



WELCOME FROM THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF

The Encampment Public Affairs staff would like to welcome all of the cadets to the 2016 Tennessee Wing Encampment. The Public Affairs staff consists of Maj Diane Edmondson from TN-246, C/2d Lt Lucas Shelton from TN-014, and C/TSgt Solomon Ailor from TN-008. We welcome parents, family, and friends to please "like" the Tennessee Wing Encampment Facebook page, which is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/TennesseeEncampment/>. You can also follow us on Instagram @tnwingencampment. These pages will be updated with pictures on a daily basis!

GRADUATION AND CADET PICKUP INFORMATION



This is a reminder that graduation will be held at the **MTSU Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium** on **Saturday June 11, 2016**. Graduation will start promptly at **11AM CST**. Parents, friends, and family will be allowed to enter the stadium starting at 10:30AM. The MTSU Track and Soccer Stadium is located off of Old Lascassas Pike and Greenland Dr. There are bleachers available; however, it is advisable that you bring a hat, an umbrella, and sun screen.

Please note: This is different venue than what was listed on the parent information form.

If you are not attending graduation, please arrive at the dorms at approximately 1PM. Cadets will not be dismissed until after they have completed the check-out process.

DAILY ACTIVITIES FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2016

Cadets started their day with daily calisthenics. After breakfast, cadets had a class on how to shine their boots led by C/Lt Col Jonah Torp-Pedersen. They then participated in a class on Military Airpower where they learned about the main features of many types of aircraft used in the military and what makes them so unique. Cadets also completed a final on drill and ceremonies. Following lunch, Col. Middleton informed the cadets about the National Cadet Special Activities that are available to the cadets as well as how they can get scholarships for those activities. All cadets then went to the Soccer and Track stadium to practice parade in order to be ready for Saturday's graduation ceremony. Once dinner was finished, the 151st Cadet Training Squadron went to the Aerospace building to experience the Air Traffic Control Simulators while the 105th and 155th Cadet Training Squadrons went to the pool for Water Safety and Survival Training.

The Advanced Training Flight did their final evaluation for the Cadet Physical Fitness Test. They then received an NCSA brief about the opportunities at Civil Air Patrol outside of Encampment. Afterwards, they had Capt. Brett Johnson, an Air Force JAG officer, discuss the legal responsibilities of air force attorneys. After dinner, the ATF went to the Murfreesboro Airport for a MTSU Flight Facilities Tour as well as a class on the opportunities of an aviation career. Finally, they competed in ultra-disc before lights out.



COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Lt Col Jeff Clark, Encampment Commander



Sometimes at encampment it is hard to say exactly who is teaching whom. Watching the cadets going through their training I learn so much about myself. The lessons learned observing the cadets is a totally different set than I learned as a cadet going through the training. I watch these young leaders and I have to reflect how young people approach things differently than we do later in life. I watch the intensity with which they approach each task. I see them putting forth complete effort on the frisbee field when nothing critical is even at stake. They polish shoes with a dedication adults might reserve for a prized possession. They exemplify the concept of "all in". They are operating at 100% effort even when they are tired, hungry, hot or distracted. I have to admit that in my adult life that doesn't describe me or most of the people I deal with most of the time. It isn't a new lesson, but it's one I'm glad to be reminded of. Maximum effort yields maximum results, and excellence is its own reward.

SAFETY FIRST

"Always vigilant" is a phrase tossed around quite a bit in Civil Air Patrol, especially when working in the cadet program. It also is a great method of insuring safety. Toward the end of a long training week like this, it's easy to get sloppy and slip up. Complacency and distraction brought on by fatigue can take a toll on the way we operate. Accidents are more common at the end of a long drive than at the beginning. The same is true for training operations. As the week wears on and the long hours increase our fatigue level, we have to put forth extra effort to stay vigilant. It's important to remember that it doesn't help to get 90% of the way through without accident, we have to finish the race. Extra attention to safety toward the end is an important way to insure a successful event.

SPECIAL THANKS



We want to thank MTSU's McCallie Dining Services for providing the cadets and senior members with outstanding meals all week. We also want to thank the staff, especially Tyler (shown with Lt Col Jeff Clark to the left), for their warm and welcoming attitude for the entire week.