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Nellis Base Visit

When you join AFROTC you'll have ample opportunities to experience some really neat things, such as incentive flights and base visits to Nellis Air Force Base! Visiting Nellis AFB in Nevada was an experience that allowed cadets the opportunity to view the functionality of an AFB base. Cadets left from the Skydome parking lot around 0900 and were on the road for several hours before actually reaching their destination. With excitement built up from the wait, cadets made their way to Nevada. The whole purpose of this trip was to see how the real Air Force operates on a daily basis and to gain some insight into the life of an officer. From the very moment they set foot on base it was go, go, go. The cadets were first briefed by a member of Red Horse, which is a group of the Air Force's own combat engineers. They are a unit that goes on deployments and their entire mission is to set up bases where there wasn't one before. They tend to deploy before any main elements do because it's their job to provide the rest of the forces who get deployed a place to eat, sleep, and live while away from home.

Members of Red Horse easily stick out from the crowd due to the red ball caps they get to wear while in uniform instead of the standard ABU cover. So, for those who are interested in being engineers for the



Air Force, this may be something worth looking into. This was most of what was accomplished the first day there.

The second day was jam packed with tours, briefings, K-9 demonstrations, food, and fun. The first thing on the agenda was the military working dog demonstrations. The handlers gave us a rundown of their duties and what a typical day would be for them. They also allowed some of the cadets to suit up in the bite suit and see what it's like to be on the business end of a military's K-9 unit. After seeing some of our fellow Highlanders get taken down by 90 pounds of terror, it was time to go see some of the aircraft that Nellis had to offer. We were able to see F-15E's, F-16's, F-35's, A-10's and even some old Russian MIG's that were captured or given to the U.S. The seniors were able to get up close and personal with the F-35... something that the underclassmen can't deny being at least a little jealous about.

While the main purpose of this base visit was to learn about how the real Air Force operates on a daily basis, we still took the time to enjoy ourselves on the Vegas strip. Lights, sound, street music, the strip is everything you've ever heard about it and more. Everywhere you go there are street performers trying to win your attention and hopefully some of your hard earned money. I found out that last bit the hard way when a fellow cadet sacrificed me to a mime so that he didn't have to deal with them. After several awkward minutes of trying to explain that I didn't want a picture with them and had no cash to fork out either, they finally left me alone. The best part of the strip, however, had to be Dick's Last Resort outside of the Excalibur Casino and Hotel. At Dick's there is a very apparent theme to the restaurant as soon as you walk in: service with sarcasm. The waiters and waitresses are rude to you and it has to be the single most hilarious thing you've ever experienced. This restaurant isn't for the reserved and easily offended because as rude as the staff is to you, you have to be able to dish it right back at them. It makes for a great night and even greater stories. I would have some pictures from the restaurant in this article but they aren't exactly the most appropriate things in the world; so if you want to know what it's like in Dick's you can either go or you can just Google it and see for yourself. All in all this was a great trip where we were able to learn a lot and have a great time as well. If you haven't already, take advantage of base visits like these every year!

Article By: C/Cunningham

Cloud Dancers: True Meaning Revealed

In the last issue of the Eagle we asked all of you to stay tuned on why Detachment 027's name changed from the Cloud Dancers to Highlanders. After speaking with retired Major John Napier, a prior cadre member at the detachment, we have found our answer. He stated it did in fact have to do with its Native American ties. Being that we live in an area so largely populated with Native American culture, it comes as no surprise that we would choose a name tied with

heritage. The issue appeared around the mid 90's when a Native American group contacted the detachment and asked that we stop using the name. The term Cloud Dancer was connected to a peaceful tribute and symbolized peace through a crescent used to recognize a group within the tribe. They indicated that they didn't want the name associated with the military. With respect, we agreed and at that point needed a new name to represent our detachment. An interesting part to this story is that cadets from our very own Detachment 027 were the ones to pick the name: Highlanders. For those of you who are curious as to why that is, I encourage you to do some research. You do not have to go far for the answers; in fact some of the class shields and the cadets who made them have the answers!

Article By: C/Hicks

Det Dog of the Month-Camo!

For: Cadet Soza

How old is Camo?

Camo was born December 28, 2013. He is two years old.

What breed is he?

Camo is a rescue from the reservation. There is no true clarification on what kind of dog he actually is. We know that he is a cattle dog and so the best guess is an Australian Shepard with Catahoula.

Does Camo have any interesting habits?

Camo loves to be outdoors, loves to cuddle, and his favorite humans are babies or toddlers.

What is his doggy schedule like?

He loves to sleep in when I have to get up early for ROTC. He will wake up around the time I get home about 0800. We go on a walk for about 20 minutes every day. He loves to be outside and chase the birds on the power lines. He enjoys watching all the kids in our neighborhood walk to and from the bus for school. He will play with his brother Sherlock (a tabby cat) for a good amount of time. Others would typically say that they are fighting but in all reality, Sherlock acts like a dog and they just love to play. Camo is free fed and eats about a bowl and a half throughout the day. He will typically either go with me to the detachment to hang out or to CrossFit gym to socialize. He will try and stay awake but he goes to bed around 2100.

What kind of food does he eat?

Camo is a spoiled brat and eats the top of the line Blue Buffalo Wilderness Bison. He does not typically eat human food but he does enjoy any and all types of cheese, cashews and wheat thins. He takes after me though and LOVES, absolutely loves, PIZZA.

How hard is it for you, being in college, to take care of him?

I have never ultimately missed out on anything in college due to having Camo but there are times where my priority is him instead of other things. I would not say that it is easy to have Camo dealing with college and ROTC, but I would not consider it a hard challenge. I have amazing friends that love to come and visit him or take him on adventures.

Does he get along with other dogs at the Detachment?

Camo is extremely friendly and enjoys other dogs. He is actually dating Cadet Martin's dog Annie and his right hand man and bro is Cadet Thompson's dog, Clark.

What is his favorite activity to do (play fetch, play in the snow, swim, etc.)?

Camo loves hiking. We go on an adventure every weekend. He gets ecstatic when we find a creek or water trail on our hikes because he loves to get in the water and play. I think he just loves getting dirty because he knows it leads to a bath.

**Please explain the romance that he has with your cat.**

It is a love-hate relationship. Sherlock, being a cat has his peak play hours during times that Camo loves to sleep. They will chase each other all around the house and outside. They do love each other and are the most adorable when they cuddle.

Any other information you would like to provide?

If you ever see Camo please feel free to come and say hi. He knows how to shake and high-five!

Wise Words from Ms. Karen:**What did you do before working at Detachment 027?**

"I worked at NAU in the Institute of Human Development."

What are your plans after working at Detachment 027?

"The local cemetery across from the Detachment so I can keep an eye on everyone."

How long have you been at Detachment 027?

"Almost 2 years, going on 19."

What are you in charge of at Detachment 027?

"I am Lt. Col. Friend's boss and MSgt. Mallory's disciplinarian."

What is one question you always get asked by cadets?

"I have a quick question?" I know that it will never be just a 'quick' question."

What would be your super power?

“The ability to ensure that every cadet would be happy with their own decisions and with their life.”

Who is your favorite cadet?

“The 4 legged one! Specifically, Cadet.”

Who is your favorite Det Dog?

“Clark!”

We all know you love to travel. Where is your favorite place to travel?

“Venice, Italy.”

What is the favorite thing about your job?

“Interaction with the cadets.”

What is the hardest part of your job?

“Once again, interaction with the cadets.”

“My words to the cadets... Follow your inner voice.”

Favorite Quote:

“This above all, to thine own self be true.”
-William Shakespeare



Dining Out History and Purpose

Formal dinner ceremonies accompanied by awards and speakers are a crucial part of military tradition in the United States and around the world. In the Marine Corps, it's known as Mess Night. In the Army, it's called the Regimental Dinner. In the Air Force, we call it Dining Out. This ceremony's roots can be traced back to King Arthur's knights and even the ancient Legions of the Roman Army. In our branch of service, it likely evolved from get-togethers called "Wing-Dings" in the Army Air Corps—a tradition started by General Henry "Hap" Arnold. In the Air

Force, the sacred practice has developed its own etiquette, following a strict-yet-fun set of guidelines.

Dining Out provides members of an Air Force unit and their families a chance to enhance esprit-de-corps and recognizes outstanding achievements of officers and enlisted personnel throughout the year. It also serves as a tool to introduce or bid farewell to departing Airmen. Members of an organization have a chance to mingle and interact with the commanding officers of the unit in a formal, but nonprofessional setting, creating greater camaraderie and a better working atmosphere. While the festivities are often unusual and playful, the ceremony is celebrated tastefully and in a dignified manner. The commander of the unit is generally appointed the honorary position of “President of the Mess,” judging toasts and exercising the ability to control



rowdy behavior. Mess dress is traditionally worn, revealing the highest formality of the tradition. It generally starts with a brief period before the dinner to mingle and meet the guests, but soon the mess is assembled and the festivities begin. Toasting is one important event, and has its roots from when two enemies would drink together to show they hadn't poisoned each other's drinks and establish a mutual trust. Dinner is served later, followed by

an award ceremony and the “Guest Speaker's Address.” When brought together, the aspects of Dining Out create a night of fun and formality as per Air Force tradition.

Article By: C/Berggren

Operation: Needed Warmth

On January 23rd, Area X's Curtis-Robinson Chapter/Squadron met with over 20 of its active members to conduct a service event dubbed “Operation: Needed Warmth.” This project jointly served as a morale event in which snacks and refreshments were made available while the Squadron/Chapter made five different tie blankets. The blankets consisted of two sheets of thick 7'x7' fleece, which were then cut and tied together by hand. The whole process took about two hours to complete, but every Arnold Air



Active and Silver Wings Associate got their hands in on the action. The blankets were delivered to the Veterans Affairs Flagstaff Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC).

This was an effort to supply homeless and veterans in need with blankets for the cold winter months. Curtis-Robinson's Squadron Commander, Haley Johnson, and Chapter President Pricilla Apodaca, headed up the service event, which is the first of its kind this semester. Cadet Johnson was pleased with the result of the event and was quoted as saying, "Joint service projects like this are so important to impacting the community and building stronger bonds between our chapter squadron."



The Squadron/Chapter was welcomed back by the VA and plans to work with them more in the future. More joint service projects are scheduled for the Chapter/Squadron this year, including: air shows, Veteran's bingo nights, and fundraisers.

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