

THE EAGLE



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REMEMBER



COLONEL'S CORNER

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MEET MAJOR BUGG

By Cadet Third Class Jordan Kuehn

Major Bradley Bugg is the most recent addition to Detachment 027's outstanding staff, and if you haven't had a chance to meet him yet, you are missing out! Major Bugg attended the University of Kentucky and commissioned through their AFROTC program. He then earned a master's degree at the Air Force Institute of Technology, and is currently working on another through the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Most recently Major Bugg was the director on the Commander's Action Group at the United States Air Force Academy. His son Justin is currently a student there, and graduates this spring. Mrs. Bugg remains in Colorado after a recent promotion, and daughter Jessica is a sophomore at Hawaii Pacific University.



Major Bugg has high expectations for cadets at NAU, his goal includes improving both the "quantity and quality" in incoming classes, and creating Air Force officers from our detachment specifically, that are highly respected. He would also like to take advantage of the valuable resources our alumni represent. The Major has advice for both the GMC and the POC, advising lower level cadets to "Treat school like a job, and practice the 5 Rights; Be at the Right place, in the Right uniform, at the Right time, with the Right attitude, ready to do the Right thing". For the POC he suggests being careful with money, saving \$ 1 K by 1st Lt., and \$10 K by Captain. Other advice includes "Always recap meetings, get to know the people you work with, always know the 'why' behind a reason, provide immediate feedback, keep careful records, be organized, have a mentor, and practice great communication skills".

With over 16 years of Air Force service, 6 deployments, 3 degrees, and 18 awards under his belt, Major Bugg gives you good reason to hear his advice, as well as the other interesting facts he can offer. For instance, he was the key witness in the court martial against his ROTC Commandant of Cadets and worked in the same courtroom in which Saddam Hussein was tried. He also is an avid golf fan, and believes that the right attitude and the right choices are the keys to success in life.

Get to know Major Bugg! Clearly he has a lot to offer the cadets and the detachment as a whole. Get excited for the changes to come!



AIR FORCE BRAT

By Cadet Third Class Robert Irvine

Growing up in the military lifestyle had its ups and downs. On one end of the deal, I was able to brag to my friends that my dad was serving in the United States Air Force! How awesome is that? With that, however, came the hardships of having a loved one in the Armed Forces.

My dad, Master Sergeant David M. Irvine (Ret), started his career in the Air Force right out of high school. He graduated in May 1988 and enlisted the following August.

After graduating Basic Military Training, he began working Avionics on F-111's. When the Air Force started 'phasing out' the F-111, he decided to cross-train to Avionics on F-16s'. To this day if you asked him what the best jet is, he would still tell you it was the F-111; on the other hand, the F-16 really grew on him so much that he finished his 23 year career in the military working on it.

My parents decided to marry on 26 December 1991, planning to start a family soon after. I was born on 1 February 1993; followed by my two younger sisters on the 22nd and 9th of February in the years 1995 and 1997. That being said, all I can remember growing up is being a part of the military lifestyle. Eighteen years of the military lifestyle, and for some reason I am trying to get in to the Service... Imagine that!

I remember time and time again how my dad would come home with news about the family having to move, him having to do temporary duty at another base, or him packing up his bag not being able to tell us where he was going. We learned to operate with flexibility, knowing that we had offer support for my dad with whatever the Air Force demanded of him. It was hard, especially after I was about ten years old.

After I turned ten, every time my dad had to leave he sat me down and gave me a quick 'brief' about what he expected of me until he returned. He told me that he expected me to make sure that my mom and sisters were okay, and if I sensed something was wrong with any of them that I try to help as much as possible. He also expected me to fill in for him while he was gone by making sure that I was helping my mom with any task that had to be done. This often included, among other things, helping her clean the house, do laundry, or shop for groceries. I was also tasked with helping my sisters with their homework or just getting them out of the house during stressful times. Essentially, I was expected to grow up and delay being a kid for the time that my dad was away from home.

In AFROTC we talk about 'Service before Self' and 'Excellence in all we do', my dad knew these Core Values and expected me to use them while he was away. This was hard for me to do as a kid, but it was well worth it! Now I know what these Values mean and applied them to help my family while he was away. I am proud of what my dad has done for the United States and am currently in the process of following in his steps.



NOTES FROM THE TOP

By Cadet Captain Kryder



Banquet



4 star panel with every MAJCOM/CC



Secretary of the Air Force

About a month ago, I had the privilege of attending the *Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition*. This is an annual event hosted by the Air Force Association in Washington D.C.. For those of you who have seen *Iron Man II*, this is the Air Force's version of the Stark Expo. This is a premiere event that is attended by such people as: Secretary Donley, General Welsh, Chief Roy, along with most generals and command chiefs. I had no idea how big it really was until the morning of 17 Sept. The AAS group I was with was setting up for the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Air Force Memorial for the distinguished guests. I was just standing there and somebody said "General Welsh just got here, so look alive people." General Welsh, the Chief of Staff, shook my hand and returned my salute and asked me where I was from. It was the coolest moment of my short lived Air Force career.

We then proceeded to the ballroom at the Gaylord Resort to listen to Secretary Donley give a keynote address. The Air Force Band was there playing Sousa marches, so I knew this was somewhat legitimate. After I was forcefully moved by Secretary Donley's OSI agents because I was in the way, I took my place among the almost 500 senior leaders in the ballroom. The Secretary spoke about issues facing the Air Force from the very top. Among the issues he outlined: Sequestration, suicide, BMT sexual assault, updating the KC-46 and F-35 fleets, and airmen leading the fight.

General Welsh was next on the list to listen to. If you have not heard him speak, you need to go do that now. He is an exceptional, and may I add my favorite, speaker. The first item he addressed was his wife.

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He put up a slide of her and said "I want to introduce you to my wife, Betty...she's a babe!" He spoke about how cool it is for him to actually be the Chief of Staff. You could tell his head was spinning and he was just happy to be there. He talked about innovation, and the key role that plays in the Air Force. He took a significant amount of time to highlight the accomplishments of seemingly "ordinary" airmen. He spoke particularly about the mortuary at Dover AFB, and the people that make that place run. He brought SrA Christopher to the stage. In front of every MACJOM/CC, among other senior leaders, General Welsh told us how SrA Christopher goes out of his way to make everything perfect for those who have lost a loved one in service. SrA Christopher goes so far as to making sure that he does not put a cold glass of water on the desk too far in advance of their arrival, so it does not sweat on the table and annoy them. As leaders, we need to realize that the airmen that work for us are extraordinary, and treat them as such.

General Welsh continued to speak on how "nobody knows what we're doing" in the Cyber field. He said "idiots are making decisions" and that we need to truly define what this field is and what it is going to do. He talked about "going back to basics" and making things simpler. He basically said that right now, everybody is trying to do too much with too little resources. He outlined three components: Training, education, and equipment. The first two are critical, but we may not be able to have the best equipment, so we need to deal with that.

I was able to attend a four star panel. Every MAJCOMM/CC, along with Chief Roy and Gen Welsh took questions from the crowd. I heard questions like: PACAF- "Is there an arms race in the South China sea, and what are we doing about that." This wasn't a press conference, so I heard the legitimate answers to questions like these. If I had more space, I'd go more in depth on all of this.

Col. Dunn came to talk to us about the state of AFROTC. He told us the number of EAs is likely going to be the same, or more than, last years. His focus right now is getting PDTs back to the landscape because he doesn't want to have officers commissioned that have only been on an AFB while they were at FT.

I attended two banquets while I was there. One was for the Outstanding Airmen of the Year, which was one of the most impressive events I've attended. I sat next to Command Chief Buckner of Air Force Reserve Command. She spoke with me the whole time giving me the perspective of an enlisted person who has been in longer than I have been alive. She gave me tons of tips about how to conduct myself as a new Lt, and gave me her card. She said she wants to me my first salute and would appreciate an invite (good for you all commissioning in 2014)! I also sat at the same table as SrA Matthew J. Butler's parents. He was one of the outstanding AOY, and they just spoke to me about how proud they are and about how his good officers made all the difference.

I also got to go to the Air Force's birthday dinner which was...insane.

I wish I could type all of my experiences here, but I feel like I've written too much. If you would like to sit down and talk about any of these experiences I had, feel free! This is a list of all the people I spoke with and got a perspective from, so if you would like to talk about any of them, let me know!

-Secretary of the Air Force- Michael B Donley. Chief of Staff- Gen Welsh. Gen (ret) Schwartz (former CSAF), Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force- James Roy. USSOUTHCOMM- Gen Fraser, Material Command- Gen Wolfenbarger (1st female 4 star), Global Strike- Lt Gen Kowalski, Personnel Services- Lt Gen Jones, Vice PACAF- Lt Gen Silva, Command Chief of SpecOps- Command Chief Turner, Command Chief of Reserve Command- Command Chief Buckner, the 12 Outstanding AOY, and numerous others. They all dumped tons of knowledge on me, and I want to share it with you all!

COLONEL'S CORNER

Words from Lieutenant Colonel Doan



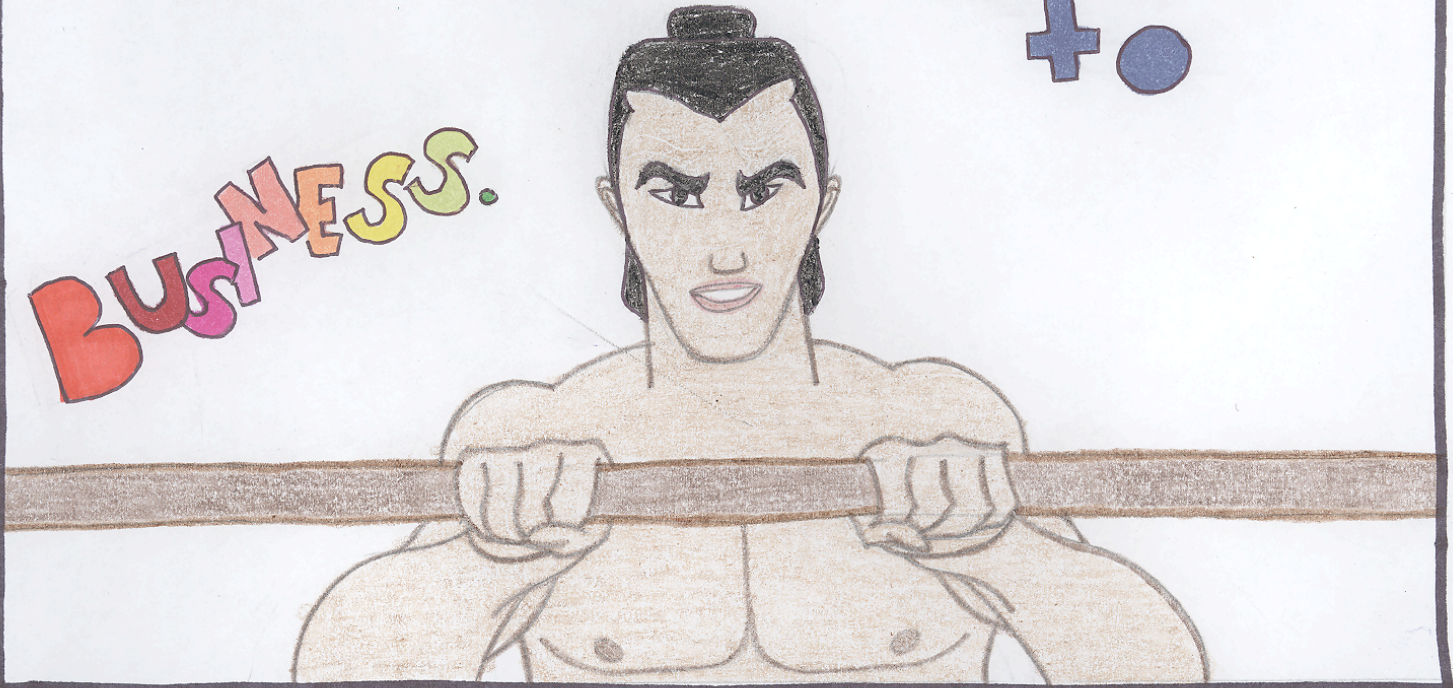
The middle of the term is near, bringing with it more papers, projects, and exams. We, your cadre, often preach "Academics First" and we mean it. When push comes to shove, especially if you're struggling in a class or two, academics should be on top of or at least near the top of your priority list. Here's some numbers to quantify what we preach.

- 1) 80% of AFROTC disenrollment's are for failure to meet academic standards. You must maintain a 2.5 term and cumulative grade point average (CGPA) to stay in AFROTC. If you're contracted, a D or F grade in a core class results in a conditional event. Two academic-related conditional events suspend your scholarship and a third conditional event causes a disenrollment investigation.
- 2) CGPA is 30% of your order of merit score that determines whether or not you're selected for an AFROTC scholarship
- 3) CGPA is 20% of your order of merit score that determines whether or not you're selected for Field Training
- 4) CGPA is 10% of your order of merit score that determines whether or not you're selected for a rated (pilot, CSO, ABM) slot.
- 5) On average, only 1/4th of you that start AFROTC will complete the program and commission as AF officers. Whether or not you commission, your GPA and degree are important to your future.

So, study smart and study hard. Seek help from your teachers, tutors, fellow students and cadets. It may not always be fun, but it matters, and it will be fun to look at those A's and B's on your transcripts, the degree on your wall, the money in your pocket, and the gold bars on your shoulders.

Let's get down
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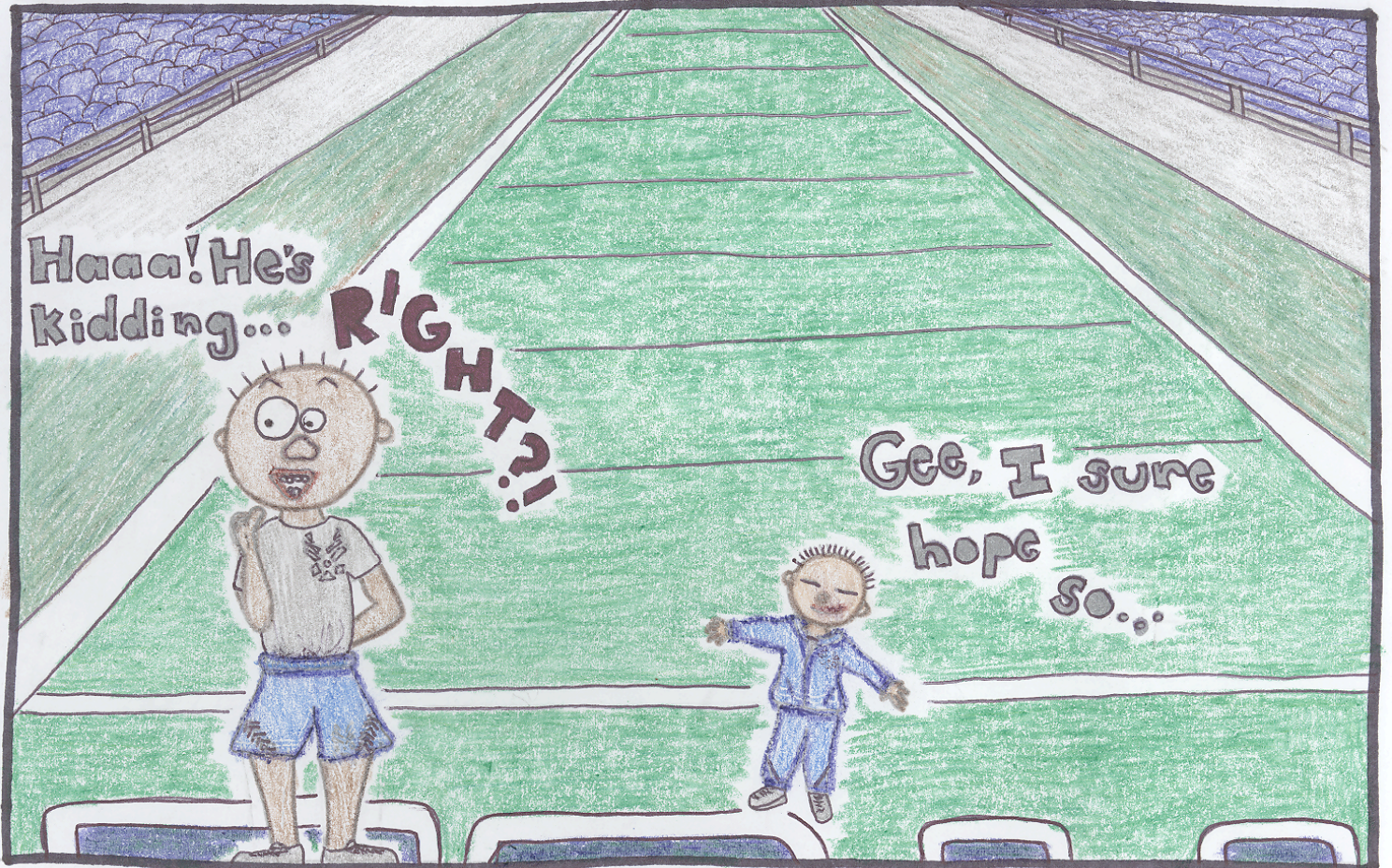
BUSINESS.



Haaa! He's
kidding...

RIGHT?

Gee, I sure
hope
so...



FIELD TRAINING

By Cadet Fourth Class Sarah Cummins

As we start our first and second years in the AFROTC, an ultimate goal follows every exercise, lesson and sacrifice: field training. There is an intimidating mixture of excitement and worry that corresponds with the mentioning of Field Training. As with everything, there are pros and cons. In this instance, however, the positives clearly outweigh the negatives – as long as you put yourself into the proper mindset and follow this advice:

Know your warrior knowledge, squadron marching, and dining procedures. Both Cadet Kryder and Cadet Bleuer – two outstanding POC – mentioned that the first four to five days were the most daunting for incoming cadets. Cadet Kryder, for example, was challenged constantly by his CTAs (Cadet Training Assistants) for his preexisting knowledge – but to be mocked for knowing too much is preferable to being reprimanded for knowing too little.

Keep track of time. In your field training manual you are provided a calendar – use it to not only keep track of time, but to mark down the days until you can go home. Knowing how much time remains until you can return to civilization is a gift. It can be the difference between admitting defeat and persisting.

Be disciplined. Avoid 341s – or write-ups – to the best of your ability. Learn from your mistakes – don't make the same mistake twice. Avoid Form 17s entirely – enough of them and you can be booted from field training. Besides that, you will be evaluated on your professionalism throughout the program.

Pay attention to detail. The smallest of matters should be your biggest of concerns, but don't possess this quality "to a fault" – remember "what matters and what doesn't matter" – Cadet Kryder.

Be humble. The CTAs evaluating you are going to appreciate a quiet cadet rather than an obnoxious cadet, even if the latter is more knowledgeable. Cadet Kryder explains you "don't always have to be in the spotlight."

Teamwork is the key. You can't go through field training alone. Friendship is as important an aspect as marching or dining. Every cadet is in your situation and is scared. But banding together rather than remaining separate is the only solution.

Take it seriously. You can have fun, but not too much. Keep in mind that they are evaluating your professionalism, not just your motivation.

Have fun. Taking everything too seriously will keep you from creating lasting bonds and friendships with those struggling around you. Cadet Bleuer was able to have "a lot of fun" while at field training because she concerned herself with others. The flight mates and CTAs that she took time to get to know would end up providing needed inspiration for the more difficult aspects of the program. Cadet Kryder, despite his more daunting time at field training, still spoke fondly of his comrades because during their brief reprieves at bed time they would stay up and talk to one another. Look to those around you for understanding and guidance.

Be prepared. This doesn't only apply to warrior knowledge. Hygiene wouldn't seem like a factor to consider while preparing for field training, but this goes back to recalling details that otherwise would be overlooked. Cadet Bleuer gives excellent advice: bring deodorant. Such novelties as conditioner, a good razor and a good toothbrush might not seem significant, but after the first several days they will be highly appreciated luxuries. Don't take such items for granted.

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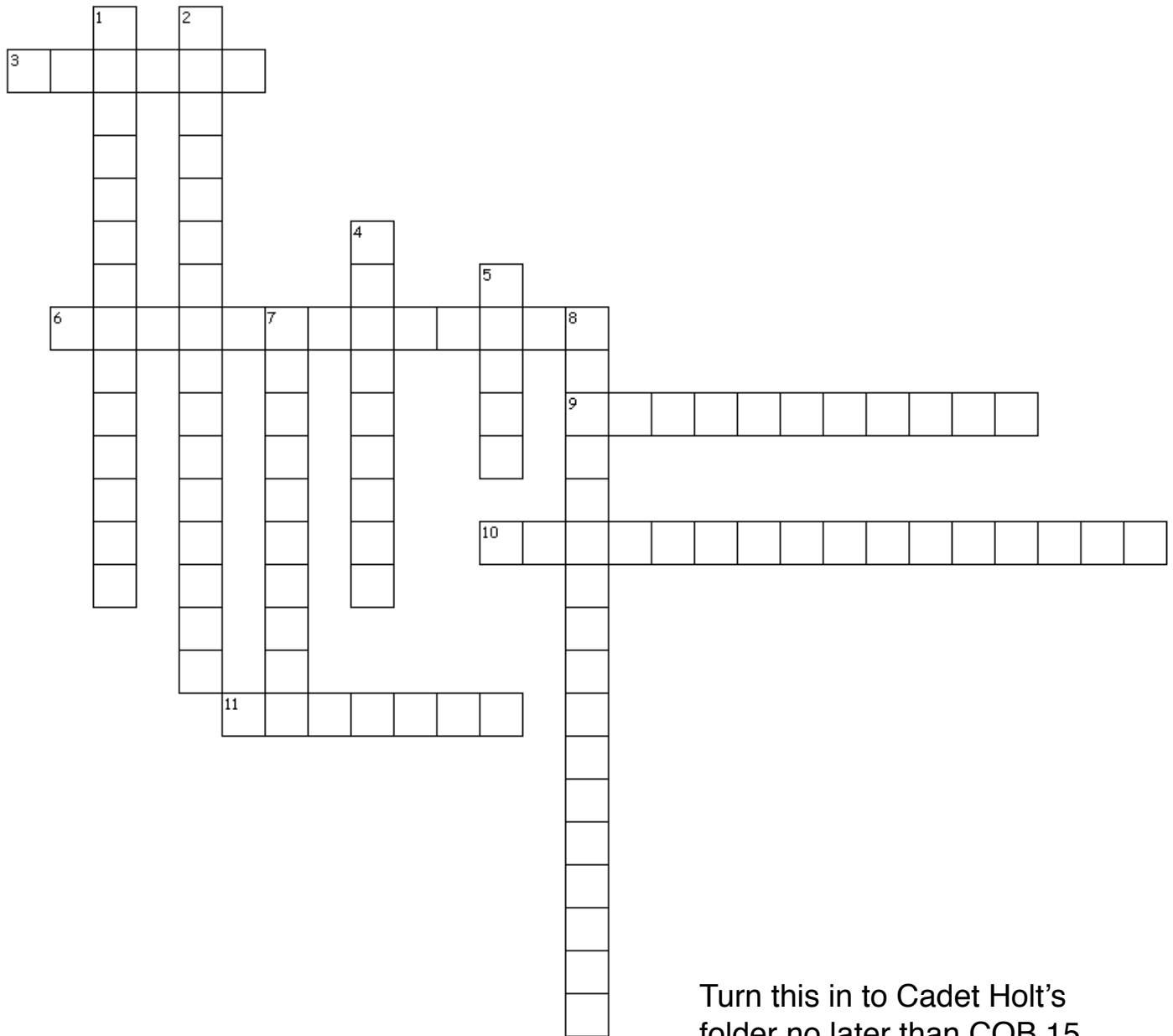
Look forward to the future. While the present is helpful, remembering the reason for attending field training is even more so. Cadet Kryder described the difficulty of his waking up every morning: “I got zero hours of sleep...and the worst part was waking up because you knew you’d have to continue to suffer.” He was understandably downtrodden. Every day consisted of 17 hours of work, in 100 degree weather with 100 percent humidity, which constantly rendered him frustrated and hungry despite their four meals a day. Then, when it came to meal time, he could hardly enjoy that – there was difficult verbiage in requesting to dine, there were specific chairs to sit in and in a specific order and there was a mere ten minutes to eat. Cadet Kryder was thoroughly depressed: his efforts were shot down because of his preexisting knowledge, he was exhausted to the point where he couldn’t remember what his girlfriend looked like, and it seemed no matter how hard he tried he could never be “in the right”. But despite all these challenges, he preserved knowing that one day it would end, and one day his pain would be worthwhile. He also learned to appreciate the homelier and smaller aspects of living, and that last night of field training, couldn’t sleep due to his excitement.

“Think positive.” Another key piece of advice administered by Cadet Bleuer is as simple a theory as regularly smiling. The beautiful scenery provided by the forests bordering the camp helped in giving her something to look forward to each morning. She would rise to the sound of Taps and be able to go outside to appreciate the old, towering oaks and maples staggering about the area. She could have found so much wrong with her surroundings – instead, she took the best out of what she was given and was able to thrive. Cadet Kryder did the same. What did he take from all of his obstacles while in field training? “You can get a lot done in a short time span.”

Remember that field training can only be completed if one puts their heart into their work. Field training is the time to put all teachings and discipline to the test. Cadet Kryder had a difficult time at field training – in fact, he hated it – but looking back on the experience, he knew it was necessary and worthwhile. Cadet Bleuer’s experience was far more favorable. Staying positive is the most valuable secret you can harbor going into and preparing for field training. Remember that and the advice above and you’ll easily conquer those measly 28 days.



WARRIOR KNOWLEDGE ACTIVITY



Across

- 3. E-2
- 6. O-1 (use #)
- 9. AFROTC Commander (rank and last name)
- 10. O-7
- 11. The second Air Force Core Value (_____ before self)

Down

- 1. Commander-In-Chief (title and last name)
- 2. Wing Commander (rank and last name)
- 4. The first Air Force Core Value (_____ first)
- 5. O-4
- 7. The third Air Force Core Value (_____ in all we do)
- 8. E-6

Turn this in to Cadet Holt's folder no later than COB 15 November 2012 along with a 2-4 sentence summary or reflection for Honor Points.

AIRMAN'S CREED

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.

I AM A WARRIOR.

I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION'S CALL.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.

MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN.

I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE,
A TRADITION OF HONOR, AND A LEGACY OF VALOR.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,
GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE,
MY NATION'S SWORD AND SHIELD,
ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER.

I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN:
WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR.

I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND,
I WILL NEVER FALTER,
AND I WILL NOT FAIL.





REMEMBER THOSE WHO
FOUGHT FOR YOU