

# THE EAGLE

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## *AEF Exercise*

In the hostile mountains of Flagstaffistan (at the Leadership Reaction Course), the cadets set up Forward Operating Base Oblivion. Under the command of the Wing Commander, C/Fernandez, and Vice Wing Commander, C/Solusod, squadrons were deployed to find and save injured personnel (simulated by NJROTC cadets). They transported them back to safety and in the good hands of the medical team. They fought to protect





FOB Oblivion from hostile enemy forces known as the Monties. Engineers worked quickly to reinforce the base's perimeter while security forces fought to protect it. In the end, the Monties overran the base but the cadets enjoyed being a part of this exercise and got to learn more about how to lead and work as a team out in the field.



## *Family Weekend BBQ*



During family weekend, Detachment 027 held the annual Family BBQ. Cadets and their families came together and enjoyed hotdogs, burgers, and various activities such as catch with a football. This gave cadets a great opportunity to mingle and get to know each other and cadre better in a more locked off environment. Families also got a chance to meet cadre and learn more about the program. It rained a little, but it did nothing to damper the fun or stop the burger and hotdogs from turning out great thanks to chefs Capt Vardell and MSgt McLane!

## *International Walk to School Day*

Every year, cadets participate in International Walk to School Day at several different elementary schools. On 10 October, cadets first prepared by posting signs, tying balloons, and drawing positive images and messages along the sidewalk. Groups of children began to arrive, happy and eager to walk. Cadets regrouped after preparation. Some dressed as fruits and vegetables and walked with them to school. They laughed, talked and had a great time despite the cold of the early morning. Afterward, the cadets enjoyed a warm, steamy breakfast at Wildflower Bread Company.



## *The Army FTX Experience*

We waited by the Louie statue outside of the Walkup Skydome with our gear and necessities for our two-day adventure ahead. Our bus ride to Camp Navajo was 45 minutes long. When we arrived, we were given five MREs that would supplement us for the two days that we would stay there. We were also supplied with black tops and AK-47s or RPGs. All of us were shown our homes for the weekend, which were storage containers. Afterward, we were given a safety briefing. It was important to make sure no one got hurt or do anything too drastic. Our goal was to help the Army out; there was no need to do anything too dangerous to the point of injury. After the



conclusion of the briefing, we proceeded to eat MREs and share stories about the Air Force and Army ROTC programs. That next morning, we woke up at about 3 a.m. to walk to our rendezvous point. We were paired up with the freshman Army cadets and senior cadets, who were our leaders. We then found our place to ambush the United States forces and waited. Around 10, we executed our first ambush. However, we were facing the wrong way and we dug the wrong way. I got a stunning M16 pointed at my face and was told “you're dead”. This happened throughout the day. It was about five rounds of everybody just going around and ambushing the US forces. The US died in the end. At the finish, all went back to work at our container home where we slept in 27-degree weather. Overall the MREs were not very good; I got the worst MREs out of everybody. However, I had two flashlights and heat warmers which came in handy during the night. On the last morning, the Lieutenant Colonel decided we would go on a ruck for 4 miles. Overall, it was awesome and sucked at the same time. I'm not used to carrying that much weight over a long distance. At the end of it all, it was a good learning experience about the different ways each Force supports each other and how we can all support each other. I would do this all over again without question.

-C/3C Helman

## *Homecoming Parade*

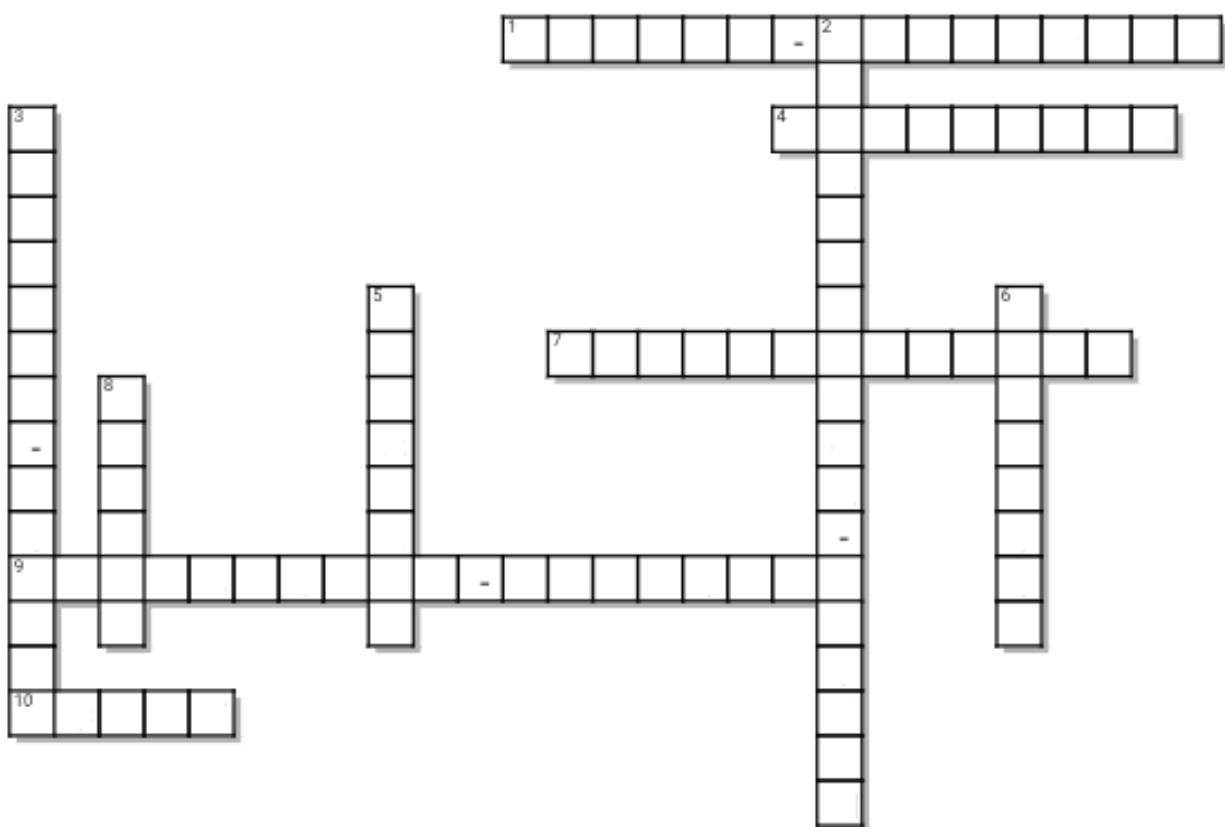
Cadets worked tirelessly to plan and decorate the float that would represent the Highlanders and what they were about in the annual NAU Homecoming Parade. On 27 October,





# Warrior Knowledge Crossword Puzzle!

## Major Commands



### ACROSS

- 1 Air Force Materiel Command  
(\_\_\_\_\_ Air Force Base, Ohio,  
U.S.)
- 4 Air Force Global Strike Command  
(\_\_\_\_\_ Air Force Base,  
Louisiana, U.S.)
- 7 Air Force Special Operations  
Command (Florida, U.S.)
- 9 Air Education and Training  
Command (Joint Base  
\_\_\_\_\_, Texas, U.S.)
- 10 Air Mobility Command (\_\_\_\_\_  
Air Force Base, Illinois, U.S.)

### DOWN

- 2 Pacific Air Forces (Joint Base  
\_\_\_\_\_, Hawaii, U.S.)
- 3 Air Combat Command (Joint Base  
\_\_\_\_\_, Virginia, U.S.)
- 5 United States Air Forces in Europe  
and Air Forces in Africa (\_\_\_\_\_  
Air Base, Germany)
- 6 Air Force Space Command  
(\_\_\_\_\_ Air Force Base,  
Colorado, U.S.)
- 8 Air Force Reserve Command  
(\_\_\_\_\_ Air Force Base,  
Georgia, U.S.)

## *Embry Riddle Honor Guard Competition*

Recently the NAU Honor Guard went to a drill competition hosted by Embry Riddle. The drill team consisted of four members: C/Bulle, C/Root, C/Locke, and C/Sottile. The four-person exhibition team trained for three hours a week for a few months. Between the three schools that competed, the NAU team won first place in the four-person category.

“It was an amazing experience and I am so thankful for my team and the dedication that they showed. None of this would have been possible without them.” -C/Root

“It was stressful; for some of us this was our first competition but we trained hard and were confident.” -C/Locke



-C/3C Root

## *Dining In*



Dining In was a very well put together event that instilled good morale and a good time. The afternoon began with some humorous introductions of the Cadre and members of the head table. We then we split up into groups to do various team building activities, such as the human knot, team-based obstacle course, and a very odd game where you had to guess what someone changed about their appearance in the span of a couple minutes. The Grog was a pretty interesting event as well as people left and right were called to the terrifying toilet bowl filled with a mixture of ingredients that would make anyone sick to their stomach. I could really tell the 400s had a good time with the ingredient selections; they really didn't hold back on the disgust factor. I fondly remember one of the POC dumping Fruity Pebbles in the mix which gave

the Grog a nice soggy texture for all to enjoy. The POC in charge of planning Dining In really did an outstanding job, I genuinely look forward to attending next year.

-C/4C Ingala

## *“What Are You Thankful For?”*

With November ended, the great day of Thanksgiving has now departed. With the plethora of food that was eaten, there also came a reason to be thankful. In the spirit of the holiday, some cadets voiced why they were thankful this year.

C/Aguilar: "I'm thankful for a healthy body and mind, allowing me to do my best academically and physically."

C/Carter: "I am thankful for friends and family that surround me."

C/Avila: "I am thankful for my everyday capabilities (seeing, hearing, walking, talking, etc)."

C/Still: "I am thankful for my family and friends."

C/Fernandez: "The most important thing I am thankful for is my family's support. Without that, I wouldn't be here!"

C/Rose: "I am thankful for C/Baxter and for snowboarding."

C/Camacho: "I'm thankful for having a fast metabolism that I could and did go to three thanksgivings on thanksgiving and got full three different times."

-C/3C Baxter

