

# The EAGLE

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## *GMC Takeover*

Every year, Detachment 027 Highlanders take part in what is called the GMC Takeover, in which General Military Course (GMC) Cadets are chosen to hold Professional Officer Course (POC) positions for a week. In doing so, GMC cadets can take charge, practice more executive leadership, better understand the hard work that POC put into the program, and better visualize the inner workings of the wing. Despite challenges due to weather and the closing of NAU campus, this semester's GMC takeover was a great success. Cadet Sarah Castille, the GMC takeover of the Cadet Wing Commander position, felt her staff and cadets in leadership roles performed excellently throughout the week. Cadet Castille stated:



I was extremely impressed with the GMC cadets that took on leadership roles during the takeover week. They were all prepared for the jobs they were given and



great at tasking the cadets below them, as well as communicating updates through the chain of command to me. Their efforts were crucial in ensuring the takeover went smoothly.

Furthermore, cadet Castille and others have stated that the GMC takeover week has a positive effect on wing and individual morale, especially for cadets taking on positions. Cadet Castille added, “It gives us a chance to really see what it is like to be a POC ... [GMC Takeover] gives us the opportunity to show how we perform in new situations, which in turn builds confidence for when we become POC”. Overall, our cadets have proven once again that they can step up to the plate and that going above and beyond is the standard for Detachment 027.

-C/Kilbourne

## *Pool PT*



On Tuesday and Thursday, the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>, the Highlanders took to the water at the NAU Aquatics center for pool PT. As a change of pace from their typical workout, the wing broke up into flights and took part in a variety of workout stations, inclusive of underwater core exercises, calisthenics and swimming relays, water treading and aquatic rescue exercises. According to Cadet Toth, the Wing Physical Fitness Officer, “Pool PT is another conditioning style of fitness to make someone a more rounded airmen in aspects of cardiovascular fitness”. Furthermore, Cadet Toth feels that pool PT and other aquatic exercises aid personal confidence for cadets, both in and out of the

water. Overall, pool PT keeps our cadets fit to fight and ready for every challenge they encounter.

-C/Kilbourne

## *Leadership Reaction Course*

At Det 027’s Week 7 Leadership Laboratory, The Highlanders made it out to the LRC for a lab full of teamwork, leadership and wingmanship. At the LRC, the wing split up into randomized groups and took on multiple group leadership projects. There was a total of six GLP stations, each including physical and mental factors. Some of the stations included were trust falls, moving a team with cargo across a river, crossing a human bridge, and several others. As cadets, GLPs are direct ways of utilizing leadership skills, teamwork, and active followership. According to multiple cadets, GLPs help us work as a team and is instrumental in bolstering and maintaining good wing morale.



## *Creech Base Trip*

This past week myself, Cadet Wollaston, along with Cadets Grudynski, Inman, and Riser met up with UNLV and ERUA detachments to go to Creech AFB just outside of Las Vegas, Nevada. We started off the day by going over the missile maintenance squadron to check out the different payloads the MQ-9 Reaper drone operates. There were a few different configurations of weapons systems that we got to see. Some of them were laser guided while others were GPS guided. From there we went over to the hangers to get a closer look at the MQ-9. What we looked at was a model 5, which has special wingtips that allow for better radio communication than the previous models. We got the rundown of all the different systems that operate on the MQ-9 such as the cameras, weapon mounts, and communication systems.



got to fly and operate the RPA and engage digital targets from above. All in all, it was a very fun and an informative base visit.

After that we went inside and had a briefing with a couple RPA pilots about the life of an RPA pilot and the pipeline one goes through during training to become an RPA pilot. We had the chance to ask a bunch of questions regarding the details of the AFSC. I personally gained a lot of crucial knowledge for my upcoming training to become an RPA pilot. Lastly, we got to have some time on the PMATS (Predator Mission Aircrew Training System) Simulator, a very close replica to the computer and information setup that an RPA pilot uses daily. We

-C/Wollaston



## *Rated Slots*

There are five cadets who were recently selected for rated slots. Congratulations to cadet's Arreola (ABM), Chesebro (Pilot), Gama (RPA), Grudynski (Pilot), and Inman (Pilot)!



## *Highlander of the Month*

Cadet's Alesha Hunsaker and Brett Inman received the Highlander of the Month award for the month of February! The Detachment 027 Highlanders were asked to submit their vote for who they thought had demonstrated the Air Force Core Values as well as professional and inspiring qualities. Cadet Hunsaker is always looking out for her wingman and sacrifices her time to better herself and others. She is great at marching, volunteers constantly and does a lot of work behind the scenes for her Field Training Preparation Group. Cadet Inman is a very approachable cadet who is willing to help anyone. He made sure to give helpful tips and useful feedback for GLP's. He continuously performs to the best of his ability and completes every task he's given with excellence. Congratulations to cadets Hunsaker and Inman!



# Mustache March

Mustache March started in the 1960's with "triple-ace" fighter pilot Brigadier General Robin Olds. He earned a combined total of 16 victories in World War II and Vietnam dubbing him one of the United States Air Force's most legendary Airmen. When Olds was a colonel serving in Vietnam, he was most known for being brave, bold, aggressive, and a risk taker. At a time when clean shaven was the only acceptable dress code, Olds decided to grow a distinctive, bushy and very much out-of-reg handlebar mustache. It is rumored that he started to grow it in March of 1967 after his unit's success in Operation Bolo. It was known back then as the "bulletproof mustache." After hearing what Olds had been through, many airmen decided to sport it due to the superstition that it was an impenetrable shield and would bring them home safely.



After returning from Vietnam, Air Force Chief of Staff, General John P. McConnell walked straight to him, stuck a finger under his nose and ordered, "Take it off" to which Colonel Olds obeyed. Olds has said that it was the "most direct order I had received in twenty-four years of service." He said the kids on base loved it and it brought airmen together in a way the Air Force hadn't yet seen.

Although some argue Mustache March doesn't embody the true spirit of rebellion, as regulation mustaches are now permitted by the Air Force, it's all about building morale and fostering camaraderie.



# *Air Force Trivia*

*(Answers on last page)*

1. When did Jeannie Leavitt become the Air Force's first female fighter pilot?

- A. 1991
- B. 1993
- C. 1995
- D. 1997

2. Who was the first Chief of Staff of the Air Force?

- A. General Carl Spaatz
- B. General James “Jimmy” Doolittle
- C. General Henry “Hap” Arnold
- D. General Nathan Twining

3. How many presidents have served in the Air Force?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3

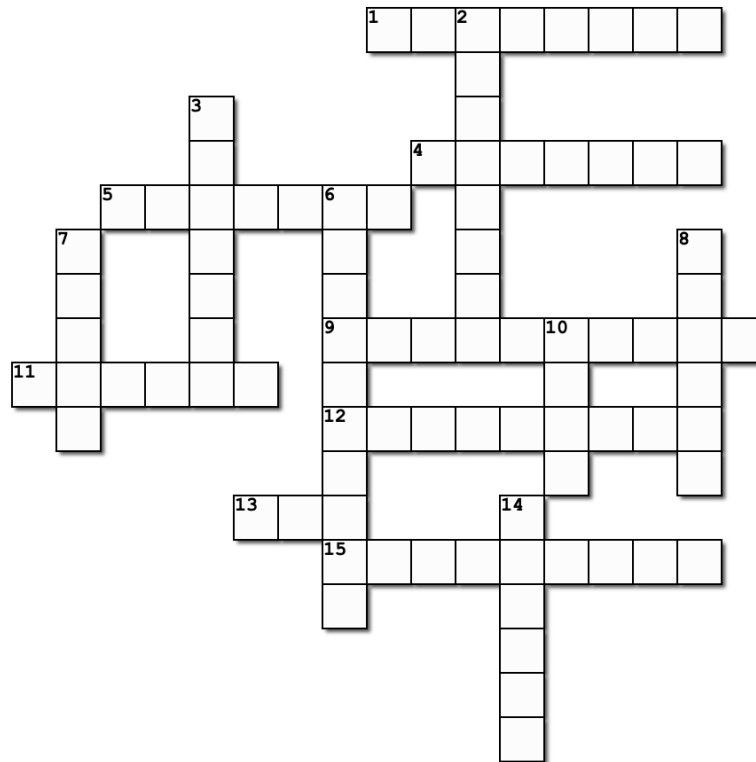
4. What type of aircraft did Brigadier General Chuck Yeager fly when he broke the sound barrier for the first time?

- A. Bell YF-102
- B. Bell X-Q
- C. Bell X-1
- D. Bell SR-71

# Crossword

Each GMC cadet that correctly fills out this warrior knowledge crossword puzzle and puts it in C/Riser's mailbox by COB 29 March will receive one warrior point.

Complete the crossword below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

## Across

1. Air Force Space Command-\_\_\_\_\_ AFB Colorado
4. Awards Officer-Cadet Captain \_\_\_\_\_
5. I'm an American Airman. Guardian of freedom and \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Integrity first, Service before self, \_\_\_\_\_ in all we do
11. I am an American Airman-Wingman, \_\_\_\_\_, Warrior
12. Article 2-I will never \_\_\_\_\_ of my own free will.
13. The operations group commander is cadet Lt. Col. \_\_\_\_\_
15. The wing inspector general is cadet Lt. Col. \_\_\_\_\_

## Down

2. We will not lie, steal or cheat nor \_\_\_\_\_ among us anyone who does
3. Robins AFB Georgia is Air Force \_\_\_\_\_ Command
6. To fly, fight and win... In air, space, and \_\_\_\_\_
7. Building entrance procedures require you to perform a column of \_\_\_\_\_
8. 'Guidon bearer, \_\_\_\_\_ the guidon and post the door.'
10. In what formation do we fall in at PT?
14. Air Force \_\_\_\_\_ Strike Command

## Air Force Trivia Answers:

1. B, 2. A, 3. C (President's Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush), 4. C