



THE 2nd DAY WING NEWSLETTER

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LLAB 2



By: C/Tran

LLAB 2 was full of all things drill, ranging from the basics all the way to complex maneuvers! The General Military Course (GMC) cadets had the opportunity to review drill so that they can utilize their practiced knowledge in the following weeks of LLAB. The AS100 and AS200 Flights were integrated to get accustomed to working with each other and form larger flights. Many of these cadets received chances to lead their flights, this is a great way to learn to perform under pressure. The AS200s then learned about a brand-new marching movement called "counter march." This movement allows for flights to turn around in a tight space while still staying in column formation. The AS200s believe this will be a useful movement when they get to Field Training in the Summer. The AS200s also practiced a drill event

performed at Field Training, Flight Drill Evaluations. During this activity, cadets utilized their drill knowledge to follow the instructions of a single flight commander while the flight commanders practiced their leadership skills with their flights. Some of the main focuses during this week's flight drill evaluation were increasing command presence, recognizing correct formations, and confidence.

For the last activity of LLAB 2, the GMC participated in a drill down where drill movements and bearing were assessed. According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, bearing is "the manner in which one behaves or comports oneself." This definition is a great encapsulation of the goals for the trainees. The Professional Officer Course (POC) cadets continued to test the resilience of the GMC cadets by doing whatever it took to break their bearing.

Lastly, congratulations to Cadet Aguilar for receiving her base assignment, Cadet Lofgren for POC of the week, and Cadet Mosley for GMC of the week. Day Wing is proud of your efforts.





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Drill Team Initiation



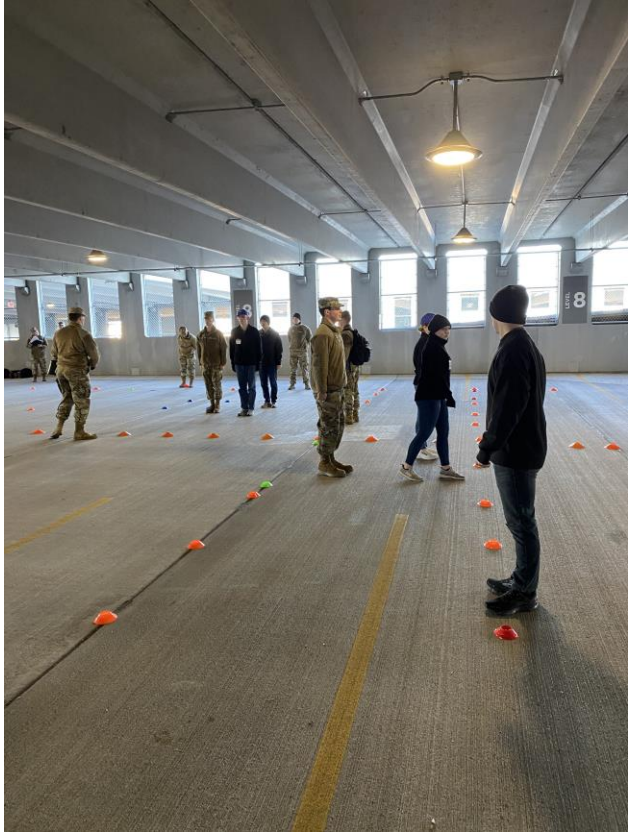
By: C/Brendle

This year, Drill Team Initiation (DTI) looked a little different from past years, with initiates going through not one, but two DTIs. The first DTI last semester was with the individual wings of Det 890, James Wing and Day Wing, and focused primarily on drill and knowledge. Following DTI #1, the initiates became inactive Drill Team members. The most recent DTI, DTI #2, acted as a formality to exhibit the

environment that was similar to current drill members' DTIs. This DTI was a joint wing event focusing on team building and drill procedures, this was final component of the new initiates' training to become active Drill Team members. DTI #2 followed a more traditional schedule with PT starting at 0400. Because of the team building nature of this DTI, the initiates were in integrated flights and conducted GLPs that ranged from communication based to finding the smallest details within a situation. This built camaraderie among the initiates and set a positive attitude for the rest of the day. However, this wouldn't be a Drill Team event without some drill. As the initiates executed FDEs, detail marching, and fundamental skills within drill, the Drill Team leadership had a surprise. At the end of the evaluations, the initiates were given the opportunity with their flights to prepare and execute an Exhibition Drill routine to Drill Team Leadership. The flight did not have much time to discuss and practice their Exhibition Drill routine with their flights, so teamwork was fundamental during this. Even though it was a competition, its main purpose was to expose the new initiates to Exhibition Drill with hopes to form a competition team at future Drill Competitions. As the end of the training day neared, initiates performed mock Color Guards with different situations to test their knowledge. Next, the Drill Team leadership lined up the initiates to announce that they would be performing even more Color Guards; but this was a smoke screen. As leadership called "About Face", the initiates saw team Drill Team members holding the white Drill Team cord welcoming the initiates to the team! The initiates are no longer inactive Drill Team members; they are now active Drill Team members!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEW DRILL TEAM MEMBERS!







ARCTIC 5K



By: C/Stamp

On Saturday, February 4th, a group of over a dozen AFROTC cadets traveled to Liberty's Hydaway outdoor recreation center just as the sun was beginning to dawn, in order to take part in the preparations for the upcoming Arctic 5K race, in which participants would run along a preset track through Liberty's hiking trails while the chill of early morning still lingered. The volunteers were split into two groups. One group stayed at the Hydaway outdoor center to help defrost and prepare the parking lot for the arrival of the runners and their vehicles, while others were assigned to several stations along the course of the race. At these stations was water and other drinks for the runners, along with medical supplies in case of an emergency.

Once these stations were set up, the volunteers stayed with the stations throughout the race's duration, refilling drinks for the volunteers and encouraging them as they passed by each station in turn. Several AFROTC cadets also participated in the race itself and were greeted and cheered on by the volunteers. After the racers had passed, the stations were packed up again, and the volunteers returned to the finish line in order to congratulate the racers as they completed the race. There was a short celebration back at the parking lot commemorating the winners in each category of racers. After that, the

volunteers helped to clean away everything used at the finish line to mark the race, wrapping up an excellent start to the semester's CSER for many of the volunteers involved.





PT TIPS

- Show up
- Hydrate throughout the week
- Arrive early
- Eat meals with different colors and food groups
- Read the OPORD to know what is happening
- Don't eat Spaghettios before a run. You might see letters later on.

Plane of the Week: A-10 Thunderbolt II



1 - A-10 releasing flares for a public demonstration at the 2020 Fort Lauderdale Air Show in Florida.

By: C/Gye-jacquot

The Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II, commonly known as the Warthog, is a single-seat, twin-engine aircraft used by the United States Air Force for close air support of ground troops. This aircraft is known for its toughness and durability, having been specifically designed to withstand ground fire and operate in low-altitude environments.

The A-10 was first introduced in October 1977, and has since become an essential part of the USAF's arsenal, with currently 286 A-10s in service. The aircraft's primary mission is to provide support to ground troops by attacking tanks, armored vehicles, and other ground targets. The A-10's design is optimized for this mission because of its powerful engines, large wings, and durable armor. The aircraft also features a variety of weapons systems including a 30mm GAU-8 Gatling gun, an array of bombs, and missiles. These capabilities make it feasible to engage a wide range of targets.

One of the most distinctive features of the A-10 is its large wings, which provide exceptional maneuverability and stability, even at low altitudes. The aircraft also features a 1,200 pound titanium armor plate that protects the pilot and critical systems from ground fire. This armor, combined with the aircraft's rugged design, has allowed A-10 pilots to survive otherwise fatal attacks and return to base safely.

Despite being more than 40 years old, the A-10 continues to play a critical role in the USAF's operations. This aircraft has been deployed to numerous conflicts, including Operation Desert Storm in 1990-1991 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, where it has proven its effectiveness and reliability. The A-10's reputation as a "tank killer" has made it a favorite among ground troops, who rely on its ability to provide close air support in the face of enemy fire.

In recent years, there have been discussions about retiring the A-10 and replacing it with more advanced aircraft, such as the Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II. However, many in the military and the general public have argued in favor of keeping the Warthog in service, citing its unique capabilities and its popularity among ground troops. Ultimately, the future of the A-10 will likely be determined by a combination of factors, including its effectiveness in combat, its cost, and the availability of newer aircraft. Regardless of what the future holds, the A-10 will always be remembered as one of the most capable and effective aircraft in the USAF's history.



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2 - Footage of a Warthog attacking a target hiding into a tree line in Afghanistan - retrieved from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yMXTEowRpA



The Air Force Today



By: C/Tran

In efforts to take care of the Air Force families, the Department of the Air Force created the Direct Hire Authority Program. This program allows authorities to easily hire spouses of military personnel stationed overseas. The Air Force hopes this program will increase military retention and financial wellbeing for the Air Force families.

Additionally, Air Force ROTC cadets in their last two years will now be getting scholarships to help reduce the financial load because of the Charles McGee Leadership award. Colonel Corey Ramsby wants to help driven cadets reach their commissioning goals.



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