Welcome Back Detachment 195!
By: Michelle Trovato

As winter break comes to an end, I would like to formally welcome all of you back to Detachment 195! I hope break was filled with friends, family, food, and a lot of memories and fun times. As we kick off the spring semester, we have a lot of new changes coming your way.

As your new Wing Commander, I am going to make myself as available as possible for each and every one of you throughout the semester. Cadet Colonel Horvat and I will be having office hours every Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Friday. Officer hours this semester are as follows:

Cadet Colonel Trovato: Monday from 1200-1830
Cadet Colonel Horvat: Tuesday from 0800-1000

Thursdays after LLAB until 1830: Thursdays 0800-1100

Fridays from 1200-1830* (by appointment)

Please stop by if you need anything, as no appointments necessary for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays! Stop by if you want to study or just chat, and know Cadet Horvat and I are always available by phone or email.

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An Exciting Spring Semester

By Brady Dickerson

We are coming into the home stretch of the year, and it is time for everyone to take advantage of several opportunities. As we all know, AFROTC can open you up to many new exciting events, but it is up to you to take advantage of them.

One exciting event we have coming up is the Military Ball. At the Military Ball, everyone wears Service Dress and brings dates (if you want). It is a great time to socialize in a casual environment and get to know everyone on a more personal level.

In addition to the Military Ball, we have several Base Visits coming up which do count as PDT for the AS 100 and 200 cadets. One of the biggest base visits this semester will be held in Washington D.C. During this visit, we will be visiting the Pentagon, the National Air and Space Museum, and Andrew’s Air Force Base. This trip will take place March 18-21.

Another big event this semester is the annual Flyin’ Irish Basketball Tournament at Notre Dame. This is an amazing opportunity to meet cadets from other detachments, as the tournament consists of ROTC teams from all over the country. This year, we will be taking 14 cadets with C/Col Trovato and C/Pollack as your coaching staff. Make sure you contact C/Lt Col Franchi if you decide you want to purchase a warm up jersey (you do not have to be going on the trip in order to buy one!).

I hope you all will be taking advantage of these wonderful opportunities.
The Leadership Education Development eXperience, LEDx, is a Professional Development Training program run by Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. LEDx is a 2-day leadership conference in which 150 AFROTC cadets attend to listen to professional speakers share their thoughts on the specific theme for the conference. This year’s theme was, “Diversity at the Intersection of Leadership, Strategy, and Innovation.” The speakers were picked specifically to challenge the assumptions and ideas regarding this theme that you had prior to attending the conference. While at Maxwell AFB, I stayed in the Officer Training School dorms with other AFROTC cadets. We were also allowed to eat in the Dining Facility on base for no charge and use any of the base facilities, such as the recreation and fitness center, during our visit. This Professional Development Training program was completely funded by AFROTC including the transportation to the conference.

During LEDx, I heard from a wide variety of professional speakers, including engineers at general dynamics who helped develop the F-22 Raptor and retired NFL players. We also received a briefing from RPA pilots about their career field to help inform us of the expanding drone field that is available to qualified cadets upon commissioning. In addition to these professional speakers, Lt Gen Anthony Cotton, the commander of Air University also spoke at the conference to give his opinion on the theme. After the conference ended, all AFROTC cadets attended a briefing as well as a question and
answer session with Colonel Knierim, the commander of AFROTC. Colonel Knierim briefed us on the big picture ideas behind AFROTC. This briefing was in my opinion, the best part of the trip. We could ask questions pertaining to the big picture topics, and we received direct answers from the commander of AFROTC. All cadets in attendance were either AS300 or AS400 cadets, meaning they have been in the program for a significant amount of time, which allowed for inciteful questions regarding AFROTC. Overall, I recommend all future POC apply for this Professional Development Training program as the opportunity was very beneficial.

A Message from the Webmaster

This semester we will be utilizing a new method to distribute weekly LLAB OPORDs. Cadets will be able to download the weekly OPORDs from the Detachment website on the Resources page. The weekly OPORDs will be located on the left half of the page. Once downloaded the OPORD will be password protected for safety and security reasons. Cadets must enter the correct password to view and print the OPORD. Passwords will be distributed through the Flight Commanders to the GMC cadets. Passwords will change frequently, and flight commanders will distribute new passwords, as needed. The Resources page will be updated weekly to reflect the current OPORD. Cadets will be responsible for checking the page weekly to ensure they have the updated information. This change in OPORD distribution will start effective LLAB 1. *expect emails from flight commanders for clarification as needed*