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Detachment 027 - Flagstaff, AZ



Det 027 Alumni: 2nd Lieutenant Foerstner

In an interview with 2nd Lieutenant Foerstner, she gave great insight as to what it is like being an officer in the United States Air Force as well as how to be successful in ROTC. Lieutenant Foerstner commissioned in May 2018 from NAU's Det 027 and is stationed at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico as a 13M, Airfield Operations Officer. On average, she works 8 hours a day, and is still in training for her career field. Lieutenant Foerstner stated that her career field is small, which means there is a lot of on-the-job training, so it is vital to learn as much information as possible. This is applicable to cadets too because we are still in training and need to learn as much information as possible which is reinforced by Lt. Foerstner's statement to GMC in the program,

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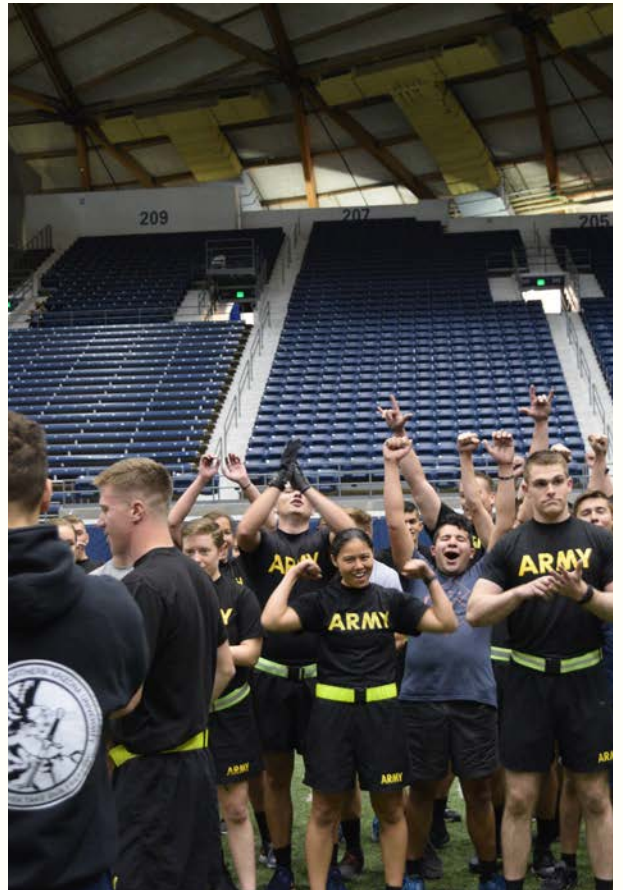
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"Work hard, and don't give up. Even when it seems overwhelming, the end goal is what matters and it's worth it." This time next year, Lt. Foerstner expects to be either the Flight Commander or Director of Operations of her flight which would put her in charge of roughly 150 Airmen! Being in charge of that many Airmen is a huge responsibility which requires great leadership. Lt. Foerstner's tip to being a great leader is, "Be relatable, and just be yourself. Get to know your Airmen." In closing, Lt. Foerstner addressed the POC getting ready to commission into the Air Force with this statement about being a new 2nd Lieutenant, "Keep an open mind, and do not go into the job like you know everything. Every station and every job is what you make of it. Ask a lot of questions, and form close relationships (professional of course) with your SNCOs and other officers within your squadron. You can learn a lot from them, and having those connections can be very helpful."



Joint Air Force-Army PT

In the United States military, the different branches often work together on joint operations. However, despite this amazing relationship the branches have, there often lies competition and rivalry based on which is the best branch. There was a sensational opportunity when both the Air Force and the Army ROTC detachments had the chance to compete against each other. Both sides gave valiant effort in competitions such as stair races, ranger push ups, weighted relay races and even a good old fashioned tug-of-war battle. Air Force ROTC was able to win some competitions, but at the end of the day Army ROTC earned the overall victory. Regardless, we are one team focused on one fight. We work together, we compete together, and ultimately we win together.



“The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war.”

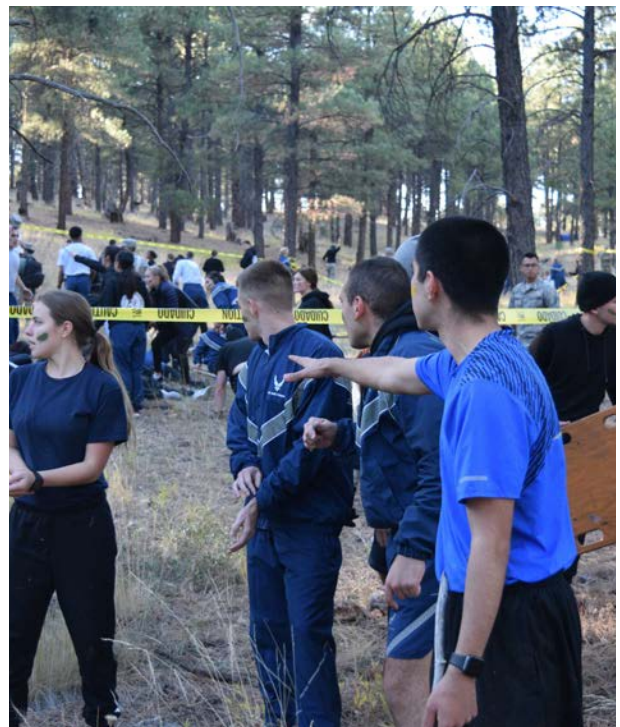
– General Norman Schwarzkopf, U.S. Army





AEF

Flagstaffistan has been overrun by hostile forces! Luckily for Det 027 we were under the excellent command of Wing Commander C/Dennis and Vice Commander C/Casuga. They lead their troops through a ravenous battle with the opposing forces. Many of their troops learned the Geneva Codes the hard way. With the primary goal of finding the downed pilot, protecting the base, and helping nearby civilians, different squadrons who were assigned as medical aid, security forces, engineers, or QRF, worked tirelessly to achieve the mission. While the downed pilot was recovered, the forward operating base was unfortunately overrun by the Oppositional Forces, but all cadets involved had a fantastic opportunity to lead, learn, and bond with their fellow wingmen.





Halloween PT

Luckily enough for Det 027, Halloween fell on a Thursday this year, which meant frisbee in the Sky Dome! Ghosts, ghouls, and greasers oh my! In addition to the costume craziness, a Spooktacular frisbee tournament allowed each squadron to show off their tricks and their treats. There was a thrilling costume competition to conclude the Halloween frenzy. Congratulations to C/Band for his wacky orange man blow up costume for the win!



Orienteering

Cadets that participated in the first ever orienteering event at Detachment 027 learned many useful skills for their future Air Force career including land navigation and wound management. The cadets were tasked with navigating the complex forest surrounding Fort Tuthill in Flagstaff, AZ, to ultimately find a downed pilot and treat the pilot's wounds. The cadets who participated in the orienteering event not only are better prepared for Field Training, but are also better prepared for possible missions in the Air Force.

