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Volunteer Opportunities

Throughout the AFROTC, there are many events that Cadets are able to volunteer for. These events are recommended for all Cadets. The second Core Value of the Air Force is “Service before Self”, and what better way to exemplify this value than to sacrifice your time and effort to serve a cause greater than yourself. For those Cadets looking to get an Enrollment Allocation, you will find that the more you put yourself out there in volunteer activities, your chances can only increase for selection. Listed below are some of the volunteering events offered by our Detachment.

Renaissance Festival



The Renaissance Festival is a fundraising event that occurs in the fall semester every year. Cadets volunteer to work for the Renaissance Festival Food & Beverage Company, and serve various foods and beverages to the many fairgoers and actors. In return, the company pays the Air Power Support Organization for the hours worked. This year we are hoping to pull in over \$2,000 from the event. The money that we raise will go towards our Dining In, Dining Out, and Base visit events. The money can also be used for various Morale Events for the cadets.

UNCC Football Games

Over the course of the semester our detachment has volunteered for our UNCC home football games. Our responsibility as a detachment for the games is to ensure the VIP’s are safe, perform an honor guard before the start of the game, and to run the Charlotte flags through the end zone upon scoring. If you have any interest in volunteering for these games, contact Cadet 2nd Lt Chandler at bchandler9@uncc.edu for more details.



Drill Competition

On October 17th, we held the 27th Annual Drill Competition for local JROTC groups. This year sixteen schools participated. The seventeenth school who signed up was unable to make it. The day started before the break of dawn and went until 1500 hours. High school JROTC teams competed in eight regulation drill events, as well as some exhibition drill events. APSO raised nearly \$3,000 putting on this event, which goes toward funding activities for the Air Force ROTC program, such as dining in and dining out. This event was shared with Arnold Air Society, which handled all the food. They helped make the event a total success



Helping Hands

Helping hands is a voluntary program that allows our cadets to shine a positive light onto our community. The cadets of Detachment 592 willingly sign up to participate in various service events. Events this semester include: Helping the Crisis Assistance Ministry and volunteering for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Race. We also inspire our cadets to continue their AFROTC career. During Homecoming cadets had the opportunity to participate in the Parade of Lights. The cadets had hands on experience designing the float presented in the parade; the time spent volunteering to make the float look spectacular made the float more special. Cadets are always encouraged to volunteer on campus and in the community. For the future we would like to keep expanding our services to continue representing the AFROTC program within the community.

Weekly Events

During the semester, the Detachment offers weekly events for the cadets that are training or want to socialize with other cadets. These events, especially the training, is highly recommended for cadets to attend (though not mandatory). Remember, as a Detachment we are a family and we succeed/fail as a team.

Breakout

Even though FTP Breakout is optional, it is highly encouraged because of its benefits to GMC cadets. Breakout not only covers valuable information that is necessary to become an outstanding cadet, it also allows cadets to execute the information taught. The breakout trainers create scenarios that require cadets to think outside the box and make fast decisions. We cover drill movements, go over classroom procedures, and much more information that will prepare cadets for Field Training. If you have any questions about Breakout be sure to talk to your trainers.

Drill

Thursday Drill Practices is an opportunity for Cadets to learn how to both march and command drill movements. Practice occurs twice a month, and consists of learning new drill techniques and getting experience commanding both flights and squadrons. Cadets who are new to the program begin by learning basic drill techniques that pave the way to more complex drill techniques. Eventually, Cadets are commanding Squadrons of their own; gaining real experience that will impact their future in the United States Air Force!

Valor

The Legion of Valor is the newest extracurricular at AFROTC at UNCC. Valor is a nondenominational Bible study program that focuses on how to use the talents and gifts God gave each person in the military. The focus is to not only be an officer who has integrity, but to enable and teach the cadets how to fully be prepared to be shining examples of their faith during war. It is run by Cadet Ebiner and Cadet Riddle and they meet every Sunday at 1600. If you are interested for more information contact either Cadet 2nd Lt. Ebiner or Cadet Capt. Riddle at kbiner@uncc.edu and mriddl17@uncc.edu respectively.



Promotions

Capt. Blake Evans

Not too long ago we had a previous cadre member advance to the rank of captain. We congratulate Captain Blake Evans on this accomplishment. Though cadets new to ROTC for this year may not know him personally (or have ever seen him), Captain Evans was an outstanding member of our detachment and he will be missed by many as he is currently assigned to the AFROTC detachment at Clemson University.



MSgt. Delani Johnson

On the 28th of August we congratulated one of our cadre members, Delani Johnson, for her recent promotion to Master Sergeant. MSgt. Johnson has been with the Air Force for a little over eighteen years and has been a great influence on the cadets here at Detachment 592. We thank her for the service she has given for our Country and our Detachment here at UNCC. GMC and POC, be sure to utilize the resources that our cadre have to offer. It was not that long ago that they were in circumstances similar to our own with a desire to serve the United States of America. All cadets should be actively communicating and learning from their vast experience.



Outstanding Accomplishments

Capt. White: Instructor of the Quarter

Recently, we congratulate our AS100 and AS300 Instructor Captain Kenneth White for winning the Instructor of the Quarter. Out of many competing schools and cadre members, Captain White was able to win not only at the regional level, but through Headquarters and the Holm Center levels as well. Captain White has been an outstanding character when it comes to job performance as well as in areas with community service, self-improvement, and further education. Also, we give thanks for his service at Field Training as a Field Training Officer (FTO); which for those of you that do not know what an FTO is, they are officers that oversee the training of cadets at Field Training. Thank you Captain White for your services and for being a top notch officer!

SSgt. Chaney: NCO of the Quarter

Similar to Instructor of the Quarter, our awesome SSgt Chaney was nominated the NCO of the Quarter for all of AFROTC on the Headquarters level. This is a very impressive feat, also this is her first year working for AFROTC, thus showing how much effort and pride she places in her work in helping cadets in the program. The criteria for the nomination is similar to the Instructor of the Quarter conditions, outstanding performance of your job, community service, and self-improvement. Congratulations SSgt. Chaney on this impressive accomplishment and thank you for your outstanding work!

Cole Carter: Face of UNCC

We would like to recognize Mrs. Cole Carter for her recent achievement of becoming the Face of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The Face of UNCC is similar to being the Employee of the Year. This accomplishment is no easy task, Mrs. Carter was chosen by her outstanding performance as our office manager and by many people recognizing how great of working she is. Further, winning this award is very competitive since only few people are actually selected as candidates and only one wins. This is a great honor and we congratulate Mrs. Carter for this feat and for her services to our detachment as well as the Air Force.

