Happy Father's Day to all the Dads!

Mother’s Day (Wait I thought it was Father’s Day? - stay with me here!) was actually the inspiration for Father’s day in the early 1900’s. Mother’s Day has its origins in the post-Civil War era by the activist Ann Reeves Jarvis in a divided West Virginian town who started to celebrate “Mother’s Work Days” in order to create unity between the mothers of Union and Confederate Soldiers. After the holiday slowly spread to other states and retailers found great profit in the event, Woodrow Wilson approved the national holiday of Mother’s Day in 1914. But what about the Fathers?! Some say that the enthusiasm for Father’s Day was not as great because they “didn’t have the sentimental appeal that mothers have”.

On 5 July 1908 a West Virginian church held a sermon explicitly honoring fathers after 362 men lost their lives in a coal mine explosion. The following year, a daughter of a Civil War Veteran named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children living in Spokane, Washington, started making efforts in her own community to establish an equivalent to Mother’s Day, but for Father’s of course. Washington State celebrated the first state wide Father’s Day on 19 June 1910. The celebration spread across the states and was recognized by multiple Presidents with flags and urging state governments to celebrate the holiday. Finally in 1972 - 58 years after Mother’s Day became a holiday - Father’s Day was put on the calendar for the 3rd Sunday of June every year, making it a national holiday. This year, Father’s Day was celebrated on 21 June 20.

Information from: [https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/fathers-day](https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/fathers-day)
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GMC Uphold Morale
By C/4C Gaudio

The angst of recent events has permeated our society in ways that we sometimes fail to realize. One example is the de facto byproduct of social distancing: feelings of social isolation. We can no longer share the same physical space as our peers, thus we cannot hug each other or physically enjoy each other's company. Recently, you may have found yourself feeling lonely. In an effort to combat this loneliness, Det 195 GMC have coordinated a virtual morale event: a weekly NP Netflix “party,” dubbed the “NP,” screening the Netflix original comedy series, “Space Force.”

“Space Force,” starring Steve Carrell, John Malkovich and Ben Schwartz, parodies the creation of the newest branch of the military, the US Space Force. The plot follows a group of individuals tasked with establishing this branch. Per orders of the President, 4 Star General Mark Naird (played by Carrell), is tasked with putting “boots on the moon” by the year 2024. This, however, is no easy task. General Naird is constantly bombarded with obstacles on this
mission, encountering administrative hurdle after hurdle. The new branch is looking disorganized and frazzled. Starting in Episode 1, the US Space Force is set to launch a new satellite, the Epsilon 6, into order. However, a massive Chinese satellite appears to be flying a little too close for comfort, threatening the power supply of Epsilon 6 and putting the mission in danger. Want to follow General Naird on his journey to unite the operation and get this branch ready for lift off, while getting to see your wingmen who you so dearly miss? Then be sure to tune into the GMC NP, every Saturday at 2100 CST, starting 06 June, 2020. Note: those who don’t have Netflix can contact a GMC who does and will be screenshared/Zoomed in.

**Sending Letters to Cadets at Field Training**

Field Training (FT) is a turning point and milestone in an AFROTC Cadet's career. This time is so rewarding, however much work, dedication, and exhaustion will go into their time at FT. One of the biggest morale boosters at FT is to receive letters from friends and family. Let's encourage our fellow Cadets as they embark on one of the toughest journeys they will face!

MAX A (29 June - 16 July): Mathis, Robert / McMahon, Jake M.
MAX B (19 July - 4 Aug): Bird, Andrew P. / Ballano, Dominic A. / Basrawi, Murad A.
MAX C (5 Aug - 21Aug): Chrest, Cameron J. / Falk, Aaron S. / Morissette, Nolan C.
MAX A-C: CTA Senese, Vincent P. (“CTA” will take place of “Cadet” in the address)

Rules:
1. Letters and postcards only, NO packages
2. *Do not* send letters the last 5 days of the Cadet's prospective MAX.
3. You may send memes, jokes, etc.

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Quarantine B-B-Q

By C/Col Lutz

This quarantine I started to really get into cooking and barbeque. My mom has what is called a ‘water smoker’ to cook all sorts of food at a low temperature (200-225 degrees) for a long time. It uses a mixture of charcoal and wood to cook and give flavor to the food. Everything comes out absolutely amazing, but at a cost: it takes a really long time to cook. Little shrimp take 45 minutes to an hour, and large cuts like a brisket can take over 12 hours. I cooked my first brisket in April and dropped some off for friends and family to try. It was great. One of my friends was so interested in the process he insisted I show him the way. So, this past week we finally got around to buying a brisket and cooking it and it was a blast! Including preparation time and marinating time it took 28 hours to get a finished product, but it was so worth it. For those interested the timeline for this cook was: Wednesday 0800 start marinating, Thursday 0000 ignite the charcoal, 0030 put the meat on the water smoker, every hour for four hours add more wood, 0600 wrap the brisket in aluminum foil, 1100 take it off the heat to rest, 1230 enjoy. We even made a homemade BBQ sauce during some of the down time. There are so many clichés about slower being better, but in this case it truly is. It’s 100% worth it. This was a fantastic time catching up with my friend and it was so much fun sharing a new hobby of mine. He enjoyed it so much he is looking into buying a water smoker of his own. If you have the chance to teach or learn a new skill from a family member, friend, or neighbor take the chance. Not only do you get to learn something cool, you can have a great time and make fun memories!

Announcements:

- 9 June 20, the Senate confirmed Gen Charles Q. Brown to be the 22nd Air Force Chief of Staff

- Good luck to all Cadets attending Field Training!!

- Stay safe, Stay healthy, Stay active & Stay ICE COLD