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Getting to know your Wingmen

This month we interviewed Cadet Perleberg. Cadet Perleberg is the Bravo flight commander for this semester, but we wanted to find out more about him for those who may not know him well in the detachment.

Interviewer: We are here at the NAU aquatic center in the hot tub with C/Perleberg. C/Perleberg, I am going to start off with some simple



questions. So first of all, what is your first name?

C/Perleberg: Eli

Interviewer: Is that all of it or is there a longer version?

C/Perleberg: It's Elijah.

Interviewer: That is a lovely name. So, C/Perleberg, where are you from?

C/Perleberg: Casper, Wyoming

Interviewer: Is there a lot of things to do in Casper, Wyoming?

C/Perleberg: There's a lot of wind but really nothing else.

Interviewer: I have heard you've spent some time in the south in Louisiana. Is this true?

C/Perleberg: Yeah, that is where my main family is from.

Interviewer: What was it like in Louisiana?

C/Perleberg: There's a lot of good food. It is really hot and humid, but it is beautiful though.

Interviewer: So, what brought you to Flagstaff?

C/Perleberg: I kind of lived all over the country and I just found myself here. I love it. Good running, hiking, snowboarding. Flagstaff has everything.

Interviewer: So, you came all the way to Flagstaff, decided to go the Air Force ROTC route. You are now a POC. You put in your two years and went to field training. I am wondering what is next for you going forward. What do you want to be in the Air Force?

C/Perleberg: I don't really know. I am getting my Mechanical Engineering degree so I could be a Mechanical Engineer. I could be a pilot, maybe a test pilot. I don't know. Shoot for the stars, be an astronaut or something.

Interviewer: That was beautiful. You've done a lot of great things for this detachment, set a lot of records running, you are one tall good-looking man, you are balling up almost every day. I just want to ask, can you dunk?

C/Perleberg: I have dunked once very poorly, but I did it.

Interviewer: Is there physical evidence?

C/Perleberg: There is no video or pictures.



Interviewer: Yikes, that is unfortunate. So, no evidence of the dunk. I am going to get into some deep questions now. Do you feel that you are more of a water bender, a fire bender, an earth bender, or an air bender?

C/Perleberg: I have been contemplating this for years now. I personally believe that I am an earth bender.

Interviewer: If you had the choice between cherry, apple, and pecan pie, which one are you going with?

C/Perleberg: Am I making the pie?

Interviewer: Sure.

C/Perleberg: Cherry.

Interviewer: Cherry pie. An interesting choice. I did not see that coming. Now, we know that you also like to bake. So, C/Perleberg is the fearless leader of Bravo flight. The flight seems to be doing well. I would like to know if you have any plans for them going forward to develop them into fine airmen one day.

C/Perleberg: Well, they have some motivation under their belt. I think we are leading in Honor/Warrior ribbons for the guideon so we are going to keep killing at that. I hope they get better at marching because we are going to have an FDE soon. It's going to be a rough one.

Interviewer: One last question that is very near and dear to my heart. How do you feel about Kevin Durant leaving the OKC Thunder to join the Warriors?

C/Perleberg: I don't like it.

Interviewer: There you have it folks. This concludes the interview. C/Perleberg, thank you for your time.



In the Mountains of Flagstaffistan...

Last month Detachment 027 had our annual Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) Exercise. The expeditionary forces were operating out of Forward Operating Base Patriot, working with the local tribe to gather intelligence on and subdue hostile forces in the area. Our leadership was comprised of the Wing Queen, Wing Vice and Executive Commander; C/Arreola, C/Sepulveda and C/Toth respectively. After double-timing to the LRC we got to work. Supply

distributed weapons and face protection to the Security Forces and the Quick Reaction Force. Engineering began constructing FOB Patriot while the armed Security Forces set up a perimeter. While all of this was going on, the QRF started moving toward the target to gather intelligence but were intercepted by local hostile and had to call for backup. Medical worked tirelessly to treat casualties and get the wounded back on their feet. Eventually the FOB was overrun but the local hostiles force and the Air Expeditionary Force was forced to retreat for the time being. Everyone had an absolute blast this last month getting the opportunity for some practical base experience! A special thanks to C/Stocks for organizing the AEF exercise.

By: Cadet Hersey

Family Weekend BBQ

BBQ, Families, and Dogs

It was a nice day October 7th as cadets, families, and cadre met at the observatory field for the annual family weekend BBQ! The weather was nice, families were happy, and cadre whipped up some amazing hot dogs and burgers for everyone. This event was carried out by our own Cadet Arreola, “GMC got the chance to interact with POC in a non-ROTC environment... cadets got to meet the families of their fellow cadets and get to know where they came from which has boosted flights working together.” In



addition to family and friends, several family dogs made a special appearance at the Detachment and enjoyed the endless attention from Cadets and family members. Attending these types of events are important for many reasons! For one, free food. Any college student I know would say they love free food! Secondly, morale, you can meet and actually interact with cadets from different flights and squadrons. Being in Hotel Flight, I rarely have the opportunity to meet and interact with cadets from almost half the wing. Therefore, I enjoy going to these events and getting to know them better. And lastly, the Cadre members. Yes, they might seem intimidating and yes, they might seem scary. But, believe it or not, they are humans just like us, with hobbies and interests that might actually be similar to yours. Getting to know the Cadre members is a very important concept because they aren't just your instructors, they are your mentors, people who can help you with something as little as getting to the bathroom to getting contracted into the world's greatest Air Force!

By: Cadet Mario Fernandez

Homecoming Float

Every year NAU puts on the annual homecoming parade and Det 027 has the honor to be part of it under the banner of the Highlander Initiative. This year the theme is “Home is where the Lumberjacks are.” We used this theme and made it apply to the Air Force. We made our theme “Home is where the Air Force sends us.” We designed our float to show that the United States Air Force spans the entire globe. The float will be built on the bed of a truck with four buckets filled with sand in each corner. We will place PVC pipe in the bucket and attach cardboard planes on the pipe. The planes will be all different to show the wide range of air power the Air Force has. Then in the middle will be one last bucket with a PVC pipe; but instead of a plane there will be a globe. So, the entire float looks like planes flying all around the world. Along with the truck we will have Drill Team and Color Guard marching along. The ROTC homecoming committee have been working hard to make sure we are well represented to the entire Flagstaff community. C/Meehan is the POC in charge. She is helping the GMC in one of their first projects to show their leadership skills. It is a great opportunity to get involved in more ROTC activities. Cadets will also walk along the float with the others marching showing their pride and dedication the ROTC and the Air Force.

By: Cadet Zounes

Valiant Veterans

On October 25th both the both the Air Force and Army ROTC spent time at The Peaks Senior Living Community getting to know the resident veterans as well as share a bit about themselves. Each cadet spoke briefly as to why they joined ROTC, their hope for their future and a little bit about their background. After speaking we had the opportunity to have someone on-one conversations with the residents, many of whom had served themselves. Overall it was a great experience and a wonderful way to get involved with the community.

By: Cadet Hersey

Drill Team

What many in the detachment once knew of Drill Team has been changed. We saw that we were able to perform and hopefully compete in drill competitions. With that idea in mind, the NAU Honor Guard was created. Our goal as an organization is to train and educate cadets within both Army and Air Force ROTC here on campus on drill and ceremony, as well as perform in local events and compete against other college-level drill teams for awards.

The main reason we felt that becoming a student organization was important for us was because of the structure it brings to the team. When I first got here to Det 027, Drill Team was simply run by one cadet chosen by C-Staff/Cadre and comprised mostly of spinning rifles for

one event a semester. From there, my fellow teammates and I thought about how we could improve and structure the team to the point in which we seemed like more of a professional organization. It was definitely a tough endeavor to undergo; however, it was definitely worth it, pulling in a whopping 22 cadets at our first “trainee” class. Our hope as a club/team is to get everyone up to speed with drill and ceremony in order to compete in the Southern California Invitational Drill Meet (SCIDM) next semester, however that’s still in the works.

Recently, we took some of our senior team members, as well as 7 of our trainees to the Embry Riddle Invitational Drill Meet (ERIDM or Embry RIDM) in order to watch and see what they were getting themselves into next semester. Overall, the trip was a huge success! Our cadets learned a lot about how important military bearing and warrior knowledge is in stressful environments such as a drill competition or for Field Training. We also met plenty of cadets, especially GMC, from other schools which helped our cadets build relationships and connections that will hopefully last their ROTC career. Finally, we made connections with Embry Riddle’s Honor Corps, so that we can better understand how to train our cadets for the future to be best prepared for competition.

By: Cadet Sepulveda

Guess that Cadet



Hints:

This cadet is a 200

In Charlie Flight

Loves Long Walks on the Beach