INDIANA WING



2026
SUMMER
ENCAMPMENT

CIVIL AIR PATROL
U.S. AIR FORCE AUXILIARY



ENCAMPMENT Commander



Captain David Vachon

Congratulations on graduating from the 2026 INWG Encampment!

At the beginning of the week, I told you that my main objectives for encampment were Safety, Communications, and Learning. I am happy to report that you exceeded my expectations in all three areas!

This is my eighth encampment and people ask me why I keep coming back. For me, it's the joy of seeing your transformation from Sunday check in to the Saturday Pass in Review graduation.

Many of you show up on Sunday with a little confusion, fear and trepidation on what you've gotten yourselves into. By Monday, homesickness and being in a highly structured environment are evident on your faces. Tuesday and Wednesday arrive and I see a little bit of confidence in you that you're learning and getting comfortable with the curriculum!

It seems that the intensity relaxes a little bit on Thursday and Friday and there's pool parties, ANG tours, model rocketry and other fun activities. Saturday arrives and I see that you're confident and walking tall on your way to the parade. Pass in Review is a highly complex choreography designed to show your friends and family what you've accomplished. I can't begin to tell you how proud I am to see your professionalism! You did it!!

Now your job is not done! Take what you've learned back to your squadrons and teach others. Continue pursuing excellence by working hard and ranking up. We need dedicated leaders for next year's Cadre or participation in our Advanced Training Squadron.

Please join me in thanking the Cadet Cadre and Senior Members who worked for many months to make this encampment an awesome success!

I am proud of your accomplishments, and it has been my honor to serve as your Commandant and Encampment Commander!

ENCAMPMENT Leadership

Col Jamie Griffith
Wing Commander

Lt Col David McDonald
Director of Cadet Programs

Capt David Vachon
Encampment Commander
Commandant of Cadets

Maj Rhonda Miller
Executive Officer
Administration Officer

TSgt Greg Wable
Command NCO

"As a Senior Member, nothing beats seeing the cadets push through tough challenges and unlock their confidence. They returned home energized to lead, mentor, and train their squadrons. Encampment is always an unforgettable experience!"

~ Kalli Mathes, Alpha TO

SENIOR Staff





CADET Commander

C/Col. Richard Griffith

First of all, congratulations on, for most of you, completing your first encampment. The first encampment is a huge milestone, and there are a lot of things in Civil Air Patrol that will open up now that you've completed this week. I'm proud of you for having the courage to come and do something new that you had not done before. Think of all of the new cadets in their units who could have gone to encampment but didn't.

You're now in a special group, because you've been here, you've received this training. You are now experts in the first parts of the cadet program, so congratulations. Now, what does that mean? As I was talking to cadets on the final inspection, I heard a lot of cadets say they wanted to be pilots. A lot of cadets say they wanted to go into the military. A lot of cadets with major civilian aspirations, law, medical school, all of those things. All of those things are amazing, and encampment is a step towards that. But it is just one step towards the goals that you have in your life. There's a quote that I like by the Roman philosopher Epictetus. He says, "imagine what you would be and do what you must do."

All of you guys have a goal in your mind of where you want to be next year, in five years, in ten years. What does that look like? What are you doing? What are the steps that it takes to get there? It's great to have high aspirations. It's great to have high goals. But you also have to complete the steps to get there. And encampment is just one step to that process. There is much more that you must do before you can get to where you want to be. Encampment is not the ending point. Graduation does not mark the end of your encampment or the end of your cadet career. Really, it marks the start of the rest of your cadet career.

Take the knowledge and training that you've received to the units. You've probably realized this week that maybe there are things that we do at my unit that aren't actually right. Or maybe there's things at the unit that I do that we can do better. Take those ideas back, take that initiative back to the unit and make a change, and use the leadership training that you've received as chief, whether you realize it or not, we all have been getting leadership training throughout this whole experience. And use it at your unit to make an impact on the other cadets. Now that you've completed the encampment, you are able to earn the Mitchell Award.

The Mitchell Award makes you a cadet officer. Being a cadet officer makes you not just a leader because you compete in all ranks of Civil Air Patrol, but it makes you potentially a commander. That's a high expectation. Our expectation is that you take the training that you've received now, and you live up to that for the rest of your cadet career. You guys have all been excellent this week. Just the most outstanding encampment I've ever seen.

I am tremendously lucky to have had a student and staff that have that. Carry that excellence forward and make the cadre who've invested their time, energy, and effort over the past months of preparation into making you better cadets. Pay that work forward. To my cadre. I cannot thank you enough for this week. I really can't. This has just been the most marvelous week, the most incredible week I could have ever imagined. And I really appreciate all the work you've put in.

Cadet EXECUTIVE Staff





NOAH JOHNSON
DEPUTY COMMANDER OF OPERATIONS



JOLYNN BOWERS
DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR SUPPORT



REBECCA PIPER
ADJUTANT

"This was my 4th year staffing encampment, and I am honored to have gotten the chance to serve as Deputy for Support. I applied for this role because I tended to stick with leading behind the scenes throughout my years on staff. Deputy for Support allowed me to oversee all the directories who worked to make sure the students and staff were all taken care of. I absolutely loved serving on Executive Staff this year. I made many amazing friendships and gained new leadership experiences that I wouldn't have otherwise."

~C/LtCol Bowers


























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INVESTING in the FUTURE





Capt. Vachon mentoring C/Col Griffith in 2023 and 2026.

Who Made a Positive Impact on Your Encampment Experience?

"...The most influential [cadet] throughout the week was C/Col Griffith as he showed professionalism even when exhausted and still led by example in not letting his stress influence the staff. He explained different leadership roles and what it looked like and helped introduce me to my first executive staff position." ~ C/Capt Rebecca Piper

"C/1st Cael Carroll was my flight commander, and Wednesday was the hardest day for me. I felt down and he cheered me up and told me if I wasn't a great leader, he would've not chose me as the second element leader. Thank you." ~C/A1C Yasmin Cooke

"All of the support staff members made a positive impact on me because of their determination to do well in their roles while maintaining a positive attitude. ~C/LtCol Jolynn Bowers

"C/1stLt Partridge was an outstanding Flight Commander. He taught me some things I can take to my home squadron to be a better commander myself. His great leadership helped me improve in many ways." ~ C/SMSgt Eversole

"C/CMSg Bower. There were small moments where he showed me that we're all still kids and there's no pressure to be perfect. You just have to have the willpower to make it through something VERY outside your comfort zone. ~C/Amn Penelope Stamp

My Flight Staff were some of the funniest, inspirational, and motivating Cadre throughout Encampment. C/CMSgt Ortega and C/CMSgt Solomon were amazing teachers, whether it be drill commands, delving into the Core Values, and SOPing dorms." ~C/SSgt Amos Robbins

SUPPORT Staff

Administration



Rhonda Miller



Anna Brennan



Lucas Lindberg

Character Development Instruction



Jonda Bowers



Chris England



Jennifer Hasseld

Chaplain



Mark Ober

Safety

2nd Lt Hasseld learned that she can still do things out of her comfort zone, and wants the cadets to know : "You're tougher than you think- don't give up when you are challenged. You've got more gas in the tank."



Randall Ankrom



Robert Ritter

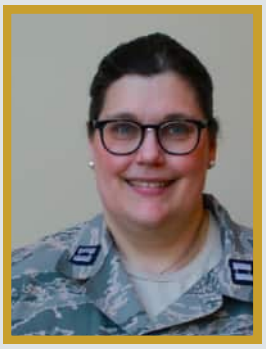


Isabelle Mummert



Parker Stark

Health Services



Deena Pidrak



Justin Mast



Noah George



Max Goforth



Noah Hagen



Gunnar Sawyer

Logistics

" What you did here matters. But what you take home matters more. Take home the discipline, take home the standard, take home the confidence, and give your squadron something better than stories. Give them an example."
~2nd Lt. Jonathan Stanley



Jonathan Stanley



Lexington Zwica



Prairie Bailey



Elizabeth Fomin



Jonah Hodson



Colt Stanley

Communications



Christopher West



Orion Boyd



Aiden Johnson

"It was fun having C/Col Griffith in Rapunzel's tower blasting music during the field party, and everyone making a whirlpool at the pool party."
~C/CMSgt Hayes Warren, Public Affiars

Public Affairs



Lara West



Micah Cecil



Jacob Schmidt



Hayes Warren

Transportation



David Lively

Air Operations



Dean Roller

NCO



Gregory Wable

Rocketry



Joachim Ladwig

Curriculum Development and Evaluation



Kinleigh Guynn



Abigail Mathes



Sarah McFarland



Benjamin Mummert



Nikolai Stefanov



Evan Wilson

Squadron / ATS Commanders & Staff



Nathaniel Adams



Aidan Friz



Ambrose Friz



Elijah Garcia



Nicholas Staub



Carson Tice



Garrett Tice



Coltin Vachon







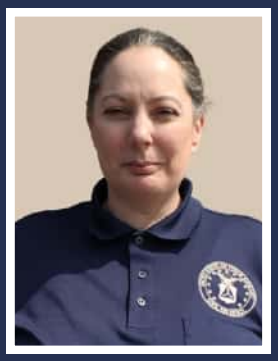







ALPHA Flight

Flight Training Officer



Kalli Mathes

Flight Commander



Cael Carroll

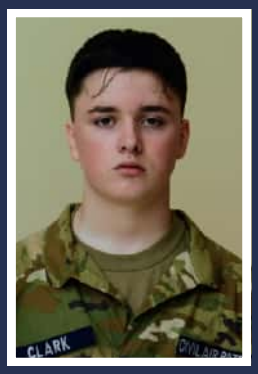
Flight Sergeant



Mason Weintraut



Alexander Antrobus



Sylas Clark



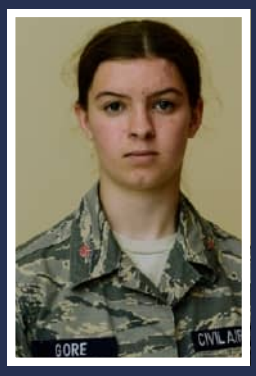
Yasmin Cooke



John Dunn



Abigail Gillen



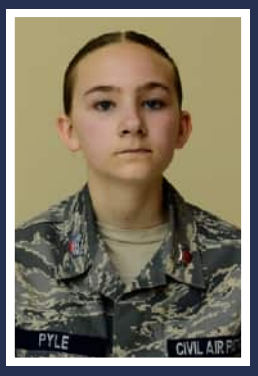
Emily Gore



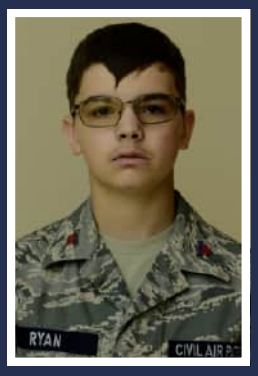
Benjamin Harris



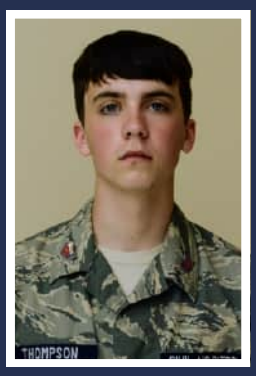
Aracelis Henry



Audrey Pyle



Graycin Ryan



Avery Thompson



Zander Weed



Jason Wilson-Jones



Hydration Chant

"Hydrate with all our might, Alpha Flight"

Memorable Quote

"Stay in step, Alpha!"

Lesson Learned

"I care a lot more about CAP than I thought I did before encampment."

Skill Acquired

"Better Discipline- and how to keep a cleaner room."

Proud Accomplishment

"Pushing through anxiety and strengthening my coping skills.

Fun Memory

The rock climbing day. I had never done that before.

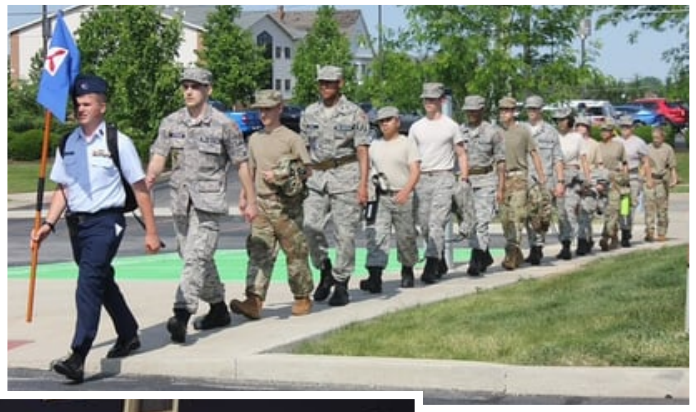






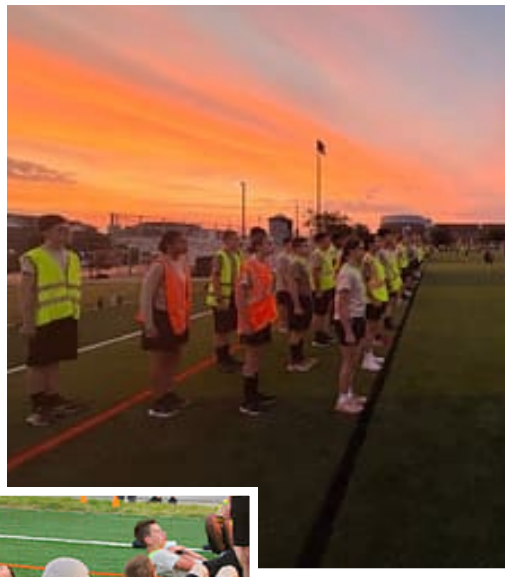




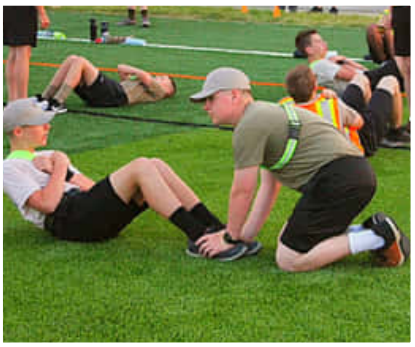








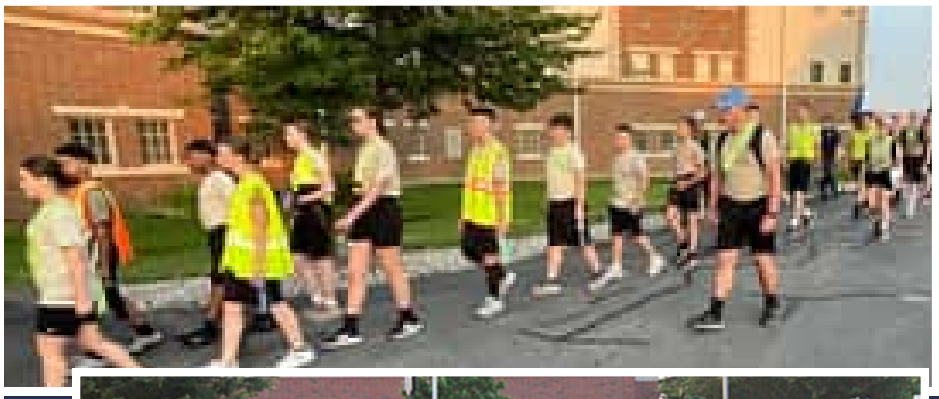
















BRAVO Flight

Flight Training Officer



Mark Miller

Flight Commander

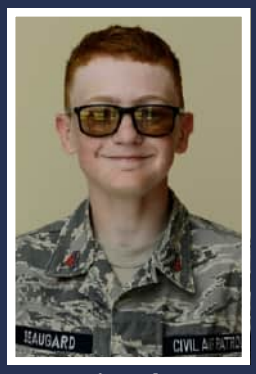


Rowan Partridge

Flight Sergeant



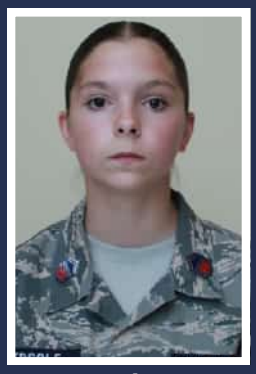
Jaxon Norment



Lincoln Beaugard



Luke Bender



Jaylen Eversole



Charlotte Hawn



Philip Hoefer



Victoria Islas



Wyatt Jabaay



Abigail Mcfarland



James Strasler

HYDRATION Chant

"Where's the party at?"
"On the Ridge Sgt/Sir!"

MEMORABLE Quote

"Snoop Duck...he loved to party on the ridge."

LESSON Learned

"How to stay serious when need be."

SKILL Acquired

"How to push through when times get challenging"

PROUD Accomplishment

"The parade. Everyone looked really cool in their blues."

FUN Memory

"After Day 3 it just became fun... Air National Guard, Pool Party, Field Day."

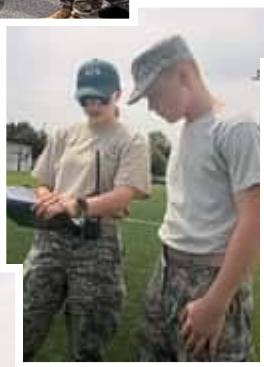




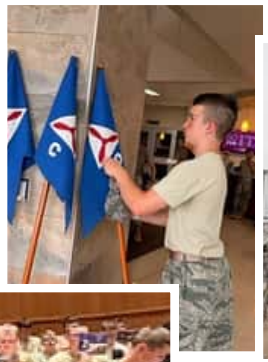


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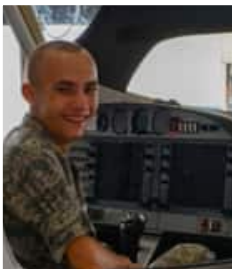


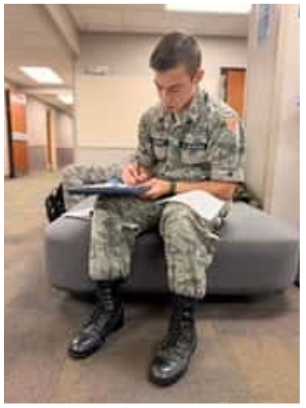









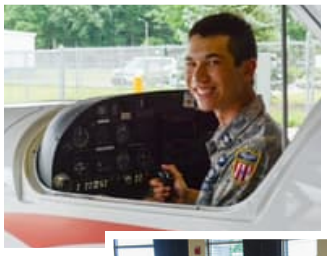





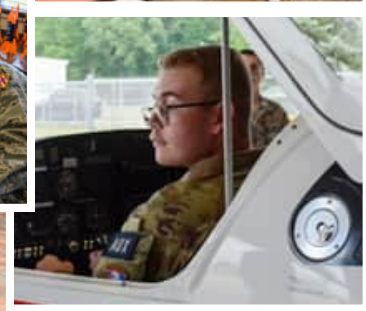

CYBER AND SPACE
DOMAINS











CHARLIE Flight

Flight Training Officer



Mark Miller

Flight Commander



Samuel Fomin

Flight Sergeant



Liam Shannon



Owen Bott



Kylie Bower



Shee Hsa



Aiden Joyce



Benjamin Landry



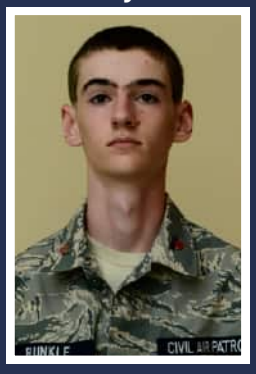
Roland Li



Jhosttyn Marquez Castellanos



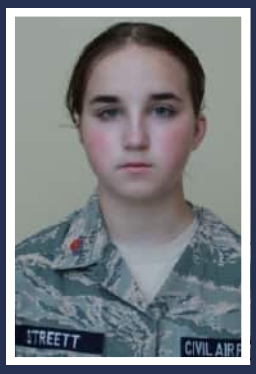
Liam Northrop



Eli Runkle



Angela Sellers



Harper Streett



Andrew Timmer



Selina Toshua



Hydration Chant

"Charlie horse, stable up." "Charlie horse, horse it down."

Memorable Quote

"Cadets! What is the DOW right now?"

Lesson Learned

"I can wake up very early and still perform well."

Skill Acquired

"Using my diaphragm to sound off."

Proud Accomplishment

"Finishing the week and expanding my comfort zone."

Fun Memory

"We gave Chief Landry the nickname: Chief Sheets."







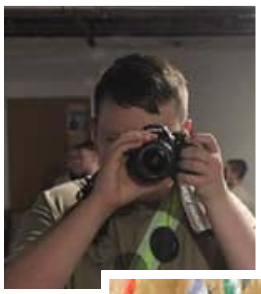








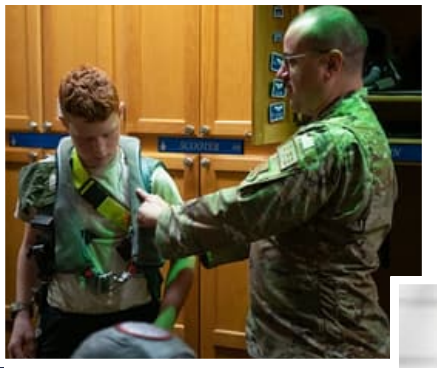




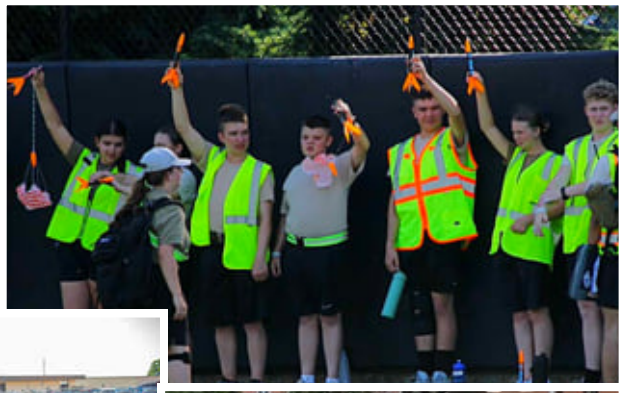


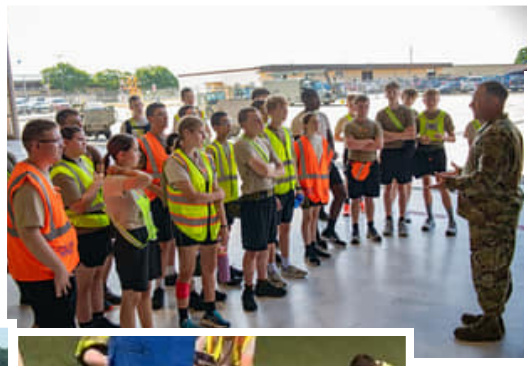




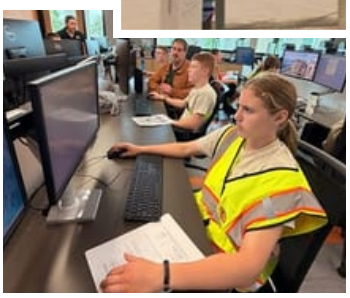




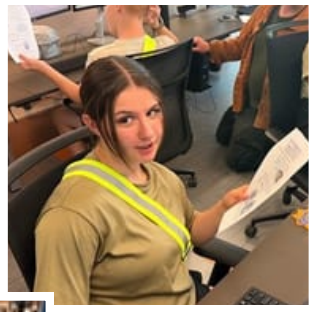




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DELTA Flight

Flight Training Officer



John Keiper

Flight Commander

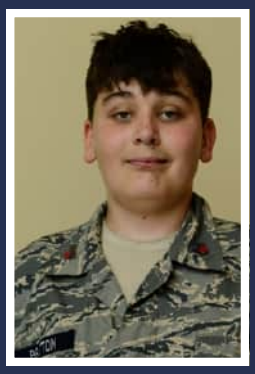


Helen Griffith

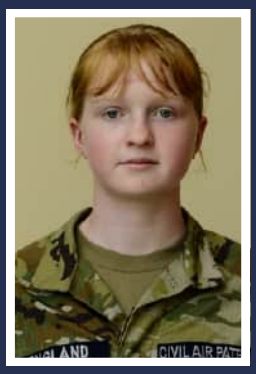
Flight Sergeant



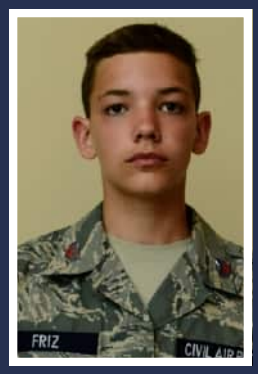
Brooklyn Gallmeyer



John Bratton



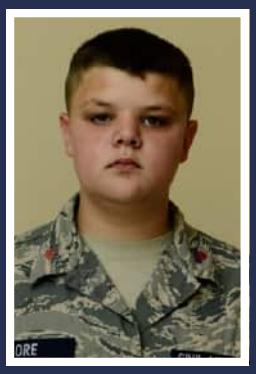
Liliana England



Augustine Friz



Derrick Gentry



Joshua Gore



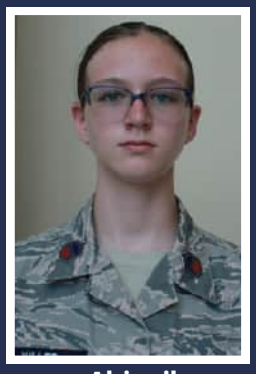
Jaxson Luzius



Kayla Maddox



Scot McFarland



Abigail Miller



Violet Smith



Ainsley Sons



Emmett Swearingen



Henry Viens



Hydration Chant

(none)

Memorable Quote

"Why are you looking around? You should not be looking around."

Lesson Learned

"How to be a better wingman."

Skill Acquired

"Our drill movments definitely improved."

Proud Accomplishment

"Graduating."

Fun Memory

"Our squadron commander break dancing."



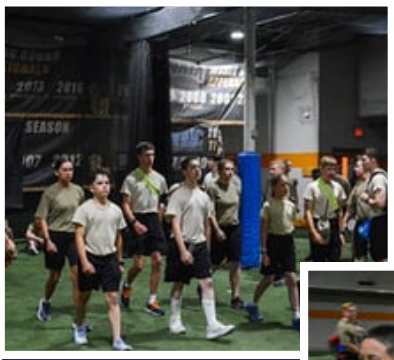




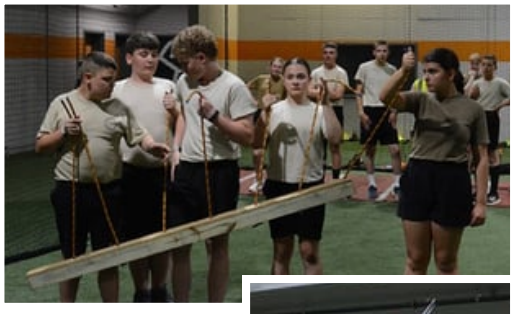
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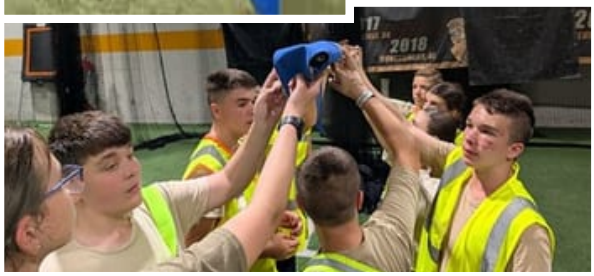


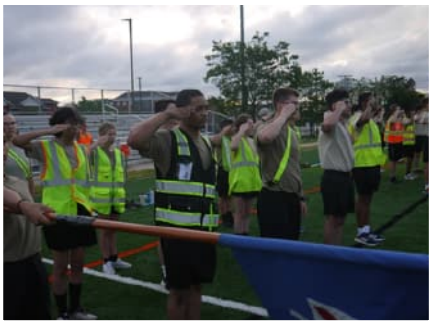
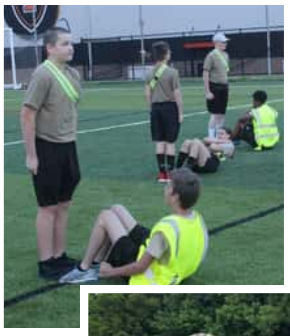
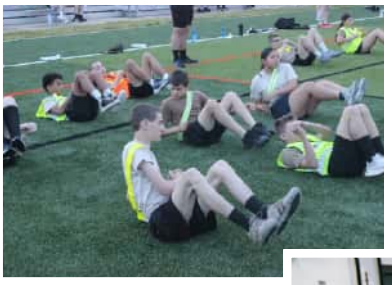












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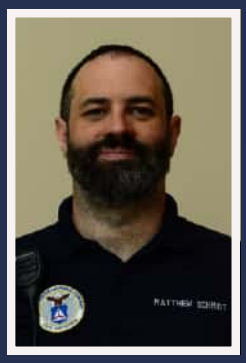


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ECHO Flight

Flight Training Officer



Matthew Schmidt

Flight Commander



Gabriel Ortega

Flight Sergeant



Brayden Solomon



Joel Bryant



Liam Collis



John De Bus



Alegra Friz



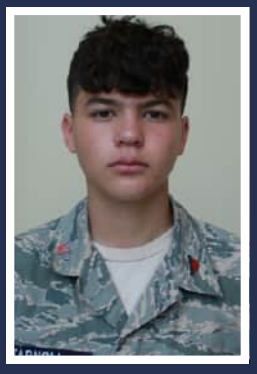
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Haleigh Perkins



Amos Robbins



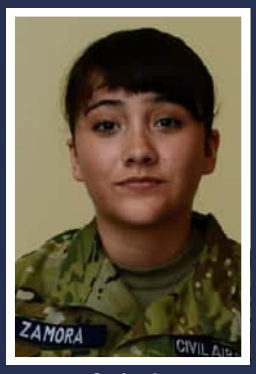
Michael Tarnow



Reece Wallen



Merida Wishin



Christine Zamora



Hydration Chant

"Gatorade, Yum Yum, Earth juice."

Memorable Quote

"I made friends in less than two days."

Lesson Learned

"It is important to value friendship, teamwork, and cooperation with others."

Skill Acquired

We learned more Guide-On manuevers and variations of commands.

Proud Accomplishment

Multiple people told me I should considering staffing encampment next year.

Fun Memory

"Singing Jingle Bells while marching."









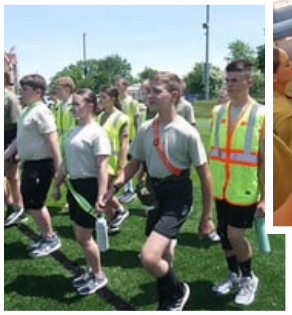

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FOXTROT Flight

Flight Training Officer



Shannon Bender

Flight Commander



Elijah Mathes

Flight Sergeant



Jonathan Burton



Vincent Atencio



Alicia Castillo



Eleanor Hopper



Raul Islas



Amelia Lawrence



Danica McQueary



Marleeza Powers



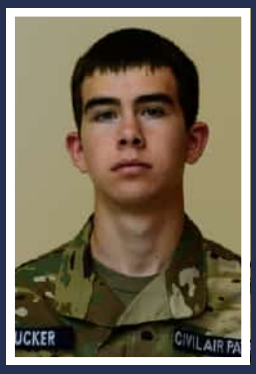
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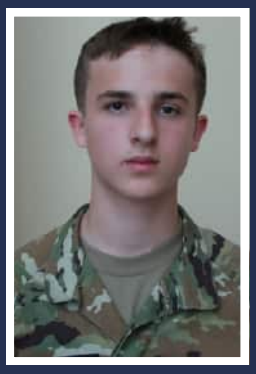
Isaac Schultz



William Tucker



Benjamin Walker



Hayes Whitham



Hydration Chant

Foxtrot, hydrate!
Sweeeeeeeeeeeeeeet

Memorable Quote

"Without self awareness, you'll crash and burn."

Lesson Learned

"I can move a lot faster than I originally thought."

Skill Acquired

"Speaking loud enough to be heard."

Proud Accomplishment

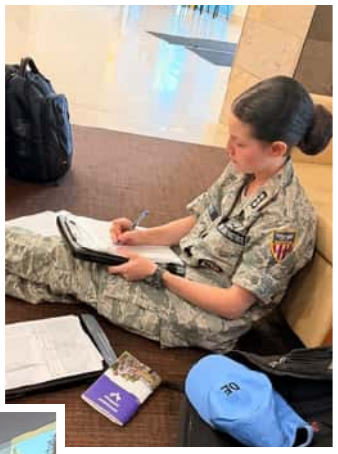
"Achieving Honor Flight once."

Fun Memory

"Making a paperclip version of 1st Lt Friz for a TLP."



















ANDOVER COMMONS























GOLF Flight

Flight Training Officer



Eric Trute

Flight Commander



North Baxter

Flight Sergeant



Frederick Bower



Jesse Burk



Jacob Densberger



Kimberly Duncan



Elena Friz



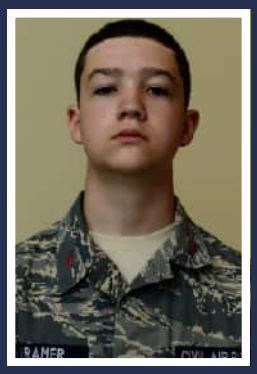
John Gaydos



Saurya Gogineni



Eric Kirchenbauer



Ian Kramer



Viktor Nothnagle



Penelope Stamp



Wyatt Wolfe



Brooke Zamora



Hydration Chant

Golf, Golf, Golf it down!!

Memorable Quote

"Our Flight is our team."

Lesson Learned

"Stop limiting yourself, and push past what you thought was your breaking point."

Skill Acquired

"It's okay to ask for a break and to talk to somebody when I'm feeling exhausted."

Proud Accomplishment

"Memorizing Warrior Knowledge by the end of the week."

Fun Memory

"Bonding with the flight staff in the Field House."












































ATS 1 Flight

Flight Training Officer



Caleb Johnson

Flight Commander



Lydia Parker



Slade Blanford



Dylan Boudreau



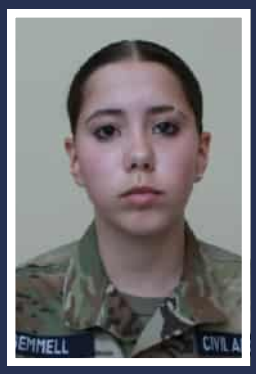
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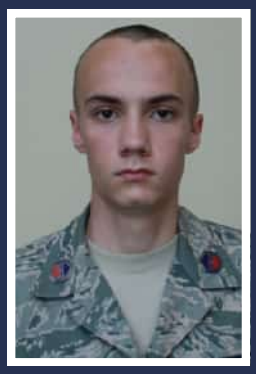
Dexter Boyd



Eli Cash



Elizabeth Gemmell



Ethan Kennedy



Adaline Mellady



Harrison Nichols



Charles Romine



Emilee Walker



Leon Willis



Henry Zibutis



HYDRATION Chant

Med staff made us do it!

MEMORABLE Quote

"At least it wasn't the second room."
(over flowing toilet.)

LESSON Learned

"Drop what you're talking about when the cadre calls you to attention."

SKILL Acquired

"Switching between different styles of leadership as necessary."

PROUD Accomplishment

"We completed ATS with excellence."

FUN Memory

"The ropes course, because of the thrill and feeling of free falling."



ATS 2 Flight

Flight Training Officer



Robert Ritter

Flight Commander



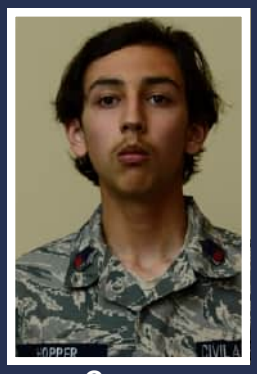
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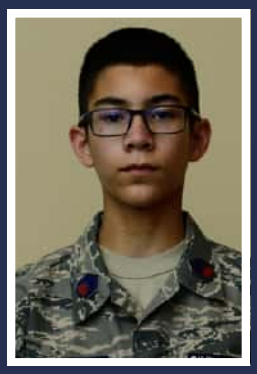
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Lochard Rainwater



Jenson Riis



Troy Sarinas



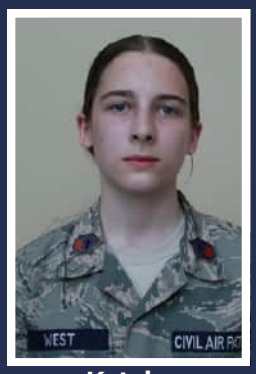
Bennett Sutake



Lessli Thompson



Hannah Trute



Katelyn West



Hydration Chant

"H20, Go Go Go!

Memorable Quote

"You're a duck. You're a duck. You're all ducks."

Lesson Learned

"I can be a leader."

Skill Acquired

"Thinking on my feet and responding quickly."

Proud Accomplishment

"We completed ATS with excellence."

Fun Memory

"ATS was assigned little paper cups to take care of and we all lost them by Thursday."



ENCAMPMENT *Honors*

Honor Flight : Charlie Flight
- led by Flight Commander C/2d Lt Fomin and Flight Sergeant C/CMSgt Shannon

Overall Encampment Honor Cadet: C/SMSgt Eversole

Ops Officer: C/Capt Vachon
Ops NIO: C/CMSgt Weintraut
Support Officer: C/2d Lt Zwica
Support NCO: C/CMSgt Boyd
Cadre Officer: C/Capt Brennan
Cadre NCO: C/CMSgt Friz
Outstanding Adult Mentor: 2d Lt Stanley

Honor Cadets for each flight:
Alpha: Cadet Cooke
Bravo: Cadet Jabaay
Charlie: Cadet Li
Delta: Cadet Swearingen
Echo: CadetWishin
Foxtrot: Cadet Castillo
Golf: Cadet Nothnagle
ATS: C/MSgt Rainwater

DISTINGUISHED *Guests*



GLR Commander
Col. Curtis J. Boehmer



INWG Commander
Col. Jamie L. Griffith
Col. Richard L. Griffith



Chief of Staff
Lt Col Danny McDaniel



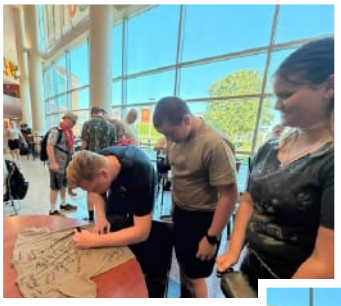
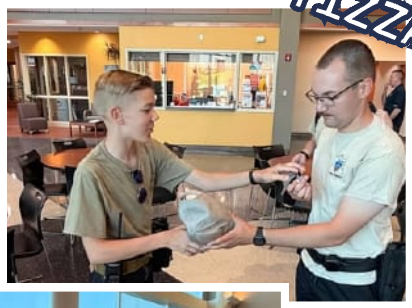
Director of Cadet Programs
Lt Col David McDonald



Commander, Group 3
Lt Col Sam Hornbuckle
Maj Mendie Hornbuckle

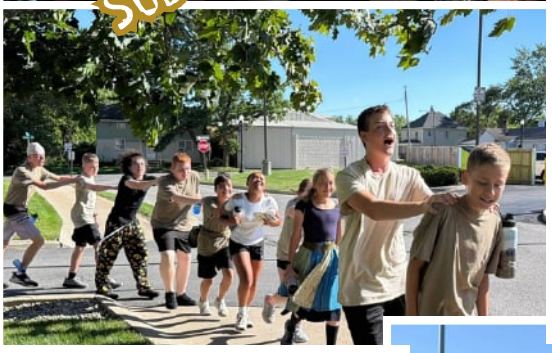



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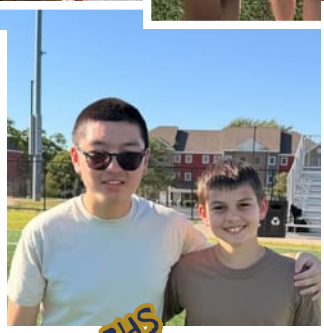




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ICE CREAM








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FOOTBALL









FRISBEE





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FRIENDS













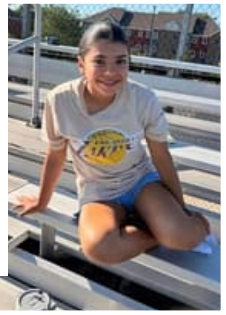
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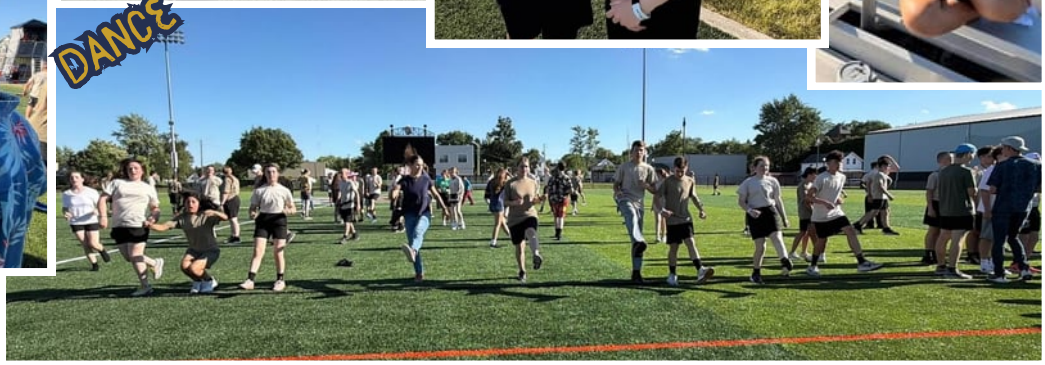








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