



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!

DAILY ACTIVITIES FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016

Cadets started their day with daily calisthenics. Each flight also received their guidons this morning. After breakfast, cadets changed into their BDUs and marched over to the Education building for several classroom discussions. The first class was taught by Capt. Sean Andino, the Chief Training Officer. It focused on healthy living and how your health affects your performance in a mission.



DAILY ACTIVITIES FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016 CONTINUED

The second class was taught by Col. Allbritten, Commander of the 118th Airlift Wing for the U.S. Air Force. He spoke on leadership to the basic cadets. He highlighted the fact that there is a difference between leaders and followers. He mentioned that there are times when it is important to be a good leader and times when one should be a good follower; the key is knowing when to be each one. He also discussed four areas where a cadet can develop him or herself as a leader. When Col. Allbritten asked the cadets what the difference is between a leader and a manager, Lt. Col. Jonah Torp-Pedersen replied that a “leader says ‘Let’s Go’ and a manager says ‘Go’.”

4 Areas Where You Can Develop Yourself as a Leader

1. Academic Study
2. Role Modeling
3. Service Learning
4. Personal Reflection



Following lunch, cadets completed a class on maintaining a Drug Free Lifestyle. The cadets then conducted two more Team Leadership Activities. The first was a repeat of the foam brick exercise from Monday. The second required cadets to keep a golf ball moving through a series of cut-up pieces of foam pool noodles without letting the golf ball hit the ground. This required cadets to work as a team in order to be successful.



Next on the schedule was dinner and then the 155th Training Squadron toured the MTSU Flight Facilities at the Murfreesboro Airport, the 105th completed ATC Sims, and the 151st Training Squadron took to the pool for Water Survival. Before lights out, the 105th and the 155th also had time for some ultra-disc competitions.



COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Lt Col Jeff Clark, Encampment Commander



"There are no problems, only opportunities to excel". We actually had an encampment shirt one year that had that slogan on it. Some days, it is harder to maintain the philosophy than others. But if you keep in mind that the purpose of having encampments is to train and grow, then all the challenges that come with it are actually positive things. We keep a special eye on safety to try to eliminate dangerous problems. The other sorts of things that occur, however, actually become challenges that help us improve. Every homesick cadet is a chance to practice motivational skills. Every item we failed to bring gives us practice in adapting and improvising. Lost keys in the grass are a great reason to buff up on our creeping line search skills.

Unexpected problems show us the importance of having procedures in place, and being proficient at using them. I don't think we'll ever get to a point where we welcome problems, but we can make certain that we turn them into teachable moments. Just when you think you've seen it all, a cadet can surprise you with a new and innovative way to fail. What is our response going to be? Take a deep breath, educate, motivate and create a process to avoid it in the future. 95 cadets and 15 seniors have taken on this week's 'opportunity to excel'. I have no doubt it will challenge us before we're through. Challenge accepted..."

SAFETY FIRST



Today's safety emphasis deals with equipment. Our two areas of concern were cadets moving with equipment, and cadets moving around heavy equipment. The guidons were issued today which gave the cadets sharp pointy things with which to move. This requires some modification to how they do things. Moving up and down stairs, moving quickly, entering and exiting vehicles, and even entering and leaving a classroom all require an extra degree of care. It requires a higher degree of situational awareness. You need to know where people are around you at all times. Cadets were encouraged to slow down a bit, look twice, and always know where the end of their guidon is.

Additionally, there is a great deal of maintenance and construction occurring on campus. Cadets are marching around construction zones and around piles of debris going to class and meals. Also, this was lawn mowing day so there were commercial grade lawn mowers moving about the drill practice area. Watching where you walk, situational awareness, and paying attention to noises that might indicate equipment are a safety must!