Almost Done, Detachment 195!

The fall semester has come to an end! Congratulations on all of the progress you all have made so far both in and out of ROTC. We hope you had an amazing Thanksgiving (hopefully not eating too much). This time of year can be incredibly hectic, with finals and the holidays just around the corner. Be sure to stay healthy, keep your energy up, and push yourself both in and out of AFROTC these last few weeks.

As the semester comes to an end, we have our new Wing Commander who will be announced during the Change of Command Ceremony (Nov 29 at IIT). Next semester, look forward to IIT and LU merging once again with LLAB at IIT on Thursdays. Recuperate well, Warhawks, and we look forward to seeing you next semester; Be safe and Happy Holidays!
Operation Rising Warhawk
By Chinaedu James Obah

On 11 October 2018, the sophomore cadets, including myself, had the chance to be in the shoes of the professional officer course (POC) cadets. This meant being able to train the freshman cadets on how to drill, and as a guidon bearer how to hold the guidon and move with it when marching. But training the freshman cadets was just the tip of the iceberg. Before we even started, we had to plan the freshman cadets’ lesson: what they were going to be learning, where we were going to be operating, and creating the Operations Order (OPORD) to tell the cadets what the weather was going to be, what Uniform of the Day (UOD) they were going to dress in, and what Warrior Knowledge they needed to know.

I was the Academics and Logistics Officer, so I had to create the OPORD, give out the Warrior Knowledge, and create the Warrior Knowledge quiz. With the help of another cadet (C/3C Lutz), we were able to create our own OPORD, and then send it up the chain of command so that the Cadet Wing Commander (CW/CC) could send it out. On the side, I was also able to assist with the trainers who were training the cadets. I was nervous that I could get the chance to be a POC for the day, as well as the other cadets. But, we were determined to get the job done and that is what we did. Everyone had a role to do, and they accomplished it with the best of their ability. It wasn’t
perfect, but we worked hard. Nobody backed down and we accepted the challenge that came upon us and tackled it.

At the end of ORW, the POC gave us very positive feedback. To the POC that evaluated us, it was the best ORW they had seen. With a few improvements here and there, we can take control of the General Military Course (GMC), train the new cadets that arrive once we become POC—and show what the Air Force is all about! HUA!!!

**Summer Experience: Prosecuting in the Air Force**

*By Morgan Herrell*

Several times a year, we hear about the many internship or summer experience opportunities AFROTC offers—programs like the Space Cadet Internship Program, Project GO, and others. In a similar vein, I thought I would offer up my own experiences as an intern for the Air Force JAG Corps.

I spent the summer after my first year in law school working for the Air Force’s most senior prosecutors at Joint Base Andrews, just outside Washington, DC. Our office was called “the G” (shortened from AFLOA/JAJG), and we handled cases before the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeal (AFCCA) and the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Essentially, our job was to make convictions at court-martial stick through the appeals process.

JAG internships are only available to law students, but they are a uniquely hands-on learning experience for those who choose to go to law school. Even though I had only a year of law school under my belt, by the end of my first week I had been handed my first solo case file. It wasn’t a complicated case—a technical issue on a drug conviction—but I put together my first
appellate brief, walked through edits with my supervisors, and filed it before AFCCA. Where most of my classmates spent their 1L summers doing research memos and getting nowhere near a courtroom, JAG offered the chance to jump right in and file my own work in court. Over that summer, I ultimately wrote briefs for several types of cases, including drug-related, larceny, and sexual assault cases.

Just as important were the outside-the-office programs JAG organized for interns. For example, we had a deployment luncheon, where half a dozen JAG officers described their experiences deploying abroad. The lunch was capped by the head of the Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Brig Gen Dixie Morrow, describing her work deployed in Afghanistan promoting rule of law and women’s education initiatives. We also toured the Court of Appeals for Veteran’s Claims, seeing an entirely different side of the military: the infrastructure needed to care for our veterans. Our string of private court tours also included the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and, finally, the Supreme Court of the United States. (Sadly, we did not meet the Justices—though if you are a military JAG officer posted to DC, you automatically get the opportunity to become a member of the Supreme Court bar and, very often, meet some of the Justices.)

My office, the G, was known just as much for its antics as its work. My first day of work, I was greeted by cartoon depictions of every officer drawn on the glass next to their office doors. Everyone had Star Wars gear stashed away in their offices—a fact I found out when everyone
had to dress up for a goodbye video for the retiring Brig Gen Morrow ("Help me, Brigadier General Morrow, you’re my only hope").

But the highlight of the summer was undoubtedly Sports Day. For one day in July, the entire Air Force Legal Operations Agency took the day off to compete in a packed schedule of running, basketball, kickball, bouncy castles, and more. The teams were set by office subdivision, which meant that we competed alongside the Appellate Defense group in the broader Justice subdivision. We faced off against the other specialty groups (Contracts, Torts, etc.), and received points for every event in which a team or member placed. The head of our group, a Colonel set to PCS to Space Command, had actually delayed his move in order to compete on Sports Day. It was serious business. So, thankfully for our departing Colonel, Justice won the day.

Working at Andrews was a fantastic experience, and confirmed for me that JAG was where I wanted to put my law degree to work. Taking part in these types of extra internship or educational opportunities, bringing you into contact with active duty officers, are invaluable learning opportunities that every member of our detachment should take advantage of. I very much hope that many of you will have the opportunity to work on a base during your time in AFROTC. And if any of what I described above interests you—come ask me about being a JAG!
Cadet News Items

Congratulations to the cadets of Det 195 who participated in The Inaugural War Of The Sword at UIUC coming home with the Win on October 27, 2018
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