-C/Conn

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## **Success in and out of AFROTC**

### **C/Gould(Pilot Select)**

Here is a few questions and responses From C/Gould on Success.

1. How are you able to manage your time being a POC in ROTC and a full-time student?

-- I think my time management skills has a lot do with my upbringing. I was a competitive gymnast for eight years of my life, and because of non-stop training and the two hours of homework I had every night (I went to a prep school) I had to make decisions about how to

prioritize my time. And I think that is what really matters in ROTC, school, and in life. You have to decide what is important to you, do that first, and work hard at it. If you really want to be in this program; however, you need to be able to take on more than just school. Some people just can't handle it. There's nothing wrong with that, but maybe ROTC isn't for them.

2. Is there more to life than just ROTC and school?

-- There is definitely more to life than ROTC and school! Personally, I think it is very important to have an area in your life that is not related to ROTC or your classes that you can use to vent, recharge, and enjoy yourself. I think everyone needs to have a good group of friends that are not in the military so that you can forget about all of the marching, emails, uniforms, etc. for at least the weekend. I believe very much in separating work and recreation, and for me, ROTC falls under "work." Work that I very much enjoy, but I try not to let it follow me in other spheres of my life.

3. What is it like being in a Fraternity and having to wake up earlier than everyone else?

-- Being in a fraternity is like living with 30+ of your best friends in a house that is too small. You never really have privacy, but you don't mind that because you're never, ever bored. Someone is always doing something and they want you to do it with them. Unfortunately, when you have to be up at 0530 to get to PT, you can't always be part of the family in that way. It just comes down to: "How tired do I really want to be tomorrow?" and if you are okay with pushing through the sleepiness in order to have fun with your brothers and make it to PT on time, then that is your decision. Just don't do that every week, because it will catch up to you.

4. What are your hobbies and do you have enough time to do them?

--I feel like I am on the go most of the time, so my hobby is just to relax. That might mean watching TV, get dinner (off campus, of course) with friends I haven't seen in a while, or playing computer games. Also, whenever I get the chance, I go to the airport and help Clark out with his planes. If you want to know who Clark is, we should talk later. So I wouldn't say that I have a particular hobby, rather I just find ways to relax and take my mind off of the more serious things in my life. Pro tip, playing video games will help you do well on the TBAS (Test of Basic Aviation Skills), for all of you cadets looking to go Rated.

5. Who would win in a fight the Hulk or Superman?

--Hulk, no contest. Spiderman has trouble fighting villains such as Venom, the Lizard, and Doctor Octopus, who are nowhere NEAR as strong as the Hulk, and he only defeats them by outsmarting them. If you read the comics, there are way too many occasions where Spiderman has to team up with other superheroes in order to defeat bad guys that the Hulk could just sit on. Maybe if Spiderman had time ahead to make a plan he would have a chance, but he's not exactly Batman. As a disclaimer, I like DC better than Marvel.

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# Get To Know Your New Cadre

## Introducing Lieutenant Gonzalez!

After working in London as an Intelligence Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Alison Gonzalez joins the Lumberjack family and is welcomed by Detachment 027.

Born and raised in California, Gonzalez attended school at San Diego State University and majored in journalism. After she graduated in 2006 she decided to try her hand at journalism. However, she ended up not liking the hours and pursued being a personal trainer. Later in 2010, Gonzalez made the decision to go to Officer Training School to become an Officer in the United States Air Force. After two years of waiting for a slot, she went to OTS in 2012. She has served 3 years in the Air Force and plans to serve at least another 10 years. Her goal is to become a Regional Area Strategist at the Columbian Embassy.

At her last job assignment, Lieutenant Gonzalez moved through the job positions starting as a Flight Commander to Director of Operations, Executive Officer and eventually becoming Squadron Commander in England. She worked with space and analysis, but as a side job she was the OIC for the base's Joint Color Guard working with the Navy, Army, Air Force and also the Royal Air Force. As a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Gonzalez got to wear hats that only a handful of other 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants got to wear.

After the base closed, Gonzalez was assigned to Northern Arizona University as an instructor for the 027 Detachment. Before being assigned here, Gonzalez did not feel prepared to work here; she had no idea what to expect. However, she did feel that she had enough leadership experience to succeed here. Gonzalez says, "Sometimes you think you know what you want, but the Air Force knows what you should have and it ends up working great in the end". She absolutely loves being an instructor, but at times it is very nerve-racking.

Her assignment requires for her to stay as an instructor for three years, but hopes she can stay to see this year's freshmen class graduate in 2019. So far, she absolutely loves the life of being an instructor and is happy that we, as young Americans, have chosen this path of serving our country.

Lieutenant Gonzalez is a very friendly person and it was a pleasure interviewing her. She is also a Figure Competitor and does body building competitions; her next competition is in November. If you ever want a push-up challenge, swing by her office and do the deck of cards challenge. Pull as many cards as you want and that's how many push-ups you and Lieutenant Gonzalez have to do. If you haven't stopped by to say hi to her yet, go do so!

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## Prisoner of War – Missing in Action





*We Will Never Forget*